

ARCTURUS

THE POLAR ARM OF FAR FRONTIERS TRAVEL

VOYAGES AND EXPEDITIONS
2019-2020

Welcome to Arcturus, the polar arm of Far Frontiers Travel.



“We invite you to explore our wide variety of land based trips for 2019 in **Arctic Norway, Spitsbergen, Iceland, Greenland, the Faroe Islands and Arctic Russia.**

For our polar voyages, this year we've focused on simplifying the options, selecting small ships which, in our opinion, run the best voyages in the different regions. There is a bewildering array of contenders and we have many years of experience in selecting the right options for our clients.

Read on to find our suggestions for **summer 2019 Arctic and winter 2019/2020 Antarctic** exploration. You will also still find a few **winter 2018/19 Antarctic** voyages here as there are some excellent late booking opportunities.

I'd also like to add that what you see here is just a foretaste of our adventures. There's much more on our website in the way of fuller itinerary descriptions, photos, maps and client feedback. I've got detailed itineraries for all our trips and voyages and, as regular clients know, we're always ready and willing to discuss any aspect of your plans.

Tailoring memorable journeys is our forte, so do ask about how you might add a thrilling opener or a grand finale to your trip of a lifetime.”

Fiona Brijnath, Director

About us

Arcturus was established in Scotland over 35 years ago as a small niche polar travel company. Today we are based in the wilds of Devon on Dartmoor. As one of the foremost operators to remote polar regions, we offer an unparalleled selection of extraordinary expeditions and voyages to the Arctic, Antarctic, Norway, Greenland, Iceland, the Faroe Islands and some of the least known parts of Russia.

Owned by Far Frontiers Travel, in its early days, Arcturus was one of the pioneers of Arctic wildlife tours. Our itineraries are based on years of local research and the experiences of early expeditions, often science-based, to these isolated regions.

The company is run by Fiona Brijnath who, over the past 25 years, has established a notable reputation for tailored travel. Our land-based expeditions focus on enjoying the nature and scenery of remote places through walking, dog-sledging, skiing and camping. At sea, we act as agents for selected operators of Arctic and Antarctic wildlife expedition voyages.

Fiona will be your main point of contact. She has unrivalled expertise with remote destinations and you are unlikely to find anyone who gives more attention to personal service and detail. Many of her clients return time and again.

Her knowledge is complemented by the polar expertise of Dr. Lorraine Craig PhD.

Previously Head of Research and Higher Education at the **Royal Geographical Society** and Director of the **Cambridge Arctic Shelf Programme**,

Lorraine is a past president of the **Arctic Club** and lectures at the **Royal School of Mines, Imperial College London**. She keeps us up to date on polar matters and helps identify new destinations.



Do call so we can discuss how to individualise your trip



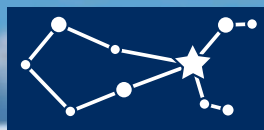
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Prices

All our guide prices here include international economy flights from London, internal transport, transfers to the embarkation point (where it is possible to pre-book) and accommodation based in twin rooms with meals as specified in our detailed dossiers. Guide prices for voyages are based on twin cabins with shared or private facilities. We can provide prices for single occupancy, triple, quadruple and superior cabins and suites (where available) on request. Expeditions are fully-guided either from the UK or locally.

We include fuel surcharges known at the time of going to print. Please note that we are bound to pass on any subsequent surcharges that arise.

Before and after your trip

We specialise in tailor-making holidays all over the world and will be delighted to organise pre and post-tour elements to make yours a truly unique trip. For example, if you are considering an Antarctic voyage, you could explore **Chile, Argentina, Peru or Ecuador/The Galapagos** first or as a grand finale. How about beginning or ending an expedition to **Arctic Russia** by marvelling at the glittering sights of **Moscow and St. Petersburg** or making a road trip around **Iceland** before a voyage to **Greenland**?

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“Thank you for yet another wonderful trip to the Arctic. Memories from this trip have surpassed some of those of my previous visits to this part of the world.”

Peter Wright, Northern Sea Route and Wrangel Island, September 2017



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Hiking across Nordenskiöld Land | 8 days

Hike with us for four full days through beautiful **Nordenskiöld Land** before taking an open boat back to **Longyearbyen**. You'll cross over mountains and valleys to **Coles Bay** and **Barentsburg**, the old Russian mining town. After a night there we'll continue east to the remote radio station at **Isfjord**, the last stop before **Greenland**. Expedition lunches are served en route and we camp most nights, watching for polar bears and whales.

- » when « 13-20 August 2019,
27 August – 3 September 2019
- » price « £3,045 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « All equipment provided. Not suitable for those with lower back pain

Blue ice paddling – kayaking expedition | 8 days

Paddle the ice floes alongside the stunning blue **Nordenskiöld Glacier** front. Seals and belugas are not uncommon here and we will make a number of forays from **Nordenskiöld Lodge** to see local wildlife. Enjoy expedition lunches, tasty and convivial dinners, Arctic swims for the adventurous, warm-up saunas and the chance to stretch your legs each day.

- » when « 21-28 July 2018
Summer 2019 – ask for dates
- » price « From £2,960 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Minimum 4 people. No experience needed. All equipment provided. Not suitable for those with lower back pain

Dog-sledging in Spitsbergen

Dog sledge the telegraph route to Isfjord Radio | 8 days

Step outside **Longyearbyen** and into the wilderness. You spend five days dogsledging, two nights in a tent for a real taste of life in the Arctic and two nights at **Isfjord Radio**.

- » when « 20-27 March, 3-10 April 2019
- » price « £4,230 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Minimum 3 people. Drive your own dogs and help set up tents, feed the dog team and prepare dinner. You need to be in good physical condition, have some experience of camping in winter but not of dog sledging. All equipment is provided and all necessary training given

PHOTOS: Kirsti Ikonen, Basecamp Explorer



Expeditions

SPITSBERGEN is the largest island in **Norway's Svalbard Archipelago**. We've exhilarating winter and spring adventures among its pointed mountains, deep fjords and the glorious sparkle of the Arctic. It's idyllic for summer visits too.

ARCTIC NORWAY – SPITSBERGEN

Hike, snowshoe, ski, dog sledge, snowmobile or kayak



NORDENSKIÖLD LODGE

- » True expedition lodge 100 miles north east of **Longyearbyen**, right by the mighty blue **Nordenskiöld Glacier**, part of the glacier system which stretches to the north coast
- » Farthest north on **Spitsbergen** you can reach by vehicle and world's northernmost commercial cabin
- » Five bedrooms with fantastic views, 10 comfortable beds, an indoor toilet and a traditional sauna. Heated by wood, drinking water is collected from the melting glacier
- » Arrive via a two hour boat crossing from **Longyearbyen** in good summer weather. Access in winter is by dog sledge or snowmobile
- » Climb on the glacier and ski around the fjord and snowy valleys before warming up in the sauna.



Mushers' bucket list

| 10 days

NEW
FOR 2019

"West coast or death!" So said the great polar explorer **Fridtjov Nansen**, the first to cross **Greenland** in 1888 with his team of six people. When their ship left them on the east coast, their only possibility of survival was to reach the west coast and civilization before they ran out of food. Our challenging seven day dog sledge expedition across **Spitsbergen** sets out from **Longyearbyen** to **Tempelfjorden**. From here you'll travel 45km to the fixed tented **North Pole camp**, continuing to **Nordenskiöld Lodge** the next day. Sledge across the mighty glacier systems of **Oscar II Land**, camping for one night before a final morning with the dogs and an adventurous open boat journey back to Longyearbyen.

- » when « 6-15 May 2019
- » price « £5,140 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Minimum 3 people. You need to be in good physical shape. All necessary safety and camp equipment provided



Arctic dog sledging expedition | 9 days

For those wanting to dog sledge and camp in the **Arctic** wilderness for the first time, join us as an active participant, helping your dog team in deep snow or on steep hills, making peace, feeding and harnessing the dogs and helping to set up camp.

We set off by boat across the fjord and set up a temporary expedition camp at **Ymerbukta**. Over the next four days you will experience what 'mushing' is all about as you stand on the sledge and let the dog team pull you through this vast landscape. We head further into **Trollheim** where the goal is to reach the spectacular mountains of **Tre Kroner** and mush across the mighty glacier systems on **Oscar II Land**.

- » when « 29 April – 7 May, 6-14 May, 13-21 May 2019
- » price « £4,455 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Minimum 3 people, five nights spent in tents, remainder in lodges/hotels. You need to be in good physical condition and ready for adventure

Adventure week at Nordenskiöld Lodge

| 8 days

Cast yourself right into the heart of the Arctic to **Nordenskiöld Lodge**. Accessed by boat, it's hidden in the moraine at the foot of the magnificent **Nordenskiöld Glacier**. The week includes several full day trips, planned daily according to the weather.

- » when « Weekly departures on Saturdays July to September 2019
- » price « £3,090 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Minimum 4 people. You need to be in fairly good physical condition to take part. Not recommended for those with back pain

True Arctic story by snowmobile

| 7 days

Head off over **Tempelfjorden** and continue further up north over shiny glaciers and sharp mountains, towards the little frozen bay and **Nordenskiöld Lodge**. It's a modern cabin providing all the comfort you need, but in true Arctic expedition style. The view towards the magnificent glacier is breathtaking.

- » when « Departures weekly on Sundays mid-March to mid May 2019
- » price « £3,230 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Minimum 3 people, no camping

Camp or lodge in comfort



BASECAMP SPITSBERGEN HOTEL

- » At the heart of **Longyearbyen**, the world's northernmost town
- » Authentic trappers' style decor evokes Arctic life past and present
- » 16 rooms, comfortable beds, private bathrooms with showers. Stunning views over the town to the mountains
- » Relax in the glass-roofed lounge looking up at a sky filled with the **Northern Lights**.



There's a choice of accommodation for your **Spitsbergen** adventure. Once you've come as far as **Longyearbyen**, you'll want to go on further!



ISFJORD RADIO

- » 90 km from **Longyearbyen**, an outpost built in 1933 for local radio operators, now a luxury wilderness hotel
- » Accessed by snowmobile or boat according to the season
- » Glide over glaciers, mountains and frozen fjords by dogsled and snowmobile or safari by open boat across the **Arctic Ocean**
- » Dinner prepared by top chefs features lively conversation and Arctic specialities such as smoked seal, halibut with roe butter and reindeer sausage.

ARCTIC NORWAY – NORTHERN NORWAY

Whether you call it mushing, dog sledding or dog sledging – there's no more exhilarating way to explore.



