

# VINSON MASSIF

ANTARCTICA | 7 SUMMIT PEAK EXPEDITION | 16,067', 4897M



## CLIMB THE VINSON MASSIF WITH IMG

This is the trip of a lifetime! At 16,067 ft, The Vinson Massif is the highest peak on the Antarctic continent and one of the most unique of the Seven Summits. International Mountain Guides has been conducting expeditions on Vinson since 1988, making us one of the few guide services with such extensive Antarctic experience. We take great pride in having never missed a summit of Vinson in over 30 years.

We offer a stand-alone expedition which allows your group and guide to stay together for the entire trip. Mount Vinson requires a solid mountaineering background and a true spirit of adventure. While not technically difficult, the extremes of this environment require team members to have reasonable crampon, rope travel and ice axe experience. Prior time spent in cold weather camping and carrying loads is also required.

Antarctica is an amazing place. It's as close as you will ever get to another planet without leaving this one. We hope you will seriously consider joining us on a trip to the Ice.

## THE CLIMB

We fly in to Punta Arenas, Chile where the trip begins. From here, we fly in a chartered jet to Union Glacier camp at 80 degrees south latitude. We then fly in a ski-equipped twin-engine Otter to Vinson Base Camp at 79 degrees south latitude. Vinson Base Camp is located approximately 660 miles from the South Pole; the pilots are Antarctic experts. Two camps will be established above base camp by making a carry to the new camp prior to moving higher. The climbing will consist of extensive cramponing on moderate slopes and one steeper, fixed line section, like the Denali headwall. Temperatures can drop to minus 40°. You can think of Vinson as a short Denali climb.

## THE GUIDES

The IMG guides are chosen for their experience, and they are often the same guides leading our Himalayan, South American, Alaskan, and Rainier programs. Joining these guides on your Vinson expedition will allow you to continue a relationship that you have built with them on other programs, or to start building a rapport with guides prior to a Himalayan climb, or one of our many other expeditions.

## SCHEDULE

**Vinson Massif Expedition**  
Early reservations strongly encouraged due to limited space!

Dec 4\* - 19, 2023

\*Must arrive to Punta Arenas by mid-day on Day 1

## LAND COST

Program Cost **\$48,000\***

Single Supplement \$450

\*price guaranteed through March 31, 2023!

## PRE-REQ'S

Previous mountaineering experience including ice axe arrest, cramponing and rope team travel are required.

## QUICK LINKS

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## CONTACT US

Have questions? Call or email!  
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## REGISTER

Ready to go?

- [IMG Application Package](#)
- Application Fee \$10,000\*
- Passport copy

## FEE SCHEDULE

Non-refundable application fee\* due at registration applies to program fees. **Next installment of \$5000 is due 180 days prior to trip departure; final balance of fees are due 120 days prior to trip departure.**

Please refer to application package for payment instructions. Program fees are quoted in US dollars. All fees and payments are non-refundable and non-transferable. Payments must be received by IMG on or before the due dates. Bank wire instructions are provided on request.

## THE ITINERARY

Here's a peek at the tentative schedule (itinerary is approximate and may be subject to change):

