



# EXPLORE *the* REAL WORLD

**Over 28 Years of Exploration  
Small Ship Expeditions & Treks**

Antarctica  
South Georgia  
Svalbard

Greenland  
Iceland  
Canada

Patagonia & Chile  
Falklands~Malvinas  
Franz Josef Land

Costa Rica  
Panama  
Jan Mayen

Ireland  
Scotland  
Norway

Image was taken with a telephoto lens – the Zodiac (boat) featured was at a safe distance from icebergs



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Greg and Margaret Mortimer on an early expedition to South Georgia

## Message from Greg Mortimer, our co-founder

I love that moment on every voyage when we let the shore lines go and they splash into the water beside the wharf. A little bit of magic happens as we cast off. We are heading out onto the oceans of our blue planet, where we must sail to the beat of nature.

We hope to change people's lives through close contact with the world's great wildernesses. We aim to travel respectfully and hope to create lifelong ambassadors for the preservation of the wonderful natural environments we visit around the world.

Come with us on this journey, not only to the world's beautiful places but towards a way of travelling that treads as lightly as possible.

If I can give you one piece of advice it would be this: take each and every opportunity to embrace the experience both on board and onshore. When the wind is blowing, the weather is a bit grim and you're wondering if you should go out or not, I say go.

The time you take that step into the unknown is the time you just might see a blue whale, encounter a polar bear or come face to face with a wonder of nature.

Welcome.

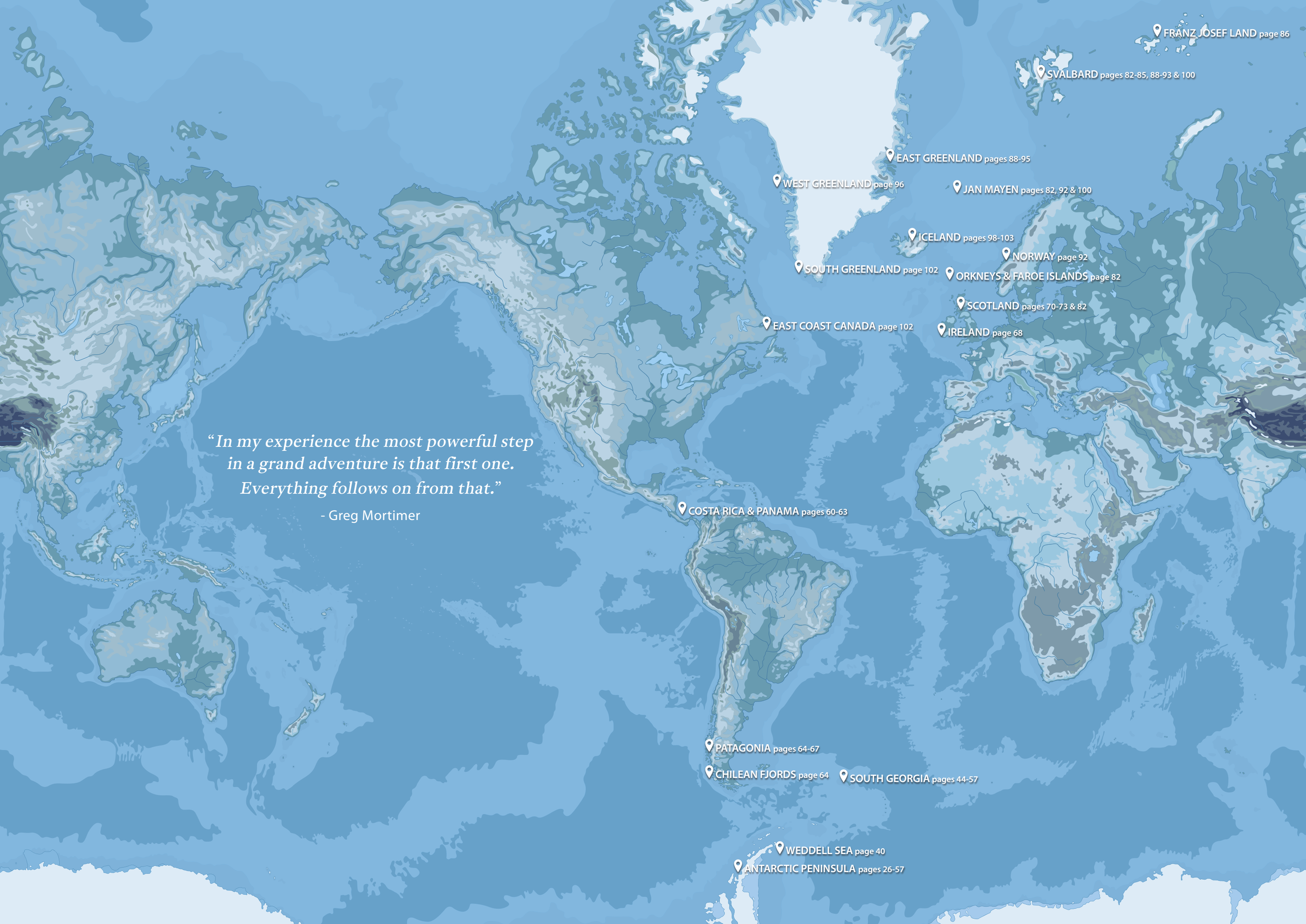
*Greg Mortimer*

### Timeline History of Aurora Expeditions

1991	1992	1994	1995	1997	1998
Aurora Expeditions established by Greg & Margaret Mortimer	First Aurora Expeditions Antarctica voyage	First to introduce ice camping & kayaking on the Antarctic Peninsula	First commercial climbers expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula	First Aurora Expeditions Arctic voyage	First diving trip to the Antarctic Peninsula

1999	2001	2005	2012	2016	2019
First commercial group kayaking trip on the Antarctica Peninsula	First commercial expedition to retrace Shackleton's footsteps	First Aurora Expeditions Scotland voyage	Introduced Fly & Sail voyages to Antarctica	Introduced polar snorkelling to the Arctic	Greg Mortimer, first passenger vessel to feature the Ulstein X-BOW®





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*“In my experience the most powerful step  
in a grand adventure is that first one.  
Everything follows on from that.”*

- Greg Mortimer

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# What is Expedition Cruising?

Embark on a sea-based adventure to the remote coastal regions of our globe, where unique encounters will allow you to experience nature at its most pristine.

This type of travel was born three decades ago, nurtured by rugged adventurers keen to share the magic of the wilderness with like-minded travellers. Expedition cruising brings together those with a curiosity about the world around them, a keen sense of adventure, and a desire to immerse themselves in the natural environment.

## What will I do on an Aurora Expeditions cruise?

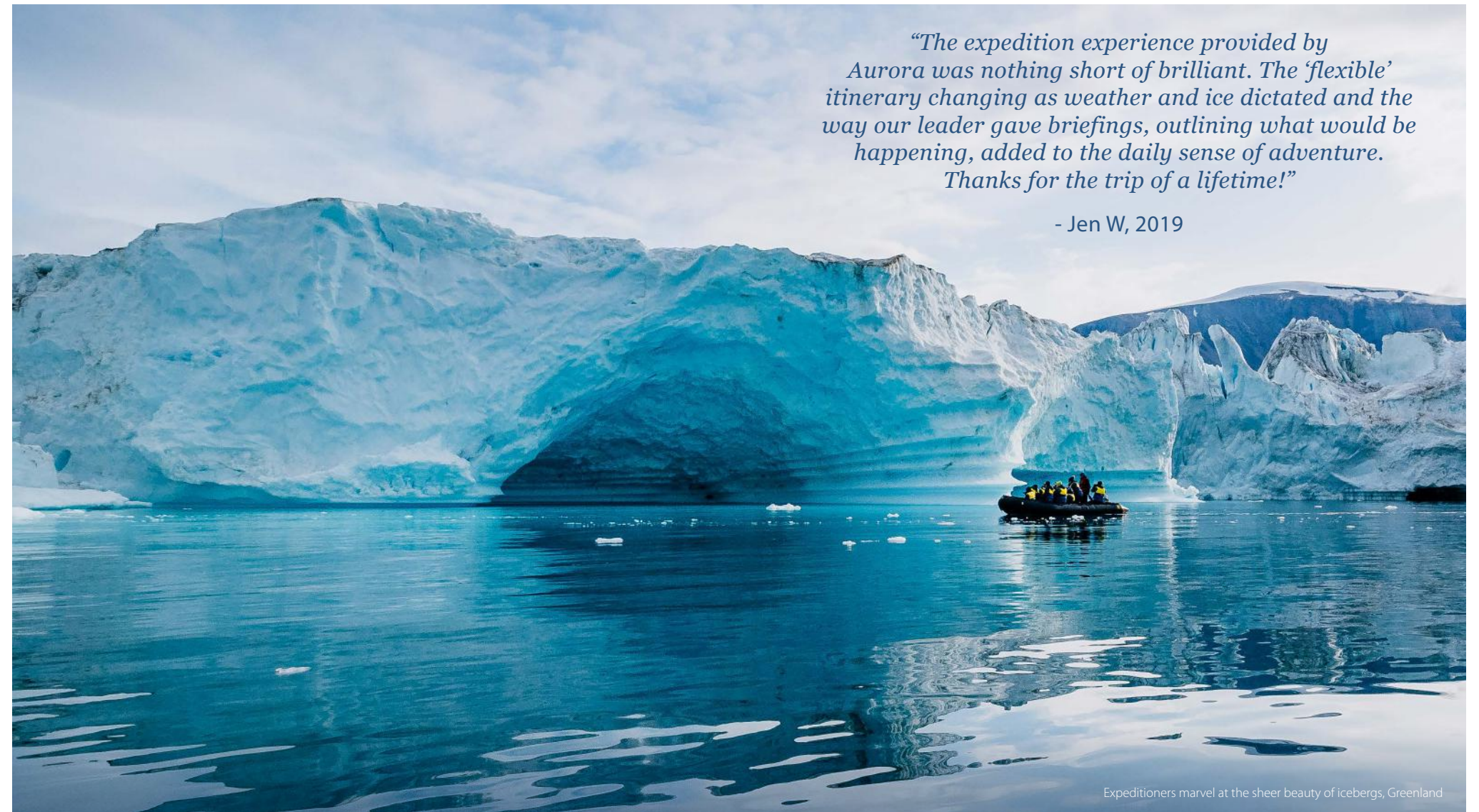
On our expedition cruises you will sail in a small, purpose-built ship with an expert, international expedition team, through some of the most amazing seascapes on earth. In small Zodiac boats, you will search craggy coves for wildlife that shelters among the rocks or high up on a cliff face. We land on remote beaches, where you might visit a penguin colony, walk up a ridge for panoramic views or hike to see remnants of bygone eras. Our expedition team is by your side the whole time, enriching your experience with fascinating presentations and insights into remarkable places.

## What do you mean by ‘expedition’?

An expedition cruise is never predictable. Every voyage is different, guided by the ever-changing weather, tides, ice conditions and our team's deep local knowledge. We choose the best plan for each day, pushing for the ultimate experience for everyone on board. Being flexible yields incredible rewards. When we can share a spontaneous wildlife display, watch a breathtaking glacier calving or allow you a moment of true solitude, we know it's worth it.

On an expedition cruise, we encourage you to make the most of every opportunity to nurture your inner adventurer. You can choose from a range of add-on activities to make the most of your time in these beautiful places. We have pioneered many adventure options to help you explore in your own way.

In this brochure you will find our well-loved polar itineraries, including antarctic voyages with options to sail or fly, and arctic journeys to West Greenland, Svalbard and the seldom-visited Jan Mayen and Franz Josef Land. You can also browse our new global program, taking in some of the most fascinating biodiversity hotspots, geological wonders and archaeological sites on earth. Your journey begins here.







Greg Mortimer  
Best New Cruise Ship



Aurora Expeditions  
Best Itineraries

## What Makes Aurora Expeditions Different?



### Smaller groups

Travelling in small groups (averaging 126 passengers) means that, unlike on larger ships, you can join every excursion, getting into the environment and exploring via shore landings, Zodiac cruises, kayaking or diving. In some destinations we travel to (especially Antarctica) passenger landing numbers are capped; thus, our voyage numbers are tailored specifically to reflect each destination and trip, and to allow everyone the best opportunity to participate on each outing.

Our small, ice-strengthened ships allow you to land in more locations than larger vessels can, giving you the flexibility to go ashore as opportunities present themselves. With an expedition team-to-passenger ratio of at least 1:8, small groups also mean more one-to-one time with your expedition team, so you can ask them any questions that pop up along the way!



### State-of-the-art ships

Offering the first ever passenger ship to feature the revolutionary ULSTEIN X-BOW® to cross oceans more comfortably and efficiently, expansive observation decks to bring you closer to the natural environment, inviting communal areas and unsurpassed environmental features, our ships offer the perfect base camp for adventures at the outer limits of human exploration.



### Expert guides

Our highly acclaimed expedition specialists are some of the best in the business. Many are recognised world leaders in their respective fields, and they enthusiastically share their knowledge with all passengers to ensure that each moment you spend with us is interesting and educational.



### Spirit of adventure

No matter where we are, we encourage a true sense of exploration. Zodiac-cruise into a craggy cove to take a closer look at rockhopper penguins scaling a cliff, or join a guided hike across the tundra in search of the elusive arctic fox. You can also choose from a large selection of optional activities to make the most of your adventure. *For further details please see page 12.*



### Relaxed onboard atmosphere

Our approachable team will make every effort to ensure that you feel right at home throughout your expedition. Whether that means sharing thrilling tales of adventure at the bar, dining in friendly groups in our open-seating dining room, or heading up to the bridge in your pyjamas for a midnight polar bear sighting, our small groups and warm camaraderie create a relaxed, informal atmosphere on board.



### Included extras

Whether it's a polar jacket, drink bottle or travel mug to keep, flights for our Fly/Sail Antarctic program, pre/post-voyage accommodation in South America or High Arctic activities in Longyearbyen, our inclusions are what most others would consider extras.

*For a full list of inclusions for each voyage, please see the itinerary page on our website.*



### Solo travellers

This style of travel tends to attract like-minded people who love to connect with the natural world. Our small-group ethos fosters an open, friendly environment, where making new connections is easy. We welcome solo travellers: avoid single supplements with our cabin-sharing service, or ask about special deals for your own room.

*For details visit [auroraexpeditions.com.au/solotravellers](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/solotravellers)*

King penguins face off in Gold Harbour; ©R.I/Anson



# Day to Day Experience

## Ashore

Our expeditions are designed to put you in the action as much as possible. We aim for multiple excursions per day and landings of two-four hours (weather permitting) – to maximise your time on shore in a range of included activities.

All of these activities are included as part of your voyage.

### Zodiac cruises

Explore rocky coves, discover secluded bays and search for wildlife in hard-to-reach places in our Zodiacs – sturdy, inflatable rubber speedboats.

### Wildlife encounters

Join our naturalists for unparalleled wildlife encounters in the most extraordinary biodiversity hotspots around the globe.

### Guided hikes

Adventurous hikes for all abilities. Explore historic ruins, admire local flora and fauna, and hike up remote ridges to spectacular viewpoints.

### Photography

Whether you use a SLR or an iPhone, our photography guides are ready with handy hints to help you get the most out of your camera.

### Historic sites

Join onboard historians and discover abandoned whaling stations, compelling archaeological sites and fascinating remnants of bygone eras.

### Bird watching

Join your naturalists and fellow birdwatching enthusiasts ashore to see nesting birds and watch on board for beautiful seabirds following the ship.

### Polar plunge\*

A time-worn tradition, the polar plunge is a celebrated optional rite of passage for polar travellers. Take the plunge to cheers of encouragement from all on board!

*\*Polar voyages only, weather conditions permitting.*



While we do our best to offer every activity on voyages as indicated, your safety is our priority. If the weather prevents us from going ahead as planned, we'll come up with something else and do our best to ensure that you have a wonderful adventure.

Zodiac-cruise through picturesque mountain landscapes



©M.Baynes



Enhance your photography skills with curious wildlife at every turn; ©M.Baynes



# Day to Day Experience

## On board

Our ships are designed to put people in connection with the natural environment featuring expansive observation decks and large glass windows throughout. Enjoy inviting communal areas, a state-of-the-art lecture theatre and complimentary access to the gym, sauna and jacuzzis. The exploration and discovery continue whether you're ashore or on board.

### Ship cruising

Find a spot on deck or in the observation lounge as the captain skilfully navigates sea ice, sails the spectacular Lemaire Channel or crosses the engineering marvel that is the Panama Canal.

### Enthralling, informative lectures

Join our expedition specialists and learn about the spectacular local wildlife and natural wonders as you see them. Be enthralled by tales of terror, triumph and human endeavour in these remote corners of the world.

### Wildlife watching

It's not uncommon to spot dolphins frolicking off the bow, humpback or minke whales surfacing at sea, or majestic albatrosses and petrels soaring overhead. Get out where the action is and make sure you don't miss a thing! Binoculars and wildlife guidebooks are available for your use on board.

### Gym, spa & sauna

In between landings you are welcome to visit the wellness centre, where you can use the gym, visit our sauna (which we highly recommend after the polar plunge!) or book a massage (*additional cost applies*). There are also two jacuzzis on the top outside deck, with amazing views of the world outside.

### Onboard dining

You will be fuelled-up for your expedition with delicious meals cooked by our onboard chefs. Mealtimes are a great opportunity to soak up the expedition camaraderie in our open-seating dining area. We also invite you to join your captain and expedition team for informal Captain's Welcome and Farewell drinks, with complimentary beverages and cocktail appetisers, followed by a three-course meal.



Hydraulic viewing platforms on the *Greg Mortimer*; S.Portelli



S.Portelli



Passengers enjoy a photo before boarding

*“I loved the relaxed atmosphere on the ship so that I felt totally at ease travelling on my own. It felt like being with one big family! The combination of 100% professional staff with a relaxed atmosphere made it a holiday of a lifetime.”*

- Waltraud B, 2019



# Optional Adventures & Activities

Whether it’s adventure at sea or on land that makes you tick, we have a huge range of optional activities to help you make the most of your time in some of the most beautiful places on earth.

We’ll get you out to your optional activities as often as possible, and this will be your main mode of exploration during your voyage. Your guides will assess the conditions at each landing, and you’ll have the option to join whenever conditions allow.

Optional activities are popular and group sizes are limited, so if you’re interested, get in touch with our team as soon as possible. Optional activities are listed on each itinerary page. Additional fees apply. See the price list or website for further details.

## Ocean

### Sea kayaking

Central America rating: ●○○  
Spitsbergen, Scotland, Greenland, Chile and Antarctica Peninsula rating: ●●○  
South Georgia, Franz Josef Land, East Coast Canada and South Greenland rating: ●●●  
Silent and sleek, sea kayaks are perfect for exploring wild coastlines. Accompanied by your expert guides, you will have multiple sea kayak excursions throughout the voyage (weather permitting).

### Scuba diving

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Get under the surface of the sea and discover the hidden wonders beneath on a guided diving option. NB: Polar diving participants must have extensive experience diving in drysuits in cold environments and relevant qualifications.

### Snorkelling

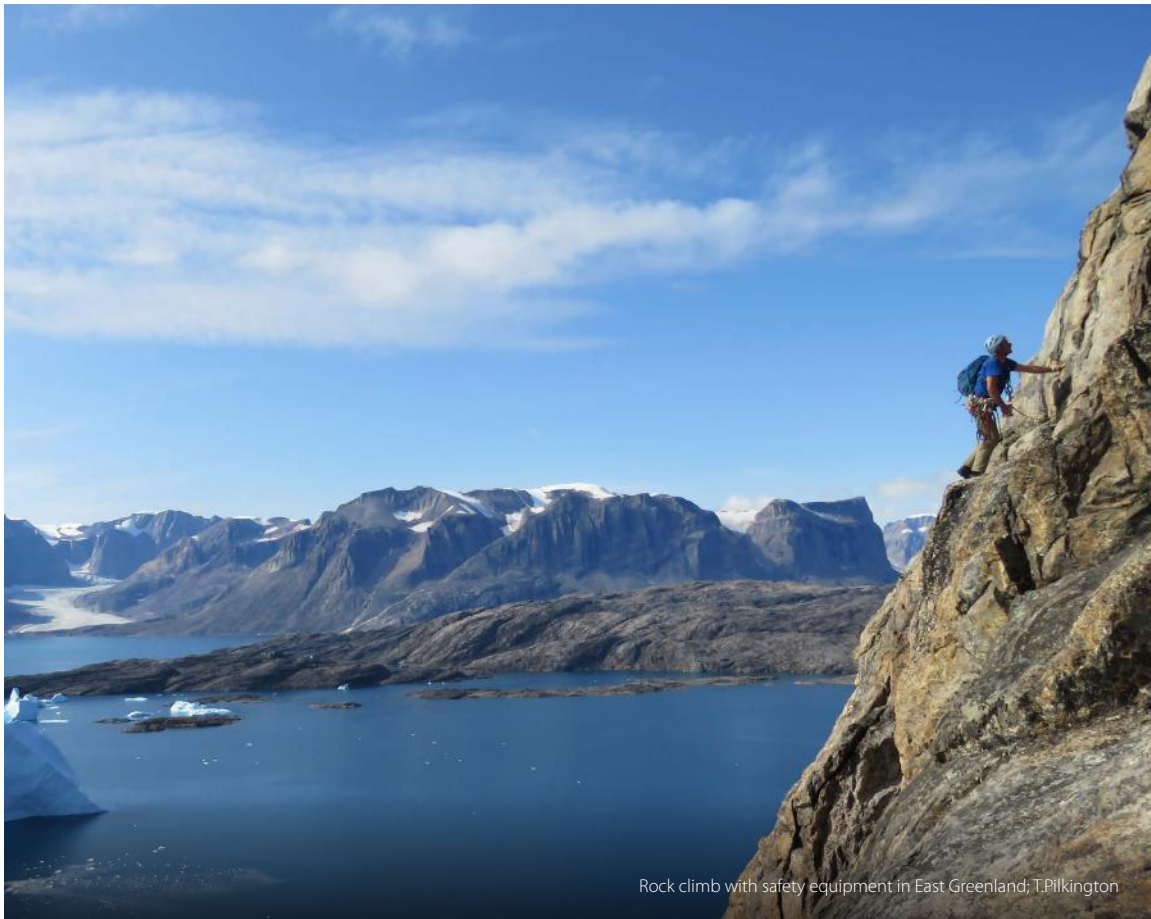
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Relax and catch a glimpse of the captivating underwater world just below the surface as you drift along at a leisurely pace.

### Stand-up paddleboarding (SUP)

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Put your balance to the test on the newest addition to our activity program. Paddleboard your way to a truly memorable adventure experience.



Experience icebergs from below, Antarctica ©Waterproof



Rock climb with safety equipment in East Greenland; T.Pilkington

## Alpine

### Ice camping

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Roll out your sleeping bag and mat and fall asleep in the antarctic twilight to the sound of water lapping on the shore and the distant rumble of glaciers (camping in Antarctica happens once per voyage, weather permitting).

### Snowshoeing

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Stretch your legs as you walk across the snow, hiking up slopes to viewpoints over some of the most remarkable, wild landscapes on earth.

### Ski and snowboard touring

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Experience the ultimate in ski and snowboard touring on the only truly white continent on earth – Antarctica.

### Climbing and alpine trekking

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A thrilling alpine experience in Antarctica. Climb seldom-visited peaks, trek over technical alpine passes and go ice climbing on the continent known for its icy splendour.

### Rock climbing

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Climb the striking granite peaks of remote East Greenland. Towering over ice-strewn fjords, this is a rare opportunity for a supported, guided climbing expedition in this remote, spectacular region.

### Shackleton’s Crossing, South Georgia

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This seldom-repeated alpine crossing navigates intricate glaciers and high alpine passes in one of the most remote, uncharted regions on earth.



- 1. Easy to moderate activity, some experience is beneficial
- 2. Moderate activity, some experience required
- 3. Challenging activity, extensive experience is necessary

Ski Yankee Harbour Summit, Antarctica; T.Pilkington



# Expedition Team

From Expedition Leaders to passionate Naturalists and Historians, expert photography guides to experienced activity guides, you will be accompanied by a team of remote expedition professionals on your voyage.

Whether you're enjoying an informative presentation, hiking in a remote valley or being whisked away for the Zodiac cruise of a lifetime, our expedition team is by your side to enrich your experience and ensure you have the best possible expedition.

## Expedition Leaders

Most of our expedition leaders have been travelling to remote destinations with Aurora Expeditions for over 25 years. Each being a recognised authority within the expedition cruising industry, they bring a unique blend of remote area expertise, local knowledge and a passion for creating transformative, adventurous experiences in the wildest places on earth.



*“The Expedition teams’ knowledge was PHENOMENAL! I learned so much from the lectures and their experience- unlike any other adventure I have been on! The entire crew was educated, accommodating, friendly and fun, as well!”*

- Mary M, 2019

Antarctica; D.Sasse



### Christian Genillard

Christian is an accomplished sailor with decades of experience in polar waters. In 1983 he helped organise a Swiss sailing expedition to the Far North, spent seasons in Spitsbergen and Greenland, and made the challenging crossing from France to Quebec in a sailboat. Christian also worked as an engineer for the 'Round the World Race' and the 'America's Cup', and in 1995 he sailed to Antarctica on a 13-metre sailing boat. Christian is a recognised Senior Polar Tourism Guide.



### Dr Liz Pope

Liz has an eclectic background that reflects her endless curiosity and fascination with the natural world. She has been working with Aurora Expeditions since 2009, prior to which she led overland safaris in Eastern and Southern Africa, managed a lodge in Botswana's Okavango Delta, worked in conservation and environmental education at Taronga Zoo, and attained a PhD in Microbiology. Liz is a Senior Polar Tourism Guide and Aurora Expeditions staff trainer.