Early spring is beautiful in **NORTHERN NORWAY** and experiencing it by dog-sledge adds a thrilling dimension. Our small group expeditions in the mountains and high uplands have been led by our Norwegian friends for years. We can arrange additional delights such as a skidoo trip to the **Sami (Lapp)** people in their summer or winter camps, to **Summer Island**, the picturesque **Lofoten Islands** or a fascinating day in **Tromsø**.

Dog-sledging in small groups

Explore Dividalen – drive your own dogs | 6 days

Stand on the runners whilst the dogs take the strain! Snow and weather conditions permitting, you will make daily trips through a beautiful snowscape. After a day on the trail, relax around a log fire while your hosts regale you from their fund of stories about life in the north. They are excellent cooks and their menus feature locally caught reindeer, elk and salmon. There's usually the chance to enjoy a sauna or hot tub too.

- » when « January – March 2019, dates on request
- » price « £1,695 per person
- » leader « Local Norwegian leader
- » key info « Minimum 4 people. Stay in a simple but cosy cabin. No previous experience required

Dog sledge The King's Way – crossing Norway into Sweden | 8 days

Sledge the **King's Way** from the dramatic high peaks and rock faces of **Norway** to the vast open plateaux and lakes of **Sweden**. This expedition along frozen rivers and lakes in the varied countryside around Kiruna ends near Jukkasjarvi at the famous **Ice Hotel**. Made using ice from the **Torne River**, it features ice sculptures, a cinema and a bar carved entirely from ice. We can arrange a night or two's stay in this unique accommodation.

- » when « April 2019, dates on request
- » price « £2,480 per person
- » leader « Local Norwegian leader
- » key info « Group size 4 minimum. Stay in mountain huts, may involve some camping and long days of sledging. Previous experience required



Mountain dog sledging hut to hut | 8 days

Combine extensive exploration of **Dividalen's** dramatic scenery of mountains, lakes and high plateaux with the luxury of spending each night in a different mountain hut. Our route will depend on the weather and snow conditions but in the evenings we'll relax in comfort over meals made with local produce, discussing the day's journey.

- » when « January – March 2019, dates on request
- » price « £2,370 per person
- » leader « Local Norwegian leader
- » key info « Group size 4 minimum. Stay in mountain huts. Some previous experience required

TOP TIP: We provide superbly warm sledging suits and thick felt-lined boots so you will never be cold.

DON'T MISS: **Tromsø** for its atmospheric Polar Museum and Northern Lights Planetarium.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Stunning displays of the **Aurora Borealis** in the depths of winter (if you're lucky)!



ICELAND is enchanting in summer with its long days and midnight sun and magical in winter – which brings the chance of seeing the *Aurora Borealis*. It's ideal for touring by car – we've splendid self-drive itineraries or can arrange a driver/ guide if you prefer. Ride an Icelandic pony over black lava fields, walk inside a glacier or 'flightsee' by helicopter for a bird's eye view of a glacier or extinct volcano.



ICELAND

Other-worldly land of natural phenomena and legends of the Saga Age



Self drive around Iceland's highlights | 8 days

Take in many of Iceland's main attractions on its ring road, 90 per cent of which is tarmac. The gravel sections are well maintained so 4WD is not required. As well as Reykjavik and the major highlights your tour includes the Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, panoramic views of Vatnajökull Glacier and Eyjafjörður, Iceland's longest fjord.

- » when « Tailor-made to suit
- » guide price « From £2,145 per person
- » key info « Driving yourself is easy and we give plenty of advice. There are lovely boutique hotels in Reykjavik we can suggest as an upgrade

Grand circle and west fjords – drive yourself! | 15 days

Waterfalls, glaciers, lava fields, black beaches, islands and cliffs teeming with bird life – discover all this and more as you drive around the amazing Snæfellsnes Peninsula, across the remote landscapes of the Westfjords and around Iceland's ring road. Aside from the 'greats' your personal tour includes Húsavík in North Iceland, Dettifoss Waterfall and Reykjavik.

- » when « Tailor-made to suit
- » guide price « From £3,765 per person
- » key info « You don't need a 4WD unless you plan to detour from our suggested route

Iceland's 'must see' star attractions

The itineraries here cover the key sights of this land of fire and ice – such as Akureyri at the base of Eyjafjörður Fjord, the waterfalls of Skógafoss, Seljalandsfoss, Gullfoss and Goðafoss, the hot springs at Geysir, Þingvellir and Skaftafell national parks and the volcanic area of Lake Mývatn – a paradise for birds.

Off the beaten track by highland 4WD | 8 days

This thrilling scenic adventure in the Icelandic Highlands on the two major interior tracks, the Kjölur and Sprengisandur highland roads, will test your driving skills. You cross unbridged streams and rivers against a panorama of glaciers, waterfalls and geothermal wonders.

- » when « Tailor-made to suit
- » guide price « From £2,645 per person
- » key info « We provide the 4WD vehicle and details of how to track local weather and road conditions

Northern Lights special – South Iceland | 4 days

This tour combines Reykjavik with a variety of fantastic winter activities and spectacular excursions, including a Northern Lights evening tour, Lake Þingvallavatn and the fountain geyser, Strokkur.

- » when « Tailor-made to suit
- » guide price « From £1,185 per person
- » key info « Each day's tour will be in a small group with a local guide

Volcanoes and glaciers – summer guided hiking in South Iceland | 7 days

Enjoy easy to moderate hiking through stunning volcanic scenery with breathtaking views over glaciers and of mountain peaks from a comfortable 4WD vehicle. Includes Laki Volcano, Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, the black sandy beaches at Vík and the amazing Reynisdrangar sea stacks.

- » when « 1-7 July, 5-11 August, 16-22 September 2018, ask for 2019 dates
- » guide price « From £3,145 per person
- » key info « Local guide. Daily hikes are normally 2-5 hours. Minimum group size 6



For map of Iceland see page 14

PHOTOS: 123RF

GREENLAND

Breathtaking fjords and communities with enduring lifestyles



Traditional dog sledging in Liverpool Land | 10 days

The Inuit still use the dog sledge to get around some areas in winter, including at **Greenland's** most isolated village **Ittoqqortoormiit** on the east coast. Here, on the northern shore of the world's largest fjord, there is a long tradition of hunting and travelling on the pack-ice as well as on land.

Join us for a traditional dog sledging trip on the spectacular coast of **Liverpool Land**. Highlights include flights by Twin-Otter aircraft and helicopter, a few days in Ittoqqortoormiit village and four days camping and travelling with dog sledges.

- » **when** « Weekly departures March – May 2019
- » **price** « From £5,340 per person
- » **Key info** « Group size 4 minimum. Stay in guest houses and tents

Liverpool Land ski trekking | 10 days

NEW FOR 2019

Flying from **Iceland** to **Constable Pynt** on **Greenland's** coast, you meet up with your local guide. His dog team pulls food, tents and other equipment, enabling you to ski with a lighter backpack. The terrain is comparatively flat and you'll head off into the untamed wilderness for five nights in hunters' huts or camping, setting up tents in beautiful, very remote spots.

After six days of skiing, you reach the Inuit

community of **Ittoqqortoormiit (Scoresbysund)** and stay two nights in the local guest-house.

- » **when** « Weekly departures on Sundays and Wednesdays March – May 2019
- » **price** « Depends on group size. Please contact us for prices
- » **leader** « Local leader
- » **Key info** « Experience of cross or backcountry skiing required. You bring your own touring/backcountry skis and must be able to ski up to 25km a day on moderate terrain with a backpack.

East Greenland Tasiilaq dog sledge adventure | 10 days

NEW FOR 2019

Tasiilaq, the largest town in **East Greenland** with about 2,000 residents, is one of the country's fastest growing communities. It lies just south of the **Arctic Circle** and boasts the splendour of the **Northern Lights** in winter. Discover the Inuit way of life and winter landscapes with two days on a dog sledge and a day on a snow scooter.

- » **when** « Weekly departures on Mondays, February – mid-April 2019
- » **price** « From £5,065 per person
- » **leader** « Local leader
- » **Key info** « You'll fly to **Kulusuk** from **Reykjavik** and take a helicopter to **Tasiilaq**. Accommodation is a mix of small hotel and guest house and one night in a basic but charming mountain hut with sleeping bags and outhouse WC.

GREENLAND, the world's largest island, remains largely uninhabited due to its massive inland Ice Cap. Extend your **Iceland** trip with a few days here or make it a stand-alone holiday. Travel along the west coast by local steamer or take small boat day trips between settlements as part of your stay in south or west Greenland.



Icebergs of West Greenland | 10 days

See the majestic icebergs at the World Heritage Site of **Ilulissat Ice Fjord** and stay near the very active **Eqi Glacier** before moving on to **Disko Island** for two nights with local hikes in and around this former whaling station.

Ilulissat town, 380km north of the **Polar Circle**, is a gateway for exploring the Arctic. Take an iceberg safari, visit remote settlements or go 'flightseeing'.

One night 'glamping' at **Camp Eqi** will give you front row seats for when the **Eqi Glacier** 'calves'. It's a perfect base from which to hike and the huts all have comfy beds and private facilities.

- » **when** « June – August 2019, tailor-made to suit
- » **price** « From £5,670 per person for 10 days
- » **leader** « Local guide
- » **Key info** « Limited accommodation so book early

» NEW OPTION «

Ask about taking the traditional coastal steamer – a three night journey which plies the route between **Ilulissat** and **Qaqortoq**, stopping at small towns on the way. Enjoy comfortable cabins, great food and time to explore the ports you stop at.

Qaqortoq, the largest city in **South Greenland**, offers art, culture, Norse history, boat tours, hot springs, kayaking and hiking. It's well worth spending a few days here before flying home.

BEST TIME TO GO: Winter/early spring for dog sledging and **Aurora Borealis**. Summer for wonderful hiking and cruising in iceberg filled waters.

READ: *Sirius Patrol* by Peter Schmidt Michelson.

PHOTOS: Mads Pihl, Visit Greenland



THE FAROE ISLANDS

Enchanting isles just waiting to be explored

THE FAROES poke sharply out of the Atlantic Ocean between Norway and Iceland. The landscape of these 18 remote islands is one of steep cliffs, narrow straits and natural harbours surrounded by small villages. Inhabited by less than 50,000 people and more than three million sea birds, the Faroe Islands are a nature lover's dream.

The Faroese people are justly proud of having preserved their own culture, traditions and language rooted in the Old Norse.



