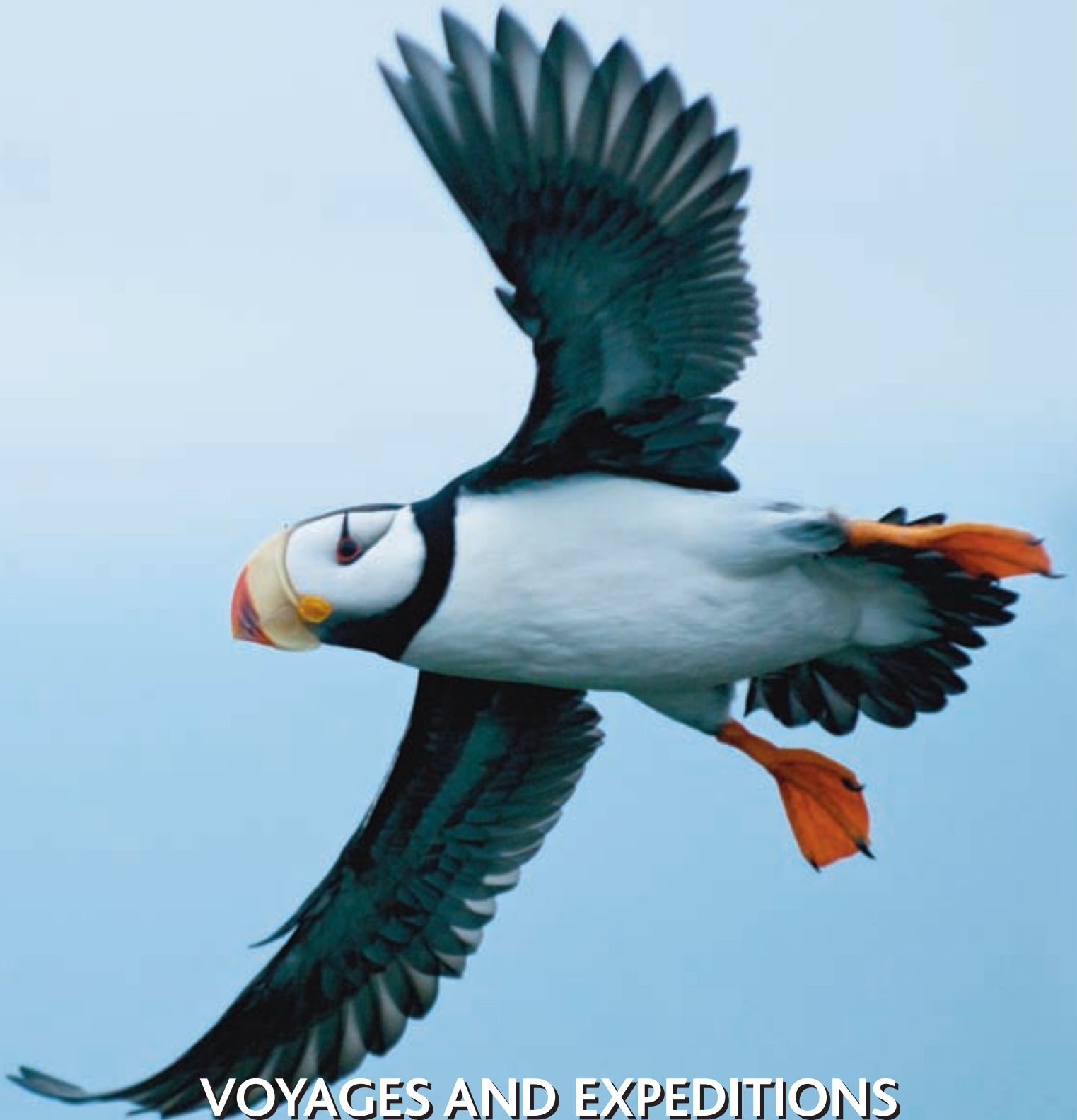
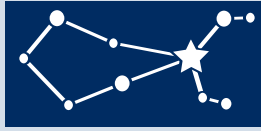


# ARCTURUS

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**VOYAGES AND EXPEDITIONS  
2015-2016**



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“ *Travel is my great love, but I can't be out and about all the time so I relish the chance to pass on my best experiences to those explorers with a true desire to discover the world.* ”

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Welcome to Arcturus, the polar arm of Far Frontiers Travel, and our 2015-2016 catalogue.