### Howard Whelan

Howard has a long, illustrious career in the world of adventure. He was the cameraman on the first Australian ascent of Mount Everest, was founding editor and publisher of *Australian Geographic* magazine, and is a trustee of the Australian Geographic Society. In 2002, he led the expeditions that resulted in the Academy Award-winning movie *Happy Feet*. Howard is a Senior Polar Tourism Guide and Fellow of The Explorers Club, and has been leading expeditions with Aurora Expeditions for over 25 years.



### Dr Roger Kirkwood

Roger first travelled to Antarctica in 1984 as a krill research assistant with the Australian Antarctic Division. He has since returned nine times to conduct research. He completed his PhD on emperor penguin foraging ecology after living beside an emperor penguin colony for a year, and has published over 100 articles and four books. He has held research positions with CSIRO fisheries, the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, Phillip Island Nature Parks and Wageningen Marine Research in the Netherlands. Roger has been a naturalist and Expedition Leader for Aurora Expeditions since 1999.



# Expedition Team

## Naturalists, historians and expedition specialists

Whether they're explaining the unusual lifecycle of king penguins on a beach in South Georgia, or regaling you with Shackleton's epic tale of survival, our expedition specialists are on board to enrich your understanding of the world around you. Join them for compelling presentations or a casual chat, and tap into their passion and expertise.



### Dr Gary Miller

#### Naturalist

Gary has been exploring and working in the polar regions for over 30 years. With an MA in Zoology and a PhD in Ecology, Gary has studied polar bears, bowhead whales and gray whales in the Arctic, and spent 10 summers and a winter in Antarctica studying the south polar skua and many species of penguin. He has published over 30 scientific articles and remains active in research. He has been working with Aurora Expeditions for over 25 years.



### Carol Knott

#### Historian

Since 1988, Carol has lived and worked among the windswept islands of the Outer Hebrides with field researchers focused on 'the archaeology of survival': a study of remote communities and deserted places. Until 2012, Carol worked for the National Trust of Scotland as archaeologist for St Kilda, helping to understand and preserve the unique heritage of this World Heritage Site. She has received a Master's degree in Archaeology and History from the University of Glasgow, and is renowned for her remarkable storytelling.



### Dr Peter Lovell

#### Doctor

Rural, remote and expedition medicine have been the mainstays of Peter's career. Peter has held placements around the world, practising medicine in Australia, Ireland, the Solomon Islands, New Zealand, the Southern and Indian oceans, as well as working as an Antarctic Medical Practitioner at Casey Station for the Australian Antarctic Division.

## Activity guides

If you sign up to go sea kayaking or diving, mountaineering or rock climbing, you know you are in good hands with our skilled, attentive activity guides. For more information see page 12.



### Tarn Pilkington

#### Head Ski Tour Guide

Tarn is a qualified IFMGA Mountain and Ski Guide working year-round in New Zealand. Since visiting Antarctica for the first time in 1994, he has returned over 15 times and admits to being completely addicted. Tarn spends winters heli-ski guiding and ski-touring, and summers guiding and working on film and television productions as a safety officer, or mountain biking. He is also contracted as the Crew Chief for the local Air Ambulance service and volunteers for the Alpine Cliff Rescue Team.



### Al Bakker

#### Head Sea Kayak Guide

Over the past four decades, Al has been kayaking and leading adventures across the globe. As well as being a qualified sea kayak instructor, Al has taught and examined Nordic ski and swim instructor courses, white water-rafting courses and is qualified in swiftwater rescue. He has also worked as a helicopter ski guide, rafting guide and Wilderness First Aid instructor. Al has been guiding Aurora Expeditions kayakers for 21 years.



### Scott Portelli

#### Photography Guide

Scott is an international award-winning wildlife, nature and underwater photographer. A member of the Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP), Scott has spent over a decade working in extreme conditions in the polar regions. He shows enthusiasts and experts alike how to get the most out of their photography, bringing the best tips and techniques for photographing in challenging locations.



### Peter Szyszka

#### Head Polar Diving Guide

Peter is among the elite diving professionals worldwide who have achieved Instructor Trainer status with six training agencies for all available courses. Peter has dived in 32 countries and at all seven continents, in all conditions and water temperatures, to depths past 120 metres. He has been a Polar Dive Guide and technical supervisor on many trips to the polar regions. Peter has a gift for training and a passion for diving that inspires all who meet him.



# Responsible Travel

## Our Commitment

Aurora Expeditions is committed to travelling respectfully and providing “a trip of a lifetime” experience, while aiming to create lifelong ambassadors for the protection of our planet and the diverse places we visit around the world.



### Our fleet

Our fleet boasts the lowest polluting marine engines in the world, and our state-of-the-art engines deliver an 80% reduction in emissions.\*

The revolutionary Ulstein X-BOW® cuts through the swell, reducing vibrations and making quicker transits through waves, which helps reduce fuel consumption by up to 60%\*.

Our onboard desalination plant converts seawater to freshwater that's safe to drink. This means we can carry less freshwater on sea crossings, further reducing our fuel consumption.

Our fleet has virtual anchoring capabilities; a combination of GPS, steering technology, propellers and thrusters, which allow the ship to hold position. This protects the sea floor and minimises the damage caused by conventional anchors.

\*Tier 3 compared to the older Tier 1 engine



### Responsible dining

All of our seafood onboard is sustainably sourced in accordance with the Marine Stewardship Council guidelines.



### Gentle cleaning products

For our onboard cleaning products, we aim to use biodegradable, phosphate free and non-bioaccumulative products as much as possible.

We are proud to provide Stream2Sea's mineral-based sunscreen, tested and proven safe for fish and coral larvae for use on board.



### Plastic: towards zero

On board we've replaced many single-use plastic products with sustainable alternatives and we provide complimentary, reusable water bottles on each voyage.



### Recycling

We use recycling bins on board to separate waste and reduce our landfill, and aim to recycle our waste at every port.

We are proud to be a member of the SeaGreen recycling initiative in Ushuaia, and participate in beach clean-up initiatives such as Clean up Svalbard, in the Arctic.



Kayakers paddle through icy waters, Antarctica



# Advanced, Purpose-built Expedition Ships

Designed in close consultation with our expedition team, we drew on centuries of collective experience to map out our ships: purpose-built for expeditions to the most remote places on earth.

With the revolutionary ULSTEIN X-BOW® to cross oceans more comfortably, expansive observation decks to bring you closer to the environment, inviting communal areas and unsurpassed environmental credentials, our ships offer the perfect base camp for adventures at the outer limits of human exploration.

Accommodating an average of 126 passengers per voyage, our fleet is redefining expedition cruising for the future.

## Designed for rugged, remote areas

Crossing the notorious Drake Passage or the Denmark Strait, our expeditions face some of the most extreme conditions nature can throw at us. Our ships are at the cutting edge of nautical technology: robust, powerful and up to the task.

The ULSTEIN X-BOW® is a patented, inverted bow design that has been used on over 100 vessels in the commercial shipping industry, and we are excited to have launched the first passenger vessel to incorporate this innovative marine technology.

The streamlined ULSTEIN X-BOW® cuts through the swell so you feel fewer vibrations and disturbances, make quicker transits through sea passages and helps reduce fuel consumption by up to 60%<sup>1</sup>. This, in combination with Rolls Royce dynamic stabilisers offers unrivalled stability and comfort\* on ocean crossings.

## Designed for active expeditions

Our ships are built to world-class polar standards and designed in close consultation with our expedition specialists, to ensure that every aspect of the ship's design enriches your expedition experience.

Our ships feature four dedicated, sea-level launching platforms - these platforms make boarding the Zodiacs as quick, efficient and safe as possible, minimising wait times and getting you closer to the action for longer. In our mudroom you will have access to a locker when you can hang your gear up to dry, and store your boots between excursions. We built the spacious activity preparation areas and loading platforms in consultation with our expert activity guides. You will also have access to lockers and rapid drying areas for wetsuits, to give your gear the best chance to dry between excursions.

*\*Aurora Expeditions do not claim that this will prevent or cure motion sickness or seasickness.*



The Greg Mortimer in Antarctica; S.Portelli



The Greg Mortimer activity platform in action; S.Portelli

## Designed for an educational experience

With state of the art lecture facilities, join the expedition team in the lecture theatre for presentations covering topics as broad as history and culture, biology and climate change. In between lectures, with floor-to-ceiling windows, the library is a peaceful sanctuary where you can find non-fiction books to read up on the day's destinations, plug in and organise your photos or play board games with newfound friends. Wildlife guides, books and binoculars can also be found on the observation lounge on Deck 8.

## Designed for a comfortable onboard experience

When you are not busy on regular shore excursions why not use the gym, sauna, go for a swim (*Sylvia Earle only*) or book a massage (*additional cost applies*). There are also 2 jacuzzis on the top outside deck with amazing views of the world outside.

Our comfortable open seating dining area is where you will share tales of the day and be fuelled with delicious meals cooked by our onboard chefs, or experience the top floor restaurant (*Sylvia Earle*) or open BBQ area (*Greg Mortimer – on select days*).

Our cabins are beautifully appointed, with a simple, neutral colour palette taking inspiration from nature in the polar regions. Choose from a range of configurations and features, including twin and double-bed options, private balconies and interconnecting staterooms.

## Responsible Travel Features

Our ships boast the lowest polluting marine engines in the world, due to a combination of low energy consumption, high fuel-efficiency and a streamlined design. Our state-of-the-art Tier 3 engine delivers an 80% reduction in emissions<sup>1</sup> and can utilise virtual anchoring to hold its position using a combination of GPS, steering technology, propellers and thrusters. This protects the sea floor and minimises the damage caused by conventional anchors. Our onboard desalination plants convert seawater to freshwater that's safe to drink. This means we can carry less freshwater on sea crossings, further reducing our fuel consumption.

## Safety features

Your safety is a critical consideration and our ships feature industry-leading safety technology that exceeds the requirements for ships of this size. Our ships are Ice Class 1A and Polar Code 6 compliant, hold BV<sup>^</sup> class and are fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements.

A world class return-to-port system enables the ships to maintain operating systems and comfort in the event of an engine failure and our ships are built with Rolls Royce stabiliser systems to reduce the rolling motion of the ship, for smoother transits in swell and wind. As expeditions take place in remote areas far from traditional medical facilities, we have a fully-resourced medical clinic, open 24 hours a day and staffed by qualified medical professionals.

<sup>^</sup>Bureau Veritas <sup>1</sup>Compared to old Tier 1 engines.



# Our Ship, The *Greg Mortimer*

Honouring our co-founder and well-known mountaineer, Greg Mortimer, this vessel pays tribute to Greg and his contribution to sustainable antarctic travel, to exploration and mountaineering, and to intrepid travel as the first Australian antarctic operator. This vessel was designed in conjunction with Greg, who helped Aurora Expeditions develop the hydraulic viewing platforms and the activity preparation areas, including the mudroom.



## Panoramic Observation Areas & Lounge

Extra large windows in our observation lounge mean that you don't miss out on the wildlife and wilderness passing by. You can also enjoy panoramic views from our outdoor observation areas on Deck 7 & 8

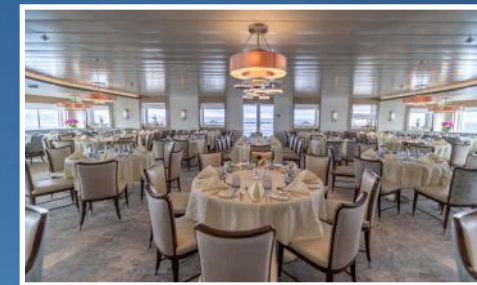
## Wellness Centre & Jacuzzis

Use our gym, sauna or book a massage (*additional cost applies*) or enjoy our two jacuzzis outside on the top deck with amazing views of the world outside



## Library

Take advantage of our well-stocked onboard library. You'll find an array of books covering everything from pioneering explorers to remote destinations and the wildlife you may encounter on your voyage



## Restaurant & Bar

Make new friends in our communal dining areas, featuring open seating or have a pre-dinner drink in our fully-stocked bar

## Ulstein X-Bow®

We're the first expedition ship to pioneer this unique design that splits wave energy. The result? Faster, more comfortable travel, lower fuel consumption and reduced emissions



## Hydraulic Viewing Platforms

Custom-built for Aurora Expeditions, these dedicated observation areas on both sides of the ship extend to offer unobstructed views of polar bears, feeding whales or the ship pushing through pack ice



## Relaxed Staterooms

Relax between adventures in one of our comfortable staterooms. Ranging from porthole to balcony categories, all have en suite bathrooms and plenty of storage space



## Lecture Theatre & Lounge

Enjoy fascinating, informative talks and briefings or relax while watching documentaries, movies or slide shows in our comfortable theatre

## Changing Room/Mudroom

Store your outdoor clothing and gumboots in your personal locker. Prepare for each landing with easy access to boarding Zodiacs and handy biosecurity cleaning on your return

## Zodiac Docks

Four sea-level platforms make loading and unloading our fleet of Zodiacs a breeze and are easily accessed from the Deck 3 mudroom and activity preparation areas

## Activity Preparation Area

Whether you're diving, climbing, snowshoeing, or paddling, our Deck 3, expedition team-designed prep area and sea kayak launch platform makes adventure activities even easier



# Our New Ship, The *Sylvia Earle*

Our new ship honours the highly accomplished marine biologist, oceanographer and explorer, Sylvia Earle. As the first female chief scientist of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and named by *Time Magazine* as its first Hero for the Planet in 1998 – this vessel pays tribute to Sylvia's long standing conservation efforts for marine protected areas and ocean wildlife. Sylvia Earle will be actively involved in the development of her namesake.



## Swimming Pool, Jacuzzis, Gym & Wellness Centre

In between landings, enjoy our heated saltwater open air swimming pool and jacuzzis and watch the world go by, or experience our gym & sauna



## Panoramic Observation Areas & Lounge

Extra large windows in our observation lounge mean that you don't miss out on the wildlife and wilderness passing by. You can also enjoy panoramic views from our outdoor observation areas on Deck 7 & 8



## Restaurant & Bar

Make new friends in our communal dining areas, featuring open seating or have a pre-dinner drink in our fully-stocked bar

## Glass Atrium Lounge

With huge windows and superb views to the front of the ship, this lounge is the perfect place to sit with a drink and watch for wildlife or admire impressive scenery

## Ulstein X-Bow®

We're the first expedition ship to pioneer this unique design that splits wave energy. The result? Faster, more comfortable travel, lower fuel consumption and reduced emissions



## Relaxed Staterooms

Relax between adventures in one of our comfortable staterooms. Ranging from porthole to balcony categories, all have en suite bathrooms and plenty of storage space



## Lecture Theatre & Lounge

Enjoy fascinating, informative talks and briefings or relax while watching documentaries, movies or slide shows in our comfortable theatre

## Changing Room/Mudroom

Store your outdoor clothing and gumboots in your personal locker. Prepare for each landing with easy access to boarding Zodiacs and handy biosecurity cleaning on your return

## Zodiac Docks

Four sea-level platforms make loading and unloading our fleet of Zodiacs a breeze and are easily accessed from the Deck 3 mudroom and activity preparation areas

## Activity Preparation Area

Whether you're diving, climbing, snowshoeing, or paddling, our Deck 3, expedition team-designed prep area and sea kayak launch platform makes adventure activities even easier

*All ship images of the Sylvia Earle are artist's impressions only and final results may vary.*



# Antarctica

Antarctic Peninsula • South Georgia • Falklands~Malvinas

Nothing can quite prepare you for the feeling of stepping onto antarctic ice for the first time, hearing the crunch underfoot and feeling the timeless allure of this remarkable white continent.

Gaze into the iridescent blue heart of an iceberg. Feel the thrill of watching a leopard seal on the hunt. Sit quietly on a beach and be entranced by a chorus of penguin calls as they waddle from nest to shore. Antarctica is no longer a dream, but a vibrant experience you'll treasure forever.

Between October and April, the antarctic pack ice retreats to reveal a tremendous wilderness of unsurpassed grandeur. We offer a range of itineraries of varying destinations, dates, durations and optional activities. Browse through the pages ahead to find out which one is right for you.

For more information visit [auroraexpeditions.com.au/antarctica](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/antarctica)







Fly to Antarctica

While the Drake Passage holds many delights for the seafarers among us, it is also possible to fly direct to King George Island, the antarctic gateway for expeditioners who opt to start or finish their voyage with a charter flight across the Drake Passage.

Look out for these icons as you flip through the Antarctic itineraries.



S.Pemberton

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Experience the unrivalled beauty, grandeur and simplicity of the Antarctic Peninsula. Enormous glaciers cascade into the inky, ice-speckled sea, and enigmatic wildlife abounds amid sculpted icebergs and charming historic sites.



SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

Once the site of thriving sealing and whaling industries, today this windswept archipelago is home to sprawling chinstrap penguin colonies, a delightful array of polar mosses and lichens, visiting fur seals and fascinating relics of Antarctica's early history.



© M.Baynes

WEDDELL SEA

To the east of the Antarctic Peninsula, the seldom-visited Weddell Sea is a kingdom of boundless ice where majestic tabular icebergs drift and ancient fossils whisper the stories of lives lived long ago.



© A.Halsall

DRAKE PASSAGE

This famed sea route is a rite of passage for all sailors crossing from Tierra del Fuego to the Antarctic Peninsula. Keep watch for whales and soaring seabirds following the ship and, of course, your first iceberg as we enter antarctic waters!



KING GEORGE ISLAND

Home to one of the most remote runways on earth, King George Island is the gateway for expeditioners who opt to start or finish their Antarctic voyage with a charter flight across the Drake Passage.



# Antarctica: When to go

## Spring



As the long polar winter draws to a close, spring sun reveals the majestic glaciers and snow-clad peaks of the Antarctic Peninsula, and wildlife begins to return to its shores. Sea ice lingers in sheltered bays and many of our landing sites are covered in pristine snow. The luminous sunrises and sunsets of spring are magical. Penguins return to their rookeries, build their nests and lay the first eggs of the season. On Zodiac cruises, look out for minke and humpback whales, and crabeater and leopard seals hauled out on ice floes.



Gentoo chick ready to be fed

## Summer



Midsummer in Antarctica is a time of abundance as the continent is bathed in 24-hour daylight. Penguin colonies buzz with new life. Downy chicks take their first tentative steps on the ice and adults waddle up and down the bustling penguin highways, heading to sea and returning with bellies full of food for their chicks. Crabeater seals swim among icebergs, while leopard seals patrol the rocky beaches, stalking their prey, and orca may be seen cruising the straits in search of food. As the summer progresses, penguin chicks form creches and adults begin their annual moult. Humpback whales converge on their rich southern feeding grounds to rest and refuel after a long migration, and Weddell seals haul out on snow banks.



Experience downy king penguins at Gold Harbour © P. Eastway

## Late Summer



By late summer many adult penguins have returned to the sea, leaving their inquisitive fledglings to fend for themselves. Watch spellbound as they take their first tentative steps into the sea and learn to swim. On land, brilliant splashes of colour adorn the ice as the summer melt reveals colourful snow algae. Whales congregate in increasing numbers before migrating north for winter, elephant seals and fur seals pause for a welcome rest on antarctic shores. Skuas, terns and a suite of petrels wheel against a backdrop of spectacular sunsets as the days shorten and winter makes its gradual approach.



“My visit to Antarctica was a long held dream but even so it exceeded my expectations. This was due in no small part to the Aurora staff sharing their passion and extensive knowledge of Antarctica so that everyone got the most possible out of the time in this special part of our world.”

-Phillip, 2019

See Humpback whales in Antarctica; S.Portelli





Key

Likely to see  
*(Unlucky to miss)*

Might see  
*(Think you may see, but you might not)*

Occasionally seen  
*(Unlikely to see, but you could be lucky)*

Gentoo penguins in Antarctica; M.van der Steen

# Antarctic Region

## Wildlife Encounters



Bird Species	Drake Passage	Antarctic Peninsula	Antarctica (Below the circle)	South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands/ South Orkneys	Falklands~Malvinas
King Penguin				<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
Gentoo Penguin	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
Adélie Penguin	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		
Chinstrap Penguin	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	
Macaroni/Royal Penguin	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Rockhopper Penguin	<div><div></div><div></div></div>			<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Magellanic Penguin					<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Wandering Albatross	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Royal Albatross	<div><div></div><div></div></div>				
Black-browed Albatross	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Grey-headed Albatross	<div><div></div><div></div></div>			<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Light-mantled Albatross	<div><div></div></div>			<div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Southern Giant Petrel	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Northern Giant Petrel	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div><div></div></div>
White-chinned Petrel	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			<div><div></div></div>	
Southern Fulmar	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>		
Cape Petrel	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	
Antarctic Petrel	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>			
Snow Petrel		<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	
Soft-plumaged Petrel	<div><div></div></div>				
Blue Petrel	<div><div></div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div></div>
Diving Petrel	<div><div></div><div></div></div>			<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
Wilson's Storm Petrel	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Black-bellied Storm Petrel	<div><div></div><div></div></div>				
Antarctic Prion	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			<div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Sooty Shearwater	<div><div></div></div>				
Sheathbill		<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
Chilean Skua	<div><div></div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Brown Skua		<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	
South Polar Skua		<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		
Kelp Gull	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>

Bird Species (cont.)	Drake Passage	Antarctic Peninsula	Antarctica (Below the circle)	South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands/ South Orkneys	Falklands~Malvinas
Antarctic Tern		<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Arctic Tern	<div><div></div><div></div></div>				
South American Tern					<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Imperial Cormorant	<div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Antarctic Cormorant		<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		
South Georgia Cormorant				<div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Rock Cormorant					<div><div></div></div>
Kelp Goose					<div><div></div></div>
South Georgia Pintail				<div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Falkland Steamer Duck					<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Turkey Vulture					<div><div></div></div>
South Georgia Pipit				<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	

Mammal Species	Drake Passage	Antarctic Peninsula	Antarctica (Below the circle)	South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands/ South Orkneys	Falklands~Malvinas
Humpback Whale	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>
Southern Right Whale					
Antarctic Minke Whale	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>		
Sei Whale	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div></div>	
Fin Whale	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div></div>	
Blue Whale	<div><div></div></div>				
Killer Whale (Orca)		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div></div>
Hourglass Dolphin	<div><div></div></div>				
Commersons Dolphin					<div><div></div></div>
Peales Dolphin	<div><div></div></div>				
Leopard Seal		<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	
Weddell Seal		<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>		
Crabeater Seal		<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		
Southern Elephant Seal		<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Antarctic Fur Seal		<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	
South American Sea Lion					<div><div></div><div></div></div>





Towering icebergs in Antarctica © A.Halsall

# Spirit of Antarctica

## Antarctic Peninsula | From 11 Days

Embrace the spirit of polar exploration on this classic expedition to the coveted white continent. Sail across the famed Drake Passage, admiring spectacular seabirds and approaching the ice as the explorers of old did: by sea. With a chance to Zodiac-cruise through pack ice, set foot on the continent, choose from a range of adventure options and even perhaps camp under pastel polar skies, this is the quintessential Antarctic voyage for adventure lovers.

Optional Activities\*

- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Snowshoeing
- Camping
- Ski & Snowboard Touring

Included Activities

- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.



Passengers watch a curious leopard seal on a Zodiac cruise from the Greg Mortimer

Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Arrive in Ushuaia, renowned for its breathtaking mountain scenery and emerging culinary scene. Transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore.

**DAY 2** After a leisurely morning, check out of your hotel and enjoy a guided excursion in Ushuaia. Meet your fellow travellers on board for an early evening departure.

**DAYS 3–4 (AT SEA)** Settle in, watch for seabirds, attend informative presentations and excitedly await seeing your first iceberg. Perhaps unwind in the spa or sauna. We hope to have a landing in the South Shetland Islands on the afternoon of Day 4.

**DAYS 5–9 (ANTARCTICA)** Immerse yourself in the unforgettable landscapes of the white continent. In this great wilderness, nature helps set our pace, with changing weather and ice conditions making every trip unique and unrepeatable. Cruise by spectacular ice cliffs, visit bustling penguin rookeries, observe seals on ice and whales in their southern feeding grounds. Discover historic sites and other intriguing relics scattered across the Antarctic Peninsula.

**DAYS 10–11 (AT SEA)** Spot seabirds and travelling whales as you return to the Drake Passage, now an antarctic veteran. Share photos, tall tales and final night celebrations with new friends.

**DAY 12** After a hearty breakfast, bid farewell to your fellow travellers before disembarking in Ushuaia.

*In true expedition style we encourage exploration and adventure, offering flexibility in challenging environments. This itinerary is only a guide and subject to change due to ice and weather conditions.*

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/spirit-of-antarctica](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/spirit-of-antarctica)  
For full rates see p. 107

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	11 Days	15 Nov '21 – 25 Nov '21	ANP140G	Sail
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	12 Days	7 Dec '21 – 18 Dec '21	ANP148S	Sail
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	12 Days	27 Dec '21 – 7 Jan '22	ANP141G	Sail
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	12 Days	6 Jan '22 – 17 Jan '22	ANP142G	Sail
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	12 Days	9 Jan '22 – 20 Jan '22	ANP149S	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle







Be amazed by the early season ice; S.Portelli



Gentoo penguins on the move; C.García Rocés

# Antarctic Explorer

Antarctic Peninsula | From 10 days



Early Antarctic explorers returned from their voyages to the deep south with tales of a magnificent, ice-covered land teeming with life. Experience the awe-inspiring immensity of Antarctica and immerse yourself in the unimaginable beauty of the Antarctic Peninsula, where vast glaciers tumble into the sea, penguins are dwarfed by soaring peaks, and humpback and minke whales feast on abundant krill. Reduce your time on the high seas by flying at least one way across the Drake Passage.

Optional Activities\*



\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

Included Activities



Highlights

- See and hear the bustling activity of a penguin city
- Chance to spot leopard seals on ice floes from our Zodiacs
- Zodiac-cruise in search of feeding and breaching whales
- Skip one or two legs of the Drake Passage to maximise your holiday time in the white continent

Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Arrive in Ushuaia, where an Aurora Expeditions representative will meet you. Transfer to your hotel. Enjoy the rugged mountain scenery, lively cafes, restaurants and bars.