Atlantic nature – Vagar and Streymoy | 8 days

This tour combines the capital of the Faroes, **Torshavn**, with the island of **Vagar**. There's plenty of easy to moderate walking and we can pre-organise excursions to almost anywhere in the Faroes for you. Take a day-trip to the island of **Mykines**, famous for its incredibly rich birdlife. For thrills you can go RIB-boating to the bird-cliffs along Vagar's coastline. Torshavn has a rich cultural life and good museums.

- » when « June – August 2019, tailor-made to suit
- » price « From £1,465 per person
- » key info « Flights, hotels and transfers included. Optional guided trips can be added. Book early to secure guides and accommodation

TOP TIP: The summers are short and hotels fill quickly so book early to avoid disappointment.



Faroe Islands deluxe self-drive | 8 days

Driving is the perfect way to explore the islands. Roads are generally of high quality and distances between points of interest short, so you can see a lot without having to keep changing hotels.

We recommend the bird paradise of **Mykines Island**, **Kirkjubour** village and staying overnight in the tiny but picturesque village of **Gjogv**. Visit the **Saga Museum** in **Vestmanna** and ferry hop between little islands in the north.

Torshavn, the Faroes' capital, has big city confidence and is worth a few days' stay. There are a growing number of excellent restaurants using local produce to showcase their contemporary interpretation of traditional Faroese cuisine.

- » when « June – August 2019, tailor-made to suit
- » price « From £1,790 per person
- » key info « You can experience four seasons in one day. Average temperatures are 11°C in summer

PHOTO: Maxwell Rouche, Visit Faroe Islands



ARCTIC AND FAR EAST RUSSIA

Bears, snow-capped volcanoes and extraordinary history



Solovetski Islands and the White Sea | 12 days

The **Solovetski Islands**, 150km south of the Arctic Circle, were first settled by monks in the 1430s. This **White Sea** archipelago has six large and nearly 100 smaller islands which abound with lakes, wildflowers and nesting birds. In summer, beluga whales gather to calve in the shallow waters.

In the 20th Century, the legendary **Solovetski Monastery** was one of the most feared and infamous prison camps or 'gulags'. You can visit the beautiful cathedral, church, refectory and other buildings enclosed by the great 'kremlin' or fortification now the monks have returned.

Accommodation is in simple family-owned small hotels with delicious food. It's excellent territory for walking in summer.

- » when « 9-20 June 2019
or we can tailor-make to suit
- » price « £2,515 per person
- » leader « Local English speaking Russian leader
- » key info « Group size 6 minimum. Weather can be variable with temperatures ranging from 5-20 degrees C. The pace will be leisurely, easy walking entirely at your discretion

Bears, volcanoes, native people, reindeer herders, autumn colours | 20 days

We visit many habitats in order to experience **Kamchatka's** richness, diversity and autumn colours, including the central valley with the **Kamchatka River**, **Tolbachik**, **Kzudach**, **Mutnovsky** and **Vachkazhets** volcanoes, **Kurilskoye Lake** and the hot **Khodukta River** in the southern tundra. **Kurilskoye Lake** is one of the best places to see brown bears and Steller's sea eagles. Moving around by helicopter and truck we will watch bears feeding on berries and spawning salmon, swim in hot rivers, meet the locals in the settlement of **Esso** and overnight with nomadic reindeer herders in their summer mountain camp.

- » when « 1-20 August 2019,
22 August – 10 September 2019
- » price « £6,485 per person
- » leader « Local English speaking Russian leader
- » key info « Group size 10-16. The pace will be leisurely with optional easy walks.

The **ARCTIC RUSSIAN** tundra is dotted with countless lakes and pools through which its vast north-flowing rivers wend their way to the Arctic Ocean. Here, in the short intense summer, red-breasted geese, Siberian crane and Ross's gull nest. The ground is bright with wild flowers, and musk oxen, bears, reindeer, lynx, wolverine, wolves and foxes roam.

In the **Kamchatka Peninsula** in **RUSSIA'S FAR EAST** some of the Itelmen, Eveni and Koryaks still live by their traditional ways. Home to Russia's largest brown bear, its rivers teem with salmon and the rugged coastline supports thousands of seabirds as well as seals, sea lions and sea otters. In summer, plants in the valleys grow incredibly fast in the warm rich volcanic soil.

Active volcanoes of the Kamchatka Peninsula | 19 days

Supported by 4WD vehicle or 6WD truck, you will ride up, over, and around **Kamchatka's** highest and most active volcanoes, passing along a 1,000 metre high mountain plateau. Some of this outstanding scenery was formed around 20 years ago and you will have the chance to walk through the ash-cinder plain from the **Northern Vent** eruption. See the active volcanoes **Mutnovsky**, **Gorely**, **Avachinsky**, **Kluchevskoy** (Eurasia's largest at 4,850 m) and **Tolbachik**, on whose slopes you will camp. In the tundra you should see marmots, ground squirrels, foxes, a great variety of bird life and, of course, bears.

- » when « 8-26 July, 25 July – 12 August 2019
- » price « £3,995 per person
- » leader « Local English speaking Russian leader
- » key info « Group size: maximum 16

BEST TIME TO GO: June to September for summer adventures, January to March for winter activities.

DID YOU KNOW: Among the **Solovetski Islands'** more than 170 architectural and archaeological monuments are 33 mysterious stone labyrinths dating back around 3,000 years.

DON'T MISS: The exquisite art and architecture of Moscow and St. Petersburg – a memorable beginning or end to your exploration.



Voyages THE ARCTIC

A wilderness of drama enticing you northwards

NEW FOR 2019

- » **Hondius** operates in the Arctic for the first time
- » **Sea Spirit** takes a new voyage from **Plymouth** round the west coast of **England** and **Scotland** to **Edinburgh** in May 2019
- » **Ocean Endeavour** circumnavigates **Ireland** in June 2019
- » June 2019 sees **Spirit of Enderby** back in the **Sea of Okhotsk**
- » Try **Akademik Sergey Vavilov's** June 2019 photography symposium in **Spitsbergen**
- » **Sea Spirit** explores **West Spitsbergen** and the polar ice edge in June and July 2019
- » **Polar Pioneer** explores **Norway's** rugged coast and **Bear Island** en route from **Aberdeen** to **Spitsbergen** in July 2019. **Bear Island** is also on **Ortelius'** agenda in August
- » **RCGS Resolute** discovers art, wildlife and culture in **South Baffin** before her consecutive voyage to **Greenland** in July 2019
- » **Akademik Ioffe** visits **Baffin Island** in July 2019
- » **Ocean Endeavour** travels in the wake of the Vikings from **Iceland** to the west coast of **Greenland** in July 2019
- » For a small ship experience in **Svalbard** join **Polar Pioneer** in July and August 2019
- » Sailing ship **Noorderlicht** circumnavigates **Spitsbergen** in July/Aug 2019
- » Try **Sea Spirit** or **Hondius** in **East Greenland** in September 2019.

Several of our voyages concentrate on **Spitsbergen**. Meaning 'pointed mountains' it's an evocative name for the largest island of the **Svalbard Archipelago**, 1,300km from the **North Pole**, where snowy peaks rise majestically through huge ice-caps, glaciers crawl down valleys to the sea and sparkling ice walls enclose deep fjords.

Being part of the largest protected area of land in the world, **East Greenland** is little visited. Our voyages explore the beautiful fjord system of **Scoresby Sund** and the spectacular south east coast, as well as the glorious shores of **West Greenland**. Towards the end of the Arctic summer the tundra vibrates with autumn colours and there is an excellent chance of seeing the **Northern Lights**.

We also sail to the **British Isles**, **Scotland**, **Iceland**, **Russia** and the **Canadian** and **High Arctic**.

PHOTO: Poseidon Expeditions



The islands of the ARCTIC OCEAN exert a captivating lure. The **British Isles** and **Scotland** offer Stone Age, Viking and Celtic history, while at the edge of the **Arctic Circle**, mythical **Iceland** is still being shaped by fire and ice. **Norway's Jan Mayen Island** is a pristine volcanic wilderness where whales are sometimes seen. Further north, the **Svalbard Archipelago** is a theatre of wildlife against a fjord backdrop, in stark contrast to remote and forbidding **Franz Josef Land**.

BRITISH ISLES, SCOTLAND, ARCTIC NORWAY AND ICELAND



Wild Scotland | 11 days

A journey from **Oban** to **Aberdeen** among the remote islands north and west of **Scotland** revealing hidden lochs, diverse wildlife, picturesque villages and a jagged coastline steeped in Neolithic history.

- » ship « **Polar Pioneer**
- » when « 22 June – 2 July 2019
- » guide price « **£4,995** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

The British Isles | 13 days

NEW VOYAGE

We're very excited about this new voyage, which sets off from our local port city of **Plymouth** and sails west to **Tresco** in the **Scilly Isles**, **Ireland's Skellig Isles** and **Llandudno** on the north coast of **Wales** before re-crossing the **Irish Sea** to **Northern Ireland** for the **Giants Causeway**. It takes in the **Inner** and **Outer Hebrides** including remote and storm ravaged **St Kilda**, the **Orkneys**, **Shetlands** and **Bass Rock** which hosts over 150,000 northern gannets in the breeding season. Disembark in **Edinburgh**.

- » ship « **Sea Spirit**
- » when « 22 May – 3 June 2019
- » guide price « **£5,535** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2018

Timeless traditions and a profusion of whales and seabirds

Fair Isle, Faroes, Jan Mayen, Spitsbergen | 12 days

NEW VOYAGE

Departing from **Edinburgh** bound for the **Orkneys**, **Fair Isle** and the **Shetland Islands** we then spend a day in **Torshavn**, **Faroe Islands**. The rarely visited volcanic island of **Jan Mayen** is a highlight before four glorious days exploring the bountiful wildlife and deep fjords of **west Spitsbergen**.

- » ship « **Sea Spirit**
- » when « 3-14 June 2019
- » guide price « **£4,755** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2018

» OPTIONS «

New ship **Hondius** has a shorter itinerary sailing from **Aberdeen** and visiting **Fair Isle** and **Jan Mayen** before spending one day in **Spitsbergen** 5-14 June 2019, price from **£2,755** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities).

Scotland, Norway, Spitsbergen across the Arctic Circle | 14 days

NEW VOYAGE

Share the water with orcas and the skies with puffins on this voyage out of **Aberdeen**. Your on-board historians and naturalists unveil the **Orkney** and **Shetland islands**, from Stone Age villages and Viking relics to world class distilleries and spectacular birdlife. We follow migrating whales along **Norway's** dramatic coast and cross the **Arctic Circle**, visiting **Sør Gjaeslingan**, once home to a busy cod-fishing fleet. Continuing north, we pass the mountain **Torghatten** with its distinctive hole and enjoy the majesty of the **Lofoten Islands**.