This year we continue to offer our land-based trips in Greenland, Kamchatka and Norway and to extend our range of ship voyages to the Arctic and Antarctic. The trend for late bookings continues, so in order to assist those still keen to book an Antarctic voyage for winter 2014-15 we have included many of these departures as well as those for the 2015-16 season.

All our voyages and expeditions are accompanied by excellent trip dossiers, so here we just give you a taster of what we will be running over the next twelve months. Our expertise in tailor-making itineraries means that we can also advise our clients on extending their voyages to create an exciting grand finale to their trip.

Upon enquiry, we will send you a detailed itinerary which should help to answer any questions you may have – but as our regular clients know, we are always ready to discuss any aspect of your plans so do call us for a chat.

We are also delighted that Dr. Lorraine Craig continues on board to advise on polar matters.

Fiona Brijnath, Director

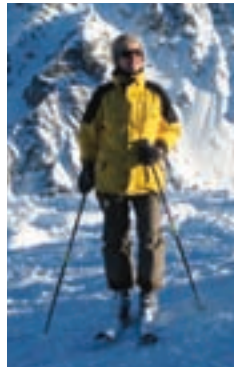
### About us

Arcturus, based in Devon, is a small niche travel company specialising in polar tours. The company has been operating for over 30 years and, as one of the foremost operators to the polar regions, we offer an unparalleled selection of extraordinary expeditions and voyages to the Arctic, Antarctic, Norway, Greenland, Iceland and some of the remotest parts of Russia. Now owned by and operating as the polar division of Far Frontiers Travel Limited, the company was, in its early days, one of the pioneers of wildlife tours in the Arctic. Our itineraries have their genesis in years of local research and experience and many of the contributions to the programmes we offer today were made by early travellers to these regions for scientific research, expeditions or simply for pure pleasure!

At Arcturus, we arrange our own expeditions, mostly camping, walking, dog-sledging and skiing, with an emphasis on enjoying wildlife and scenery in remote places. We also act as agents for selected operators for adventure voyages in the Antarctic and the Arctic.

The company is run by Fiona Brijnath who, with her life-long career in the travel business, has developed tailored travel itineraries for over 20 years, many of them for clients who return time and again. She will be your first point of contact, ably assisted by Dr. Lorraine Craig PhD who was previously Head of Research and Higher Education at the Royal Geographical Society and Director of the Cambridge Arctic Shelf Programme. In addition to being past president of the Arctic Club, Lorraine has led walking and skiing expeditions for Arcturus in West and North East Greenland. She is currently based at the Royal School of Mines, Imperial College London and, when she is not lecturing, advises on all polar matters, leads tours and helps to develop new destinations.

Fiona's travel to remote destinations has equipped her with unrivalled expertise. You are unlikely to find anyone who gives more attention to personal service and detail or who is better equipped to advise on how to make yours the trip of a lifetime.



**Give us a call...** There is only so much space in a brochure to give you a feel for what's possible on an Arcturus expedition or voyage. If you find something that interests you, we'd love you to call to discuss your ideas.

**Have a look...** at [www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk](http://www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk) where you will find fuller itinerary descriptions, maps, Fiona's trip reports (and those of her clients), many more photographs – including cabin shots of the ships – client feedback and more!

**Sign up...** Finally, let us know if you would like to receive our regular Dispatches e-newsletter – all we need is your email address.



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## Prices

All the guide prices quoted here include international flights from London in economy class, internal transport, transfers to the embarkation point where it is possible to pre-book and accommodation based in twin rooms with meals as specified. Guide prices for voyages are based on twin cabins with shared or private facilities and we can provide prices for single occupancy, triple, quadruple and superior cabins and suites (where available) on request. Trips are fully-guided either from the UK or locally. We also include fuel surcharges known at the time of going to print. Please note however, that in a climate of fluctuating fuel prices, we are bound to pass on any additional surcharges as we are informed of them.