**DAY 2** After checking out of your hotel, enjoy a guided excursion in Ushuaia prior to embarkation. In the late afternoon join the ship and sail down the wildlife-rich Beagle Channel.

**DAYS 3–4 (AT SEA)** Settle in, watch for seabirds, attend informative lectures in preparation for an unforgettable trip to the Antarctic Peninsula while excitedly awaiting your first iceberg sighting. We hope to land in the South Shetlands on the afternoon of Day 4.

**DAYS 5–10 (ANTARCTICA)** Immerse yourself in the unforgettable landscapes of the white continent. In this great wilderness, nature sets our pace. Changing weather and ice conditions make every trip truly unique. Cruise by spectacular ice cliffs and observe seals on ice, whales in their southern feeding grounds and visit bustling penguin rookeries. Discover historic sites and other intriguing relics scattered across the Antarctic Peninsula.

**DAY 11** Land on King George Island and board your charter flight to Punta Arenas, enjoying a final night in town.

**DAY 12** After a delicious breakfast, bid your new friends farewell as you leave for home or continue your adventure.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Antarctic Explorer voyages that include a charter flight back to Punta Arenas include one night’s post-voyage accommodation in Punta Arenas. Voyages that sail back to Ushuaia do not include accommodation on the day of disembarkation. Please ask our team for a local recommendation.

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For full rates see p. 107

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Punta Arenas	11 Days	16 Jan '22 – 26 Jan '22	AEP143G	Sail/Fly
Ushuaia/Punta Arenas	11 Days	19 Jan '22 – 29 Jan '22	AEP150S	Sail/Fly
Punta Arenas/Punta Arenas	12 Days	24 Jan '22 – 4 Feb '22	AEP144G	Fly/Fly
Punta Arenas/Punta Arenas	12 Days	27 Jan '22 – 7 Feb '22	AEP151S	Fly/Fly
Punta Arenas/Ushuaia	12 Days	2 Feb '22 – 13 Feb '22	AEP145G	Fly/Sail
Punta Arenas/Ushuaia	12 Days	5 Feb '22 – 16 Feb '22	AEP152S	Fly/Sail
Punta Arenas/Punta Arenas	12 Days	21 Feb '22 – 4 Mar '22	AEP146G	Fly/Fly
Punta Arenas/Ushuaia	10 Days	6 Mar '22 – 15 Mar '22	AEP153S	Fly/Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Add Santiago and Valparaiso city stay



In a valley surrounded by the Andes, Santiago is an easy stopover that yields superb scenery and local cuisine. In Valparaiso, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, explore the vineyards, behold the creative energy of vibrant street art and panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean.  
For details see page 106.





Enjoy stunning views from the top deck; S.Portelli



Adélie penguin © P.Eastway

# Across the Antarctic Circle

Antarctic Peninsula | From 12 Days



Venturing below the Antarctic Circle is about more than just earning bragging rights. It is the chance to enter a different world more rarely seen, it feels more isolated and colder than further north, with great swathes of pack-ice and dreamlike icebergs. Thread through pack ice and narrow channels where scenes of ice-clad mountains, feeding whales and lively penguin colonies become lasting memories.

### Highlights

- A toast at the Antarctic Circle, 66°34' south (approx)
- Enjoy a splendour of wildlife activity as birds, seals and whales race to fatten up for winter
- Visit fascinating historic sites
- Zodiac cruises with the hope of spotting leopard and crabeater seals

### Optional Activities\*

-   
Sea Kayaking
-   
Snorkelling
-   
Snowshoeing
-   
Camping
-   
Alpine Trekking & Climbing

### Included Activities

-   
Zodiac-cruises
-   
Walks & Hikes
-   
Photography
-   
Expert Lectures
-   
Polar Plunge
-   
Birdwatching
-   
Historical Sites

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

### Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Arrive in Ushuaia, a lively seaport nestled at the base of ice-clad mountains and replete with great cafes and restaurants. You'll be met at the airport by a representative from Aurora Expeditions and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

**DAY 2** After checking out of your hotel, enjoy some free time before discovering a few of Ushuaia's attractions on an afternoon excursion. Afterwards, you'll be transferred to the pier ready for embarkation and an early evening departure along the Beagle Channel to set sail for Antarctica.

**DAYS 3-4 (AT SEA)** Photograph seabirds during the Drake Passage crossing and listen to informative wildlife lectures. Spot your first iceberg as we approach Antarctica, enjoying our first landing in South Shetland Islands.

**DAYS 5-10 (ANTARCTICA)** The western side of the Antarctic Peninsula is ours to explore and our flexible itinerary allows us to make the most of local conditions to Zodiac-cruise or kayak\* among the ice, hoping to see whales feeding or breaching. Set foot on the white continent and its offshore islands to visit penguin rookeries, seal haulouts, historic sites and spectacular viewpoints. Weaving through pack ice and narrow channels, scenes of ice-clad mountains and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat will be etched in your memory for years to come. Raise a toast to mark the occasion as you join a lucky group of adventurers to cross 66° 34' south (approx), below the Antarctic Circle.

**DAY 11 (AT SEA)** It's time to farewell Antarctica and bid farewell to your expedition team. Today, fly from King George Island to Punta Arenas, Chile, for an overnight stay.

**DAY 12** Enjoy a delicious breakfast, bid farewell to new friends before heading home, or on to your next adventure – a trek in Patagonia perhaps?

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### Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Punta Arenas	12 Days	12 Feb '22 – 23 Feb '22	ANC004G	Sail/Fly
Punta Arenas/Punta Arenas	13 Days	24 Feb '22 – 8 Mar '22	ANC005S	Fly/Fly

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



### Featuring Below the Antarctic Circle



66° 34' south: Antarctica at its most pristine. Crossing the Antarctic Circle is an impressive achievement as most expeditions in this region do not venture this far south. Enjoy endless daylight, other-worldly ice formations and landscapes dotted with penguin and seal colonies, where orcas and leopard seals patrol the rocky bays and snow petrels soar overhead.

For more information on this expedition and current offers visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/across-the-antarctic-circle](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/across-the-antarctic-circle). For full rates see p. 107





Stunning iceberg at sunset in Antarctica; S.Portelli

# Wild Antarctica

Antarctic Peninsula & Weddell Sea | From 11 days

Famed for its tremendous tabular icebergs, year-round sea ice, fascinating fossils and the pivotal role it played in Shackleton’s Endurance expedition, the Weddell Sea offers unsurpassed opportunities for exploration. Embark on a true Antarctic expedition as we not only explore the west Antarctic Peninsula, but also attempt to venture east towards the icy perimeter of the Weddell Sea, often guarded by impenetrable pack ice and home to awe-inspiring tabular icebergs.

Optional Activities\*

- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling

Included Activities

- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

Highlights

- Be awed by the array of wildlife who play and hunt in the Antarctic Sound.
- Marvel at enormous tabular icebergs in the Weddell Sea
- Learn about the incredible fossil-rich volcanic islands from our onboard palaeontologist



Gentoo penguins on the move; C.Garicia Roces

Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Arrive in Punta Arenas overlooking the Straits of Magellan, and meet your fellow expeditioners for a briefing.

**DAY 2** Fly to King George Island on the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula and transfer to the ship by Zodiac.

**DAYS 3–9 (ANTARCTICA)** Immerse yourself in the unforgettable landscapes of the white continent. Sail across the Bransfield Strait into the other-worldly landscape of the Antarctic Sound. Ice permitting, venture east into the Weddell Sea, known for its impressive sea ice and large icebergs, which can also make it inaccessible! Feel your pulse quicken as vast tabular icebergs pass close by, and try for landings on fossil-rich islands. Roam the shoreline near where Adélie, gentoo and chinstrap penguins waddle, and delight in their charismatic antics. Zodiac-cruise or kayak\* in search of seals, whales and their calves. We aim to land on the antarctic continent and its islands to visit historic sites and experience this unforgettable landscape up close.

**DAYS 10–11 (AT SEA)** Spot seabirds and travelling whales as you enter the Drake, now an antarctic veteran. Perhaps unwind in the spa or sauna. Share photos, tall tales and final night celebrations with new friends.

**DAY 12** After a hearty breakfast, bid farewell to your fellow travellers before disembarking in Ushuaia.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Punta Arenas	12 Days	15 Feb '22 – 26 Feb '22	ANW004S	Sail/Fly
Punta Arenas/Ushuaia	13 Days	2 Mar '22 – 14 Mar '22	ANW003G	Fly/Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



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From colonial Cusco, hike through the Sacred and Lares valleys to mesmerising Machu Picchu – a journey highlighting the ancient history, living culture, and magnificent landscapes of the Incas. For details, speak with your travel consultant at the time of booking.

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Zodiac cruise © L.Bath

# Solar Eclipse – Antarctica

## Antarctic Peninsula | 16 Days

In December 2021, a full solar eclipse will occur in the Weddell Sea region, offering people the rare and historic opportunity to witness this remarkable spectacle in antarctic waters. On this unique voyage, you will visit Antarctica and experience the incredible white continent in its late spring regalia. Witness penguins busily building nests, keeping eggs warm and raising chicks, and gaze at gleaming icebergs, while you hope for fine weather, clear skies and an uninterrupted view of the solar eclipse.

- Highlights
- Rare opportunity to possibly witness a total solar eclipse in Antarctica
  - Photographers will delight in capturing spectacular scenery in near-pristine conditions
  - See the Antarctic Peninsula alive with activity: penguins busily building nests and forming colonies; seabird chicks hatching; fur seals defending beach areas as pups are born

Optional Activities\*

- Sea Kayaking
- Snowshoeing
- Ski & Snowboard Touring
- Camping

Included Activities

- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.



Itinerary Overview

**DAYS 1-2** Spend a night in Ushuaia and discover the natural beauty of the city's surrounds and learn of its history before embarking the *Sylvia Earle* for your voyage to Antarctica.

**DAYS 3-4 (AT SEA)** As we cross the famed Drake Passage, spend time on the decks photographing seabirds as they ride gracefully on the ship's currents. Learn about the wildlife and history of Antarctica from our erudite expedition team, or simply get to know your fellow travellers. On the afternoon of Day 4, we arrive in the South Shetland Islands.

**DAYS 5-13 (ANTARCTICA)** Immerse yourself in the unforgettable landscapes of the white continent. In this great wilderness, nature helps set our pace, with changing weather and ice conditions making every trip truly unique. Cruise by spectacular ice cliffs and see seals on the ice, observe whales in their southern feeding grounds and visit bustling penguin rookeries. Discover historic sites and other intriguing relics scattered across the Antarctic Peninsula.

The solar eclipse takes place on 4 December at approximately 07:34 am. According to NASA, the optimum position to view it is well into the Weddell Sea, conditions permitting. Learn about the incredible galaxy around us during informal talks and presentations delivered by some of the world's leading astronomers.

**DAYS 14-15 (SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS)** Enjoy a final landing before commencing your return crossing of the Drake Passage to Ushuaia. Join your fellow travellers in the library to edit your photos or for a drink in the lounge, reminiscing over the past fortnight. Enjoy final lectures from the expedition team or treat yourself to a massage in the wellness centre.

**DAY 16** After breakfast, bid a fond farewell to your expedition team and fellow travellers before disembarking in Ushuaia.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	16 Days	23 Nov '21 – 8 Dec '21	ECL002S	Sail

Voyage Code: S = Sylvia Earle



Add Easter Island



Easter Island, or Rapa Nui, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, national park and the remotest inhabited island on the planet. Spend time exploring the island and experience the famous archaeological sites. For details see page 106.



# Antarctica and Subantarctic Islands

South Georgia • Falklands~Malvinas • South Orkneys • South Sandwich Islands

Scattered across the southern Atlantic Ocean you will find a seldom-visited string of remote, rugged islands, each with its own unique character and rich human history.

Sail the waters made famous by Shackleton and be entranced by his incredible tale of survival against the odds. Set foot on a sandy beach, profoundly outnumbered by dignified king penguins in some of their largest colonies on earth. Be entertained by mischievous fur seals as they luxuriate in lush glacial outwash plains.

Explore the historic town of Stanley in the Falkland Islands~Malvinas, discover relics from South Georgia's whaling era and possibly even visit a working research station in the South Orkneys. Browse the pages ahead for these remarkable itineraries with various dates, durations, optional activities and destinations.



**SOUTH GEORGIA**

Vast colonies of king penguins and seals thrive in this spectacular wildlife refuge in the South Atlantic Ocean. Set against a backdrop of glaciated peaks and lush fields of tussock, South Georgia's rich human history is as captivating as its wildlife.



**FALKLAND ISLANDS~ ISLAS MALVINAS**

Albatross and penguins nest amid rolling hills, soaring sea cliffs and white sandy beaches – also home to sea lions and quite a few sheep! Rich human history and traditional British culture abound in the capital, Stanley.



**SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS**

The staggeringly wild, mostly volcanic archipelago of the South Sandwich Islands rises out of the South Atlantic Ocean like a rugged fortress. Part of a British Dependency, these islands are seldom visited and accessible only by sea.



**SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS**

Only 600 kilometres from the Antarctic Peninsula, these historically significant islands are often surrounded by spectacular icebergs and penguins on the ice. The Argentinian Orcadas Base, established in 1903, is the oldest continuously staffed research station in the Antarctic.





Grytviken, South Georgia; V.Primrose

# South Georgia and Antarctic Odyssey

Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia & Falkland Islands~Islas Malvinas | From 19 days

This voyage encompasses the best of the Antarctic Peninsula and the enchanting wildlife haven of South Georgia. Discover the historic Falklands~Malvinas and stand in awe before the world’s largest king penguin colonies in South Georgia. In Antarctica, experience the serenity and grandeur of the most remote place on earth, where penguins nest, whales feed and captivating seals frolic in ice-speckled seas.

Highlights

- Photograph curious seals as you Zodiac-cruise through glassy waters, marvelling at the iridescent blues of icebergs
- Marvel at enormous king penguin colonies in South Georgia
- Walk along beaches lined with elephant seals and antarctic fur seals

Optional Activities\*

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Sea Kayaking
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Snorkelling
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Snowshoeing
- 

Ski & Snowboard Touring
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Shackleton's Crossing

Included Activities

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Zodiac-cruises
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Walks & Hikes
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Photography
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Expert Lectures
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Polar Plunge
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Birdwatching
- 

Historical Sites

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

Itinerary Overview

**DAYS 1-2** Enjoy a night in Ushuaia before boarding the *Greg Mortimer* in the late afternoon on Day 2 to cross the South Atlantic Ocean towards the Falklands~Malvinas.

**DAY 3 (AT SEA)** Settle in, watch soaring seabirds from the observation lounge and attend presentations from our expert team to learn about the local history and wildlife. Perhaps relax in the spa or sauna, or enjoy the gym.

**DAY 4 (FALKLANDS~MALVINAS)** Discover the windswept coastlines and charismatic wildlife of the Falklands~Malvinas, home to magellanic and rockhopper penguins and curious sea lions. Learn the islands’ fascinating local history.

**DAYS 5-7 (AT SEA)** As you sail to South Georgia, enjoy the medley of seabirds following the ship, learn about South Georgia from the expedition team and get to know your fellow expeditioners a little better.

**DAYS 8-12 (SOUTH GEORGIA)** Take many opportunities to enjoy some of the world’s largest king penguin colonies. Feel truly immersed in nature as you walk along bustling beaches, sharing the sand with fur seals, elephant seals and penguins. Photograph jaw-dropping landscapes, join an unforgettable guided hike and learn about Shackleton’s epic tale of survival.

**DAYS 13-14 (AT SEA)** Sail the Scotia Sea towards the Antarctic Peninsula. As we sail south, we keep watch for our first iceberg and learn more about the fascinating local wildlife and history from our expedition team in preparation for your arrival to the great white continent.

**DAYS 15-19 (ANTARCTICA)** Be mesmerised by Antarctica as you Zodiac-cruise amid iridescent, grounded bergs, watching for whale blows from humpbacks, minkes and orcas. Walk by plucky chinstrap and gentle gentoo penguins in their bustling colonies. Kayakers: prepare yourselves for an unforgettable experience amid the ice.

**DAY 20 (AT SEA)** Rest and relax, edit your photos, attend some final presentations or reminisce with your fellow expeditioners.

**DAY 21** After breakfast, bid farewell to your fellow travellers before disembarking in Ushuaia.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	22 Days	10 Mar’21 – 31 Mar’21	ASG82G	Sail
Santiago/Ushuaia	19 Days	29 Oct’21 – 16 Nov’21	ASG83G	Sail
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	21 Days	13 Mar’22 – 2 Apr’22	ASG84G	Sail

Voyage Code: G = Greg Mortimer



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King penguin colony © P.Eastway

# South Georgia & Antarctic Odyssey featuring South Sandwich Islands | *Founder's Top Pick\**

Falklands~Malvinas, South Georgia, South Sandwich Islands, Antarctic Peninsula | 25 Days

On this epic voyage, not only will you explore the famed white continent and far-flung South Georgia, you will also sail to the South Sandwich Islands, a chain of seldom-visited volcanic islands located 740 kilometres south-east of South Georgia. True to our spirit of adventure, we aim to explore these islands on Zodiac cruises and perhaps land in one of the wildest places on earth. This is a Christmas and New Year adventure that you're likely to remember and talk about for many years to come.

\*A voyage designed in conjunction with Aurora Expeditions' co-founder Greg Mortimer

### Optional Activities\*

- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Snowshoeing
- Shackleton's Crossing

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

### Included Activities

- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

### Highlights

- Attempt a landing on an island where there's a chance to encounter a colony of around one million chinstrap penguins
- Celebrate Christmas and New Year on this epic Antarctic voyage, visiting some of the world's wildest and most remote places with like-minded adventurers
- Become one of the very few to reach the South Sandwich Islands – a corner of the world so rarely visited



Cruising at a safe distance at Enterprise Island; Y.Zhang

### Itinerary Overview

**DAYS 1-2** Enjoy a night in Ushuaia before sailing across the South Atlantic Ocean on day two towards the Falklands~Malvinas.

**DAY 3 (AT SEA)** Spot seabirds and learn about the local history and wildlife with presentations from our expert team.

**DAY 4 (FALKLANDS~MALVINAS)** Discover the windswept coastlines and charismatic wildlife of the Falklands~Malvinas, home to Magellanic and rockhopper penguins, sea lions and fascinating history.

**DAYS 5-6 (AT SEA)** Sea days are great for attending lectures, photographing seabirds, or simply enjoying the onboard facilities.

**DAYS 7-10 (SOUTH GEORGIA)** Marvel at truly incredible scenes: enormous king penguin colonies; fur seals jostling for space on the beach, and jaw-dropping mountain landscapes.

**DAYS 11-12 (AT SEA)** Reflect on your trip so far with fellow passengers and learn about exciting destinations to come.

**DAYS 13-15 (SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS)** Discover this wild and remote chain of volcanic islands, many of which are still active. Simply reaching these islands is an adventure. With luck, we may land at an enormous chinstrap penguin colony numbering around one million individuals.

**DAYS 16-17 (AT SEA)** Keep an eye out for your first iceberg and beautiful seabirds as we sail towards the Antarctic Peninsula.

**DAYS 18-22 (ANTARCTICA)** Be mesmerised by the white continent. Experience Antarctica at its liveliest with whales feeding, seals on the ice and penguin chicks feeding and growing rapidly. Zodiac-cruise amid iridescent grounded bergs, watching for whale blows from humpbacks, minkes and orcas. Kayakers: prepare for an unforgettable experience amid the ice. Take a deep breath and draw in some of the freshest air on earth.

**DAYS 23-24 (ANTARCTICA/AT SEA)** Enjoy a morning landing in Antarctica before commencing our crossing of the Drake Passage. Swap photos with your fellow expeditioners or simply relax after a busy and truly unforgettable voyage to the Antarctic.

**DAY 25** After breakfast, bid farewell to new friends before disembarking in Ushuaia where your voyage ends.

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*“Ever since going to the South Sandwich Islands in 1991, I have been trying to get back there. Now the chance is coming. I rate it as one of the two or three wildest, most outrageous places on the planet.”*

- Greg Mortimer

### Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	25 Days	17 Dec '21 – 10 Jan '22	SSI001S	Sail

Voyage Code: S = Sylvia Earle | Christmas voyage: =

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Fur seal pup © L.Bath



Looking down on the world; J.Paul

Itinerary Overview

**DAYS 1-2** Unwind overnight in Ushuaia before boarding your vessel to cross the South Atlantic Ocean towards the Falklands~Malvinas.

**DAY 3 (AT SEA)** Settle in, spot seabirds and attend presentations from our expert team to learn about the local history and wildlife.

**DAY 4 (FALKLANDS~MALVINAS)** Discover the windswept coastlines and charismatic wildlife of the Falklands~Malvinas, home to Magellanic and rockhopper penguins, curious sea lions, and learn about the region’s fascinating history.

**DAYS 5-7 (AT SEA)** As you sail to South Georgia, enjoy the medley of seabirds following the ship, learn about South Georgia from the expedition team and prepare for the full wildlife immersion that is South Georgia by perusing the wildlife guides in the library.

**DAYS 8-12 (SOUTH GEORGIA)** Marvel at breathtaking scenes: vast, bustling king penguin colonies, fur seals tussling on the beach and jaw-dropping mountain landscapes. Zodiac-cruise through bays filled with playful fur seals and land on pebbly beaches to meet curious penguins. Learn of Shackleton’s epic voyage of survival, which ended with a dramatic traverse of South Georgia.

**DAYS 13-14 (AT SEA)** Sail the Scotia Sea towards the Antarctic Peninsula. As we sail south, we keep watch for our first iceberg, relax in the spa or sauna, and learn more about the fascinating local wildlife and history from our expedition team.

**DAYS 15-20 (ANTARCTICA)** Be mesmerised by the white continent. Walk by plucky chinstrap and gentle gentoo penguins. As you thread through pack ice and narrow channels, scenes of ice-clad mountains and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat will be etched in your memory for years to come. Zodiac-cruise amid iridescent grounded bergs, watching for whale blows from humpbacks, minkes and orcas. Kayakers – prepare for an unforgettable experience amid the ice. Raise a toast to mark the occasion as you join the privileged group of adventurers to cross 66° 33’ south, below the Antarctic Circle.

**DAYS 21-22 (AT SEA)** Rest and relax, review your stunning photos from your trip of a lifetime, attend some final lectures and reminisce with your fellow expeditioners.

**DAY 23** After breakfast, bid farewell to new friends before disembarking in Ushuaia, where your voyage ends.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	23 Days	22 Jan '21 – 13 Feb '21	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	Sail
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	23 Days	14 Mar '22 – 5 Apr '22	ACO002S	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Add Sea Kayaking



Joined by experienced guides, you may receive a surprise visit from humpback whales as you paddle past curious crab-eater seals and marvel at iridescent icebergs. The exhilarating sense of freedom experienced on a kayaking excursion will be one you will remember for a lifetime! Sea kayaking is an optional activity and is available at additional cost.

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Antarctica Complete

Falkland Islands~Islas Malvinas, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula, Antarctic Circle | 23 Days

Experience unparalleled adventure and discovery on your ultimate Antarctic voyage. If you want to see it all, this is the trip for you. Be transported to enthralling subantarctic islands, rich with human history and unique wildlife. Then venture into the deep south of the Antarctic Peninsula, crossing the coveted Antarctic Circle. Zodiac-cruise in vast ice-covered landscapes, visit lively penguin colonies, watch for whales and discover the rich history of this fascinating region.

Highlights

- Step ashore on the Antarctic continent to unforgettable vistas, bustling penguins, swooping skuas and curious seals
- Raise a glass as you join an exclusive club of people to cross the Antarctic Circle (conditions permitting)
- Wonder at the world’s largest king penguin rookeries
- Hike along pebble beaches and climb tussock steps with unexpected wildlife encounters at every turn

Optional Activities\*



Sea Kayaking Snorkelling

Included Activities



Zodiac-cruises Walks & Hikes Photography Expert Lectures Polar Plunge Birdwatching Historical Sites

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.





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# Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctic Peninsula

Antarctic Peninsula, South Orkneys, South Georgia, Falklands~Malvinas | 21 Days

This epic voyage takes you on a journey beyond comparison, visiting enigmatic subantarctic islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. Similar to the South Georgia and Antarctic Odyssey, but with additional time in the Falklands~Malvinas to discover the fascinating history of the islands and encounter the spectacular birdlife found there. Feel awed in the presence of South Georgia's king penguin colonies, some of the largest on earth. Immerse yourself in the serene grandeur of the Antarctic Peninsula as you embrace the true spirit of exploration and adventure.

Optional Activities\*

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- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Snowshoeing
- Shackleton's Crossing
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

Highlights

- Photograph nesting black-browed albatross and spot elusive macaroni penguins in the Falklands~Malvinas
- Watch as penguin couples take turns incubating their precious eggs
- Witness elephant seals in their natural habitat, including freshly weaned pups
- Soak up the rich history with extra time in the Falklands~Malvinas

Included Activities



Expeditioners embracing the antarctic environment; S.Anstee

Itinerary Overview

**DAYS 1–2** Enjoy a night in Ushuaia before boarding the *Greg Mortimer* in the late afternoon.

**DAY 3 (AT SEA)** Settle in, spot seabirds and attend presentations from our expert team to learn about the local history and wildlife of the places you'll be visiting.

**DAY 4–5 (FALKLANDS~MALVINAS)** Explore the windswept coastlines of this fascinating archipelago, home to Magellanic and rockhopper penguins, sea lions and huge albatross colonies. Your expedition leader will determine the best places to visit to maximise your experience of this fascinating region.

**DAYS 6–7 (AT SEA)** As you sail to South Georgia, enjoy the medley of seabirds following the ship, learn about South Georgia from the expedition team and get to know your fellow expeditioners a little better.