Then it's across the **Barents Sea**, past often fog-shrouded **Bear Island**, nesting ground for fulmars, kittiwakes, guillemots and gulls, ending in the **South Spitsbergen National Park**, before entering the iceberg-laden waters of **Hornsund**.

- » ship « **Polar Pioneer**
- » when « 2-15 July 2019
- » guide price « **£5,465** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

PHOTOS: Anthony Smith, Jonathan Zaccaria, Poseidon Expeditions



Ireland circumnavigation

| 12 days

NEW
VOYAGE

Ireland is a land of rolling countryside, charming villages and rugged seascapes. Visit quaint villages, harbour towns and modern cities. Meet its friendly people, hear their stories – and tap your toes to their music!

From cosmopolitan **Dublin** to coastal **Ulster**, we take in birdlife, natural beauty and historic sites from the **Ring of Kerry**, **Dingle**, **Tory Island** and the **Giants Causeway** to **Belfast** and finally back to **Dublin**.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 9-20 June 2019
- » guide price « **£7,535** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

North/around Spitsbergen | 9-11 days

We head up the west coast of **Spitsbergen** to **Ny Ålesund**, the world's most northerly settlement. Depending on weather, we may go ashore on **Andøya** where common eiders and pink-footed geese nest, and sail into **Liefdefjorden**, cruising near the 5km long face of the **Monaco Glacier**. We continue into the **Hinlopen Strait**, to attempt a landing at **Nordautlandet**. On to **Phippsøya** and, pack ice conditions permitting, to **Laagøya**, a low island where walrus congregate. We'll navigate the ice floes of **Lomfjordshalvøya** by Zodiacs and explore the bird cliffs. We plan to visit an old trapper's hut on **Barentsøya**, then on south to **Edgeøya** and the spectacular **Hornsund** area. Depending on ice conditions, early season voyages may only cover the west side.

- » ships « **Hondius, Plancius**
- » when « Departures May – August 2019
- » guide price range « From **£5,195 – £6,420** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

June voyages are designated as polar bear and pack ice specials.

Look out for **Plancius** and **Hondius** voyages extending as far as **Kvitøya** (three departures in August) and **82 degrees North** (25 August – 2 September 2019) with **Plancius**.

West Spitsbergen and Polar Ice Edge | 10 days

NEW
VOYAGE

The frozen wilderness of **Spitsbergen** is both a place of precarious beauty and a refuge for endangered Arctic wildlife.

This expedition departs from **Longyearbyen** and explores **Spitsbergen's** dramatic north western mountain coastline and tidewater glaciers providing some of the Arctic's best wildlife viewing opportunities. We'll venture to the edge of the north polar ice cap in search of polar bears stalking their prey.

- » ship « **Sea Spirit**
- » when « 13-22 June, 21-30 June, 29 June – 10 July 2019
- » guide price « **£6,995** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2018

Spitsbergen encounter – Norwegian Arctic with photography symposium | 11 days

NEW
VOYAGE

Formerly a whaling base, the **Svalbard archipelago** offers fabulous opportunities to capture on camera its prolific breeding seabirds, marine mammals and the icon of the Arctic, its polar bear.



You'll enjoy presentations by polar experts as well as help from a team of highly experienced photographers to improve your camera skills. Up to five professional photographer mentors offer one-on-one support and personal photographic critique. The symposium caters for all skill levels and camera types, it's optional and no extra charges apply.

- » ship « **Akademik Sergey Vavilov**
- » when « 18-28 June, 27 June – 7 July 2019
- » guide price « **£6,925** per person based on twin cabin (semi-private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

For those wanting a more in-depth experience without photography, try the **Vavilov's** 13 day **Spitsbergen explorer** 7-19 June and 6-18 July 2019. Price from **£8,285** per person based on twin cabin (semi-private facilities)

Tromsø, Bear Island, around Spitsbergen | 13 days

NEW
VOYAGE

This voyage aims to circumnavigate **Spitsbergen** with some surprises en-route. Possible landing sites on isolated **Bear Island** include the former whaling station of **Sørhamna**, and **Tunnheim**, where coal mining was attempted before WWII. We make some rare landings at **Tusindøyane** after 15 August, once summer protection has been lifted. Among lichen-clad rocks on **Ækongen** you'll find evidence of past whaling and trapping activities. Next we hope to explore eastern **Edgeøya's** rarely seen glacier fronts with a good chance of spotting polar bears at **Ryke Yseøyane**. The ship also attempts to reach **Kvitøya**, close to **Russian** territory and the **Seven Islands**. Here you reach **80° North**, just 870 km from the geographic **North Pole**.

- » ship « **Ortelius**
- » when « 18-30 August 2019
- » guide price « **£6,935** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

For those who like **North Sea** sailing, embark the ship in **Vlissingen, Holland** five days earlier for an additional **£590** per person.

Svalbard odyssey | 12 days

NEW
VOYAGE

For a really intimate ship experience, why not circumnavigate **Spitsbergen** aboard small ship **Polar Pioneer** and experience a world of deep shimmering fjords, polar deserts, old whaling settlements and polar bear? There are no open sea

crossings and you'll explore the coastline against a backdrop of glacier covered peaks with wonderful wildlife, trapper camps and sweeping tundra.

- » ship « **Polar Pioneer**
- » when « 14-25 July, 24 July – 4 August 2019
- » guide price « **£5,925** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

» OPTIONS «

For the same price, join the 29 August – 9 September 2019 **Northern Svalbard explorer** when, through opening pack ice, **Polar Pioneer** will attempt landings in some of the farthest reaches of the archipelago, including the outer islands of **Nordautlandet**, **Storøya** and **Kvitøya**.

Iceland circumnavigation | 11 days

Marvel at **Iceland's** geological wonders and extraordinary history and culture – both in small fishing communities dating back more than 800 years and in its clean and green capital, **Reykjavik**.

Volcanically and geologically active, Iceland is famed for its awe-inspiring lava fields, mountains, glaciers and glacial rivers. Bird colonies number up to a million strong and there's the chance of seeing whales in the productive waters of **Húsavík**.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 4-14 July 2019
- » guide price « **£7,485** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

Franz Josef Land archipelago | 14 days

Franz Josef Land in **Russia's** far north is the world's northernmost archipelago. Discovered less than 150 years ago, it comprises 192 islands rich in birdlife, walrus, polar bear, seal, arctic fox and beluga whales. Now within the **Russian Arctic National Park** administration, this seldom visited landscape is dotted with relics of past exploration and we spend seven extraordinary days here. A very good option for the experienced polar voyager seeking new experiences.

- » ship « **Sea Spirit**
- » when « 1-14 August, 13-26 August 2019
- » guide price « From **£10,445** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2018



For maps of **Spitsbergen** and **Iceland** see pages 4 and 14

SAIL NORWAY, SPITSBERGEN AND GREENLAND

Combine the excitement of sailing with wildlife and the fascinating history of Arctic exploration and whaling

Sail North Spitsbergen | 9-13 days

Sailing through **Isfjorden** to **Trygghamna** we visit the remains of a 17th century English whaling station. Weather permitting, we will go ashore at **Fuglehuken**, where **Willem Barentsz** landed, and **Ny-Ålesund**, the world's northernmost permanent settlement. At **14th July Glacier** we take Zodiacs to the breeding site for Brunnich's guillemots, little auks and puffins. On to **Magdalenafjord** and **Ytre Norskøya**, and then **Raudfjord** on the north coast, hopefully landing on the northern side of **Reindyrfla** where reindeer graze on the tundra.

We turn south after **Smeerenburg** – once the largest whaling settlement, possibly landing on **Danskøya**, site of the failed hydrogen balloon expedition by **S A Andr  e** and his fellow explorers. Exact landings will depend upon ice conditions.

- » ship « **Noorderlicht, Rembrandt Van Rijn**
- » when « Departures March – August 2019
- » guide price « From **£3,220** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

» OPTIONS « 17 day voyages in August 2019 on **Noorderlicht** will try to sail around **Spitsbergen**. Price guide **£5,720** per person based on (twin cabin (shared facilities)).

There is one **Central Spitsbergen** voyage 19-27 September 2019 on **Noorderlicht**, ideal for the Northern Lights.

For those with a particular interest ask about the ski/sail/hike options on **Rembrandt Van Rijn**.



Sail North Norway – Aurora Borealis and whales | 9 days

This **North Norway** cruise follows the path of several species of whale as we travel among the fjords of **Troms  **. There are good hiking opportunities by day and the long nights offer an excellent chance to take in the wonder of the **Northern Lights**. You might circumnavigate **Senja** and sail to the small island of **Sommar  y**. The itinerary depends on weather conditions, daylight hours and the anticipated location of the whales, but you will spend the next several days along the north coasts of **Senja** and **Andfjorden**, areas where many whale species (including sperm whales) have been spotted in recent years. Near **Andenes** whales dive particularly deep to feed on giant squid along the edge of the **Continental Shelf**. You may well see resident white-tailed eagles, one of the largest birds in Europe, as they too want their share in the herring frenzy.

- » ship « **Rembrandt Van Rijn**
- » when « Numerous departures January – March and November – December 2019
- » guide price « **£2,955** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

PHOTOS: Jan Belgers, Rembrandt van Rijn, Franco Banfi, Erwin Vermeulen, Oceanwide Expeditions

Sail Spitsbergen Northeast Greenland | 21 days

NEW VOYAGE

Setting off from **Spitsbergen**, at **Trygghamna** we walk to **Alkhorneret**, a large seabird cliff where the birds are scouting out breeding places. Heading north we try to spy polar bear at **Raudfjorden** on the north coast of Spitsbergen. From here the ship crosses to **Greenland** heading for **Foster Bay**, and a first landing at **Myggbukta**. Beyond the old hunters' hut musk oxen populate the sprawling tundra, with geese on its small lakes. We sail through **Kaiser Franz Josef Fjord** and into the **Antarctic Sound**. Heading down the coast, we make for **Scoresbysund** for a Zodiac cruise through icebergs past one of the many glacier fronts. After some final hiking at **Ittoqqortoormiit** we land at the airfield on **Constable Pynt** for the chartered plane to **Reykjavik**.