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## Pre and post-tour arrangements

Because we specialise in tailor-making holidays all over the world we are more than happy to make additional pre and post-tour arrangements on your behalf. For example, we can suggest some fantastic extended trips to Chile, Argentina, Peru or Ecuador and The Galapagos for those on Antarctic voyages. If you are visiting Arctic Russia, you could begin or end the trip marvelling at the fabulous sights in Moscow and St. Petersburg or why not explore Iceland before or after your voyage to Greenland?

**Please do call us to discuss your individual requirements.**

## Your financial protection

All the flights and flight-inclusive holidays in this brochure are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you pay you will be supplied with an ATOL certificate. Please ask for it and check to ensure that everything you booked (flights, hotels and other services) is listed on it. Please see our booking conditions for further information or for more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to: [www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate](http://www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate).

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Arcturus has over 30 years' experience in leading expeditions for small groups of people and can cater for varying levels of fitness. By day we take long or short hikes on foot, snowshoe or ski or explore by boat, and at night we camp in comfort. You will make friends and share priceless experiences to treasure for a lifetime.

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## Dog-sledging in mainland Norway

Explore Dividalen – drive your own dogs | 6 days

Everyone agrees on how exhilarating it is to explore by dog sledge, standing on the runners whilst the dogs take the strain. Snow and weather conditions permitting, you will make daily trips through beautiful snowscape. After a day on the trail relax around a log fire. Your hosts have a 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 before you fly home.

- » when « 17-22 February 2015
- » price « £1,815 per person
- » leader « Local Norwegian leader
- » key info « Group size 4-6. Accommodation in rustic/simple but cosy cabin. No 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 shall relax in comfort over meals made with local produce, discussing the day's journey.

- » when « 1-8 March 2015
- » price « £2,595 per person
- » leader « Local Norwegian leader
- » key info « Group size 4-8. Accommodation in mountain huts. Some previous experience required

The Kings Way: Crossing Norway into Sweden | 8 days

This dog-sledging expedition takes us along the King's Way from the dramatic high peaks and rock faces of Norway to the vast open plateaux and lakes of Sweden. There will be opportunities for dog-sledging along frozen rivers and lakes and exploration of the varied countryside around Kiruna. The expedition ends near Jukkasjarvi where the famous Ice Hotel is located. Made using ice from the Torne River, it is the largest igloo in the world and features ice sculptures, a cinema and the Absolut Ice Bar carved entirely from ice. We can organise a night or two in the hotel for those who want to experience this unique accommodation.

- » when « 17-24 April 2015
- » price « £2,735 per person
- » leader « Local Norwegian leader
- » key info « Group size 4-8. Accommodation is in mountain huts and our journey may involve some camping and long days of sledging. Previous experience required

PHOTO: Arcturus Expeditions.

# Expeditions



## ARCTIC NORWAY AND SPITSBERGEN

Early spring when the days are rapidly lengthening is a beautiful time of year in the Arctic and travelling by dog-sledge is to experience its true spirit. These expeditions in the mountains and high plateaux of Northern Norway have been organised and led by our Norwegian friends for many years. We can arrange short trips and extensions such as a visit by skidoo to the Sami (Lapp) people in their summer or winter camps, to Summer Island or the picturesque Lofoten Islands or a day visit to Tromsø and its Polar Museum and Northern Lights Planetarium.

For all trips you will drive your own dog team.



Northern Lights long weekend | 4 days

NEW FOR 2015

Winter in Northern Norway brings the opportunity of witnessing the extraordinary Northern Lights (or Aurora Borealis) dancing in the sky. The phenomenon is caused by electrical particles from the sun which can suddenly appear and disappear again just as swiftly. New for this year are tailor-made weekends for private groups of four or more. You'll fly to Bardufoss in Arctic Norway and we will take you to your simple cosy accommodation for three nights. Try your hand at dog sledging or cross-country skiing, take a sauna or enjoy a hot tub under starry skies. We can see the Aurora Borealis around half of all clear weather nights during the winter, so your chances increase with the length of your stay.