**DAY 8–11 (SOUTH GEORGIA)** Take a moment to contemplate the world's largest king penguin colonies. Take care as you walk along bustling beaches, sharing the sand with fur seals, elephant seals and penguins. Photograph jaw-dropping landscapes, join an unforgettable guided hike and learn of Shackleton's epic tale of survival.

**DAY 12–13 (AT SEA)** Sail the Scotia Sea towards the Antarctic Peninsula. As we sail south, we keep watch for our first iceberg. Take the opportunity to relax in the spa or sauna, and learn more about the fascinating local wildlife and history from our expedition team.

**DAYS 14–18 (ANTARCTICA)** Be mesmerised by the white continent as you Zodiac-cruise amid iridescent grounded bergs, watching for whale blows from humpbacks, minkes and orcas. Walk by plucky chinstrap and gentle gentoo penguins near bustling penguin colonies. Kayakers: prepare for an unforgettable experience amid the ice. Take a deep breath and inhale some of the freshest air on earth.

**DAYS 19–20 (AT SEA)** Rest and relax, edit your photos, attend lectures or reminisce with your fellow expeditioners.

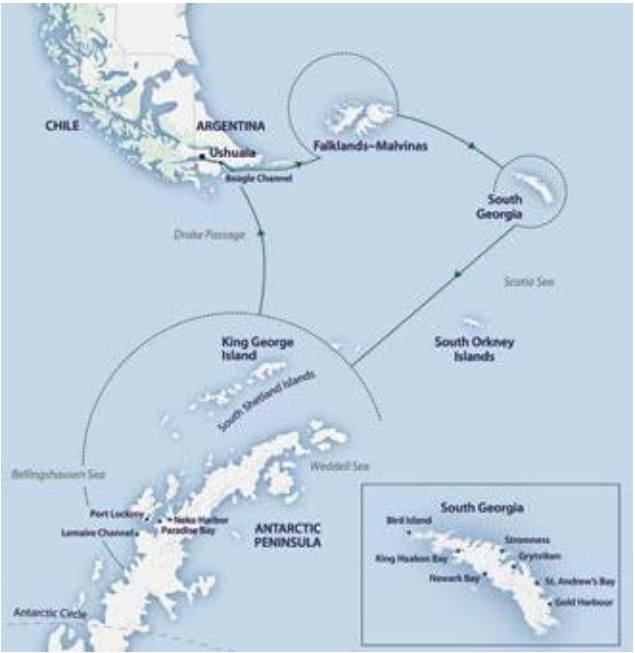
**DAYS 21** After breakfast, bid farewell to new friends before disembarking in Ushuaia where your voyage ends.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	21 Days	4 Nov '21 – 24 Nov '21	FSP002S	Sail

Voyage Codes: S = Sylvia Earle



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Add Shackleton Crossing on foot or skis



Immerse yourself in the story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's dramatic journey of survival by retracing his remarkable traverse of South Georgia. This remote, seldom-repeated crossing is possible either on foot or skis. The Shackleton Crossing is available at an additional cost. Speak to our experts at the time of booking.





Portal Point, Antarctica © S.Portelli

# Solar Eclipse – Antarctica & South Georgia

Antarctic Peninsula, South Orkneys, South Georgia, Falkland Islands~Islas Malvinas | 22 Days

In December 2021, a full solar eclipse will occur that will be visible over the Weddell Sea, offering people the rare and historic opportunity to witness this remarkable spectacle in antarctic waters. On this unique voyage, you will visit Antarctica and experience the incredible white continent in its late spring regalia. Witness penguins busily building nests and gaze at gleaming icebergs. Then travel onwards to our viewing spot, hoping for fine weather, clear skies and a view of the solar eclipse.

Highlights

- Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to possibly witness a solar eclipse in Antarctica
- Stand among the world’s largest king penguin rookeries
- Witness enormous elephant seals and their pups at their most charming - moulting, scratching and belching
- Zodiac-cruise through glassy waters, always on the lookout for sea ice seals having pups on ice floes

Optional Activities\*

- Sea Kayaking
- Snowshoeing
- Camping
- Ski & Snowboard Touring

Included Activities

- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.



Itinerary Overview

**DAYS 1-2** In Ushuaia overnight at our group hotel. On day 2 embark the *Greg Mortimer* in late afternoon.

**DAY 3-4 (AT SEA)** Enjoy informative talks and presentations and watch for seabirds as you cross the Drake Passage. We hope to land on the South Shetland Islands on the afternoon of Day 4.

**DAYS 5-9 (ANTARCTICA)** Immerse yourself in the unforgettable landscapes of the white continent. In this great wilderness, nature helps set our pace, making every trip unique and unrepeatable. Cruise by spectacular ice cliffs and seals on the ice, observe whales in their southern feeding grounds and visit bustling penguin rookeries. Discover historic sites and other intriguing relics scattered across the Antarctic Peninsula. Learn about the incredible galaxy around us during informal talks and presentations delivered by some of the world’s leading astronomers.

**DAY 10 (SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS)** Weather permitting, we set course for Elephant Island and hear the enthralling story of Shackleton’s *Endurance* expedition to the Weddell Sea. We then move our ship into prime position for the eagerly awaited solar eclipse.

**DAY 11 SOLAR ECLIPSE (AT SEA)** The solar eclipse will take place on 4 December at approximately 07:34 am. According to NASA, the best position to view it is well into the Weddell Sea, conditions permitting.

**DAYS 12-13 (AT SEA)** Sail the Scotia Sea towards South Georgia, watching for wildlife and learning more about the local environment.

**DAYS 14-17 (SOUTH GEORGIA)** Embrace the wildlife refuge of South Georgia in mid-spring. Be entranced by the world’s largest king penguin colonies, tread carefully on beaches crammed with vigorous fur seals and Zodiac cruise the rugged coastline. Discover the rich human history of this tiny island, and perhaps retrace Shackleton’s journey from Fortuna Bay to Stromness.

**DAYS 18-19 (AT SEA)** You will have ample time to compare and edit photos, relax in the sauna or stay active in the fitness centre.

**DAY 20 (FALKLANDS~MALVINAS)** Discover the windswept coastlines and charismatic wildlife of the Falklands~Malvinas, home to Magellanic and rockhopper penguins, curious sea lions and fascinating local history.

**DAY 21 (AT SEA)** En route to Ushuaia, pass close to Isla de los Estados (Staten Island).

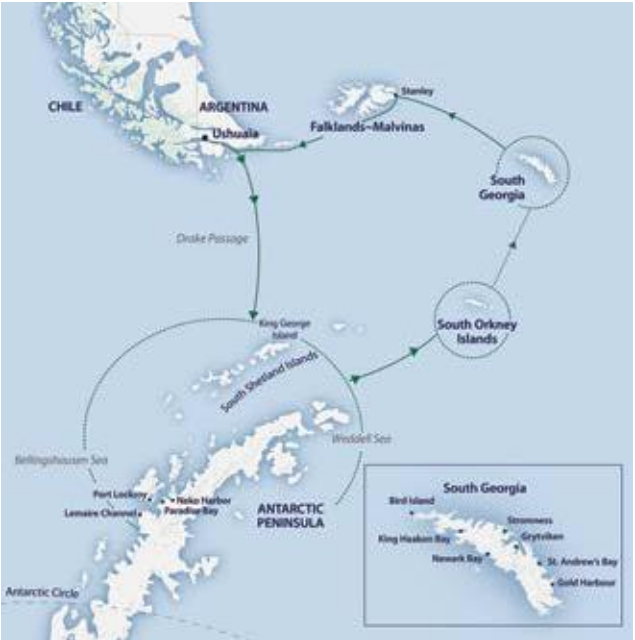
**DAY 22** Bid farewell to new friends before disembarking in Ushuaia.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Ushuaia	22 Days	24 Nov '21 – 15 Dec '21	ECL001G	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer



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Skellig Michael, Ireland; Tourism Ireland







Playa Escondilla and Playa Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica

# Costa Rica and The Panama Canal

Costa Rica, Panama & Colombia | 12 Days

Immerse yourself in the remarkable coastlines of Costa Rica and Panama. Costa Rica ('rich coast') is one of the most biodiverse regions on earth. Explore the lush jungle, tropical rainforest and inviting turquoise waters surrounded by a truly outstanding variety of wildlife, brilliant birds and flamboyant flora. In Panama, discover pristine coral reefs, meet the Emberá Mogue indigenous community and cross the historic Panama Canal.

Highlights

- Hike in some of the most biodiverse rainforests on earth, where you have a good chance of encountering rare sloths
- Traverse the Panama Canal on a guaranteed daylight crossing
- Snorkel in turquoise waters off Panama's UNESCO-protected Coiba National Park
- Meet the Emberá Mogue indigenous community in the remote Darién National Park

Optional Activities

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Sea Kayaking
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Scuba Diving

Included Activities

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Zodiac cruises
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Walks & Hikes
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Photography
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Expert Lectures
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Birdwatching
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Snorkelling
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Stand-up Paddleboarding



Squirrel Monkey, Costa Rica

Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1 (SAN JOSE)** A transfer is included to your hotel

**DAY 2** Transfer to Puerto Caldera and embark the *Greg Mortimer*. Sail turquoise waters to Isla Tortuga for an afternoon of water activities.

**DAY 3 (CURÚ NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE)** Hike pleasant trails through this idyllic reserve. Watch and listen for scarlet macaws, white-tail deer, tree-dwelling agoutis and howler monkeys. A secluded beach is ideal for snorkelling, paddleboarding, kayaking and swimming.

**DAY 4 (MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK)** An incredible 284 species of mammals and birds can be found here, including two- and three-toed sloths, white-faced monkeys and toucans. Relax on Manuel Antonio beach or snorkel, kayak and paddleboard at Espadilla Beach.

**DAY 5-6 (OSA PENINSULA & GULFO DULCE)** Visit the remarkable botanical gardens at Casa Orquideas. Enjoy a walk among tropical birds and vivid flowering plants including orchids, heliconias and palms.

**DAYS 7-8 (PANAMA)** Discover Coiba National Park. Once a penal colony, it's now a UNESCO-protected marine reserve known for diverse marine life and jungle animals. We hope to visit Granito de Oro islet for superlative diving and snorkelling.

**DAY 9 (PANAMA CANAL)** Witness this engineering marvel at work on a guaranteed daylight crossing of the Panama Canal.

**DAY 10 (AT SEA)** Enjoy presentations from our team or relax as we sail to Cartagena de Indias.

**DAY 11 (CARTAGENA DE INDIAS)** Farewell your expedition team and explore the historic, UNESCO World Heritage-listed fort in the old town. Disembark and overnight in Cartagena de Indias.

**DAY 12** Make your own way to the airport for your onward journey.

*In true expedition style we encourage exploration and adventure, offering flexibility in challenging environments. This itinerary is only a guide and is subject to change due to weather conditions.*

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
San Jose/Cartagena	12 Days	22 Apr '21 – 3 May '21	CRP001G	Sail



Add Tortuguero Discovery



Located on the Caribbean Coast, Tortuguero National Park offers outstanding opportunities to experience a wide range of tropical wildlife. Spot a variety of monkeys, toucans, green macaws, caimans, and sloths. Ask your travel agent for more information.

See our website for further details.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/costa-rica-panama-c](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/costa-rica-panama-c)  
For full rates see p. 117





Fitz Roy, Patagonia

# Patagonia & Chilean Fjords

Patagonia & Southern Chile | 14 Days

Discover the beauty and remoteness of Chile’s little-known Patagonian coastline. Zodiac-cruise through narrow fjords flanked by glaciers. Scan the seas for charismatic sea lions, dolphins, and the elusive blue whale, which is known to visit these waters. Keen birdwatchers will delight in the abundant birdlife, with imperial cormorants, flightless steamer ducks, tree-runners, woodpeckers and condors found in the region. Spend two days hiking in renowned Torres del Paine National Park, and visit remote coastal villages accessible only by sea.

Optional Activities



Sea Kayaking

Included Activities



Zodiac-cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Birdwatching

Highlights

- Discover the Francisco Coloane Marine Park, Chile’s first marine park, which can only be explored by small ship.
- Spend two days hiking among dramatic rock towers and teal-coloured glacial lakes in Torres del Paine National Park
- Marvel as the captain skilfully navigates the ship through tight narrows
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage-listed timber churches in the delightful Chiloé province



Guanacos, Torres del Paine L.Cataldi

Itinerary Overview

**DAYS 1–2** Overnight in Ushuaia. Enjoy a city tour and begin sailing the Beagle Channel in the late afternoon of day two.

**DAY 3 (BEAGLE CHANNEL)** Watch for sea lions, penguins, dolphins and seabirds as you sail this legendary waterway. Enjoy the spectacular glaciers and waterfalls cascading into the sea.

**DAY 4 (FRANCISCO COLOANE MARINE PARK)** Home to an impressive array of seabirds, sea lion colonies and Magellanic penguins, the marine park is a biological hotspot worthy of the protection it has received. Keep watch for whales feeding in these rich waters.

**DAY 5** Enjoy magnificent views of narrow straits and fjords as we cruise along the rugged Chilean coastline to Puerto Natales.

**DAYS 6–7 (TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK)** Spend two days hiking and exploring this remarkable region, renowned for its majestic granite towers and jaw-dropping landscape. Overnight at Hotel Rio Serrano.

**DAY 8** Navigate the impressive White Narrows, then Zodiac-cruise around the famous PIO XI glacier – one of the most spectacular glaciers in Patagonia.

**DAY 9 (PUERTO EDEN)** Discover this delightful village, which has no roads – only wooden walkways – and is accessible only by sea. Learn about the indigenous Kawéskar who still live here.

**DAYS 10–11 (AT SEA)** Spend some time on deck as we navigate a maze of fjords and sail past magnificent Andean peaks and volcanoes. Join the expedition team in the lecture theatre to learn about local history and wildlife, head up to the bridge and watch for seabirds, or scan the water for pods of killer whales and dolphins.

**DAYS 12–13** With views of the magnificent Corcovado volcano and plentiful marine wildlife, Tic Toc Bay is a true delight. We hope to Zodiac-cruise here, searching for penguins, and the elusive blue whale, which visits these waters seasonally. Discover colourful palafitos (houses on stilts) and UNESCO World Heritage-listed timber churches in Castro, the capital of Chiloé province.

**DAY 14** Disembark in Puerto Montt, capital of the Lake District and surrounded by volcanoes.

*In true expedition style we encourage exploration and adventure, offering flexibility in challenging environments. This itinerary is only a guide and is subject to change due to ice and weather conditions.*

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Puerto Montt	14 Days	30 Mar '21 – 12 Apr '21	PCF001G	Sail



Featuring Expedition Leader Dr Roger Kirkwood

As a marine biologist, Roger has published over 100 research articles and written four books. He has travelled extensively around the world.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/patagonia-&-chilean-fjords](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/patagonia-&-chilean-fjords)  
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Perito Moreno Glacier, Los Glaciares National Park

## Patagonia Discovery Trek

Los Glaciares & Torres del Paine | 10 Days

Discover the vast Patagonian wilderness on this unique guided walking trip, taking in two of Patagonia's most iconic national parks and the famed Perito Moreno Glacier. Hike rugged trails overlooking iridescent blue glacial lakes, as Andean condors soar overhead among the towering ice-capped peaks.

### Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Explore Punta Arenas at your leisure before a briefing and group dinner.

**DAY 2** Watch for guanacos as you drive across the Pampas to Puerto Natales, gateway to Torres del Paine National Park.

**DAY 3 (SERRANO RIVER)** Travel by boat to Seno Última Esperanza (Last Hope Sound) and the Balmaceda Glacier. From here, Zodiac-cruise up the spectacular Serrano River towards Torres del Paine National Park.

**DAYS 4-5 (TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK)** Hike awe-inspiring trails in this world-renowned alpine region, keeping an eye out for guanacos, condors and eagles. *Hiking time per day approx. 7-8 hours*

**DAY 6 (EL CHALTEN)** Cross into Argentina by car, to the charming mountain town of El Chalten.

**DAYS 7-8 (LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK)** Hike around the dramatic granite spires of Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre. Crystal-clear streams carve through beautiful valleys, home to a diversity of birdlife. *Hiking time per day: approx. 7-8 hours*

**DAY 9** Drive to El Calafate, 'national capital of glaciers', and see impressive Perito Moreno Glacier.

**DAY 10** Your Patagonia expedition concludes today.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Start/finish points and direction of this itinerary may vary. Please see price list for details.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/patagonia-trek](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/patagonia-trek)  
For full rates see p. 117

### Trek Grade



Some difficult terrain. Multiple consecutive 5+ hour hiking days. May be impacted by high altitude. Good fitness, health and hiking experience necessary.

### Highlights

- Take a stunning Zodiac-cruise along Chile's Serrano River
- Be mesmerised by azure lakes and vibrant alpine tarns
- Enjoy close encounters with resident guanacos
- Trek to ice-capped Cerro Torre and Fitz Roy



### Departure dates

Our treks operate on selected dates November 2020 - March 2021 and November 2021 - March 2022.

Turn to page 117 for full details.



Torres del Paine National Park

## Torres del Paine Explorer

Torres del Paine & Punta Arenas | 10 Days

Immerse yourself in the treasures of Chilean Patagonia.

Discover the dramatic alpine scenery and fascinating wildlife of the Torres del Paine National Park, with four full days of hiking with your local guide. Ascend through the Ascencio Valley along the renowned W Trail and take in the stunning views on the lesser-known Lazo-Weber trail. Keep your eyes peeled for Andean condors, rheas, flamingos and guanacos.

### Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Explore Punta Arenas, gateway to the Straits of Magellan and one of the southernmost cities in the world.

**DAY 2** Drive to Puerto Natales on the shores of Seno Última Esperanza (Last Hope Sound).

**DAY 3 (SERRANO RIVER)** Travel by boat to the Balmaceda Glacier on the Seno Última Esperanza (Last Hope Sound). From here, Zodiac-cruise up the spectacular Serrano River towards Torres del Paine National Park.

**DAY 4** Trek the scenic Lazo-Weber trail in the remote east of the park.

**DAYS 5-8 (TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK)** Enjoy world-class trekking with breathtaking alpine views. Hike the famous W Trail to French Valley and the base of the impressive Torres del Paine. There will be plenty of wildlife-watching opportunities, with a good chance of encountering condors, guanacos, rheas, flamingos and perhaps even the elusive Patagonian puma! *Hiking time per day: approx. 7-8 hours*

**DAY 9** Take in spectacular views of the Andes on your drive en route to Punta Arenas.

**DAY 10** Your expedition ends in Punta Arenas. Farewell your fellow trekkers and expedition leader as you continue on your onward journeys.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/tdp-explorer-trek](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/tdp-explorer-trek)  
For full rates see p. 117

### Trek Grade



Some difficult terrain. Multiple consecutive 5+ hour hiking days. May be impacted by high altitude. Good fitness, health and hiking experience necessary.

### Highlights

- Experience the exquisite Ascencio Valley on the W Trail, up to the soaring granite Towers of Paine
- Trek beautiful trails in the French Valley and Villa Serrano
- Be mesmerised by azure lakes and vibrant alpine tarns



### Departure dates

Our treks operate on selected dates January 2021 - March 2021 and January 2022 - March 2022.

Turn to page 117 for full details.





Mullaghmore, Sligo; Tourism Ireland

# Ireland’s West Coast

Ireland | 14 Days

Perched on the edge of the Atlantic, Ireland’s rugged west coast is a journey through hundreds of islands, enchanting peninsulas and fjords, soaring cliffs, crumbling castles and unique set of flora and fauna. Blessed with fine weather, we hope to land at UNESCO World Heritage Site, The Skelligs which host a 6th century beehive hut monastery and expansive colony of puffins and gannets. Hike through spectacular scenery and explore rarely-visited, forgotten islands and an ancient culture of story-telling, mythology and life intertwined with the Atlantic.

### Optional Activities



Sea Kayaking

### Included Activities



Zodiac cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Birdwatching

### Highlights

- Hike some of the world’s most breathtaking coastal cliff landscapes, home to huge colonies of nesting seabirds such as gannets, puffins and guillemots
- Discover remarkable archaeological ruins dating back 6,000 years
- Tuck into a unique west coast meal cooked from freshly caught fish and locally-grown-and-foraged produce
- Enjoy an authentic “trad session” of traditional music played by local musicians



Puffins, Ireland; Tourism Ireland

### Itinerary Overview

**DAYS 1-2** Overnight in Dublin, before embarking the ship in the late afternoon of Day 2.

**DAYS 3-4 (DONEGAL)** Explore jaw-dropping rugged beauty on the Inishowen peninsula. Zodiac cruise below Slieve League Cliffs.

**DAY 5 (MULLAGHMORE)** On hikes, soak in panoramic views of breathtaking beauty of Ben Bulbin and the landscape that inspired Nobel laureate, W.B. Yeats. In the afternoon, weather permitting, land on one of the islands to see a protected wildlife sanctuary and a 6th century monastic settlement.

**DAY 6 (COUNTY MAYO)** At Céide Fields experience unique bogland ecology and a remarkable neolithic site. Clare Island. Famous for its spectacular boglands and cliffs, home to nesting seabirds.

**DAY 7-10 (KILLARY HARBOUR)** Sail along Killary fjord, a treat for birdwatchers and photographers. **(CONNEMARA NATIONAL PARK)** Dubbed a place of “savage beauty” by Oscar Wilde, the Connemara lets you experience authentic Ireland. On coastal hills walks take in views of soaring mountains, clear turquoise waters and rare flora and fauna. **(CONNEMARA ISLANDS)** Scattered out in the harsh Atlantic, these islands have been shaped by the sheer force of the ocean. Experience gaelic culture and remnants of life long lost in modern Ireland. In Inishbofin, explore the remains of Celtic forts and ruins. It is also a key breeding area for rare birdlife including the corncrake. Inishmore gives us the opportunity to discover the prehistoric site of Dún Aonghasa. En route south pass the towering Cliffs of Moher.

**DAY 11 (DINGLE PENINSULA)** Explore Dingle Peninsula’s 6,000 years of history including Stone Age settlements, Bronze Age tombs, Iron Age forts and ancient beehive huts. Enjoy Zodiac cruising of Blasket islands.

**DAY 12 (SKELLIG ISLANDS)** Jutting up from the Atlantic are two spectacular jagged islands known as the Skelligs. Weather permitting, land on the UNESCO listed Skellig Michael to climb 600 winding steps to the 6th-century monastery and witness the flurry of 1000’s of puffins and gannets.

**DAY 13 (AT SEA)** Share fond memories of the voyage with passengers.

**DAY 13** Disembark in Dublin port.

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### Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Dublin/Dublin	14 Days	13 May '22 – 26 May '22	IRE001G	Sail



North Atlantic Ocean

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/ireland-west-coast](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/ireland-west-coast)  
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Fair Isle, Scotland A.Bakker

# Wild Scotland

Hebrides, Orkney & Shetland Islands | 11 Days

Discover the wild isles of Scotland, from the windswept Hebrides, inhabited for over 8,000 years, to the verdant Orkney Islands, where ancient Neolithic and Viking sites conjure images of civilisations long gone. Zodiac-cruise past sea-sculpted coastlines watching for dolphins, seals and basking sharks, and photograph seabirds in one of Europe's largest seabird colonies. Visit charming villages, meet the friendly locals and maybe even sample a wee dram of Scotland's finest.

Highlights

- Visit Britain's highest sea cliffs at the World Heritage-listed St Kilda
- Take a Zodiac cruise to Staffa's world-famous Fingal's Cave
- Discover the Shetland Islands and their fascinating history
- Look out for otters, dolphins, seals and basking sharks
- Discover some of Scotland's genuinely far-flung and rugged islands, where few adventurous souls dare visit

Optional Activities

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Sea Kayaking
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Stand-up Paddleboarding

Included Activities

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Zodiac cruises
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Walks & Hikes
-   
Photography
-   
Expert Lectures
-   
Birdwatching



Puffins perched on a cliff, Scotland

Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Make your way to Oban port and board the *Greg Mortimer*, setting off along Scotland's north-west coast.

**DAYS 2–3 (INNER HEBRIDES)** Explore archaeological wonders, wild landscapes and hardy wildlife. We hope to Zodiac-cruise Fingal's Cave at Staffa, passing immaculate basalt columns and keeping watch for puffins. At the Isle of Skye, hear tales of the Vikings who once sought refuge on this enchanting island, today a hiker's paradise with pleasant trails and pretty villages.

**DAYS 4–6 (OUTER HEBRIDES)** Discover the rich history and rugged wildlife of this far-flung island chain on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean. The St Kilda archipelago is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to Europe's most important seabird colony. In Callanais, a group of Standing Stones dates to 3,000 BCE, and a nearby reconstruction of a traditional Iron Age dwelling provides a unique insight into daily life in the 8th Century BCE. We hope to visit these remarkable sites and Zodiac-cruise dramatic Hebridean shorelines, searching for wildlife.

**DAYS 7–8 (SHETLAND ISLANDS)** Explore the beguiling isles of Britain's most northerly island group. Look out for bottlenose dolphins, porpoises and seals as you Zodiac-cruise through some of the best sea caves in Britain at Papa Stour, or venture along sea cliffs alive with the cacophony of kittiwakes, shags and arctic skua – some of the most diverse bird colonies in Europe. We plan to land at some of Scotland's best-preserved archaeological sites at Jarlshof and Mousa Broch, to learn about the region's human occupation, which dates back to 3,200 BCE.

**DAYS 9–10 (ORKNEY ISLANDS)** Midway between Orkney and Shetland, Fair Isle is famous for knitwear, historic shipwrecks, impressive cliffs and migrating birds. This birdwatcher's paradise lies at the point of intersection between important bird flight paths from Scandinavia, Iceland and the Faroe Islands. As you continue south, discover Kirkwall, capital of the Orkneys, and visit Skara Brae, a semi-subterranean village dating back about 5,000 years.