- » ship « **Rembrandt Van Rijn**
- » when « 5-25 August 2019
- » guide price « **£7,480** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)



For maps of Spitsbergen and Greenland see pages 4 and 8

GREENLAND

Awesome glaciers, icy fjords
and Inuit communities



Spitsbergen and North East Greenland

| 16 days

Between the high ice-cap of **North East Greenland** and the sea is a vegetation-rich strip of low country, that supports much wildlife. Some **Ittoqqortoormiit** people still make a living hunting polar bears, musk oxen, seals, whales and seabirds.

Crossing from **Spitsbergen** we keep watch for fin, humpback and minke whales and approach East Greenland, landing at **Myggebugt**. Moving south to **Scoresby Sund** we land near a glacier and encounter huge icebergs before disembarking in **Akureyri** in **North Iceland**.

- » ship « **Plancius**
- » when « 1-16 September 2019
- » guide price « **£8,195** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

In the wake of the Vikings

| 14 days

NEW
VOYAGE

We sail west from **Reykjavik** like the Vikings of old, through breathtaking scenery of mountains, glaciers, fjords, and icebergs to the icy realm of **Greenland**. Whales and seabirds abound and photographers, birders, and hikers will be enthralled.

Villages around Greenland's southern tip offer a glimpse into the culture here. Bask in the **Unartoq** geothermal springs and explore the ruins of **Brattelid**, a settlement founded by **Erik the Red**. **Kangaamiut** is a quaint fishing village whilst Greenland's capital, **Nuuk**, offers shopping and dining. Finally we sail up the mighty **Sondre Stromfjord** to **Kangerlussuaq**, the gateway to Greenland's ice cap.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 13-26 July 2019
- » guide price « **£8,860** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

East Greenland

| 11 days

NEW
VOYAGE

This memorable voyage starts and finishes in **Reykjavik, Iceland**. Having visited **Isafjörður** in Iceland's **Westfjords** we cross the **Denmark Strait** to explore the wilderness of **East Greenland's** stunning **Scoresby Sund** fjord complex. We'll discover historic sites and a contemporary Inuit village and encounter massive icebergs.



On our return journey we explore Iceland's picturesque **Snæfellsnes Peninsula**. Each night brings another excellent chance to experience the mesmerising **Northern Lights**.

- » ship « **Sea Spirit**
- » when « 6-16 September, 15-25 September 2019
- » guide price « **£6,480** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

Join **Hondius** on a similar voyage – **Scoresby Sund Aurora Borealis** – 16-25 September 2019 out of **Akureyri** in **North Iceland**. Price from **£5,850** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

Arctic express – Greenland's Northern Lights | 10 days

A great expedition for those short on time. Witness the delights of the world's largest fjord system of **Scoresby Sund**, discover fascinating Inuit settlements and the people of **Ittoqqortoormiit** and have the chance to view some of the world's most vivid displays of the **Northern Lights**. This is one of our more active adventures - trek along the tundra and, at **Greenland National Park**, climb mountains to watch grazing musk oxen and other Arctic wildlife below.

- » ship « **Ocean Nova**
- » when « Four departures in September 2019
- » guide price « From **£7,590** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)



For map of Greenland see page 8

PHOTOS: Anthony Smith, Lauren Farmer, Poseidon Expeditions



Three Arctic islands – triple the adventure | 15 days

This award-winning expedition voyage takes you high above the **Arctic Circle** in **Spitsbergen** to north east **Greenland** and across to **Iceland**. Icy fjords, rugged coastlines and massive glaciers will astound and you'll see plenty of Arctic wildlife, including musk oxen, polar bears, walrus and seals. Embark the ship in **Spitsbergen** and disembark in **Northern Iceland**.

- » ship « **Ocean Adventurer**
- » when « 3-17 August 2019
- » guide price range « From **£9,295** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

Jewels of the Arctic | 15 days

For a small ship experience join **Polar Pioneer** on these fascinating voyages. **Northeast Greenland** is the world's largest national park with elusive polar bear, walrus, Arctic hare, musk oxen and many kinds of seal. If the pack ice allows, we'll attempt to reach the rarely visited **Kaiser Franz Josef Fjord**. The first voyage spends two days in **Spitsbergen** and ends in **Iceland**. The second operates in reverse.

- » ship « **Polar Pioneer**
- » when « 3-17 August, 16-30 August 2019
- » guide price « From **£7,175** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

» OPTIONS «

Polar Pioneer also has a 25 day **Ultimate Adventure Arctic Complete** voyage – circumnavigating **Spitsbergen** and continuing to **Greenland** and **Iceland** 24 July – 17 August 2019 and 16 August – 9 September 2019. Guide price **£10,975** per person twin cabin (shared facilities).



Newfoundland circumnavigation | 15 days

Daily excursions give the chance to experience the excellent hiking, wildlife, scenery and hospitality of **Canada's** newest province. **Newfoundland** is full of unexpected delights such as **Gros Morne** where the Earth's mantle protrudes through the crust, **Red Bay** where Basque whalers once plied their trade and **L'Anse aux Meadows** where Vikings established a base. The French island of **Saint-Pierre** is a taste of Europe and **Miawpukek First Nation's** thriving community offers a warm welcome.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 30 September – 14 October 2019
- » guide price « **£8,110** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

Greenland and wild Labrador | 19 days

Crossing the **Arctic Circle** this sailing covers over 2,200 nautical miles from **Sondre Stromfjord** in **Greenland** all the way to **St. John's**, capital of **Newfoundland and Labrador**.

On **Greenland's** west coast we call in at **Nuuk**, and explore one of the area's fjords. Across the **Davis Strait** in **Canada**, we visit the pristine **Torngat Mountains National Park**, staffed by Inuit, and make daily Zodiac expeditions and excursions, searching for polar and black bear along **Northern Labrador's** coastline.

Moving south, we'll visit the **Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve**. Crossing the **Strait of Belle Isle** we'll pay our respects to the Viking visitors at **L'Anse aux Meadows** and explore **Terra Nova National Park** before ending at historic **St. John's**.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 16 September – 4 October 2019
- » guide price « **£10,995** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

Into the Northwest Passage | 21 days

The **Northwest Passage** is the pinnacle of Arctic exploration. Hugging **Greenland's** **Sisimiut** coast on the look-out for whales, we stop at **Ilulissat** to cruise among its icebergs by Zodiac.

From **Greenland** we cross **Davis Strait** to visit **Qikiqtarjuaq**, the iceberg capital of **Nunavut**, and pay respects at the **Franklin Expedition** graves at **Beechey Island**. **Devon Island** offers opportunities to spot Peary caribou, polar bear, walrus, and muskoxen. **Parry Channel** and **Peel Sound** afford a passage to **Queen Maude Gulf** and onward to **Kugluktuk (Coppermine)**.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 15 August – 4 September 2019
- » guide price « **£16,325** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

PHOTOS: Michelle Valberg, Dennis Minty, Carlos Santos, Adventure Canada



CANADIAN AND HIGH ARCTIC

Iconic territories, welcoming people, polar history and cliffs teeming with birds

» OPTIONS «

Ocean Adventurer offers a **Footsteps of Franklin** voyage sailing westwards up the **Baffin** coast from **Kangerlussuaq** to **Resolute** 26 August – 13 September 2019. Guide price **£14,120** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 30 June 2018.

2019 explores the **Northwest Passage** and fjords of **Baffin Island** before **Greenland**. Guide price **£15,995** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities).

Ocean Adventurer sails the **Northwest Passage Epic High Arctic** from **Resolute** to **Kangerlussuaq** 9-27 September 2019. Guide price **£14,125** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 30 June 2018.

Out of the Northwest Passage | 21 days

In **Canada's** vast northern wilderness wildlife roams and the recent findings of **Franklin's** ships, **HMS Erebus** and **HMS Terror** remind us that history and legends are still being made. **Nunavut's** communities are a compelling blend of the traditional and the contemporary. Following our **Into the Northwest Passage** itinerary in reverse, we make our way north to **Smith Sound**. Here we enter a realm still defined by ice, while **Greenland** offers geology, geography and culture.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 31 August – 20 September 2019
- » guide price « From **£16,270** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

Akademik Ioffe has a **Classic Northwest Passage and Baffin Island** voyage from **Cambridge Bay** to **Iqaluit** 18 August – 3 September 2019. Guide price **£13,675** per person based on twin cabin (semi-private facilities).

RCGS Resolute's Classic Northwest Passage and Greenland voyage 29 August – 14 September

Baffin Island | 16 days

The east coast of **Baffin Island** is one of the last great wilderness regions. We'll encounter deep fjords, soaring mountains, immense glacial systems, remote Inuit communities and amazing wildlife – small ship cruising at its best. We also visit former **HBC** locations, **RCMP** outposts and **Beechey Island**, the final resting place for some of the men of the ill-fated **Franklin Expedition** of 1845-46.

- » ship « **Akademik Ioffe**
- » when « 20 July – 4 August 2019
- » guide price « **£11,290** per person based on twin cabin (semi-private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

RCGS Resolute's new Baffin Island and Greenland Explorer voyage combines **Canada's** wild and remote **Baffin Island** with **Greenland's** glaciated western coast 7-21 August 2019. Guide price **£13,780** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities).



MUST READ:
Finding Franklin
by Russell Potter

ABBREVIATIONS:
HBC – Hudson's Bay Company,
RCMP – Royal Canadian Mounted Police



High Arctic explorer | 14 days

Immerse yourself in wilderness, nature and the history of Canadian exploration from day one. Leaving **Resolute** we visit a number of **RCMP** shoreline outposts, retracing patrols made by the first vessel to circumnavigate North America, the **St Roch**. We visit **Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary**, see seals, beluga whales, musk oxen, caribou and polar bear, sweeping glaciers and skies that go on forever. Our final stop is to **Sir John Franklin's** expedition graves at **Beechey Island**.

- » ship « **Akademik Ioffe**
- » when « 31 July – 13 August 2019
- » guide price « **£10,525** per person based on twin cabin (semi-private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

On **Ocean Endeavour's** voyage of the same name journey in comfort from **Resolute Bay, Nunavut** to **Kangerlussuaq, Greenland** 4-19 August 2019. Price guide **£12,995** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities).

Pathways to Franklin | 14 days

Relive the exploration history of the **Northwest Passage**. We visit **Sir John Franklin's** grave on wild and windy **Beechey Island**, **Cape Charles York** offers great walking opportunities and the towering bird cliffs of **Prince Leopold Island** are unforgettable. We hope to stop at **Victory Point**, where an abandoned lifeboat, skeletons and other artefacts were found. Travelling close to the location of the wreck of **HMS Erebus**, we learn how exploration opened up the Arctic and explore **The Royal Canadian Geographical Society Island** before disembarking in **Cambridge Bay**.