- » when « October to March
- » price « £1,395 per person based on 4 people
- » leader « Local Norwegian leader
- » key info « Tailor-made for individuals or small parties. Accommodation in rustic/simple but cosy cabin

## Dog-sledging in Spitsbergen

Winter dog sledge to basecamp ship in the ice | 6 days

Travelling in the footprints of Fritjof Nansen, you'll head out from Longyearbyen in Spitsbergen to beautiful Tempelfjorden, mushing your own dog team of Alaskan huskies to your base for two nights – a well-appointed ship frozen into the pack ice. The boat has 10 comfortable two-bed cabins, and there are good on-board facilities. Enjoy delicious meals and return home with the knowledge of the special relationship between a man and his dog in the Arctic.

- » when « Weekly from 1 March – mid May 2015
- » price « £3,340 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Drive your own dogs. All equipment provided and all necessary training given

**BEST TIME TO GO:** January to early April for good snow conditions for sledging.

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

**DON'T MISS:** The polar museum in Tromsø – it has wonderful atmosphere.

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





### Adventure week at Nordenskiöld Lodge | 7 days

NEW FOR 2015

This trip casts you far from **Longyearbyen**, right into the heart of the Arctic, to **Basecamp Nordenskiöld**. Accessed by boat, it's a true expedition lodge in front of the magnificent **Nordenskiöld Glacier** offering modern comforts without running water or electricity. We use wood to heat up the cabin and fetch our drinking water from the melting glacier. There are five bedrooms, an indoor toilet and a traditional sauna. The adventure week will include several full day trips, planned daily according to the weather.

- » when « Weekly departures July to August 2015
- » price « £2,990 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Minimum of 4 people. You need to be in fairly good physical condition to take part

### Arctic luxury – Isfjord Radio | 5 days

NEW FOR 2015

Join a snowmobile expedition to beautiful **Isfjord Radio** at **Cape Linnè**. This remote and unique boutique hotel, situated about 90 km west of **Longyearbyen** provides quality and comfort unexpected in the wilderness. You'll ride over glaciers, mountains and frozen fjords, and visit thrilling historical sites. There's a stillness and a light that is difficult to find elsewhere, and, if you are lucky, you might even glimpse a polar bear.

- » when « 27 February – 3 March, 13-17 March, 27-31 March, 10-14 April, 24-28 April 2015
- » price « £3,525 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Minimum 4 people, private groups can also be arranged

### Footprints from Nordenskiöld | 7 days

This is for those wanting a long dog sledging expedition into the true Arctic land, but not to sleep in a tent! We head north from **Longyearbyen** to **Tempelfjorden** and to the unique **Basecamp ship** in the ice. Spend the night on the 100 year-old schooner before continuing north towards **Nordenskiöld Glacier** for two nights at **Basecamp Nordenskiöld**. From there you'll make dog sledging forays over sharp mountains, shiny glaciers and frozen fjords before returning to **Longyearbyen**.

- » when « 4-10 May, 7-13 May, 10-16 May 2015
- » price « £3,575 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Suitable for those who don't want to camp. Sledging kit provided

### Arctic combination – dog sledging and snowmobile | 6 days

NEW FOR 2015

If you like walking in the mountains this expedition gives you the chance to explore Arctic landscapes and nature, and find out more about yourself in the process, together with a friendly dog team.

The expedition is challenging with one night in tents and two at **Isfjord Radio**. You might have blizzards, fog or sunshine for 24 hours. You will be best prepared if you already have dog sledging experience, but it's easy to learn and enjoy and most of all you must be fond of dogs! On the route back from **Isfjord** you'll replace the dogs with a snowmobile for a thrilling end to the trip.

- » when « 31 March – 5 April, 2-7 April 2015
- » price « £3,690 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Includes one night camping. All equipment provided

### East to West skiing | 12 days

NEW FOR 2015

This superb skiing experience starts out with a snowmobile journey to the east coast. The starting point of the trip will be the **Bay of Agardh**. From here the group will aim to ski 20km each day and set up camp each night. It's a true expedition – you'll join in practical camp tasks such as melting water, making food and digging lavatories. After six days we hope to meet our goal – the last outpost to the west – **Isfjord Radio** where a comfortable bed awaits before the return to **Longyearbyen**.