**DAY 11** Disembark early morning in Aberdeen and bid farewell to your fellow expeditioners.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Oban/Aberdeen	11 Days	27 May '22 – 6 Jun '22	SCOT16G	Sail





**Fascinating talks from historian Carol Knott**

Carol has worked for the National Trust of Scotland as an archaeologist and has a Master's degree in Archaeology and History.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/wild-scotland](https://auroraexpeditions.com.au/wild-scotland)  
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# The Arctic

Svalbard • Franz Josef Land • Greenland • Jan Mayen • Iceland

The great sweep of the Arctic encompasses the northernmost latitudes on earth. From the incomparable glaciers of Greenland to the captivating landscape of Svalbard and the endlessly beguiling volcanic island of Iceland, the Arctic offers unparalleled encounters with the natural world at its most rugged and wild.

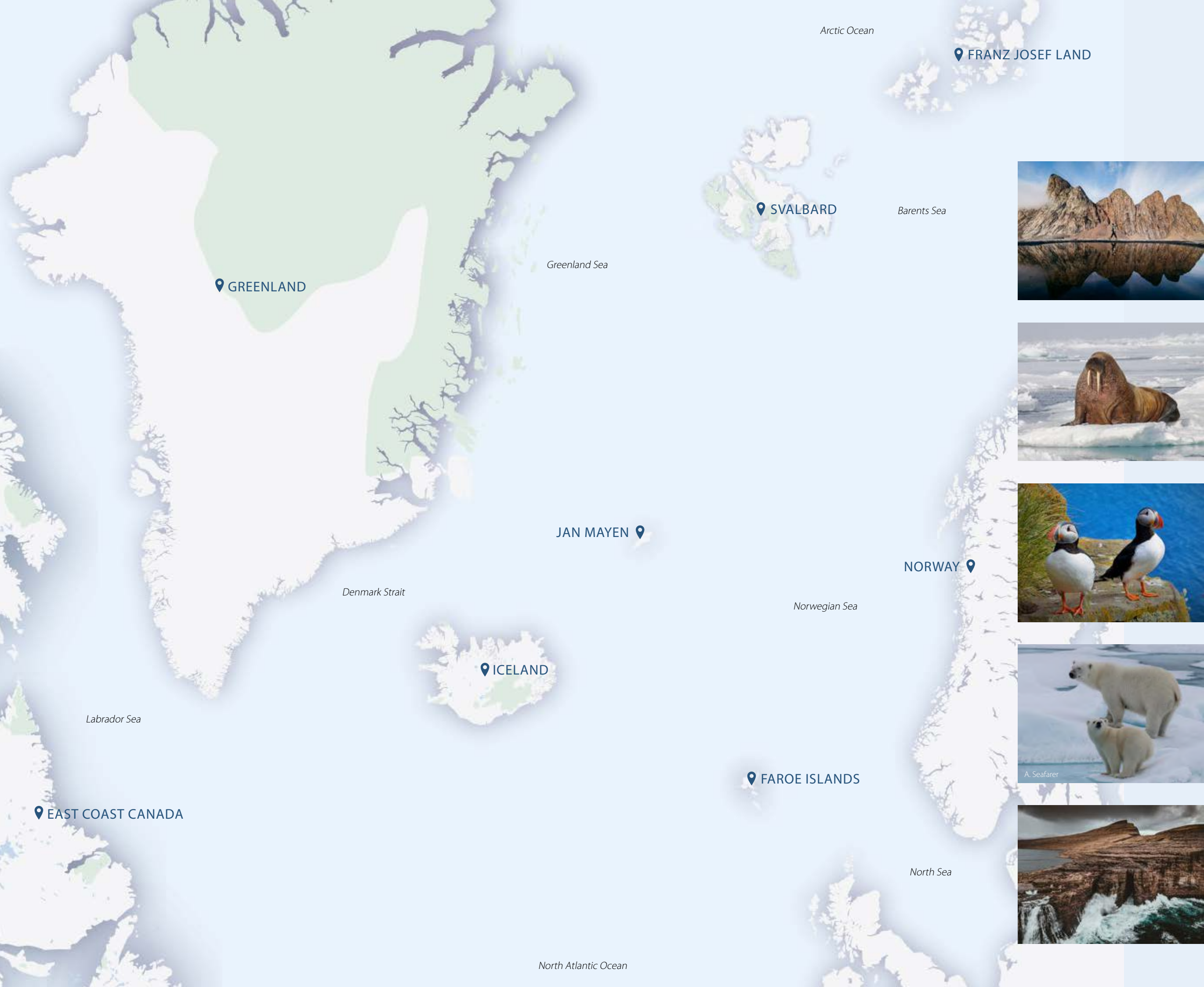
Our purpose-built expedition ships take you into the heart of the Arctic where wildlife thrives in abundant waters and vast tundra. Zodiac-cruise through drifting pack ice, watching for inquisitive seals and breaching whales. Experience the immensity and cacophony of dramatic bird cliffs in Iceland. Search for the elusive polar bear and walrus on sea ice near Svalbard.

Immerse yourself in this mesmerising world steeped in rich history, fascinating traditional culture, and wildlife that entrances and delights. We offer a range of itineraries of varying destinations, dates, durations and optional activities. Browse through the pages ahead to find out which are right for you.

For more information visit [auroraexpeditions.com.au/arctic](https://auroraexpeditions.com.au/arctic)







**GREENLAND**

Zodiac-cruise past dazzling icebergs calved from some of the fastest-flowing glaciers on earth. Spot musk oxen grazing in glacial valleys dwarfed by towering alpine summits. Encounter Inuit culture and visit fascinating Paleo-Eskimo sites.



**SVALBARD**

Immerse yourself in an arctic wonderland of calving glaciers, alpine peaks and arctic tundra. Push north through the pack ice in search of walrus and polar bears. Zodiac-cruise through brash ice and past dramatic icebergs, watching for bearded seals and belugas.



**ICELAND**

Iceland is home to some of Europe's largest glaciers and seabird cliffs, where puffins and guillemots nest. Cruise dramatic fjords and take in the spellbinding volcanic landscapes of geothermal hot springs, geysers, black sand beaches and active volcanoes.



**FRANZ JOSEF LAND**

This seldom-visited Russian archipelago is a glaciated arctic wilderness replete with charismatic seals, walrus haulouts and roaming polar bears. Known also for its unusual geology and dramatic bird cliffs, Franz Josef Land may be the Arctic's best kept secret.



**FAROE ISLANDS**

With verdant valleys, and hypnotic waterfalls cascading from sheer cliffs into the sea, the Faroe Islands are a wondrous place to hike, kayak\* and Zodiac cruise. Bird lovers will delight in kittiwakes, fulmars and puffins.

\*Additional cost applies.



# The Arctic: When to go

## Early Summer



As the Arctic emerges from the darkness of winter, snow and sea ice begin their summer melt. Ringed and bearded seal pups make their first moves towards independence and female polar bears begin patrolling the pack ice, preparing to break their winter fast. Walrus rest on ice floes and beaches, and migratory whales return to their summer feeding grounds. Early summer in Scotland sees seabird cliffs spring to life as puffins, kittiwakes, razorbills, gannets and fulmars return to breed. Grey and harbour seals rest on rocky shores, and white-sided dolphins frolic in glassy channels. Crisp temperatures are perfect for hiking, kayaking and photography.



Reindeer graze in Svalbard

## Late Summer/Early Autumn



Periods of darkness lengthen and the elusive aurora borealis may reveal itself in a dancing medley of brilliant whites, greens, yellows and occasionally, pinks, to fortunate expeditioners. In autumn, keep one eye on the sky and one eye on the incredible wildlife. Reindeer graze before the snowy mantle of winter blankets the vegetation. We may see polar bears roaming the land or the pack ice, walrus raising offspring and baleen whales continuing to feed close to shore. On seabird cliffs, calm replaces the summer frenzy as flocks of adults and fledglings head out to sea on their winter migration.



Passengers enjoying blooming tundra flowers

## Midsummer



The days lengthen and summer is in full bloom. Svalbard sheds its icy sheath on the west coast and the passage to Greenland opens. Glaciers begin to move, with occasional calvings yielding spectacular ice sculptures of unimaginable variety. Tundra flowers bloom and the landscape is awash with bursts of colour. On Zodiac cruises and hikes, keep watch for reindeer and arctic foxes in Svalbard and musk oxen in Greenland. Seabird cliffs teem with boisterous activity, while ashore, adult geese and ducks are trailed by squadrons of sprinting chicks. Keep a lookout for arctic foxes on the prowl in their summer coats, and polar bears as they teach their cubs to hunt.



Kayakers marvel at ice formations as they paddle through West Greenland





Key

Likely to see  
*(Unlucky to miss)*

Might see  
*(Think you may see, but you might not)*

Occasionally seen  
*(Unlikely to see, but you could be lucky)*

Polar bear and her cubs in the Arctic; A.Seafarer

# Arctic Regions

## Wildlife Encounters



Bird Species	Greenland	Iceland	Norwegian Fjords	Jan Mayen	Svalbard	Franz Josef Land	East Coast Canada
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Kittiwake	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Shag			<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>				
Pink-footed Goose	<div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div><div></div></div>		
Barnacle Goose	<div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		
Brents Goose					<div><div></div><div></div></div>		
Common Eider	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
King Eider					<div><div></div></div>		
Long-tailed Duck					<div><div></div></div>		
Sanderling	<div><div></div><div></div></div>						
Purple Sandpiper					<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Ruddy Turnstone	<div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div></div>		
Ringed Plover					<div><div></div></div>		

Bird Species (cont.)	Greenland	Iceland	Norwegian Fjords	Jan Mayen	Svalbard	Franz Josef Land	East Coast Canada
Red-throated Diver	<div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div></div>		
Wheatear	<div><div></div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>				
Snow Bunting	<div><div></div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	
Raven	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>				

Mammal Species	Greenland	Iceland	Norwegian Fjords	Jan Mayen	Svalbard	Franz Josef Land	East Coast Canada
Arctic Fox	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>			<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	
Arctic Hare	<div><div></div></div>						
Reindeer	West Greenland Only	<div><div></div><div></div></div>			<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		
Musk ox	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>						
Polar Bear	<div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Walrus					<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Ringed Seal	<div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Bearded Seal	<div><div></div></div>				<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Harp Seal						<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Harbour Seal		<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div></div>		
Grey Seal		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>				
Minke Whale	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	
Sei Whale			<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		
Fin Whale		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		
Blue Whale		<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		
Humpback Whales	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	
Narwhal	<div><div></div></div>						
Beluga					<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	
Killer Whale (Orca)		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>				
White-Sided Dolphin	<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div></div>				





Majestic waterfall on Faroe Islands



Faroe Islands

# Orkneys, Faroes, Jan Mayen & Svalbard

Scotland, Orkney Islands, Faroe Islands, Jan Mayen, Svalbard | 15 Days

Encompassing some of the wildest, most rugged outliers of the North Atlantic Ocean and the High Arctic Archipelago of Svalbard, this distinctive voyage offers a fascinating journey through time. Discover the captivating archaeological sites of the Orkney Islands and teeming bird cliffs at the Faroe Islands. Then forge northwards to Jan Mayen, where the northernmost active volcano in the world towers above an arctic wilderness, and search for polar bears hunting on pack ice near Svalbard.

Highlights

- In the Faroe Islands, enjoy a clifftop walk across lush green hills to view nesting birds such as puffins, guillemots and fulmars
- Discover the rich history of Kirkwall and visit Skara Brae, a 5,000-year-old semi-subterranean village
- Visit the remote, sublime and seldom-seen island of Jan Mayen
- Explore the arctic wonderland of Svalbard, searching for polar bears and walrus on sea ice

Optional Activities

Sea Kayaking

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

Included Activities

Zodiac-cruises

Walks & Hikes

Photography

Expert Lectures

Polar Plunge

Birdwatching

Historical Sites

Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Late afternoon, board the vessel and depart Aberdeen.

**DAY 2 (ORKNEY ISLANDS)** Discover the rich history of Kirkwall and explore the magnificent St Magnus Cathedral, before continuing on to the unique and well-preserved 5,000-year-old semi-subterranean village of Skara Brae.

**DAYS 3–5 (FAROE ISLANDS)** Enjoy tremendous ocean views at Mykines as you walk on the island dubbed the ‘paradise of birds’. Here, hundreds of puffins nestle in burrows around the clifftops during the summer months. Wander the narrow streets of the capital, Tórshavn, a windswept town built on a hillside, with colourful contemporary houses and traditional timber dwellings with turf roofs.

**DAYS 6–7 (AT SEA)** Enjoy the journey to Jan Mayen, accompanied by seabirds while keeping a lookout for whales. Join our team of experts for a presentation on the local wildlife and history.

**DAY 8 (JAN MAYEN)** Find a comfortable spot to appreciate the spectacular approach to Jan Mayen as the ethereal island emerges from deep within the Arctic Ocean. We will attempt to land on this remote, often mist-shrouded and seldom-visited volcanic land – the northernmost island along the mid-Atlantic rift.

**DAYS 9–10 (AT SEA)** The sea crossing to Svalbard offers excellent whale-watching opportunities, with the bottlenose dolphin, fin and elusive bowhead whale, known to ply these waters. It’s also breeding season for harp seals, so keep an eye out for these charismatic creatures on the ice as we sail towards Svalbard.

**DAYS 11–14 (SVALBARD)** We forge northwards under the midnight sun. Keep watch for polar bears hunting or resting on the pack ice. In Svalbard, Zodiac-cruise along scenic fjords carved by immense glaciers and look for walrus hauled out on the pack ice. You may join our guides for a hike across lush tundra, delighting in the summer wildflowers and fresh arctic air. Keep watch for the stealthy arctic fox, and perhaps immerse yourself in a little history on a visit to the remnants of an abandoned whaling settlement.

**DAY 15** Disembark in Longyearbyen and enjoy a town tour before bidding a fond farewell to new friends.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Aberdeen/Longyearbyen	15 Days	6 Jun '22 – 20 Jun '22	SFS001G	Sail

Voyage Code: G = Greg Mortimer



**Fascinating talks from historian Carol Knott**

Carol has a Masters degree in Archaeology and History, and is renowned for her remarkable storytelling.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/orkneys-faroes-sval](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/orkneys-faroes-sval)  
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Keep watch for polar bears on pack ice; A.Bakker

# Svalbard Odyssey

## Svalbard Archipelago | From 11 Days

Enjoy the best of Svalbard, a world of endless daylight where polar bear sightings quicken your pulse, guillemot cries echo from sea cliffs and beluga whales rise from the sea. Explore tundra adorned with wildflowers and look out for arctic fox, or discover historic camps of explorers and hunters. Push through pack ice to find walrus and bearded seals, or simply enjoy breathtakingly beautiful Norwegian fjords.

Highlights

- Venture close to 80° north looking for polar bears on the pack ice
- Chance to discover other arctic wildlife including walrus, guillemots, puffins, seals, reindeer, arctic fox and whales
- Zodiac-cruise past blue glaciers and through stunning fjords
- Enjoy hikes surrounded by breathtakingly beautiful scenery

Optional Activities

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Sea Kayaking
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Snorkelling
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Scuba Diving

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

Included Activities

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Zodiac-cruises
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Walks & Hikes
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Photography
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Expert Lectures
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Polar Plunge
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Birdwatching
- 

Historical Sites



Passengers hiking with impressive views of the wonderful fjords; N.Brock

Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Enjoy a guided group tour of colourful Longyearbyen, the capital of Svalbard. Late afternoon sees us welcomed aboard the *Greg Mortimer*.

**DAYS 2-11 (SVALBARD)** Cruise northwards along the west coast of Spitsbergen. There's ample time ashore for hikes: up a mountain for a more impressive view of the wonderful fjords, across the arctic tundra where pretty-coloured wildflowers and lichen grow, and observing the remarkable bird cliffs while searching for guillemots and puffins. As we work our way along the north coast, we explore rarely visited places in search of the mighty polar bear. From the Zodiacs we enjoy magnificent views of sweeping glaciers winding their way into the sea. We may visit relics of 16th century whalers, and 16th-19th century Pomor hunters from northern Russia. Many huts of more recent times, of 19th-20th century fox and polar bear trappers, still remain. We might come face-to-face with the formidable pack ice of the Arctic Ocean, keeping our eyes peeled for walrus swimming, or hauled out on the beach in wallows. We will listen to the cacophony of seabirds and see them feeding. If conditions allow, we may push farther north into the pack ice in hopes of finding polar bears ranging over the frozen landscape on the hunt for seals.

**DAY 11 (AT SEA)** Disembark in Longyearbyen, where you farewell your expedition team and fellow expeditioners, followed by a transfer to the airport.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates		Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Longyearbyen/ Longyearbyen	11 Days	4 Jul '21	– 14 Jul '21	SVAL50G	Sail
Longyearbyen/ Kirkenes	11 Days	14 Jul '21	– 24 Jul '21	SVAL51G	Sail

Voyage Code: G = *Greg Mortimer*



Add Norway in a Nutshell



Our most popular arctic add-on tour! Discover Norway's cultural and historical wonders, its rolling green hills and spectacular fjords on this awesome six-day rail, bus and ferry journey. For details see page 105.





# Franz Josef Land Explorer

Franz Josef Land & Novaya Zemlya | 15 Days

Experience a rare chance to explore wondrous islands on our Franz Josef Land voyage. From Murmansk, cross the Barents Sea to a world few have seen. Enter the Russian Arctic National Park and watch for polar bears, whales, walrus and seals. Enjoy long tundra walks and geological oddities. Get up close to spectacular bird cliffs and visit fascinating historic huts of explorers like Fridtjof Nansen.

### Highlights

- Photograph unique stone spheres at Champ Island
- Look out for walrus, narwhals and elusive bowhead whales
- Watch for hunting polar bears on pack ice and on land
- Marvel at the frozen landscape of Franz Josef Land – 85% of which is glaciated

### Optional Activities



Sea Kayaking

### Included Activities



Zodiac cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Polar Plunge



Birdwatching



Historical Sites

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

### Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Arrive in Kirkenes and enjoy an afternoon city excursion. Late afternoon sees us warmly welcomed aboard the ship.

**DAY 2** We enter Murmansk in Russia for clearance and formalities before crossing the Barents Sea to begin our adventure towards Franz Josef Land.

**DAYS 3–4 (AT SEA)** Enjoy onboard lectures from our team of experts. On Day 4 we may try landing and a hike on the tundra or Zodiac-cruise in front of our first glacier.

**DAY 5 (NOVAYA ZEMLYA)** We plan to make landings at this remote and rarely visited island, a dazzling arctic wonderland of mountains, glaciers, tundra and wildlife.

**DAYS 6–11 (FRANZ JOSEF LAND)** Experience this stark yet beautiful world of glaciers, mosses and lichens. Approximately five million seabirds nest on the archipelago every year, with the Brünnich's guillemot accounting for approximately 20 per cent of the population. Other seabirds such as fulmar, kittiwake, black guillemot and little auk are common throughout the archipelago. On the flat tundra, nesting species such as common eider, purple sandpiper, arctic skua, glaucous gull, arctic tern and snow bunting can be seen. Franz Josef Land is home to two arctic giants – the polar bear and the walrus. The waters of Franz Josef Land are visited by whales, including humpback, bowhead, narwhal and white beluga whales. Savour the precious moments of being the lucky few to experience this mysterious corner of the world.

**DAYS 12–13 (AT SEA)** On leaving Franz Josef Land, crossing the Barents Sea is again an opportunity to see whales (possibly the elusive bowhead whale) and large numbers of seabirds.

**DAY 14** Arrive in Murmansk to clear out of Russia before continuing to Kirkenes.

**DAY 15** Disembark in Kirkenes, where you farewell your expedition team and fellow expeditioners, followed by a transfer to the airport.

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### Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Kirkenes/Kirkenes	15 Days	24 Jul '21 – 7 Aug '21	FJL001G	Sail

Voyage Code: G = Greg Mortimer



### Photography with Peter Eastway – 24th Jul '21

Join AIPP Grand Master of Photography and author of the Lonely Planet's Guide to Landscape Photography as he hosts a range of lectures.

For inclusions and optional activities please visit:  
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Zodiac-cruise through the world's largest fjord system

# Jewels of the Arctic

## Svalbard & East Greenland | 15 Days

Discover Svalbard’s northwest coast and the east coast of Greenland, a land of grand superlatives, before concluding your voyage in Iceland. Zodiac cruise among spectacular icebergs, spotting seabirds and keeping watch for walrus and polar bears on ice. Visit Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the most remote settlements on earth and perhaps take the option of kayaking or rock climbing (*additional cost*). This expedition ticks many boxes: hikes through the arctic tundra; a chance to spot wildlife including musk oxen, seals, whales and elusive arctic fox.

### Optional Activities

- Sea Kayaking
- Rock Climbing

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

### Included Activities

- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites



Passengers spot musk oxen during a hike

### Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Arrive in Kirkenes, Norway, where you will be met by a representative of Aurora Expeditions to commence a tour of Kirkenes prior to boarding the *Greg Mortimer* late afternoon.

**DAYS 2-3 (AT SEA)** Over the next two days at sea, enjoy informative and entertaining lectures from our expert expedition team including naturalists and historians before reaching Svalbard’s southeast coast.

**DAYS 4-5 (SVALBARD)** Venture ashore for hikes on lush tundra amongst the flowers and observe remarkable bird cliffs. We may visit relics of 16th century whalers, and 16th-19th century Pomor hunters from northern Russia. Many huts of more recent times, of 19th-20th century fox and polar bear trappers, still remain. From Zodiacs we enjoy magnificent views of sweeping glaciers winding their way into the sea. Keep watch for walruses swimming or hauled out on the beach. We will listen to the cacophony of seabirds as they feed in the abundant waters. If conditions allow, we may push north to the edge of the pack ice in the hope of finding polar bears ranging over the frozen landscape, hunting for seals.

**DAYS 6-7 (AT SEA)** As we begin to approach land, we hope to encounter the East Greenland pack ice and, if we’re very lucky, glimpse a polar bear. The strong, icy currents from the Polar Basin (Arctic Ocean) attracts large numbers of fish, seals and whales.

**DAYS 8-13 (GREENLAND)** We may visit Kaiser Franz Josef and Kong Oscar Fjord, and aim to reach Scoresbysund, the world’s largest fjord and birthplace of hundreds of spectacular Greenland icebergs. We hope to visit the remote Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit. Keep watch for musk oxen, arctic hare and seals. Look skyward and perhaps catch a glimpse of seabirds including little auk, puffin, fulmar and ravens.

**DAY 14 (AT SEA)** Cross the Denmark Strait, watching for northern fulmars and on the lookout for whales, and enjoy final night celebrations with newfound friends.

**DAY 15** Disembark in Reykjavik, where you farewell your expedition team and fellow expeditioners, followed by a transfer to the airport.

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### Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Kirkenes/Reykjavik	15 Days	7 Aug '21 – 21 Aug '21	GRN36G	Sail

Voyage Code: G = *Greg Mortimer*



### Add Snorkelling or Scuba Diving



M.Baynes

Experience a breathtaking world of sculpted ice only few divers have been lucky enough to see! Joined by top underwater specialists, take a closer look at unique marine life. Not a diver? Try polar snorkelling. Speak to our experts at the time of booking or visit [auroraexpeditions.com.au](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au)

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For full rates see p. 107





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# Arctic Complete

## East Greenland & Svalbard | 23 Days

From Reykjavik, embark on a voyage to experience Greenland’s unforgettable fjords, towering icebergs, Inuit culture, musk oxen and arctic hare. Enjoy Svalbard’s tundra in late season bloom, Hinlopen Strait bird cliffs and spotting the array of arctic wildlife.

- Highlights
- Sail past Spitsbergen’s narrow sheltered waterways and fjords
  - Venture close to 80° north looking for polar bears on the pack ice
  - Listen to the orchestra of Greenland’s famous ice singing as it pops, hisses, cracks and calves
  - Delight in a variety of diverse terrain: ice caps, polar desert, alpine ranges, and hike through colourful tundra

Optional Activities

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Sea Kayaking
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Rock Climbing

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

Included Activities

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Zodiac-cruises
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Walks & Hikes
-   
Photography
-   
Expert Lectures
-   
Polar Plunge
-   
Birdwatching
-   
Historical Sites



Arctic Fox on the move, B.Koth

Itinerary Overview

**DAYS 1-2** In Reykjavik, make your own way to the pier in the late afternoon to be welcomed on board the Greg Mortimer. Cross Denmark Strait, watching for northern fulmars, orcas and dolphins.

**DAYS 3-9 (GREENLAND)** We may visit Kaiser Franz Josef and Kong Oscar Fjord, and aim to reach Scoresbysund, the world’s largest fjord and birthplace of hundreds of spectacular Greenland icebergs. We hope to visit the remote Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit. Keep watch for musk oxen, arctic hare and seals. Look skyward and perhaps catch a glimpse of seabirds including little auk, puffin, fulmar and ravens.

**DAYS 10-11 (AT SEA)** While crossing the Greenland Sea to Greenland, photograph seabirds, search for pack ice and polar bears.

**DAY 13-22 (SVALBARD)** Cruise northwards along the west coast of Spitsbergen. As we sail along the north coast, we explore rarely visited places in search of the mighty polar bear. From Zodiacs, we enjoy magnificent views of sweeping glaciers meandering their way down into the sea. We may walk on smooth, raised beach terraces to a superb viewpoint, hike in the mountains and across the tundra where colourful wildflowers and lichen grow and reindeer graze. We might come face-to-face with the formidable pack ice of the Arctic Ocean, keeping our eyes peeled for walrus. Listen to the cacophony of seabirds and see them feeding.