Day	Date	Vinson Massif Itinerary
Day 1	Monday, December 4, 2023	Arrive to Punta Arenas, Chile by mid-day. Covid testing. Night spent at the hotel in Punta Arenas.
Day 2	Tuesday, December 5, 2023	Final equipment checks and preparations. Covid testing. Night spent at the hotel in Punta Arenas.
Day 3	Wednesday, December 6, 2023	Pre-departure day, luggage pick up, briefing, Covid testing. Night spent at the hotel in Punta Arenas.
Day 4	Thursday, December 7, 2023	Flight to Union Glacier, Antarctica. Transfer as soon as weather permits to Vinson Base Camp in a twin-engine Otter. Camp at Vinson Base. (7,000 ft.)
Day 5	Friday, December 8, 2023	Carry to Camp 1 (9,500 ft.). We cache gear here and descend to Vinson Base for the night
Day 6	Saturday, December 9, 2023	Move to Camp 1
Day 7	Sunday, December 10, 2023	Carry to Camp 2 via fixed lines (12,373 ft.). This is the location of our high camp and we leave a cache here and then descend to Camp 1
Day 8	Monday, December 11, 2023	Rest Day
Day 9	Tuesday, December 12, 2023	Move to Camp 2 and set up our high camp
Day 10	Wednesday, December 13, 2023	Summit Climb. We will return to Camp 2 for the night
Day 11	Thursday, December 14, 2023	Pack up all gear and descend to Vinson Base Camp. This takes the bulk of the day. We camp here at base camp for the night
Day 12	Friday, December 15, 2023	Contingency *
Day 13	Saturday, December 16, 2023	Contingency *
Day 14	Sunday, December 17, 2023	Contingency *
Day 15	Monday, December 18, 2023	Return flight to the Union Glacier and connect with the transport plane for our return flight to Punta Arenas. Night spent at the hotel.
Day 16	Tuesday, December 19, 2023	Depart Punta Arenas for home
Contingency* These are contingency days that will be available to us for weather delays, additional acclimatization days or simply days for more climbing. The schedule gives us a fairly good cushion to deal with any unexpected delays or occurrences.)		



## THE DEAL:

Here is what is included and not included in your land cost fee.

### Included

- IMG Leadership & Guides
- Group climbing equipment
- Group flight from Chile to Vinson Base Camp (Round Trip)
- Double occupancy in a nice hotel (3 nights in Punta Arenas at the beginning of the trip)
- Shared accommodations in tents
- Meals while climbing with the exception of lunch snacks
- IMG buff

### Not Included

- International airfare/tax/baggage fee
- Taxi/transportation to/from airport and hotel in Punta Arenas
- Hotel nights at the end of the trip upon return to Punta Arenas
- Hotel costs due to weather or any changes of itinerary in Punta Arenas
- Single supplement accommodations in hotel in Punta Arenas
- Snacks while climbing, meals while not climbing
- Alcoholic beverages and personal sundries
- [Personal gear/climbing equipment](#)
- Travel Insurance; evacuation, hospital or medical costs
- Covid PCR tests if required for travel, any Covid-related expense resulting in delays, quarantine or other
- Optional but customary Guide gratuities

## THE ODDS & ENDS:

### Single Supplement

Accommodations are based on double occupancy. If you would like a single room in the hotel in Punta Arenas, this is available for an additional \$450. If we cannot pair you with a roommate, you will be charged the single supplement fee.

### Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is required, minimum \$150,000 evacuation coverage and sufficient medical expense coverage for your activities and destinations. Trip cancellation/interruption coverage is strongly suggested due to our no-refund policy.

### Flights

Plan to arrive no later than 12:35PM on Day 1 of the itinerary. We encourage you to book your flights early if possible. For best service and support, we recommend that you work with a knowledgeable travel agent that can assist you quickly should you need help while traveling. Please provide your complete flight itinerary to us so we can book your hotel reservation, keep us informed of any changes to your itinerary.

### Passport & Visa

A valid passport with at least 6 months of validity is required. A "well-traveled" passport should have extra blank pages available for visa stamps. We suggest that you make a copy of your passport and keep it with you during your travels. Familiarize yourself with Travel Advisories and entry requirements available on the U.S. State Department website.

### Immunizations

Requirements are subject to change. ALE requires that clients are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 to participate. Currently [Chile requires](#) proof of a complete series of Covid-19 vaccination or proof of a negative RT-PCR test result within a maximum of 48 hours of departure from home country. All travelers are subject to Covid testing on arrival. A declaration of Traveler Health form may be required. We encourage you to refer to the [CDC website](#) for the most up to date requirements and recommendations.

## LET'S TALK!

Questions about the trip? Ready to sign up? [Email](#) or call (360) 569-2609