- » when « 26 April – 7 May 2015, 9-20 May 2015
- » price « £3,995 per person
- » leader « Experienced local leader
- » key info « Minimum 4 people. You need to be in good physical shape and have experience including skiing and pulling ski-pulkas. All necessary safety and camp equipment provided



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### Magic of the Arctic – Summer Spitsbergen | 6 days

Join us on our summer adventure to **Basecamp Isfjord Radio** at **Cape Linnè**. After two nights in **Longyearbyen** we head out to **Isfjord** by boat. On our way we will have time to enjoy the fantastic fjord, the bird cliffs and the animal wildlife. Far away from civilization you'll discover the history, biological diversity and geological conditions which make this a fascinating place to visit. The former radio station is situated at the outermost part of the **Isfjord** with majestic mountains overlooking the Arctic Ocean – unique accommodation of unexpected quality and comfort so deep into the wilderness.

- » when « Weekly departures June – September 2015
- » price « £2,365 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « All equipment provided. Not suitable for those with lower back pain

### Tailor-made dog sledging for private groups

Why not let us tailor-make a **private dog-sledging experience** exclusively for you and your family or a small group of friends? Expeditions can be in summer or winter, from three hours to a journey of up to three weeks.

In **Northern Norway**, you'll be guests of our old friends who work their dog team out of a comfortable cabin at **Øverbygd** at latitude 69N. Enjoy convivial, cosy evenings, perhaps with a delicious reindeer stew round the fire, or a glass of wine under the stars in the hot tub.

For the more adventurous we can plan a mountain route from hut to hut along remote trails. From mid-September to mid-April you may be lucky enough to see the Northern Lights dancing in the sky.

In **Spitsbergen**, our partners run their family-owned business from **Bolterdalen**, a valley 10km from the main town of **Longyearbyen**. They have many years of combined experience derived from the Elite Military Sled Patrol (Sirius, Greenland and Svalbard).

The **dog team** is made up of Greenland dogs thought to be directly descended from huskies brought there by the first Inuit settlers. It is a lively, healthy pack comprising some 100 dogs, with 10 to 15 puppies being born each year – a joy both for their families and our visitors. The **sledging** is superb with varied valleys and the **High Arctic** offering perfect conditions for the dogs to show what they can do.

# ICELAND AND GREENLAND



Greenland remains a popular destination for our expeditions. If you are joining a ship in Iceland, it is well worth adding a few days to your trip pre or post voyage or considering a stand-alone holiday.

Iceland in summer is a land of midnight sun, whilst in winter you may be lucky enough to witness the *Aurora Borealis* in all its glory. It beckons the visitor with a network of hauntingly scenic routes and many of its natural history sites are well-marked and close to the road. We highly recommend self-drive itineraries by car or four-wheel drive or, for the more cautious, we have various chauffeur-driven options to suggest.

» itineraries «

## Winter in Ittoqqortoormiit | 10 days

NEW FOR 2015

One-week's stay in **Ittoqqortoormiit** village on the East Coast of **Greenland** gives a good opportunity to observe life in a typical Inuit village. Hunting is still important to the existence of this small community with its population of around 500. During your stay you will have the opportunity to try dog sledging, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. Transfers are by helicopter.

- » when « March to May 2015, tailor-made to suit
- » guide price « £2,965 per person
- » key info « Accommodation is simple but comfortable and on self-catering basis

## Highlights of South Greenland | 10 days

NEW FOR 2015

Experience the life in the pretty towns of **Narsaq**, which lies among luxuriant hills surrounded by glacier ice, and **Qaqortoq**, a charming mix of old colonial houses and young students. They provide a contrast to the delightful, quiet warmth of **Igaliku** village. You will also have time to visit the historic site of **Brattahlid** and take a boat cruise among the amazing blue icebergs of the **Qooroq Ice Fjord**.

- » when « June – Sept 2015, tailor-made to suit
- » guide price « £2,845 per person

## Gateway to East Greenland | 7 days

NEW FOR 2015

**Kulusuk**, a village of about 375 inhabitants, is a small settlement which provides an excellent insight into life in **Greenland** today. Traditional hunting and fishing are still essential sources of income though tourism is becoming increasingly important.

Combine your trip with **Tasiilaq**, just south of the **Arctic Circle**, the largest town in East Greenland. The 10-minute helicopter ride from **Kulusuk** is one of the most scenic expeditions imaginable, as you cross the ice-filled sea separating these two mountainous islands. **Tasiilaq** boasts long hours of daylight in the summer, and the splendour of the Northern Lights in winter.