**DAY 23** Disembark in Longyearbyen and bid your fellow expeditioners a fond farewell before transferring to the airport.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Reykjavik/ Longyearbyen	23 Days	21 Aug '21 – 12 Sep '21	ACC05G	Sail

Voyage Code: G = Greg Mortimer



Add Sea Kayaking



Kayaking\* in the far-flung corners of the world is an experience guaranteed to refresh your soul. Paddling in small groups, you’ll glide between ice floes, brash ice and icebergs dotted with wildlife.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/arctic-complete](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/arctic-complete)  
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L.Lee

# Arctic Discovery

## Svalbard, East Greenland, Jan Mayen, Norwegian coast | 21 Days

Combining remote wilderness with rural culture, this voyage offers a genuine glimpse of life in the Arctic. Witness calving glaciers, marvel at sculpted icebergs, hike near a volcano, and discover the world’s largest fjord at Scoresbysund. Encounter polar bears, reindeer, musk oxen, whales, and Inuit communities. This expedition will leave you with spectacular photos and a lifetime of stories to share.

### Optional Activities



Sea Kayaking

*\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.*

### Included Activities



Zodiac cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Polar Plunge



Birdwatching



Historical Sites

### Highlights

- Sail through stunning fjords and sheltered waterways in Svalbard and along the Norwegian coast
- Encounter remarkable arctic wildlife including polar bears, walrus, seals, reindeer, musk oxen, arctic fox and whales
- Be one of the lucky few people in the world to attempt a landing on Jan Mayen Island



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### Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Arrive in Longyearbyen and enjoy an excursion of Spitsbergen’s ‘capital’. Late afternoon sees us welcomed aboard the *Greg Mortimer*.

**DAYS 2-3 (WEST COAST OF SPITSBERGEN)** We plan to visit a few of the region’s numerous and scenic fjords. Enjoy hikes through the lush and colourful tundra, encounter remarkably steep bird cliffs, explore the remains of historic whaling settlements and keep watch for polar bears.

**DAYS 4-5 (AT SEA)** During our crossing of the Greenland Sea, hear fascinating talks and presentations from our team of experts on topics such as wildlife, history and photography.

**DAYS 6-12 (EAST GREENLAND)** Discover this spectacular, rugged and remote region of Greenland where experiences may include hikes across colourful tundra in search of ancient graveyards and settlements occupied 1,500 years ago by Paleo-Eskimos. Marvel at the stunningly colourful geology of the mountains, and the world’s largest fjord system. Meet local Inuit communities living in one of the remotest places on earth where glaciers calve into fjords creating Greenland’s famous giant icebergs.

**DAY 13 (AT SEA)** During our sea crossing to the island of Jan Mayen, our team of experts will offer informative talks and presentations.

**DAY 14 (JAN MAYEN)**. The approach to Jan Mayen is spectacular with Mount Beerenberg, the world’s northernmost active volcano, dominating the island. The northern part of the island is a great place to look for whales and dolphins, and contains impressive glaciers.

**DAY 15 (AT SEA)** Continuing east, we sail to the Norwegian coast. Our expedition team will share their knowledge of Norwegian maritime history and Norse culture through informative talks and lectures.

**DAYS 16-20 (NORWEGIAN COAST)** Lofoten is a Norwegian archipelago known for its dramatic mountain scenery, wildly beautiful places of marsh and rock, green fields, reflective lakes, and white sandy beaches meeting crystal-clear seas. En route to Bergen, we hope to visit other charming villages including a visit to the beautiful and historic stave church at Kvernnes – one of Norway’s premier seabird nesting islands.

**DAY 21** Disembark in Bergen and transfer to downtown or airport.

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### Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
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Longyearbyen/ Bergen	21 Days	12 Sep '21 – 2 Oct '21	ARD001G	Sail
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Voyage Code: G = Greg Mortimer



### Add Bergen city stay



Discover Bergen, the historical gateway to the Norwegian fjords. Explore the panoramic countryside surrounding Bergen. Back in town, visit Fantoft Stave Church. Stave churches are unique to northwest Europe, with many located in Norway. Stroll through the narrow alleyways of historic Bryggen, a UNESCO World Heritage Site lined with colourful timber houses.

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# West Greenland Explorer

West Greenland | 11 Days

The remarkable coastline of West Greenland has seen many changes since the first humans arrived over 4,500 years ago. This special exploratory voyage to one of the most remote regions in the world provides an incomparable insight into the wildlife, fascinating traditional cultures and ever-changing ice that characterises this compelling region. Zodiac-cruise among magnificent icebergs, spot whales and explore the extraordinary Disko Island.

### Highlights

- Explore the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Enjoy thrilling Zodiac-cruises to glaciers, among icebergs, and along rugged coastlines
- Hike to remarkable viewpoints that offer sweeping vistas across fjords, valleys and soaring mountain peaks

### Optional Activities



Sea Kayaking

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.

### Included Activities



Zodiac-cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Polar Plunge



Birdwatching



Historical Sites



Ilulissat Icefjord, Greenland

### Itinerary Overview

**DAYS 1-2** Arrive in Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, and transfer to your hotel. On Day 2 discover the city on a short excursion. Afterwards, embark the *Greg Mortimer* to commence your voyage.

**DAYS 3-10 (GREENLAND)** Over the coming days, discover the captivating beauty and enthralling history of West Greenland. In true expeditionary style, we plan to visit the following places:

**ILULISSAT:** Known as the 'birthplace of icebergs', this region boasts some of the most spectacular, awe-inspiring ice on earth. Zodiac-cruise in the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ilulissat Icefjord, where majestic, sculpted icebergs parade down dramatic fjords, and the Sermeq Kujalleq glacier flows from the massive Greenland ice sheet – the second largest on earth – into the sea. An optional flight (additional cost) over the fjord offers unforgettable views.

**DISKO ISLAND:** This compelling island seems to have more in common with Iceland than Greenland. While most of the interior is mountainous and glaciated, its beautiful shorelines boast black sandy beaches, unusual basalt columns, hot springs and dramatic lava formations. Enjoy a diversity of arctic flora on a guided hike and Zodiac-cruise in Disko Bay, a hotspot for marine life, including humpback, fin, minke and bowhead whales.

**UUMMANNAQ:** This small village 500 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle is a fantastic place to experience the midnight sun. Immerse yourself in local history at the Uummannaq museum, with fascinating displays of the whaling era, Greenlandic history and the famous Qilakitsoq mummies.

**EQIP SERMIA:** Accessible only by sea, the Egi Glacier is one of the most active in Greenland. Ice conditions permitting, Zodiac-cruise within a safe distance of the glacier's face to hear the creaks and groans of the ice, and wait in anticipation for a dramatic calving. A hike to the glacier offers a different view.

**DAY 11** Disembark in Nuuk, where you can extend your stay or continue your onward journey. An airport transfer is included if departing today.

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### Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Nuuk/Nuuk	11 Days	15 May '21 – 25 May '21	WGE001G	Sail

Voyage Code: G = *Greg Mortimer*



For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/west-greenland](https://auroraexpeditions.com.au/west-greenland)  
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Be in awe of the vibrant blue Myvatn lake, Iceland

# Iceland Circumnavigation

Iceland | 11 Days

Explore the ‘Land of Ice and Fire’ where snow-capped peaks rise above glaciers and active volcanoes rumble. Walk along a black sand beach strewn with glittering bergy bits and discover geysers and fumaroles and bubbling mud pools, or explore spectacular fjords and impressive waterfalls, in one of the most geologically active places on earth. Our specialist naturalists and historians will reveal the Iceland below the surface – a land rich in wildlife, culture and fascinating human history.

- Highlights
- Keep watch for blows, breaching and tail flukes as we whale-watch in Húsavík
  - Explore Látrabjarg bird cliffs, the largest seabird cliffs in Europe
  - Visit Vatnajökull National Park, featuring Europe's largest glacier, iceberg-speckled glacial lakes, black sand beaches, reindeer and rich birdlife
  - Discover Mjóifjörður, a hidden gem of a fjord cherished by locals

### Optional Activities

  
Sea Kayaking

  
Zodiac-cruises

  
Walks & Hikes

  
Photography

  
Expert Lectures

  
Polar Plunge

  
Birdwatching

  
Historical Sites

*\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.*



Puffin perched on cliffs, Látrabjarg, Iceland

### Itinerary Overview

**DAYS 1-2 (REYKJAVIK)** Make your way to our group hotel. On Day 2 embark the ship and travel to Hvalfjörður, a beautiful fjord best known for the spectacular Glymur, the second-highest waterfall in Iceland.

**DAY 3** Stykkishólmur is the gateway to the countless islands of Breiðafjörður, a bay renowned for its abundant birdlife. Watch for puffins, shags and kittiwakes as you Zodiac-cruise delightful bays and discover the impressive geology of the nearby Snæfellsjökull National Park, where lava fields, craters and basalt columns reveal Iceland’s varied, volcanic past. The area is crowned by the magnificent Snæfellsjökull, a 700,000-year-old dormant, snow-capped volcano.

**DAYS 4–5 (WESTFJORDS)** Sail past the largest seabird cliffs in Europe at Látrabjarg, one of the best places in Iceland to photograph puffins. The nearby Hornstrandir Nature Reserve is a remote peninsula accessible only by boat or on foot. We hope to Zodiac-cruise the shoreline watching for seals, birds and the furtive arctic fox.

**DAY 6 (AKUREYRI)** Wander the streets of the old town of Akureyri, then travel inland to Lake Myvatn region, a birdwatcher’s paradise said to be the most geologically active part of Iceland.

**DAY 7 (GRIMSEY ISLAND)** As we sail from Húsavík, Iceland’s whale-watching capital, we scan the waters, hoping to catch a glimpse of the numerous whale and dolphin species that frequent these waters. Grimsey Island is a delightful wildlife haven in the Arctic Circle.

**DAY 8 (MJÓIFJÖRDUR)** Known for its tranquil weather, this sheltered fjord, home to Iceland’s smallest village, is cherished by locals. Revel in tumbling waterfalls, lush moss, and the sheltered aspect as you Zodiac-cruise or kayak\* in this Icelandic paradise.

**DAY 9 (HÖFN)** A lively fishing town and gateway to the renowned Vatnajökull National Park. Discover a truly arctic landscape of immense glaciers, towering alpine summits and iceberg-strewn glacial lakes.

**DAY 10 (WESTMAN ISLANDS)** This small island chain may be Iceland’s best kept secret. Zodiac-cruise amid dramatic sea-stacks and exciting caves, spot puffins nesting on sea cliffs and discover the local culture.

**DAY 11** Disembark in Reykjavik where your voyage ends.

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### Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Reykjavik/Reykjavik	11 Days	14 Jun '21 – 24 Jun '21	ICE001G	Sail

Voyage Code: G = Greg Mortimer



### Add Rekjavik City Stay



Experience Iceland's vibrant capital visiting some of Reykjavik's most popular attractions including the Blue Lagoon, Gullfoss Waterfalls and Þingvellir National Park, the site of the nation's first parliament and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

For details see page 105.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/iceland-circumnavigation](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/iceland-circumnavigation)  
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Curious arctic foxes, Svalbard; K.Povey

# Iceland, Jan Mayen & Svalbard

Iceland, Jan Mayen, Svalbard | 11 Days

From the lush green mosses and bustling bird cliffs of Iceland to the stark, sublime beauty of Jan Mayen and the High Arctic wonderland of Svalbard, embrace the breathtaking contrasts of the arctic on this singular expedition. Zodiac-cruise through glacier-filled fjords, take a guided hike across the arctic tundra, search for polar bears and walruses, and embrace a rare opportunity to visit the world’s northernmost active volcano.

- Highlights
- Zodiac-cruise beneath dramatic bird cliffs in Iceland’s Westfjords
  - Visit the remote island of Jan Mayen, home to Mount Beerenberg, the world’s northernmost active volcano
  - Photograph walrus and reindeer, and keep an eye out for polar bears hunting on the pack ice
  - Hike through a marvellous, diverse terrain: ice caps, tundra, polar desert and rocky hillsides

Optional Activities

  
Sea Kayaking

  
Zodiac-cruises

  
Walks & Hikes

  
Photography

  
Expert Lectures

  
Polar Plunge

  
Birdwatching

  
Historical Sites

\*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost. See page 107 for more information.



Jan Mayen Island

Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Late afternoon, board the *Greg Mortimer* and depart Reykjavik.

**DAYS 2-3 (ICELAND)** Zodiac-cruise the largest seabird cliffs in Europe at Látrabjarg. One of the best places in Iceland to photograph puffins, Látrabjarg is also Europe’s westernmost point. Explore the charming towns of the Westfjords peninsula, which have been inhabited for centuries. The nearby Hornstrandir Nature Reserve is a remote peninsula accessible only by boat or on foot. We hope to Zodiac-cruise the shoreline watching for seals, birds and the furtive arctic fox.

**DAY 4 (AT SEA)** Cross the Denmark Strait to Jan Mayen, watching for whales and seabirds following the ship. Enjoy presentations from our expedition team and get to know your fellow expeditioners.

**DAY 5 (JAN MAYEN)** Find a comfy spot to appreciate the spectacular approach to Jan Mayen as the ethereal island emerges from deep within the Arctic Ocean. Impressive glaciers cascade from the mountains in the north, a great place to admire the ice and watch for whales and dolphins.

**DAYS 6-7 (AT SEA)** Take advantage of the excellent whale-watching opportunities, with the bottlenose, fin and elusive bowhead whale known to ply these waters. It’s also breeding season for harp seals, so keep an eye out for these charismatic creatures on the ice.

**DAYS 8-10 (SVALBARD)** We forge northwards under the midnight sun, aiming for a latitude of 80° north. In northern Svalbard, Zodiac-cruise along scenic fjords carved by immense glaciers, gaze up at remarkable bird cliffs where puffins nest, and look for walrus hauled out on the pack ice. You may join our guides for a hike across lush tundra, delighting in the early summer wildflowers and fresh arctic air. One possible hike offers splendid views of the north coast of Svalbard – on a clear day you can see all the way to the North Pole! Spot the stealthy arctic fox and perhaps immerse yourself in a little history on a visit to the remnants of a Dutch whaling settlement. Remember to ask your expedition team about the fascinating geology and glaciers that abound here.

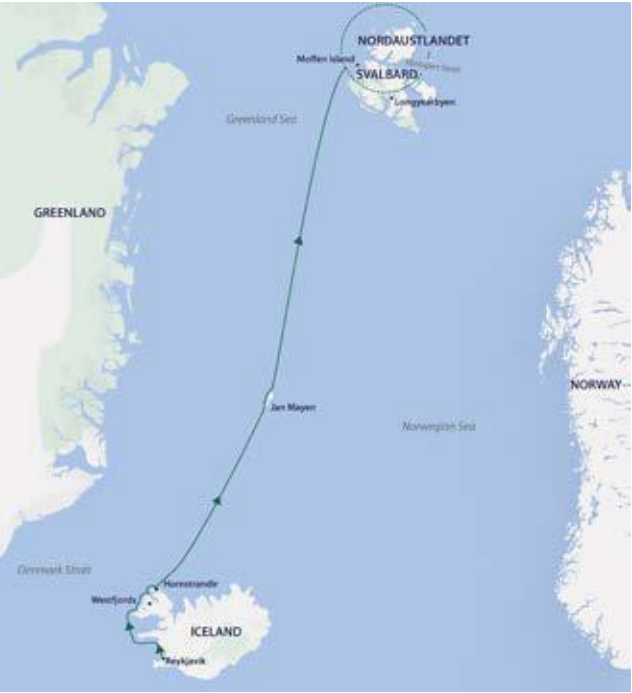
**DAY 11** Disembark in Longyearbyen and enjoy a town tour before a transfer to the airport in the afternoon.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Reykjavik/ Longyearbyen	11 Days	24 Jun '21 – 4 Jul '21	IJS001G	Sail

Voyage Code: G = Greg Mortimer



Featuring Westford, Iceland



Discover Iceland’s Westford region, a lesser visited side of the country filled with superlative scenery and wildlife encounters. Látrabjarg is one of the world’s best birdwatching locations and home to a wide variety of birds. Along the coastline at Hornstrandir Nature Reserve, seals are commonly seen hauling out on the rocks.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/iceland-jm-sval](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/iceland-jm-sval)  
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Expeditioners dwarfed by the landscape of Kirkjufellsfoss, Iceland; Iceland Tourism

# Land of Fire & Ice

South Iceland | 9 Days

From the famous geothermal area of Landmannalaugar to Skógar, this path takes us over multicoloured hills and black sands; along small gullies and great canyons; through verdant valleys, between glaciers and past waterfalls. This is a memorable series of hikes full of contrasts, giving you a chance to absorb the spirit of this remarkable country.

## Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1** Stroll the streets of Reykjavik, the world's most northerly capital.

**DAY 2** Explore saga sites and hiking trails at Snæfellsnes. Hike to the top of the Búðaklettur crater in the Búðahraun lava field.

*Hiking time: approx. 3-4 hours*

**DAY 3** Hike to the summit of Snæfellsnesjökull, one of the most picturesque glaciers in Iceland, which holds a dormant 700,000-year-old stratovolcano. *Hiking time: approx. 6-8 hours*

**DAY 4** Visit Surtshellir, the most famous lava cave in Iceland, and beautiful Hraunfossar Waterfalls. Enjoy the natural geothermal baths of Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring.

**DAY 5** Explore the famous 'Golden Circle' – Þingvellir National Park, Geysir hot springs and glacier-fed Gullfoss, 'The Golden Waterfall'.

**DAY 6** Hike Kerlingarfjöll, a 1,477-metre tall mountain range and part of a large volcano system covering 100 square kilometres, and one of Iceland's precious inland resorts. *Hiking time: approx. 5-7 hours*

**DAY 7** Hike Þórsörk Glacier Valley, a natural oasis that lies behind the now famous Eyjafjallajökull volcano. *Hiking time: approx. 4-6 hours*

**DAY 8** An easy hike today at Reykjadalur, a colourful area full of geothermal activity. *Hiking time: approx. 3-4 hours*

**DAY 9** Your expedition finishes today, but the memories will live on.

## Trek Grade

**1** Relatively flat terrain, no consecutive days of 5+ hour hikes. No hiking experience necessary; however, good health and fitness are strongly advised.

## Highlights

- Immerse yourself in Icelandic history at the national shrine of Þingvellir
- Soak in the natural hot springs of Deildartunguhver
- Witness Mother Nature at work and the ever-changing landscape created by active volcanoes



## Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Trek Code
Reykjavik/Reykjavik	9 Days	21 Aug '21 – 29 Aug '21	LFI03

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# Extend your Arctic Adventure

From vibrant cities to charming little towns, add more to your Arctic adventure with a selection of city stays. Discover the stunning natural wonders of Norway in the endless mountains and fjords, or soak up the abundant culture. Tour or drive around Iceland at your own pace, stopping at hot springs, waterfalls, volcanic areas and mesmerising national parks along the entire route.

## Arctic City Stays

### + 3 Days, 2 Nights

Make the most of your Arctic adventures by further discovering the cities along the way. From Dublin to Oslo, Moscow to Reykjavik, a stopover city stay can be the ideal tonic for jet lag and to get a taste of local culture and cuisine.

From AU \$1,424 | GBP £855 | EUR \$977 | US \$1,091 pp twin share



## Norway in a Nutshell



### + 6 Days, 5 Nights

Discover Norway's cultural and historical wonders, its rolling green hills and spectacular fjords on this incredible journey. Ascend Flam Valley by electric train. Hike to panoramic lookouts. Ferry through Nærøfjord. There are many reasons why this is one of our most popular extension options.

From AU \$2,137 | GBP £1,164 | EUR \$1,184 | US \$1,462 pp twin share



## Iceland Complete

### + 9 Days, 8 Nights

Uncover the birthplace of icebergs: Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and Skaftafell in Vatnajökull National Park; the world's largest lava mass in Cross Eldhruan; and visit an important part of Icelandic history, Þingvellir National Park, not to mention some of Iceland's famous waterfalls!

From AU \$4,539 | GBP £2,473 | EUR \$2,515 | US \$3,105 pp twin share



## Iceland Self Drive

### + 10 Days, 9 Nights

Discover Iceland on a self-drive journey taking in breathtaking fjords, lakes, glaciers, waterfalls and icebergs while enjoying overnight stays in typical Icelandic villages.

From AU \$3,093 | GBP £1,685 | EUR \$1,713 | US \$2,115 pp twin share

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# Extend your Antarctic Adventure

From the vibrant capital cities of Santiago and Buenos Aires, to the spectacular Iguazu Falls, remarkable Easter Island, the mesmerising Atacama Desert and the astonishing wildlife of the Galápagos Islands, South America offers something for everyone. Its natural beauty, and a diverse culture with rich traditions and history, and mouth-watering cuisines, are just some of the wonderful experiences you'll encounter on your travels.

## Ushuaia City Stay

+ 2 Days, 1 Nights

The most southerly city in the world and the main gateway to the Antarctic, Ushuaia is an ideal place to extend your stay. Visit Tierra del Fuego National Park where lakes, lagoons and rivers flow into the Beagle Channel. Hike from Roca Lake to Lapataia Bay with views of Cónдор Mountain along the way. Back in Ushuaia, consider feasting on king crab.

From AU \$832 | GBP £449 | EUR \$515 | US \$513 pp twin share



## Taste of Buenos Aires



+ 4 Days, 3 Nights

Graced with elegant European architecture and a renowned cultural scene including world-class street art, iconic tango, and superb wine and cuisine, Buenos Aires is a stopover not to be missed.

From AU \$1,316 | GBP £710 | EUR \$815 | US \$812 pp twin share



## Santiago & Valparaíso City Stay

+ 6 Days, 5 Nights

In a valley surrounded by the Andes, Santiago is an easy stopover that yields superb scenery and local cuisine. In Valparaíso, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, explore the vineyards, behold the creative energy of vibrant street art and panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean.

From AU \$2,131 | GBP £1,150 | EUR \$1,320 | US \$1,315 pp twin share



## Lima Gastronomy

+ 4 Days, 3 Nights

As the capital of Peru, Lima is also considered the gastronomic capital of South America with a number of internationally recognised, award-winning restaurants. Discover Lima's fascinating history, explore the city's main sites and savour the famous cuisine at every opportunity.

From AU \$2,064 | GBP £1,114 | EUR \$1,278 | US \$1,273 pp twin share



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## Sacred Valley and Lares Adventure to Machu Picchu

+ 5 Days, 4 Nights

From colonial Cusco, hike through the Sacred Valley and Lares trail to mesmerising Machu Picchu – a journey highlighting magnificent landscapes and the ancient history and culture of Inca civilisation. Choose from various options to tailor each day's experiences to your taste and at the end of each day's exploration, relax in restorative mountain lodges and enjoy exceptional Peruvian cuisine and hospitality. From AU \$3,203 | GBP £1,729 | EUR \$1,984 | US \$1,976 pp twin share



## Ecuador's Galápagos Islands

+ 5 Days, 4 Nights aboard *La Pinta*

Picture yourself snorkelling or kayaking among sea lions, spotting a giant tortoise or trekking across ancient lava flows dotted with iguanas. On a small-ship Galápagos Island tour, explore one of the planet's most unique places and home to wildlife found nowhere else on earth. From AU \$8,143 | GBP £4,395 | EUR \$5,044 | US \$5,024 pp twin share



## Easter Island

+ 4 Days, 3 Nights

Discover the monumental stone statues and an array of natural attractions on the most remote island on earth. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and national park, Easter Island is famed for its remarkable archaeological relics. From AU \$1,385 | GBP £748 | EUR \$858 | US \$855 pp twin share



## Atacama Desert

+ 4 Days, 3 Nights

The Atacama Desert is the driest desert in the world. Select from a list of activities to tailor your daily explorations to suit your desires. From Valle de la Luna (Moon Valley) to salt flats where flamingos roam, or perhaps a visit to geothermal fields of steaming geysers, the choice is yours. In the evening, unwind in intimate, atmospheric lodging at the memorable Awasi Hotel. From AU \$1,348 | GBP £728 | EUR \$835 | US \$832 pp twin share



## Buenos Aires & Iguazu Falls

+ 6 Days, 5 Nights

Combining metropolitan culture with dazzling nature, this is an ideal stopover before or after your Antarctic voyage. Argentina's capital is synonymous with tango, football fever, world-class cuisine and political passion. Iguazu Falls is an extraordinary natural wonder that you mustn't miss. From AU \$1,491 | GBP £805 | EUR \$924 | US \$920 pp twin share





# Extend your Global Adventure

No matter where in the world you choose to travel with Aurora Expeditions – whether it’s to explore Ireland’s rugged west coast, Costa Rica and Panama, or the fantastic fjords in Patagonia, adding a few days either before or after your voyage will enhance your overall experience of the destination area.