- » ship « **Akademik Ioffe**
- » when « 9-22 August 2019
- » guide price « **£10,410** per person based on twin cabin (semi-private facilities)

Labrador and Torngat explorer | 15 days

This voyage links historic locations on **Canada's** east coast, including a Viking settlement, remote mission locations and isolated fishing ports.

From the historic port town of **Louisbourg, Nova Scotia**, we journey northwards, encountering the **Nunatsiavut** people in small settlements along the **Labrador** coastline, learning about their strong cultural and spiritual connections to this land. **Torngat Mountains National Park** shows off the highest peaks in Canada east of The Rockies before we cross **Frobisher Bay** to **Monumental Island**.

- » ship « **Akademik Ioffe, RCGS Resolute**
- » when « 10-24 July, 18 July – 1 August 2019
- » guide price « From **£6,780** per person based on twin cabin (semi-private facilities)

South Baffin explorer

| 15 days

NEW
VOYAGE

For millennia indigenous people have expressed and kept alive their own cultural heritage through art, and it's the art scene local to this barely visited area south of **Baffin Island** which is our focus. Embarking the ship in **Nunavut's** capital, **Iqaluit**, we travel east and visit local communities at **Cape Dorset**, home to migratory caribou, seabirds, whales, seals and walrus and hike through rolling hills to secluded waterfalls and lakes. At **Digges Island** we find rocky cliffs ideal for seabirds. We end with **Akpatok Island** and **Lower Savage Islands** which are known for polar bear and walrus, and enjoy some great Zodiac cruises before disembarking at **Iqaluit**.

- » ship « **RCGS Resolute**
- » when « 28 July – 11 August 2019
- » guide price « **£12,395** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

Epic voyages crashing through the ice. Stay in a unique campsite and explore by helicopter and snowshoe

ARCTIC ICEBREAKERS AND ICE LODGES

50 YEARS OF VICTORY

Nuclear powered polar-class icebreaker and the largest fitted for passenger travel to the North Pole.

- » passengers « 128 in 64 en-suite cabins of five categories, all with ocean views
- » itineraries « High Arctic
- » operator « Poseidon Expeditions



The North Pole ultimate Arctic adventure by icebreaker | 15 days

Our adventure starts in **Murmansk, Russia** where you embark the nuclear-powered icebreaker **50 Years of Victory** to smash through the frozen Arctic Ocean to the geographic North Pole.

In addition to the excitement of cruising on a powerful Russian icebreaker with its own on-board helicopter, the incredible staff who will be guiding you and the thrill of standing at the top of the world, you'll explore the rarely visited Russian Arctic archipelago of **Franz Josef Land**. An extraordinary voyage on a unique ship.

- » ship « **50 Years of Victory**
- » when « 6-20 July, 17-31 July, 28 July – 11 August 2019
- » guide price « **£23,795** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2018

North Pole express – Barneo Ice Camp | 6 days

The pinnacle of this itinerary (ideal for those short of time) is a night at **89° North** at **Barneo Ice Camp**. This seasonal fly-in campsite is a unique North Pole experience. You'll be one of an exclusive group to land on the frozen runway and stay on this floating site in the icy North Polar Basin.

Operated by the Expedition Centre for the **Russian Geographical Society** as a science and logistics station, among your fellow guests and base staff will be scientists, pilots, mechanics, engineers and explorers. There will be fully-guided opportunities for exploring the northernmost Arctic by helicopter, all just a short flight from **Longyearbyen**.

- » when « Land based programme 12-17 April 2019
- » guide price « **£19,990** per person based on twin room (shared facilities)

Arctic Watch Lodge – adventure and wildlife at 74°N | 10-12 days

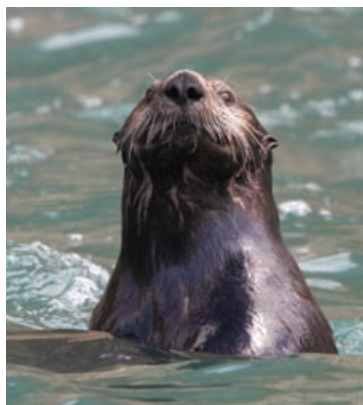
Spend a week at this unique **Canadian Arctic** wilderness lodge and world-class beluga whale observation site. Situated 500 miles north of the Arctic Circle, there are fully-guided opportunities for exploring the Arctic tundra's musk oxen, polar bears and other wildlife. Comfortable accommodation and superb food, just a short flight from **Yellowknife, Northwest Territories**, to **Somerset Island** in **Nunavut**.

- » when « Land based programme, numerous departures weekly July/August 2019
- » guide price « From **£9,160** per person based on twin room (shared facilities)
- » activities « All terrain vehicle exploration, fishing, hiking, kayaking, rafting

PHOTO: Dietmar Denger, Poseidon Expeditions

ARCTIC AND FAR EAST RUSSIA

Volcanoes, geysers, vibrant tundra, fast flowing rivers and rugged coasts



Siberia's forgotten coast | 18 days

Dominated by the volcanoes of **Kamchatka** in the south, the fjords of the former **Koryak** region and the rich estuarine areas and tundra of **Chukotka**, the remote eastern coastline of **Siberia** has a huge diversity of habitats and wildlife. One of its most iconic endemic species is the critically endangered **spoon-billed sandpiper**. This expedition supports the work of research teams involved with this species and expands it to monitor other seabirds and waders.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 22 June – 9 July 2019
- » guide price « **£10,480** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

Across the top of the world – Wrangel Island | 19 days

Journey through the **Bering Strait** and spend four to five days with local rangers around secluded **Wrangel Island**, where polar bears breed. We will also look out for Pacific walrus, gray whales, reindeer, musk oxen and snow geese. This isolated nature reserve is a delight for wilderness seekers.

Ask for details of the Wrangel overland traverse – an optional three days crossing the island.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 19 July – 6 August, 2-20 August
16 August – 3 September 2019
- » guide price « **£11,610** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities), **£1,160** per person for the overland **Wrangel Island** traverse

Russia's Ring of Fire cruise | 17 days

This voyage explores the **Commander Islands**, the **Kuril Islands** and the **Kamchatka Peninsula**. Learn about the intriguing history and spectacular wildlife of this area where the seas abound with many species of seabirds and cetaceans.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 25 May – 10 June 2019
- » guide price « **£9,650** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

Jewel of the Russian Far East | 17 days

Russia's **eastern seaboard** dominates the **North Pacific** and yet very few people know much about the coastlines of **Chukotka**, **Koryak** and **Kamchatka**.

In winter ice chokes the shoreline but, during spring and summer, the region comes alive. In September birds that migrated here prepare to leave, reindeer and mountain sheep feed before the harsh winter and fat Kamchatka brown bears, which have gorged on berries and salmon, doze in the late summer sunshine.

Autumn paints vibrant colours on the tundra-cloaked hillsides and we make numerous landings on this journey from **Anadyr** to **Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy**.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 30 August – 15 September 2019
- » guide price « **£8,990** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

Chukotka – where Russia's day begins

| 19 days

This special expedition includes **Wrangel Island** and the annual **Beringia Regatta**. Meet **Chukotka's** indigenous people, listen to their stories, learn of their strong connection with the land and the sea – and celebrate with them at their annual festival.

We will also explore the vast tundra with its wild flowers and dwarf tree species and watch for brown bears, reindeer, arctic foxes, ground squirrels and even wolverine. At sea, we'll keep a look out for whales. **Wrangel Island** will amaze you with its polar bears, walrus and rich Arctic history.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 5-23 July 2019
- » guide price « **£10,395** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

Sea of Okhotsk

| 16 days

A seldom visited region which will appeal to the inquisitive and adventurous traveller. The **Sea of Okhotsk** saw human suffering and misery on an unthinkable scale with the transportation of over three million prisoners across to the **Gulags** of the **Kolyma Goldfields** in the mid-20th century. Its upper regions remain frozen for much of the year and winter storms make it an inhospitable place. Miraculously the wildlife thrives, including rare and beautifully marked **ribbon seals** and some of the largest concentrations of northern fur seals and the majestic **Steller's sea eagle** in the **Russian Far East**.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 22 June – 7 July 2019
- » guide price « **£7,475** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

NEW VOYAGE



PHOTOS: N Russ, M Kelly, MKK Antipodes, A Riley, Heritage Expeditions

Voyages THE ANTARCTIC

Up-close discovery by Zodiac and kayak

The **Antarctic Peninsula** is a spectacular chain of mountains and glaciers supporting the richest wildlife in Antarctica. Islands shelter its waters which makes for comfortable sailing and easy landings.

Most of our voyages depart from **Ushuaia** at the southern tip of South America and cross the **Drake Passage**, visiting the **South Shetland Islands** and the **Antarctic Peninsula**. A few voyages embark in the **South Shetland Islands** (using a flight from **Punta Arenas**) to avoid the **Drake Passage** crossing. Some voyages take in **South Georgia** and the **Falkland Islands**.

In **South Georgia** you'll find the magnificent king penguin and wandering albatross, smaller birds such as pintail and pipit, and teeming colonies of fur seal. Polar historians are spoilt for choice with many voyages visiting scenes of heroic polar achievements. Different again, the **Falkland Islands** support an incredibly varied wildlife.

More adventurous voyages head for the **Ross Sea** to visit emperor penguin colonies and **Scott's** and **Shackleton's** huts. Because some of the vessels are comparatively small we recommend booking early.

NEW FOR 2019-20

- » We welcome three new build ships into polar regions: **Hondius**, **RCGS Resolute** and **Greg Mortimer**
- » **Robert Falcon Scott** joins **Sea Spirit** on selected voyages
- » **RCGS Resolute** has a new **Chilean Fjords** adventure from **Ushuaia** to **Valparaiso** in March 2019
- » October 2019 sees **Greg Mortimer's** maiden **Spirit of Antarctica** voyage
- » **Magellan Explorer** joins the **Antarctica XXI** fleet offering short voyages and overflying the **Drake Passage**
- » New itinerary for **Island Sky – Antarctic Peninsula Express** in December 2019
- » **Spirit of Enderby** operates a short voyage to **Campbell Island**, **Auckland Islands** and **The Snares** in January 2020
- » **Akademik Ioffe** has a 21-night **Epic Antarctica** voyage combining the **Polar Circle** with the **Weddell Sea** and **Falklands** in January 2020.
- » **Greg Mortimer** visits **Wild Antarctica – the Weddell Sea** in March 2020

PHOTO: Antarpplly Expeditions

FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA, POLAR CIRCLE AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

“It was a fabulous trip. Very pleased with the itinerary, duration, ship chosen and particularly the quality of the expedition guides. Thanks, it was terrific.”