- » when « June – August 2015, tailor-made to suit
- » guide price « £2,430 per person

## Icebergs of West Greenland | 10 days

Our suggested itinerary for individuals incorporates boat trips among the spectacular grounded icebergs of the fjord at **Illulissat** and some easy walking in this third largest settlement in **Greenland**. A few days should be spent on **Disko Island** with time to visit the research station and walk among the basaltic lavas. After a boat trip to **Port Victor** you'll visit local viewpoints to see the glacier front and, hopefully, calving icebergs. One more challenging walk enables you to get up close to the inland ice.

- » when « July to August 2015, tailor-made to suit
- » guide price « £4,995 per person
- » leader « Local Greenlander
- » key info « Accommodation is limited so it is a good idea to book early

## Kap Tobin Arctic wildlife safari | 8 days

NEW FOR 2015

This is a truly unique trip based close to **Scoresby Sund** on **Greenland's** east coast. You'll stay in a privately owned home where the owner will oversee your trip and cook for you at night. Enjoy a dog sledge trip to **Kap Heogh** on the coast of **Liverpool Land** as well as snowmobile trips to **Kap Hope** and **Apuseq Glacier** for fantastic views up the north coast. During the time you spend with local hunters you will observe them checking their seal holes and be on the lookout for polar bear, seals and narwhales.

- » when « April and May 2015, tailor-made to suit
- » guide price « £5,420 per person
- » leader « Icelandic local expert
- » key info « Group size 4 minimum. Helicopter, snowmobile and dog sledge transport. Once you arrive, you'll feel more like a house guest than a visitor.

**TAKE WITH YOU:** A bathing suit as you can swim year-round in countless geothermal pools and lagoons with a typical temperature of 25-28°C.

**READ:** *Sirius Patrol* by Peter Schmidt Michelson.



## Iceland bespoke

Be it self-drive, super jeep, private tour or small escorted group, ask our help to dovetail these options into your itinerary or combine them into a stand-alone **Iceland** holiday.

**Golden Circle** – This classic nature tour of south west Iceland includes the spectacular waterfalls at **Gullfoss**, **Pingvellir National Park** (now a UNESCO World Heritage site) and the bubbling geothermal area of **Geysir**.

**The Blue Lagoon** – Visit the geothermal field on the **Reykjanes Peninsula** to relax in its hot therapeutic waters and peaceful surroundings.

**Black lava riding** – An unforgettable half or full day in the saddle on a sturdy Icelandic pony.

**South coast and waterfalls** – Don't miss the dramatic **Seljalandsfoss** and **Skógafoss** waterfalls, walking to the snout of the **Solheimajökull Glacier**, black sand beaches and quaint villages.

**Whales, puffins and sails** – Tour the north coast on board a classic 19th century style schooner for whales and puffins at **Lundey Island** from June to mid-August.

**Snaefellsness Peninsula** – This national park offers vast lava fields, rugged coastline, pebble beaches, sea stacks, a profusion of sea birds and gorgeous fishing villages.

**Myvatn and the north** – Visit the majestic **Godafoss Waterfalls**, the **Hverarönd solfataras** (boiling sulphur mud pits) and **Lake Myvatn** – Europe's largest bird sanctuary.

## Drive around Iceland | 8 days

This tailor-made self-drive package will take you all around **Iceland**. Along the route you'll be able to stop at many spectacular and extraordinary natural attractions (see above).

- » when « Tailor-made to suit
- » guide price « From £1,990 per person
- » key info « You drive yourselves – easy to do and we give plenty of advice. **Reykjavik** has lovely boutique hotels we can suggest as an upgrade



For map of Iceland see page 10

PHOTO: 123RF Stock Photo.



## ARCTIC AND FAR EAST RUSSIA

Much of **Arctic Russia** is tundra dotted with countless lakes and pools through which the vast north-flowing rivers wend their way to the Arctic Ocean. During the short, intense summer these areas are the nesting sites for numerous birds, including the red-breasted goose, Siberian crane and Ross's gull. Wild flowers brighten the ground and musk oxen, bears, reindeer, lynx, wolverine, wolves and foxes roam.