## Dublin City Stay

+ 3 days, 2 nights

From Vikings and Normans to writers and rebels, discover Dublin’s fascinating history and culture. Experience the city’s magnificent Anglo-Norman churches, admire the elegant Georgian architecture, stop for lunch in a traditional Dublin pub and perhaps visit the Jameson Whiskey Distillery or Guinness Storehouse.  
From AUD \$1,613 | GBP £878 | EUR \$893 | USD \$1,103 pp twin share



## Taste of Cartagena

+ 3 days, 2 nights

Cartagena is considered by many travellers as the jewel in South America’s colonial crown. Wander along atmospheric, cobbled streets overlooked by colourfully painted houses with flower-laden balconies, and discover the impressive fortress, Castillo San Felipe, a UNESCO World Heritage Site overlooking the Caribbean Sea.  
From AUD \$1,294 | GBP £699 | EUR \$802 | US \$799 pp twin share



## Monteverde and Arenal

+ 6 days, 5 nights

Look for quetzals in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, one of the most biodiverse tropical cloud forests in the world. On a garden walk, encounter colourful butterflies, or take a boat ride on Lake Arenal, which offers incredible views of Arenal Volcano, and then soak your weary muscles in natural hot springs.  
From AUD \$3,090 | GBP £1,668 | EUR \$1,914 | US \$1,907 pp twin share



## Tierra Chiloé

+ 3 days, 2 nights

Located near Puerto Montt, where the Patagonian and Chilean fjords system ends, Tierra Chiloé offers unique accommodation and warm hospitality in an unbeatable setting overlooking the Pacific. A 12-room property offering an all-inclusive menu of activities, including hiking, kayaking and sailing – simply choose whatever suits your tastes.  
From AUD \$2,674 | GBP £1,444 | EUR \$1,657 | US \$1,650 pp twin share



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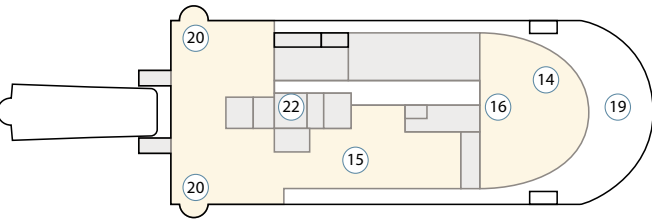
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Complete one voyage and become a Bronze Adventurer	Complete two voyages and become a Silver Explorer	Complete three voyages and become a Gold Pioneer
✓ 5% discount in addition to any running offer*	✓ 5% discount in addition to any running offer, with a minimum of 15% discount at all times*	✓ 5% discount in addition to any running offer, with a minimum of 15% discount at all times*
✓ Exclusive pre-release on new season launches	✓ Exclusive pre-release on new season launches	✓ Exclusive pre-release on new season launches
✓ Onboard credit of US\$100 per person <sup>1</sup>	✓ Onboard credit of US\$250 per person <sup>1</sup>	✓ Onboard credit of US\$500 per person <sup>1</sup>
✓ A free glass of champagne/top-shelf spirit <sup>2</sup>	✓ Free bottle of wine per person <sup>2</sup>	✓ Free bottle of wine per person <sup>2</sup>
	✓ Free cabin upgrade (subject to availability) <sup>3</sup>	✓ Free cabin upgrade (subject to availability) <sup>3</sup>
		✓ One-hour spa treatment <sup>4</sup>

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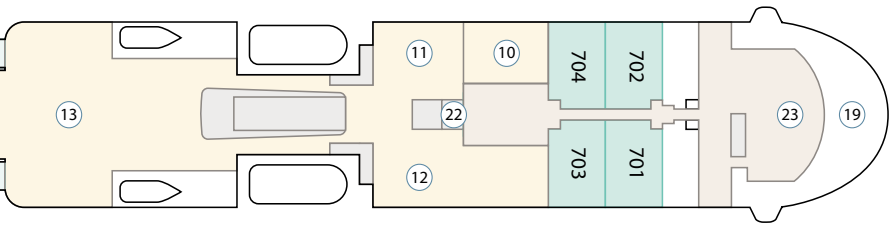


# The Greg Mortimer Deck Plan

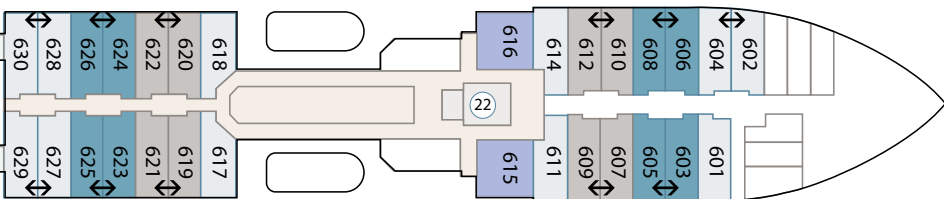
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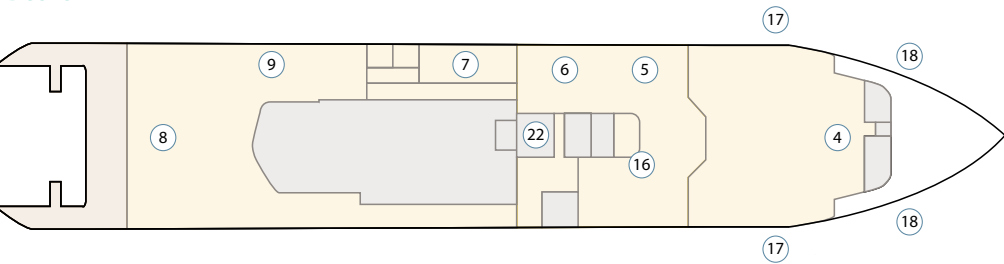
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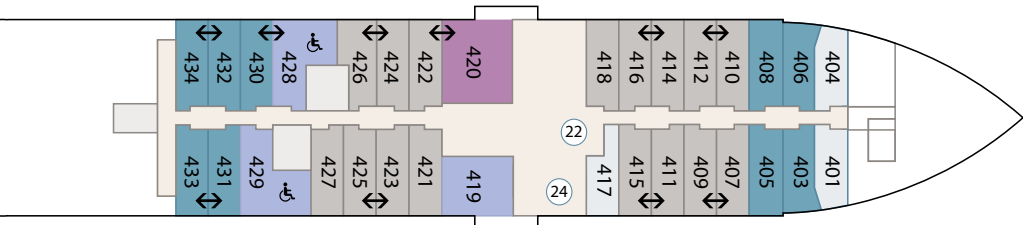
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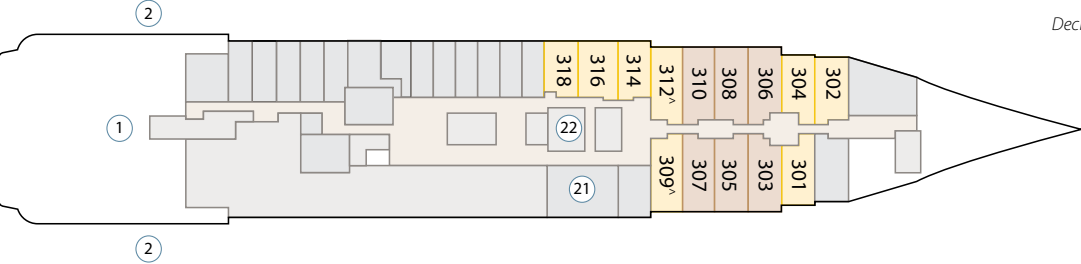
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## Cabin Category

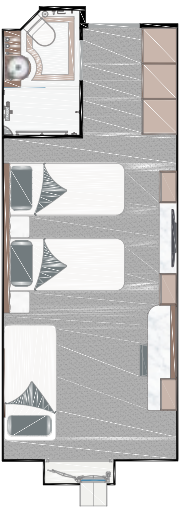
- Aurora Stateroom Triple
- Aurora Stateroom Twin
- Balcony Stateroom - C
- Balcony Stateroom - B
- Balcony Stateroom - A
- Balcony Stateroom Superior (formerly Balcony Suite)
- Junior Suite
- Captain's Suite

## Ship Features

- 1 Change room / mudroom
- 2 Zodiac-loading platforms
- 3 Activity launching platform
- 4 Lecture theatre & lounge
- 5 Assembly station
- 6 Reception
- 7 Ship shop
- 8 Dining room
- 9 Optional private dining room\*
- 10 Library
- 11 Gym
- 12 Wellness centre / sauna
- 13 Sun deck
- 14 Observation lounge
- 15 Top deck
- 16 Bars
- 17 Viewing platforms
- 18 Hydraulic viewing platforms
- 19 Observation decks
- 20 Jacuzzis / plunge pools
- 21 Medical clinic
- 22 Elevator
- 23 Bridge
- 24 Main Entrance

↔ Connecting staterooms and suites  
^ Expedition Team cabins on selected voyages  
# Open at the discretion of the Hotel Manager on selected voyages  
*Deck plan is subject to change.*

# Cabin Layouts – Greg Mortimer



**Aurora Stateroom Triple**  
Cabin 21.4m<sup>2</sup> –22.8m<sup>2</sup> porthole and en suite.



**Aurora Stateroom Twin**  
Cabin 15.8m<sup>2</sup>–22.8m<sup>2</sup> porthole and en suite.



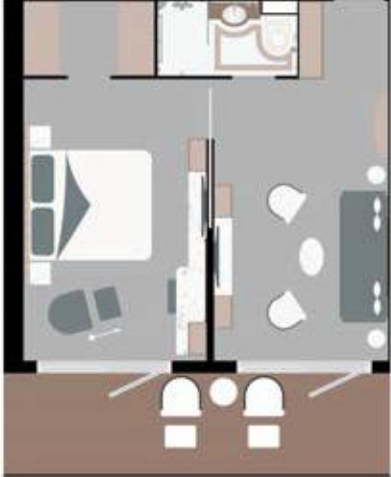
**Balcony Stateroom**  
Cabin and balcony combined size 20.9m<sup>2</sup>–31.3m<sup>2</sup> private balcony and en suite. For cabin sizes of category A, B and C please contact us.



**Balcony Stateroom Superior (Formerly Balcony Suite)**  
Cabin and balcony combined size 30.5m<sup>2</sup>– 40.2m<sup>2</sup> private balcony and en suite.



**Junior Suite**  
Cabin and balcony combined size 38.9m<sup>2</sup> private balcony, en suite and lounge.



**Captain's Suite**  
Cabin and balcony combined size 44.5m<sup>2</sup>, private balcony, en suite and lounge.

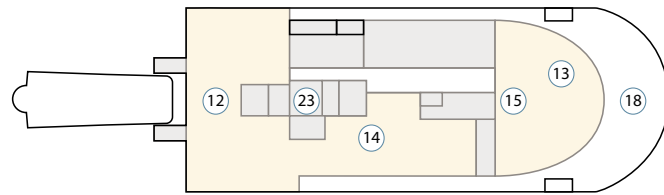


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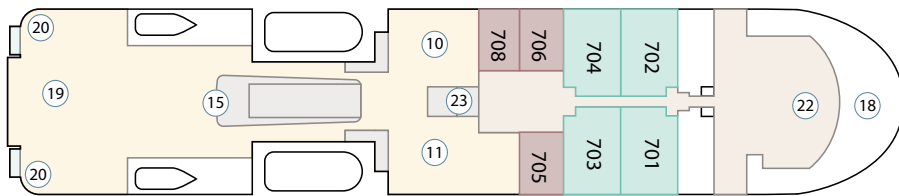


# The Sylvia Earle Deck Plan

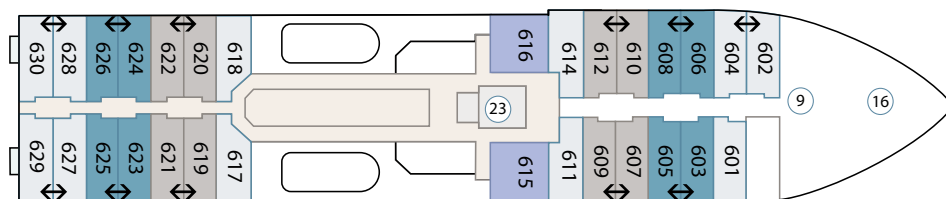
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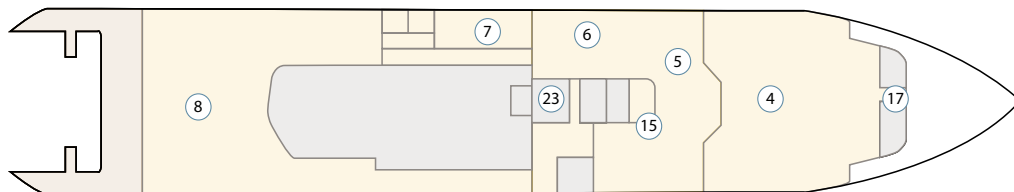
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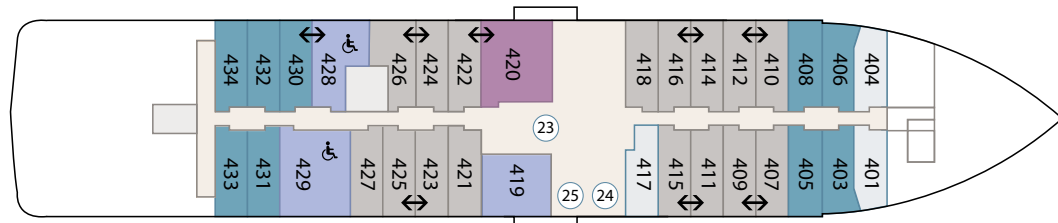
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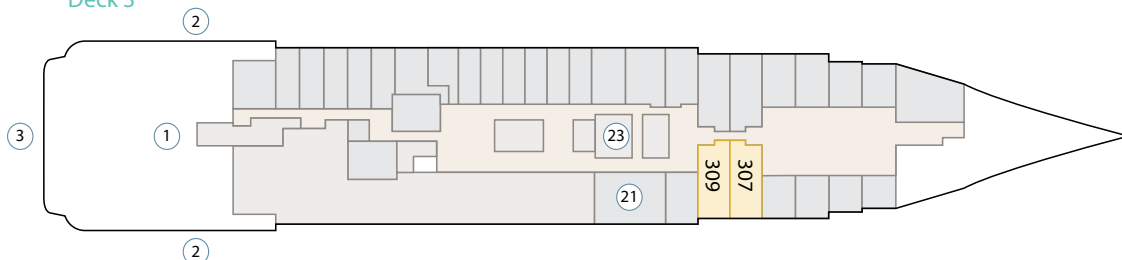
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Deck 4



Deck 3



## Cabin Category

- Aurora Stateroom Triple/Twin
- Aurora Stateroom Superior
- Balcony Stateroom - C
- Balcony Stateroom - B
- Balcony Stateroom - A
- Balcony Stateroom Superior (formerly Balcony Suite)
- Junior Suite
- Captain's Suite

## Ship Features

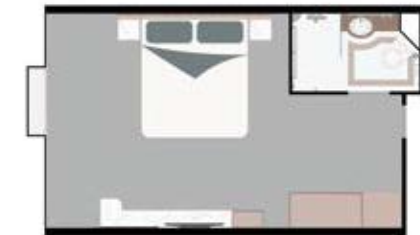
- ① Change room / mudroom
- ② Zodiac-loading platforms
- ③ Activity launching platform
- ④ Lecture theatre & lounge
- ⑤ Assembly station
- ⑥ Reception
- ⑦ Ship shop
- ⑧ Dining room
- ⑨ Library
- ⑩ Gym
- ⑪ Wellness centre / sauna
- ⑫ Seating area
- ⑬ Observation lounge
- ⑭ Top deck restaurant
- ⑮ Bar
- ⑯ Upper glass atrium lounge
- ⑰ Lower glass atrium lounge
- ⑱ Observation decks
- ⑲ Swimming pool and sun deck
- ⑳ Jacuzzis / plunge pools
- ㉑ Medical clinic
- ㉒ Bridge
- ㉓ Elevator
- ㉔ Main Entrance
- ㉕ Expedition Desk

↔ Connecting staterooms and suites  
Deck plan is subject to change.

# Cabin Layouts – Sylvia Earle



**Aurora Stateroom Triple/Twin**  
Cabin 22.7m<sup>2</sup> porthole and en suite.



**Aurora Stateroom Superior**  
Cabin 19.9m<sup>2</sup> french balcony and en suite.



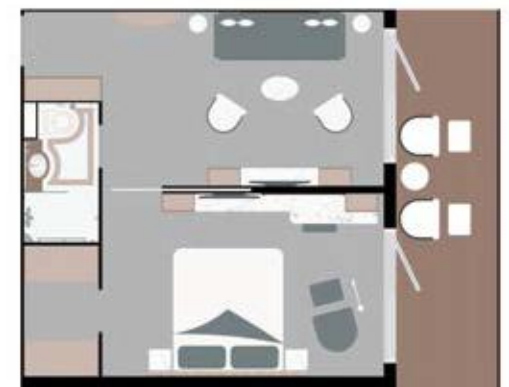
**Balcony Stateroom**  
Cabin and balcony combined size 20.9m<sup>2</sup>–24.2m<sup>2</sup> private balcony and en suite. For cabin sizes of category A, B and C please contact us.



**Balcony Stateroom Superior**  
Cabin and balcony combined size 29.2m<sup>2</sup> – 35.2m<sup>2</sup> private balcony and en suite.



**Junior Suite**  
Cabin and balcony combined size 41.6m<sup>2</sup> private balcony, en suite and lounge.



**Captain's Suite**  
Cabin and balcony combined size 43.1m<sup>2</sup> private balcony, en suite and lounge.

For more information on the *Sylvia Earle*  
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## Contact Us

### We're here to help

For over 25 years, our dedicated and friendly team has helped make dreams a reality. Whether you're a solo traveller looking to share a cabin, have questions about the wildlife or about what highlights you can expect to see at different times of the year, our team members are experts in the destinations we visit and are seasoned travellers themselves. They are here to help you find the itinerary that is best suited to your needs and interests. This experienced team can also assist with extension tours and flights. We're a one-stop adventure shop!

### Ready to book?

Contact our team to check your preferred expedition's availability. Once confirmed, a non-refundable deposit of \$2,500 (in the booking currency) per person, per trip and a signed booking form are required within seven (7) days. For land-based expeditions, a non-refundable deposit of \$1,250 for Nepal and \$2,500 for other destinations (in expedition currency) per person is also required at the time of booking. Optional activities require a non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person per activity (in the currency of your voyage) to confirm your participation in an activity.

The final balance and personal forms are due 90 days prior to your expedition departure date.

### Groups & Charters

No matter what the occasion, Aurora Expeditions is here to help with your group and charter arrangements. Whether you are travelling as a special interest group, for meetings or conferences, staff incentives or for just travelling with your family and friends, we can help you arrange it – we can also help you with full charter enquiries.

From Antarctica to the Arctic and the destinations in between, travel to some of the world's most remote and wild destinations with fellow expeditioners and be rewarded for it plus take advantage of Groups offers. Book a group of 12 or more and the twelfth expeditioner will travel free (conditions apply and subject to availability at time of booking). Larger groups may also consider a full charter of our small expedition ship. A fully chartered departure means your voyage will enjoy the ultimate venue and expedition experience. Having the exclusive use of our ship means even more flexibility and the opportunity to add a personal touch to your private voyage. Contact your local travel agent or Aurora Expeditions to find out more about the benefits of group bookings or charter opportunities.

Contact Aurora Expeditions on one of the options below, or your local travel agent for more information.

#### Australia

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E: [info@auroraexpeditions.com.au](mailto:info@auroraexpeditions.com.au)

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#### Groups/Charters

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W: [auroraexpeditions.com.au/groups](http://auroraexpeditions.com.au/groups)

## FAQs

### What clothes do I take? Do you provide parkas, jackets or gumboots?

Shipboard clothing is casual. Jeans, jumpers and long-sleeved shirts are ideal for indoors in the polar regions; however, be sure to keep your jacket close to hand for unexpected wildlife sightings!

Some people like to take a nicer outfit for the Captain's Welcome and Farewell drinks, but formal clothing is not necessary. For health and safety reasons, we do request you wear enclosed shoes in public areas while on board. Aurora Expeditions will provide you with a complimentary, insulated polar jacket that includes an inner down jacket and an outer waterproof shell. All passengers travelling to Antarctica, the Arctic, Ireland or Scotland will have access to complimentary use of gumboots during the voyage. If you have concerns regarding extra-small or large sizing, or have hard-to-fit feet, we recommend you bring your own pair. Gumboots are to be worn on all shore visits unless advised otherwise by the expedition team.

### When is the best time to go to Antarctica or the Arctic, and how cold does it get?

Our expeditions to the polar regions operate during the antarctic and arctic summer months. For detailed seasonal information, turn to p. 30 for Antarctica and p. 78 for the Arctic. During the summer months in Antarctica, the temperature can range from –2 °C (28 °F) to 8 °C (46 °F). Big storms are rare but if one comes through, the temperature could drop to –8 °C (17°F). In the Arctic the temperature can range from –3 °C (26.6 °F) to 7 °C (44.6 °F).

### How often do we get off the ship?

We aim to get off the ship as often as possible to experience the destinations up close. Twice per day is common where weather, daylight hours and itinerary allow. Duration of the landings vary from site to site but at the height of the peak season, cruise operators must stick to timings allocated by authorities.

### Do you charge a single supplement for solo travellers?

We welcome solo travellers and their numbers are increasing each year. To support our solo travellers, we've developed our informal 'I'm happy to share' service that matches solo travellers with a cabin mate of the same gender, which allows them to avoid paying the single supplement surcharge. For solo travellers wanting guaranteed sole use of a cabin, a single supplement surcharge applies. Speak to us or contact your local travel professional about solo traveller special offers available on selected voyages.

### Where do your voyages start/finish and why?

The start/finish points for Aurora Expeditions voyages are carefully chosen for various reasons including but not limited to air or rail access to allow expeditioners to participate in the voyage, availability of ship pier for convenient and safe embarkation and disembarkation, and sufficient tourism infrastructure such as hotels, restaurants and cultural attractions to cater for pre and post-voyage requirements.

### What luggage allowance is permitted on your voyages?

For sail-only voyages where a charter flight to or from Antarctica is not required, your luggage allowance is determined by the international airline on which you've travelled to participate in the voyage. However, Aurora Expeditions recommends that each expeditioner travel with no more than one large piece of luggage weighing 23 kilograms or less, plus one piece of hand luggage. For voyages that include a charter flight to or from Antarctica, 20 kilograms of check-in luggage plus one piece of carry-on luggage weighing no more than seven kilos are permitted.

### Do you cater for special dietary requirements?

Yes, we can accommodate most special meal requests if given advance notice. Our talented chefs will take your requirements into their meal planning and ensure you receive tasty, healthy meals. Ensure you list any dietary requirements on your personal details form. Although we aim to accommodate most dietary requirements, we are unable to cater to all requirements. We also cannot guarantee that our onboard meals do not contain traces of peanuts, other nuts and other allergens. Please contact us to enquire about your specific needs.

### Is there email, internet and telephone access on board?

Onboard internet packages are available for purchase during the voyage. There are telephones in each cabin and external telephone access for personal use is available via purchasing calling cards on board. If needed, friends and family can contact the ships via a number which can be provided.

### What's the onboard currency?

The onboard currency is US dollars. We operate a cashless system where all your purchases (bar, laundry, ship shop, wellness centre, internet etc.) are charged to your room account and are settled by credit card at the end of the voyage.

### How much should I tip?

A US\$15 per person per day gratuity for the crew is automatically added to your onboard account. It is at your discretion if you would like to remove the tip (or increase/decrease the amount) when you settle your account. It is not necessary to tip the expedition team members.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These are the Terms and Conditions of business of Aurora Travel Pty Ltd (ACN 139 766 911) trading as "Aurora Expeditions". Please carefully read and ensure you understand the following terms and conditions as they set out the basis upon which we accept all bookings. If you decide to travel with Aurora Expeditions and make payment for an expedition, you do so on the understanding that you have accepted the terms and conditions of the contract. We reserve the right to amend our terms and conditions from time to time.

**1. Price and Validity**  
1.1 Expedition costs are based on ground costs, fuel prices, ship charter rates and airfares (as applicable) at time of printing. While we try our utmost not to increase our prices, this is sometimes outside our control. We reserve the right to amend our prices. Amendments should occur only in the instance of increases in our costs to deliver the Expedition such as but not limited to airfares, fuel costs, government taxes and charges and exchange rate fluctuations and ground costs and ship charter rates. Any increase in price must be paid by you before your departure.  
**2. Responsibility and Assumption of Risk**  
2.1 Upon receipt by us of your booking form and once your deposit (see clause 3.1) has been received, a binding Contract between you and Aurora Expeditions is in place. These Terms and Conditions are an integral part

of the contract. If you list one or more other persons on the booking form, you agree that you will be personally responsible for all obligations ensuing from this Contract which concern you and the other persons booked.  
2.2 Except to the extent that this waiver may be prohibited or restricted by the Competition & Consumer Act, Australian Consumer Law or other legislation that may exist from time to time in Australia, you hereby release Aurora Expeditions, its employees and agents, and any licensor or licensee from all claims and actions that you have, or may have at any time in the future, against them or any of them, howsoever arising, for personal injury, death, property damage or any other loss, damage or expense that you may suffer as a result, of your participation in any trip organised with or in conjunction with Aurora Expeditions.

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2.3 You are aware that your adventure trip, in addition to the dangers and inherent risks that may arise in the normal course with any adventure trip, has certain additional dangers and risks, some of which may include: physical exertion for which you may not be prepared, extreme weather conditions that are subject to sudden and unexpected changes, remoteness from normal medical services, and evacuation difficulties if you are disabled. You accept all the inherent risks of the proposed adventure trip and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, or loss. You acknowledge that the enjoyment and excitement of adventure travel is derived in part from the inherent risks incurred by travel and activity beyond the accepted safety of life at home or work, and that these inherent risks contribute to such enjoyment and excitement, being a reason for your participation. You agree that if you suffer injury or illness, Aurora Expeditions can, at your cost, arrange medical treatment and emergency evacuation service, as Aurora Expeditions deems appropriate for your well-being. Your acceptance of such risk extends both to on-board presence and activities as well as off-board.

2.4 Notwithstanding any other provisions that may exist, you release Aurora Expeditions from any and all liability to you or anyone claiming through or under you by way of subrogation or otherwise, including by your insurer, for any loss or damage for which you are entitled to receive compensation under a travel and/or cancellations insurance policy.

2.5 Aurora Expeditions will not be responsible or liable for loss, damage or robbery of travel documents, baggage or other possessions.

2.6 In entering into the Contract, you are not relying on any oral, written or visual representations or statements by Aurora Expeditions or its staff or other agent or representative or any other inducement or coercion to go on the expedition other than its official published material. In deciding to book an expedition with Aurora Expeditions, you have made your own enquiries as to the suitability of the expedition and all aspects of it and you have satisfied yourself, based upon those enquiries, that it is an expedition that you wish to undertake.

2.7 You confirm that you are over the age of 18 years and that you have read and understood the terms and conditions of the Contract as they appear on Aurora Expedition's website at the time of booking prior to signing the booking form and agree that the Contract will be binding upon your heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and successors.