Peter and David Lacey, Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula, March 2018

Deep South – crossing the Polar Circle | 16 days

This in-depth exploration of the **Antarctic Peninsula** ventures south of the **Antarctic Circle**. There'll be plenty of time for communing with penguins and visits to less frequented landing sites. Late season is excellent for whales.

- » ship « **Plancius**
- » when « 14-29 February 2020
- » guide price « From **£9,995** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

Greg Mortimer's 13-28 February 2020 voyage is sail/fly with only one **Drake Passage** crossing. Price guide **£11,320** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities).

Akademik Sergey Vavilov has an **Extended Antarctica deep south** voyage 17 February – 6 March 2019. Guide price **£15,515** per person based on twin cabin (semi-private facilities) and similarly in 2020, hoping to reach **Marguerite Bay**.

Ortelius has a **Polar Circle discovery and whale watching** voyage in the **Antarctic Peninsula** and

Albatross, whales, seals and penguins in a pristine panorama

the deep south, crossing the **Polar Circle** aiming to visit **Rothera Station**, **Horseshoe Island** and, furthest south at 68.11 degrees, **Stonington Island**, 16 March – 2 April 2019 and 16 March – 2 April 2020, guide price from **£10,175** based on twin cabin (private facilities).

Antarctic Peninsula Basecamp | 16 days

The **Basecamp** voyage concept offers a selection of activities (such as kayaking, camping, hiking, soft mountain climbing and photo workshops) included in the price of your voyage. The vessel will stay for two or three days at specific locations to allow more active passengers a comfortable hub for their wide-ranging pursuits.

- » ships « **Ortelius, Plancius**
- » when « Numerous voyages
November 2018 – March 2019
and November 2019 – March 2020
- » guide price « From **£9,995** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « All optional activities are free.
Camping, diving, hiking (5-7 hours), kayaking, mountaineering, photo workshop, snowshoeing

Classic Antarctic Peninsula with South Shetlands | 14-15 days

These voyages begin in **Ushuaia** and sail across the **Drake Passage** to the **Peninsula** with good chances to see gentoo and adeliie penguins and humpback whales. Some also include the **South Shetland Islands** where you visit the abandoned whaling station on **Deception Island**. You return through the **Gerlache Strait**, home to leopard seals and blue-eyed shags, followed by a visit to a research station. We usually make two landings a day as well as exciting **Zodiac** cruises.

- » ships « **Hondius, Ortelius, Plancius,**
- » when « Numerous voyages
November 2018 – March 2019
November 2019 – March 2020
- » guide price « From **£9,325** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities).

» OPTIONS «

Late season voyages in March 2020 go in search of whales.

Robert Falcon Scott joins **Sea Spirit** on selected dates.

Join **Greg Mortimer** for her maiden **Spirit of Antarctica** voyage 29 October – 12 November 2019, guide price **£10,350** per person or for an unforgettable **Christmas in Antarctica** 16-31 December 2019, guide price **£11,390** per person.

Take **Antarctica XXI** and overfly the **Drake Passage** both ways. 40 itineraries on **Ocean Nova**, **Hebridean Sky** or **Magellan Explorer** from 10 days duration UK to UK November 2018 – March 2019 and November 2019 – March 2020. Price from **£10,740** per person twin cabin (private facilities).

Also available – **Budget Antarctica** on the **Ushuaia** – from **£7,360** per person for 14 days November 2019 – March 2020.



Antarctic Peninsula express

| 14 days

NEW
VOYAGE

This succinct version of the 'classic' **Antarctic Peninsula** voyage offers as many wildlife opportunities and possible stops at active scientific or historic bases as the longer voyages, yet allows travellers to complete door-to-door travel within two weeks.

- » ships « **Hebridean Sky, Island Sky**
- » when « 17 – 30 December 2019,
26 December 2019 – 8 January 2020,
16 – 29 January 2020
- » guide price « **£11,625** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

Antarctica with a difference

| 15-26 days

We can offer similar **Antarctic** itineraries with notable differences in on-board service, fewer passengers and extra staff. Each passenger is assigned to an 'adventure concierge' who will look after your individual needs as you sail. This is the only way to experience overnight kayaking in the Antarctic.

Itineraries include the **Classic Antarctic Peninsula**; **Falkland Islands**, **South Georgia** and **Antarctic Peninsula**; **Weddell Sea** and **Polar Circle**.

- » ships « **Akademik Ioffe, Akademik Sergey Vavilov, RCGS Resolute**
- » when « Between October 2018 – March 2019 and October 2019 – March 2020
- » guide price « Starting at **£11,325** per person for a 15 day **Antarctic Peninsula** voyage based on twin cabin (semi-private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

Try one of two November 2018 **South Georgia** in depth voyages on the **Vavilov**. Seven full days are spent in **South Georgia**. There's a photography symposium on her October voyage.

RCGS Resolute has a new **Chilean Fjords** adventure from **Ushuaia, Argentina** to **Valparaiso, Chile**. Discover the dramatic fjords, glaciers and peaks of southern Chile occasionally venturing out to the **Pacific Ocean** as the ship navigates towards the historic deep sea port of **Valparaiso**. Explore by Zodiac, approaching huge glaciers, observing resident and migratory wild and birdlife and taking opportunities to hike onshore.

- » ship « **RCGS Resolute**
- » when « 29 March – 15 April 2019
- » guide price « **£8,425** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

PHOTOS: JohnBozinov, Poseidon Expeditions; Boomer Jerritt, One Ocean; Filip Kulisev, Antarpplly Expeditions

Epic Antarctica

| 27 days

NEW
VOYAGE

An exciting expedition and the most comprehensive to **Antarctica** yet, linking two existing voyages to create one 'super adventure'. Over three weeks we spend an unprecedented 16 days exploring the **Antarctic Peninsula**, **South Shetland Islands**, the **Weddell Sea** region and the **Falkland Islands**.

- » ship « **Akademik Ioffe**
- » when « 9 January – 4 February 2019 and similar dates in 2020
- » guide price « **£20,455** per person based on twin cabin (semi-private facilities)

Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula

| 23-25 days

These longer voyages visit the **Falkland Islands** calling at **Port Stanley**, then head for **South Georgia** to spend three days visiting historic sites and encountering seals and bird life. Then to the **Antarctic Peninsula** via **Orcadas Station** in the **South Orkneys** for three days around the **Peninsula** and **South Shetland Islands**.

- » ships « **Hondius, Ortelius, Plancius**
- » when « November 2018-February 2019 and November 2019-February 2020
- » guide price « From **£13,825** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities).

» OPTIONS «

Sea Spirit has three 23 day departures in October 2019, January and February 2020. Price from **£14,325** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2018.

Hondius' early season November 2019 voyage embarks in **Puerto Madryn** instead of **Ushuaia**

Polar Pioneer has **In Shackleton's footsteps** 18 March – 8 April 2019 guide price from **£14,695** per person twin cabin (shared facilities) with **South Georgia** Alpine crossing from **£1,720** per person.



Falkland Islands exclusive

| 13 days

Embarking at **Puerto Madryn**, this unusual itinerary sails towards the **Falkland Islands** looking out for visiting southern right whales. The **Falklands** are a little-known selection of wildlife gems and our itinerary will spend five full days showcasing the best that the islands have to offer, such as **Magellanic**, **gentoo**, and **rockhopper** penguins.

Our visits may include the rarely visited **Steeple Jason Island**, **Carcass Island**, **Saunders Island**, **West Point Island** and **Grave Cove** as well as **Volunteer Point**. We'll attempt a landing at **Sea Lion Island**, home to the archipelago's largest breeding colony of southern elephant seals.

- » ship « **Plancius**
- » when « 30 October – 12 November 2019
- » guide price « From **£7,960** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

South Georgia and Antarctic odyssey

| 22-24 days

Celebrate summer in full bloom on either of these small ship voyages which visit the **Antarctic Peninsula**. Retrace **Shackleton's** boat journey from **Elephant Island** to **South Georgia** and finish in the **Falkland Islands**. If weather and seas permit, we will take **Zodiacs** close to **Point Wild** on **Elephant Island**.

- » ships « **Greg Mortimer, Polar Pioneer**
- » when « 14 January – 4 February 2019
31 January – 21 February 2019
Three departures November 2019, January and March 2020
- » guide price « From **£18,295** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

» OPTIONS «

Greg Mortimer has an optional **South Georgia Alpine** traverse on voyages in November 2019 and March 2020 for **£1,120** per person.



ANTARCTIC PENINSULA, SCOTIA AND WEDDELL SEA

A spectacle of seals, seabirds, penguins and cetaceans

Wild Antarctica | 16 days

NEW
VOYAGE

With its vast ice shelves that calve monstrous icebergs and waters rich in krill, the Weddell Sea is one of Antarctica's most unique regions. Keep an eye out for three penguin species, hunting orcas, feeding humpbacks and minke whales as your ice-strengthened expedition ship takes you comfortably between the Weddell Sea and the Antarctic Peninsula's west coast. Highlights will include the other-worldly tabular icebergs of the Antarctic Sound, retracing some of Shackleton's and Nordenskjöld's route and visiting fascinating fossil fields with our on-board palaeontologist. This is a fly/sail voyage with only one Drake Passage crossing.

- » ship « **Greg Mortimer**
- » when « 2-17 March 2020
- » guide price « From **£11,440** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

Weddell Sea quest | 15 days

NEW
VOYAGE

This expedition cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula, South Shetland Islands and the Weddell Sea operates out of Ushuaia via the Antarctic Sound (30 miles long and 7-12 miles wide) which makes for exciting navigation through its panorama of towering tabular icebergs. You'll see white snow petrels coursing over the floes, breathtaking numbers of penguins and sunrises unlike anything you've ever witnessed before.