The **Kamchatka Peninsula** in the Russian Far East is home to the Itelmen, Eveni and Koryaks, some of whom live by their traditional ways of hunting, fishing, reindeer-herding and gathering wild plants. You will feel privileged to be gaining an insight into their very different way of life. Kamchatka is also the home of Russia's largest brown bear. The rivers teem with at least five species of spawning salmon and its rugged coastline accommodates thousands of seabirds as well as seals, sea lions and sea otters. In the valleys plants grow at an incredible rate during the summer due to the volcanically-warmed and minerally-enriched soil.



» itineraries «

### Dog sledging with the reindeer herders and native people | 16 days

Our route takes us over the pristine snow-covered mountain passes, high plateaux and valleys close to the volcano **Ichinskiy** in central **Kamchatka**. This area is the traditional home of some of the native peoples and we shall stay at an Eveni reindeer herder's winter camp and the wilderness home of a family of Koryak fishermen.

Nights are spent in huts or yurts (large, heated tents). In the village of **Esso** we will visit the museum, bathe in a hot pool, meet the local people and learn about their culture. If our visit coincides with the 'Beringia' dog sledge race we may be able to watch some of it and meet the competitors.

- » when « 9-24 February 2015  
22 February – 9 March 2015
- » price « £5,195 per person
- » leader « Local English speaking Russian leader
- » key info « Group size: minimum 4, maximum 8



### Bears, volcanoes, native people, reindeer herders, autumn colours | 18 days

In order to experience the richness of the region's flora, fauna and geology, its scenery and autumn colours, we plan to visit as many habitats as possible including the central valley with the **Kamchatka River**, **Tolbachik**, **Kzudach**, **Mutnovsky** and **Vachkazhets** volcanoes, **Kurilskoe Lake** and the hot **Khodukta River** in the southern tundra. Kurilskoe Lake, part of a nature reserve, is one of the best places on the peninsula to see brown bears and Steller's sea eagles. Moving around by helicopter and truck we will watch bears feeding on berries and salmon spawning, swim in hot rivers, meet the locals in the settlement of **Esso** and stay overnight with the nomadic reindeer herders in their summer mountain camp.

- » when « 24 August – 10 September 2015
- » price « £5,895 per person
- » leader « Local English speaking Russian leader
- » key info « Based on a group size of 10-16. The pace will be leisurely. The walks are not difficult and are entirely at the discretion of the individual



For map of the Russian Far East see page 12



**TEMPERATURE:** We should warn that winter dog sledging expeditions are for the hardy as it can be extremely cold!

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

**DID YOU KNOW:** The Solovetski Islands boast over 170 architectural and archaeological monuments, including 33 mysterious stone labyrinths dating back around 3,000 years.

### Solovetski Islands and the White Sea | 12 days

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

On the largest island, surrounded by enormous stone walls, stands the legendary 16th Century **Solovetski Monastery**, which in the 20th Century was one of the most feared and infamous prison camps or 'gulags'. Now that the monks have returned, you can visit the beautiful cathedral, church, refectory and other buildings enclosed by the great 'kremlin' or fortification.

In some places, using small boats and wooden rakes, men still collect seaweed to be made into local products. Accommodation here is simple – local-owned comfortable small hotels with delicious food. It's an excellent place for walking in summer.

- » when « 7-18 June 2015  
or we can tailor-make to suit
- » guide price « £2,965 per person
- » leader « Local English speaking Russian leaders
- » key info « Group size 6 minimum. Weather may be variable with temperatures ranging from 5-20 degrees C. The pace will be leisurely, easy walking and entirely at discretion of the individual



**DON'T MISS:** The exquisite art and architecture of Moscow and St. Petersburg would make a memorable beginning or end to your Russian Arctic exploration.

PHOTOS: J E Ross, K Ovsyanikova and A Charles, Heritage Expeditions.

We offer a variety of voyages, some geared towards active exploration with walking, kayaking or skiing, others for those who want a more leisurely pace in comfortable vessels. Whichever you choose, the memories of this dramatic wilderness will stay with you always.