**3. Booking Confirmation and Payment Terms**

3.1 In order to confirm your booking, you are required to complete a booking form and make a non-refundable deposit payment of \$2,500 per person (in the booking currency) within 7 working days of booking. For the avoidance of doubt, no booking can be confirmed until such time as the Booking Form and Deposit are received by Aurora Expeditions.

3.2 In order to confirm your participation on an activity (for example, kayaking, diving, snowshoeing), a deposit of \$250 (in the booking currency) per person per activity is required. The activity deposit is in addition to the deposit required to confirm your place on the expedition, and the deposit for the activity is only refundable if the activity is cancelled due to minimum numbers not being reached or the activity is cancelled by a third party.

3.3 In the event that Aurora Expeditions cancels an activity or trek due to minimum numbers not being met, or the activity or trek is cancelled by a third party, Aurora Expeditions will refund in full any payments made by you for that activity or trek unless you inform us that you wish for the amount to be credited towards the final balance of your expedition.

3.4 Final payment is due at least 90 days (or as otherwise stated by us in writing) prior to the departure date of the expedition and an invoice will be sent to you for this purpose.

3.5 Credit card payments are accepted. Merchant fees and bank surcharges apply.

**4. Child Policy**

4.1 Bookings are open to people 8 years of age and over. Passengers under 18 years of age must be accompanied at all times by an adult throughout the expedition and cannot be left unsupervised at any time including during paid additional activities such as diving. A child remains the sole responsibility of the adult at all times.

4.2 Children between 8-17 years of age must pay the adult price of the expedition.

**5. Booking Transfer or Cancellation by you (the client)**

5.1 If you wish to cancel your expedition, we ask that you notify your Travel Agent or our expedition sales team immediately in writing. Cancellation will take effect upon receipt by Aurora Expeditions of your written notice.

5.2 If the cancellation is made more than 90 days prior to the expedition departure date, you will forfeit your deposit. If cancellation is made less than 90 days prior to the expedition departure date, you will be liable to pay the full price of the expedition. However, in either situation, Aurora Expeditions will consider any request by you to transfer the deposit paid towards a deposit to a subsequent expedition. Whether or not Aurora Expeditions agrees to any such request will depend upon applicable circumstances, including availability and other factors. The decision as to whether or not to agree will be made by Aurora Expeditions at its absolute discretion. If Aurora Expeditions shall agree to such a request, you will be liable to pay a fee of \$500 per passenger (in the currency of your expedition) to cover administrative and associated costs and you will also be liable to pay any additional price for the subsequent expedition. The transfer of the deposit is only valid on expeditions that depart within 12 months from the date of the original proposed departure date. Only one transfer of deposit to another expedition is permitted.

**6. Special Requests or Requirements**

6.1 Aurora Expeditions will use reasonable endeavours to accommodate special requests from you, including special dietary requirements, but they cannot be guaranteed. You should advise Aurora Expeditions as soon as possible after booking of any such special requests or requirements, such that Aurora Expeditions can try and accommodate them. Likewise, you should notify us, as soon after booking

as possible, of any special events.

6.2 Aurora Expeditions will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any cabin and cabin number selected by you will be made available to you during the course of the expedition. However, due to a variety of circumstances, it is not always possible to achieve that. In the event that that cannot be achieved, Aurora Expeditions will use all reasonable endeavours to make available to you another cabin that is as similar to the cabin selected by you as circumstances permit. The exception to this applies to passengers booked in the Captain's Suites.

**7. Cancellation by Aurora Expeditions**

7.1 Notwithstanding anything else in the Contract, Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to cancel any expedition prior to departure in which case any payment made by you will be refunded in full (subject to the express provisions below in relation to "Fly & Sail" and "Fly/Fly" voyages) and you will not be entitled to make any further claims related to such a cancellation, including but not limited to compensation or damages, for any loss, consequential or indirect damage, expenses, loss of time or inconvenience, loss of opportunity or loss of enjoyment which may result from such cancellation.

7.2 Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to cancel an expedition, trek, or activity if the minimum number of participants is not reached. We will endeavour to make, as soon as practically possible, any decision to cancel an expedition, trek or activity, and we will notify you of that decision, as soon as we practically can. We will endeavour to identify for you another expedition, trek or activity similar to the one that is cancelled. If one is not available, you will be refunded in full any payment already received from you.

7.3 Aurora Expeditions also reserves the right to not operate or cancel an activity or trek in the event of a cancellation by a third-party.

7.4 It may also be necessary for Aurora Expeditions to cancel an expedition as a result of adverse weather conditions. Aurora Expeditions will endeavour to ensure that any expedition takes place but, at times, this may not be possible due to weather conditions. Aurora Expeditions accepts no liability for any loss, damage, cost or expense in the event of a cancellation as a result of weather conditions. In that event, you will not be entitled to a refund of any amounts paid by you and you will remain liable to pay any money that is due and payable under these terms and conditions. "Fly/Sail", "Fly/Fly" and "Sail/Fly" voyages

7.5 Any booking for a "Fly/Sail", "Fly/Fly" or "Sail/Fly" voyage is subject to the following specific terms and conditions.

7.6 A "Fly/Sail" voyage involves flying from Punta Arenas, Chile to King George Island, and then a voyage by ship from King George Island to specified destinations within Antarctica and from Antarctica, by ship to Ushuaia, Argentina.

7.7 A "Fly/Fly" voyage involves flying from Punta Arenas, Chile to King George Island, and then a voyage by ship from King George Island to specified destinations within Antarctica and then back by ship to King George Island and then flying from King George Island back to Punta Arenas, Chile.

7.8 A "Sail/Fly" voyage involves a voyage by ship from Ushuaia, Argentina to specified destinations within Antarctica and then by ship from Antarctica to King George Island and then flying from King George Island to Punta Arenas, Chile.

7.9 Any "Fly/Sail", "Fly/Fly" or "Sail/Fly" voyage is deemed to commence at the starting point of the expedition as booked.

7.10 If a charter flight from any starting point to the point of embarkation for the ship voyage is delayed due to adverse weather conditions, Aurora Expeditions will attempt, for a period of up to 72 hours from the proposed departure time of the charter flight, to arrange a later charter flight. We will attempt to do so at no extra charge to you, but if an additional charge does apply, you will be liable to pay that additional charge.

7.11 If it is not reasonably practicable for a later charter flight to be arranged for you, within 72 hours from the proposed departure time of the charter flight, your expedition will be deemed cancelled.

7.12 If your expedition is deemed cancelled, due to weather conditions affecting your charter flight, Aurora Expeditions will offer you the following options:

A. We will endeavour to accommodate you, at no additional charge on the next scheduled ship voyage but this is subject to availability of cabins and any other applicable circumstances. You will be liable for any additional costs or charges for any subsequent charter flights.

B. If you do not wish to take the next scheduled voyage, or we are unable to accommodate you as set out above, we will offer you a 50% discount on the cost of a future voyage of your choice (subject to availability) in the form of a credit. The 50% discount is only applicable to the same cabin category as the original voyage. Upgrades to higher cabin category will be subject to any price difference between the original and the upgraded cabin category. The discount and the credit are not transferable or redeemable for cash and any subsequent voyage must be taken within 12 months from the date of deemed cancellation of the original voyage. The other 50% of the price paid by you will be forfeited to Aurora Expeditions and you agree that you will not be entitled to recover that 50% or any part thereof. If neither of the above options is exercised, then you will not be entitled to any refund of any amounts paid by you.

7.13 In the event that a charter flight is delayed, the Expedition Leader or another representative of Aurora Expeditions will provide updates to you, as they may be known, and will endeavour to provide information to make your stay as enjoyable as possible pending the ability of a charter flight to fly.

7.14 If a charter flight from King George Island to Punta Arenas, Chile is delayed, passengers already in Antarctica will remain on board the ship until the flight to Punta Arenas is authorised to depart. If it is not possible, due to weather conditions, for the flight to depart within 72 hours from intended departure time the ship will transport you from King George Island to Puerto Williams or Ushuaia for disembarkation. If board on the ship is included. Strictly no refund will be provided for any reason and you will not be entitled to make any claim howsoever arising as a result of this change. Aurora Expeditions will not be liable for

and does not accept any claims for any costs made by you including but not limited to international airfares, domestic airfares, accommodation, any additional services purchased, or change fees impacted by or as a result of the delay or cancellation.

**8. Delay or Change of Itinerary**

8.1 Due to unforeseen circumstances, Aurora Expeditions may change the following with little or no advance notice: expedition departure dates, the scheduled point of departure for the expedition, omit or change any scheduled stop on the expedition or change the scheduled place of conclusion for the expedition whether before or after the trip has departed, including as a result of force majeure or weather conditions. You will have no right to any refund and Aurora Expeditions will have no obligation to you or be liable for any compensation or damages, for any loss, consequential or indirect damages, expenses, loss of time or inconvenience, loss of opportunity or loss of enjoyment in respect of such changes. Such changes may not be used by you as a reason for cancelling the trip or to put forward a claim of any kind to Aurora Expeditions.

8.2 To minimise the effects of tourism on the pristine environments in Antarctica and the Arctic, IAAO & AECO restrict shore landings to a maximum of 100 people at any given time. In the event that more than 100 expeditioners wish to go ashore at any given time, Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to manage landings in accordance with regulations established by governing authorities.

**9. Force Majeure**

9.1 Aurora Expeditions will not be responsible for the performance of the contract if prevented or delayed by acts of God, strikes, or other industrial relations matters, accidents, weather, traffic, airport conditions, lack of performance by third party suppliers, or other causes beyond their control.

**10. Health, Required Fitness Levels, Trip Grades, Age Limits + Compulsory Medical Assessments**

10.1 It is your responsibility to advise Aurora Expeditions of any pre-existing medical conditions and/or disability that might reasonably be expected to increase risk of you requiring medical attention, or that might affect the normal conduct of an expedition of the type that you will be booking and that might negatively impact other expedition members.

10.2 You are required to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a fully qualified medical practitioner, and for this purpose we provide a medical form that needs to be signed by the medical practitioner, regardless of whether you have a pre-existing condition or not and returned to us, between 3 and 6 months prior to the departure date of the expedition. If you book within 3 months prior to the departure date of the expedition, your assessment is due as soon as practically possible, maximum 5 days from booking. Any failure to return the completed medical form will entitle Aurora Expeditions to cancel your booking and in which case our cancellation provisions will apply.

10.3 Should your medical condition change after submitting the medical form, it is your responsibility to advise Aurora Expeditions within 48 hours after you become aware of such a change.

10.4 Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to deny entry/boarding, without refund or resulting expenses, to any passenger for any reason at its sole discretion (including but not limited to the Expedition Leader and/or Aurora Medical Adviser determining that the passenger has not disclosed accurate medical information that may deem the passenger unfit to participate in the expedition and/or additional activities or that may impact other expeditioners).

10.5 Should you be pregnant, for your safety and the safety of your unborn child, Aurora Expeditions does not recommend that you join an expedition. However, if you discover that you are pregnant prior to the commencement of an expedition and wish to participate irrespective of our advice against travelling, you must be 16 weeks or less into your pregnancy at the completion of the voyage and you must have clearance from a medical practitioner prior to departing your country of residence. Your travel insurance must cover pregnancy-related complications arising from adventure-based activities. In any event, Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to implement clause 10.4 whereby the Expedition Leader and/or Aurora Expeditions Medical Adviser has the final decision on whether the participant is considered fit to join the Expedition, or participate in Expedition activities.

**11. Mandatory Travel Insurance**

11.1 Due to the adventurous style of travel offered by Aurora Expeditions and the remoteness of the areas in which we travel, it is a condition of travel with Aurora Expeditions that all passengers are covered by comprehensive travel insurance prior to departure, and that they maintain such insurance for the duration of the expedition. Insurance must cover personal accident and medical expenses, evacuation and repatriation, baggage loss, and cancellation or curtailment of holiday sufficient to indemnify you, for any reasonably foreseeable loss. Your insurance details must be supplied to us prior to final payment and if you fail to provide the requested insurance information at the time requested, we reserve the right to cancel your booking. In that event, you will not be entitled, unless Aurora Expeditions otherwise agrees in writing, at its sole discretion, to any refund and you will remain liable to pay any amounts that are due and payable in accordance with these terms and conditions.

11.2 Passengers travelling with Aurora Expeditions are required to be covered by a reputable travel insurance policy that includes medical, accident and repatriation/emergency evacuation coverage worth at least \$250,000 USD. We travel to remote regions of the world and we recommend that the insurance policy's repatriation/emergency evacuation benefit be higher than minimum and cover you for remote or Polar Evacuation should it be required. In the case of a medical issue arising during the expedition, either on board or on shore, which results in costs for medical treatment, repatriation, evacuation, use of aircraft, etc, the responsibility for payment of these costs and expenses belongs solely to the passenger. Please ensure that such eventualities are covered by your travel insurance policy. In any case, if you are not covered by a travel insurance policy, the responsibility remains with the passenger and Aurora Expeditions specifically declines any responsibility whatsoever.

**12. Personal Data, Visas, Health Requirements**

12.1 You are responsible for ensuring that all personal information provided by you to make a booking is correct. Aurora Expeditions will not be liable for any incorrectly issued vouchers or tickets as a result of incorrect or incomplete information provided by you. Any name or spelling changes made after booking confirmation may result in supplier-imposed fees which will be at your sole cost and expense. Please provide us with a scanned copy of your passport at the time of reservation.

12.2 You are responsible for all immigration, passport, visa, health, quarantine and customs laws, regulations, orders, demands or other requirements of countries proposed to be visited or transited. You should check the requirements of those countries with their embassies or consulates or other authorities.

12.3 Visas (including transit visas) and Reciprocity fees (paid prior to departure) are the passengers' responsibility. For more information, please refer to [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au) or [www.smarttravellergov.au](http://www.smarttravellergov.au) (for Australian passport holders). Passengers from countries other than Australia should refer to their local government websites. You need to ensure that you have at least 6 months validity on your passport from the date of your return to your home country.

12.4 It is your responsibility to ensure that you are aware of any health requirements for your travel destinations as vaccinations may be required for the countries you visit. You need to contact your local doctor or a travel doctor who will advise you of these requirements. Please note that vaccinations may be recommended some period in advance of travelling.

**13. International Airfares and Ticketing**

13.1 All flight bookings are subject to the carrier's conditions of carriage. Cancellation and refund policies associated with airfares vary according to airfare terms and conditions and the relevant airline. Aurora Expeditions sells airfares that have strict conditions when it comes to amendments, changes, and cancellations – many of which are non-changeable and non-refundable after the ticket has been issued. Please ask your agent about the fare conditions at the time of booking. Once you have departed Australia, we recommend you contact your travel agent or airline directly to make any changes to your ticketed flight bookings.

**14. Authority of the Expedition Leader**

14.1 At all times, the decision of the Aurora Expeditions' Leader or representative will be final on all matters likely to affect the safety and well-being of expedition members and the conduct of the expedition. This includes any decision that the Aurora Expeditions' Leader may make about the passengers' ongoing participation in the expedition or certain activities that comprise part of the expedition. If the passenger fails to comply with a decision made by the Aurora Expeditions' Leader, or interferes with the well-being of the group, the Aurora Expeditions' Leader reserves the right to terminate your participation in the expedition and to require you to leave the expedition immediately, with no right of refund and Aurora Expeditions will not be liable for any compensation, costs, damages or losses arising from such termination.

**15. Photographic Consent and Release, Privacy and Data Protection**

15.1 As a passenger travelling with Aurora Expeditions, you extend permission to Aurora Expeditions to take your photograph during the expedition, and you release all rights over those images without consideration. You understand and consent that Aurora Expeditions may use any likeness taken of you and your comments for future publicity in any media and promotional material. You waive any right to privacy or copyright in respect thereof.

15.2 Any passenger who does not wish to be photographed must advise Aurora Expeditions in writing of their objection to an expedition.

15.3 In order for us to process your booking and provide a service to you, you are required to provide us with your personal information, which we may need to provide to service providers, as well as to customs and immigration authorities. Some of the persons to whom we provide your personal information are located overseas, including in countries that may not provide the same level of protection of personal information as required by Australian law. By making a booking, you give us your consent to use and disclose your personal information in the manner described in this clause.

15.4 We may also use your first name for marketing purposes, unless you tell us in writing prior to expedition commencement that you do not want us to do so. To the extent applicable, the provisions referred to in clause 20 of these terms and conditions shall apply.

**16. Feedback**

16.1 If you have any complaints about your trip, you should make them known at the earliest opportunity to the Aurora Expeditions' Leader or an Aurora Expeditions representative, who will take such action as he or she considers to be appropriate in the circumstances. If at the end of the expedition you feel that your complaint has not been properly dealt with, please notify us in writing either directly or through your travel agent within 30 days of the end of your trip. Aurora Expeditions reserves its rights to address any such complaints in such manner as it thinks fit.

**17. Travel Agent Bookings**

17.1 Aurora Expeditions acknowledges that you (the passenger) may utilise a travel agent to book your arrangements with Aurora Expeditions and we shall not be liable for any representations made by the travel agent. You (the passenger) understand and acknowledge that it is your responsibility to read, understand, and accept our terms and conditions at the time of providing your booking form and deposit. Any reservation made with Aurora Expeditions either directly or through a travel agent constitutes a binding agreement signifying your acceptance of, and your agreement to, follow and be bound by these Terms and Conditions. It is the responsibility of the passenger to complete the booking form and personal information form accurately. Any flights or pre/post land arrangements not booked through Aurora Expeditions or any of its authorised agents do not form a part of this agreement and are subject to your travel insurance policy. In any case, if you are not covered by a travel insurance policy, the responsibility remains with the passenger and Aurora Expeditions specifically declines any responsibility whatsoever.

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**18. Ship Images, Map, Voyage Itineraries**

18.1 Images and videos including those in our brochures and on our website may be artists' impressions and the final interior design of cabins, suites, and public areas of any ships are subject to change.

18.2 The deck plan, suite sizes, images, and layout, and inclusions in our brochures and on our website may vary and be subject to change. They may not be drawn to scale and are illustrative representations only. Suite and balcony sizes within each category may vary slightly depending on their location on each deck.

18.3 Maps and/or voyage itineraries contained in our brochures and on our website are a guide. Whilst every effort will be made to follow the itinerary described, in the event of political problems or natural disturbances or other unforeseen circumstances, we reserve the right to substitute an alternative itinerary for that section of the expedition. Whilst unlikely, it is an inherent consequence of expeditionary travel in remote and lesser-visited areas.

**19. Jurisdiction and Law**

19.1 All disputes and claims arising out of or in connection with this Agreement are governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales, Australia. By acquiring products and services from Aurora Expeditions, you consent and submit to the exclusive jurisdiction to the Courts of New South Wales and the Commonwealth of Australia, as may be appropriate.

**20. Data Protection**

20.1 Definitions "Data Protection Law": means all applicable data protection and privacy laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and the transfer of such data ("GDPR"). "Data": means all personal data collected, generated, used, stored, transferred or otherwise processed by Aurora in connection with the Contract.

"Losses": means all losses, costs, charges, expenses, liabilities, claims, actions, proceedings, fines, penalties, damages and adverse judgments, including attorneys' fees.

20.2 Each party shall:

20.2.1 comply fully with its obligations under Data Protection Law;

20.2.2 appoint a point of contact for data protection matters and provide the other party with contact details for the same upon request;

20.2.3 ensure that its privacy notices are clear and provide sufficient information to customers for them to understand which of their Data shall be processed and/or shared with the other party and/or other party's authorised sub-contractors in connection with their booking and the purposes for the Data sharing;

20.2.4 ensure that all Data that is shared with the other party is collected, processed and transferred in accordance with Data Protection Law; and

20.2.5 implement, maintain and, at all times, operate adequate and appropriate technical and organisational measures to (i) protect the security, confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Data, and (ii) protect against unauthorised or unlawful processing of the Data and accidental loss, destruction or the making vulnerable of, or damage to, the Data.

20.3 Sub-processors. In the event that a party appoints a sub-processor in respect of any of its Data processing activities then such party shall ensure that, prior to any processing of Data by the sub-processor, it enters into an agreement with the sub-processor on terms that comply with the requirements of Data Protection Law. Each party shall remain fully responsible for the acts, omissions and defaults of its sub-processor as if those were the acts, omissions and defaults of such party.

20.4 Notification of a Data Incident.

20.4.1 If a party receives any complaint, notice, request or communication which relates directly or indirectly to its processing of Data it shall immediately notify the other party in writing and shall provide full cooperation and assistance in relation to the same.

20.4.2 If a party discovers or suspects:

20.4.2.1 any unauthorised or unlawful access, processing, use or destruction of any Data;

20.4.2.2 any Data is disclosed or accessed in breach of Data Protection Law; or

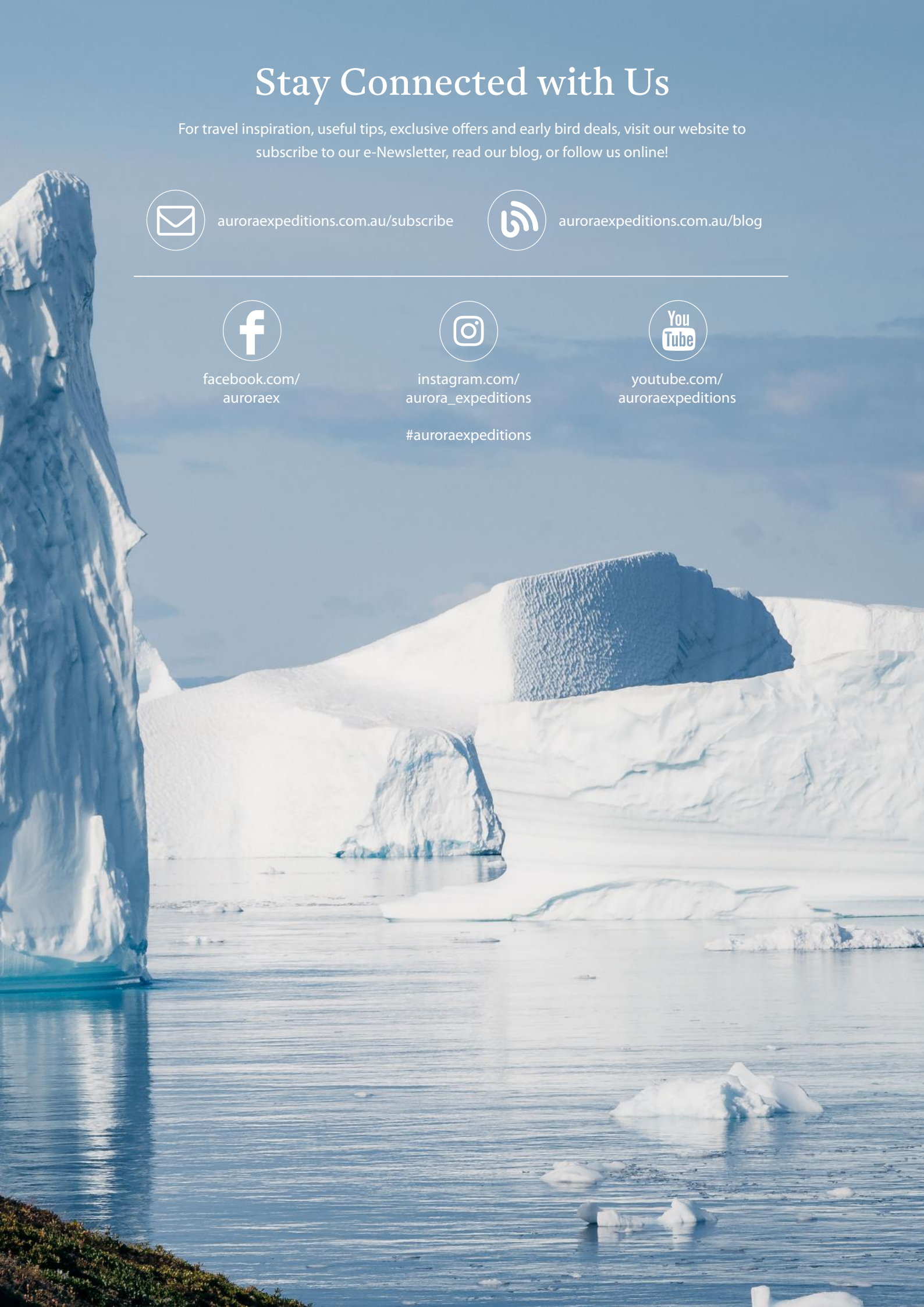
20.4.2.3 any loss, theft, damage, corruption or misappropriation by any means of any Data or media, materials, records, or information containing any Data; and/or

20.4.2.4 any other security incident affecting the Data; (each "Data Incident" described above), then it must notify the other party in writing no later than 48 hours after discovery of the Data Incident and provide written details of the nature of the Data Incident including the categories and approximate numbers of data subjects concerned and the categories and approximate number of personal data records concerned, the likely consequences of the Data Incident, and the measures taken or proposed to be taken to address the Data Incident including measures to mitigate possible adverse effects for data subjects.

20.4.2.5 Each party shall, where relevant, provide full cooperation, information and assistance to other party in relation to any Data Incident in accordance with Data Protection Law and the other party's reasonable instructions.

20.5 Change in Law. In the event of any change in Data Protection Law, each party shall take such steps (including agreeing to additional obligations or executing additional documents) as may be required by the other party in order to ensure continued compliance with Data Protection Law.

20.6 Indemnity. The Passenger shall indemnify and hold Aurora Expeditions, including its associated companies or businesses, its servants and agents, harmless against all losses that Aurora Expeditions may suffer, sustain or incur as a result of any breach by the Passenger or by its sub-processor of the provisions of this clause or its obligations hereunder. Aurora Expeditions shall indemnify and hold the Passenger, including his or her servants or agents harmless against all losses that the Passenger may suffer, sustain or incur as a result of any breach by Aurora Expeditions or by its sub-processor of the provisions of this clause or its obligations hereunder.



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