- » ship « **Ushuaia**
- » when « 4-18 February 2019 and
26 January – 9 February 2020
- » guide price « From **£9,215** per person based on twin cabin (semi-private facilities)

Weddell Sea in search of emperors with helicopters | 15 days

We enter the Weddell Sea towards where Shackleton's and Nordenskjöld's polar survival epics were played out. As we are unlikely to reach through the ice as far as the emperor penguin rookery south of Snow Hill Island we'll situate ourselves in or between the Antarctic Sound and James Ross Island, close to the ice-edge, and observe the penguins on their way to open water. We will make scenic flights and landings in places otherwise inaccessible this early in the season. However, if ice-conditions allow, we will make ship-to-shore helicopter transfers, landing around 45 minutes' walking distance from the rookery.

- » ship « **Ortelius**
- » when « 16-30 November 2018
12-26 November 2019
- » guide price « From **£12,185** per person (2018) and **£12,370** per person (2019) based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « On-board helicopters



Artist's impression of new ship Greg Mortimer

PHOTO: Aurora Expeditions

ANTARCTICA, ROSS SEA AND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS

Follow in the footsteps of fabled explorers



East Antarctica – In the wake of Mawson | 33 days

Embarking in Hobart follow Sir Douglas Mawson's legendary heroics on this expedition cruise to Commonwealth Bay, East Antarctica. Mawson's Australian Antarctic Expedition (1911-1914) was notable for its scientific achievements and, sadly, its tragedies.

Mawson's Hut at Cape Denison still stands defiant against the extreme weather. Cape Denison is one of the very few ice-free and readily accessible areas along the East Antarctic coast, majestic and remote. In addition to Mawson's Hut we hope to visit the Dumont D'Urville research base.

- » ship « Akademik Shokalskiy
- » when « 7 December 2018 – 8 January 2019
- » guide price « £16,995 per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

In the wake of Scott and Shackleton | 35 days

The remote Ross Sea is only accessible for two months each year when the ice thaws. It was a magnet for the most famous adventurers including Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen. We visit five historic huts and learn more of the explorers' heroic achievements. This region is the breeding ground for millions of adélie and emperor penguins and we have permits for landing in the Subantarctic Islands Auckland, Campbell and Macquarie.

- » ships « Akademik Shokalskiy, Spirit of Enderby
- » when « 5 January – 8 February 2019
8 January – 11 February 2019
6 February – 12 March 2019
7 January – 10 February 2020
5 February – 10 March 2020
- » guide price « From £20,200 per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

Subantarctic Islands – birding down under | 24 days

Explore the 'Albatross Latitudes' and the most remote Subantarctic Islands including The Snares, Bounty, Antipodes, Auckland, Campbell, Macquarie and Chatham islands on this comprehensive expedition out of New Zealand, perfect for those interested in birds, history and wildlife.

- » ship « Spirit of Enderby
- » when « 8 November – 1 December 2018
10 November – 3 December 2019
- » guide price « From £11,770 per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

» OPTIONS «

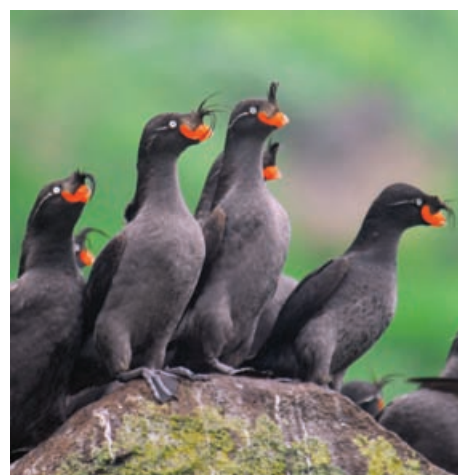
Spirit of Enderby also operates a shorter Subantarctic Islands – Forgotten Islands of the South Pacific voyage to Campbell Island, Auckland Islands and The Snares 1-13 January 2019 and 31 December 2019 – 12 January 2020. Price guide £6,450 per person twin cabin (shared facilities)

Ross Sea including helicopters | 37-38 days

NEW VOYAGE

A spectacular discovery voyage exploring the southern Antarctic Peninsula, rarely visited volcanic Peter I Island, the outer fringes of the pack ice in the Amundsen Sea, the Ross Sea, Shackleton and Scott's huts, McMurdo Station, the dry valleys and Macquarie Island.

- » ship « Ortelius
- » when « 11 January – 17 February 2020
13 February – 20 March 2020
- » guide price « £28,835 per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » Activities « On board helicopters enable you to reach otherwise almost inaccessible landing sites



LET US KNOW: If you have a connection with a particular place as we can offer you the chance to share your experiences, diaries and photographs with fellow passengers, or even get the ship to make an unscheduled visit.

MUST READ: *Endurance* by Alfred Lansing, *The Lost Men* by Kelly Tyler-Lewis



DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Our guide prices are based on twin cabins with shared or private facilities, but many vessels offer a variety of cabins and we can quote for single occupancy, triple, quadruple or superior cabins and suites (where available) on request. You can find more information, deck layouts and photographs at www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk/ships.

FOUR EXCITING NEW SHIPS FOR 2019-2020! SEE PAGE 17 FOR ICEBREAKER 50 YEARS OF VICTORY



BRAND NEW – X BOW SHIP

NEW Greg Mortimer

Launching Summer 2019. Fast, comfortable, revolutionary new ship. Virtual anchoring to protect the sea floor, hydraulic viewing platforms and dedicated Zodiac docks for easy loading.

» passengers « 120
» itineraries « Antarctic
» operator « Aurora Expeditions



NEW POLAR CLASS 6 SHIP

NEW Hondius

Commences operation June 2019. World's first-registered polar class 6 cruise ship. An observation lounge covers one entire deck. All cabins have private facilities.

» passengers « 174
» itineraries « Scottish islands, Arctic, Antarctic
» operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



FLY SAIL OPTIONS

NEW Magellan Explorer

New expedition vessel for 2019-20 season. Low carbon footprint, large observation lounge and deck, outdoor BBQ area, gym and sauna. Optional kayaking and snowshoeing.

» passengers « 100
» itineraries « Antarctic
» operator « Antarctica XXI



BRAND NEW

NEW RCGS Resolute

Ice class 1A5 polar expedition vessel launching November 2018. Bars, lounges & dining rooms have 180 degree views. Gym, wellness facilities and a salt water pool.

» passengers « 146
» itineraries « Canadian Arctic, Chilean Fjords
» operator « One Ocean Expeditions



ON-BOARD CONCIERGE

Akademik Ioffe

Comfortable, modern, ice-strengthened adventure vessel with the feel of a cruise liner.

» passengers « 96
» itineraries « Canadian Arctic, Antarctic
» operator « One Ocean Expeditions



ON-BOARD CONCIERGE

Akademik Sergey Vavilov

Sister ship to Akademik Ioffe with Zodiacs and kayaks. Highly manoeuvrable with shallow draft.

» passengers « 92
» itineraries « Spitsbergen, Antarctic
» operator « One Ocean Expeditions



SMALL SHIP

Akademik Shokalskiy

Ice-strengthened polar research ship. Two passenger decks with dining rooms, a bar, library and sauna.

» passengers « 54
» itineraries « East Antarctica, Ross Sea
» operator « Heritage Expeditions



SISTER SHIP

Hebridean Sky

Ice class 1C all-suite luxury expedition ship fully refurbished in 2016. All cabins have private facilities.

» passengers « 114
» itineraries « Antarctic
» operator « Antarctica XXI and Polar Latitudes



SISTER SHIP

Island Sky

Sister ship to Hebridean Sky, an all-suite expedition ship with touches of elegance throughout.

» passengers « 112
» itineraries « Antarctic
» operator « Polar Latitudes



RUSTIC SAILING SHIP

Noorderlicht

Help sail this two-masted schooner, originally built in 1910.

» passengers « 20 in twin cabins (upper & lower bunks no ladder)
» itineraries « Spitsbergen
» operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



FORMERLY SEA ADVENTURER

Ocean Adventurer

1A ice class expedition vessel in the style of great ocean liners. Multi million dollar renovation in June 2017.

» passengers « 132
» itineraries « Arctic, Greenland, Antarctic
» operator « Quark Expeditions



COMPETITIVE PRICING

Ocean Endeavour

1B ice-class vessel with 20 Zodiacs and a top deck observation room.

» passengers « 198
» itineraries « Canadian Arctic, Ireland, Iceland
» operator « Adventure Canada



FLY/SAIL

Ocean Nova

Clean, crisp Scandinavian styling with a specially strengthened hull for parking on the ice!

» passengers « 78
» itineraries « Arctic, Greenland, Antarctic
» operator « Antarctica XXI and Quark Expeditions



SOLID AND WORKMANLIKE

Ortelius

Highest ice-class notation to navigate solid sea ice and loose pack ice. 11 Zodiacs and helicopter.

» passengers « 116
» itineraries « Scottish Islands, Arctic, Antarctic, Ross Sea
» operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



GREAT OBSERVATION LOUNGE

Plancius

Comfortable, ice-strengthened and well suited to exploratory voyages. Superb observation lounge.

» passengers « 110
» itineraries « Arctic, Greenland, Antarctic
» operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



SMALL SHIP

Polar Pioneer

She has a bar/lounge/library area and a small fleet of Zodiacs.

» passengers « 54 – all cabins have outside portholes, some have shared facilities
» itineraries « Scottish Islands, Arctic, Greenland, Antarctic
» operator « Aurora Expeditions



COMFORTABLE SAILING SHIP

Rembrandt Van Rijn

Reinforced bow and good open deck viewing areas.

» passengers « 34 in mainly en-suite cabins
» itineraries « Spitsbergen, Norway, Greenland
» operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



INNOVATIVE ITINERARIES

Sea Spirit

Ice-class 1D vessel and very comfortable. All cabins have private facilities, views and TV.

» passengers « 112
» itineraries « Scottish Isles, Norway, Greenland, Arctic, Franz Josef Land, Antarctic
» operator « Poseidon Expeditions



SMALL SHIP

Spirit of Enderby

Fully ice-strengthened polar research vessel with comfortable accommodation. Experienced naturalists and guides on all voyages.

» passengers « 48
» itineraries « Russian Far East, Ross Sea, Subantarctic Islands
» operator « Heritage Expeditions



OLDER SHIP BUT GREAT PRICES

Ushuaia

Refurbished in 2014, well-appointed ice-strengthened polar vessel. Open-plan observation lounge.

» passengers « 88
» itineraries « Antarctic
» operator « Antaply Expeditions

ARCTURUS works with almost all of the smaller ships currently operating in the Arctic and Antarctic. We navigate fjords, passages and ice floes and use Zodiac rigid inflatable boats guided by the ship's expedition staff for shore excursions. All fitness levels are catered for and there is a comprehensive programme of lectures.



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