# Voyages – THE ARCTIC



Luxury expedition ship **Sea Spirit** offers some intriguing itineraries including Scotland, Faroes, Iceland, Jan Mayen and Franz Josef Land. Please ask for details



## » new for 2015 «

- » **Ortelius** visits **Edgeøya** in August with a group of scientists
- » **Polar Pioneer** and **Ocean Nova** head north from Scotland to **Spitsbergen** via the Norwegian coast
- » **Spirit of Enderby** has a new ultimate whale watching voyage in **North West Pacific**
- » **Rembrandt Van Rijn** visits **Westfjords** of Iceland for skiing and snowshoeing
- » **Ocean Nova** combines **Greenland National Park** with **Scoresby Sund**
- » New land-based **Arctic Watch Lodge** in **Canadian wilderness**
- » **Ocean Endeavour** visits the **St. Lawrence River**
- » **Iceland circumnavigation** with **Ocean Nova** and **Sea Spirit**

*The unimaginable majesty of the Arctic, a vast ice-encrusted ocean ringed by islands, casts a spell on all who visit.*

Several of our voyages are around **Spitsbergen**. Dutch for 'pointed mountains', this is an evocative name for the largest island of the **Svalbard Archipelago** in the High Arctic, 1,300km from the North Pole. It has a fascinating history of Arctic exploration and whaling. The scenery is dramatic – snowy peaks rise majestically through huge ice-caps, glaciers creep down valleys to the sea and sparkling ice walls enclose deep fjords. All this is surrounded by the glistening pack-ice as we walk along rocky shores. Since the banning of hunting in the 1970s, the populations of bears and walrus have dramatically increased and you are almost certain to see these magnificent creatures on your voyage.

**East Greenland** is one of the least visited places in the High Arctic since permission to land on the coast of the National Park is granted to very few operators. Our voyages to East Greenland cover the beautiful fjord system of **Scoresby Sund** and the scenically spectacular south east coast, while **West Greenland** reveals its glorious shores from **Ilulissat** to **Thule**. Since they take place towards the end of the Arctic summer when the ice has receded, the autumn colours should brighten the tundra and there is an excellent possibility of seeing the Northern Lights.

We also sail to the **Scottish Islands**, **Russia**, the **Canadian Arctic** and the **High Arctic**.



The following itineraries are a guideline only, since the routes taken and the landings made will be dependent on ice and weather conditions. We are happy to supply you with more detailed descriptions, day-by-day itineraries and reports of similar voyages in previous years on request.

Where activities are available on certain voyages they are shown here. These are optional, for which a supplement is usually payable.

PHOTOS: Dennis Minty, Adventure Canada; Quark Expeditions; Poseidon Expeditions; Michelle Valberg, Adventure Canada.





# SCOTTISH ISLANDS, SPITSBERGEN AND GREENLAND

» itineraries «

## 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 « 20-30 June 2015
- » guide price « From **£4,970** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)
- » activities « Kayaking

## Across the Arctic Circle | 14 days

**NEW FOR 2015**

Leaving **Aberdeen** this voyage follows the Vikings' Way to **Spitsbergen**. Our enthusiastic historian and expert naturalist reveal the **Orkney** and **Shetland Islands**, from stone age villages and Viking relics, to world-class distilleries and spectacular birdlife, including cheeky puffins.

We follow migrating whales along **Norway's** dramatic coast, visit picturesque fishing villages and toast our **Arctic Circle** crossing. In **Spitsbergen**, we enter a polar wonderland, where delicate wildflowers adorn the tundra. This spectacular wilderness is the breeding ground of walrus, reindeer, millions of birds and polar bear.

- » ship « **Polar Pioneer**
- » when « 30 June – 13 July 2015
- » guide price « From **£5,225** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)
- » activities « Kayaking

## Scotland to Norway crossing the Arctic Circle | 14 days

**NEW FOR 2015**

This mystical expedition cruise of the **northern Atlantic** offers rich culture and wildlife experiences. We'll explore the medieval art and archaeology of the **Orkney** and **Shetland Islands** before heading east to the picturesque port of **Bergen**. Continuing northwards into the **Norwegian Sea**, we'll discover the UNESCO-protected **Vega Island** – an ornithologist's dream – and call in at the **Lofoten Islands**. The voyage starts in **Aberdeen** and concludes in **Tromsø**, the last major habitation before the Arctic Circle.

- » ship « **Ocean Nova**
- » when « 27 May – 9 June 2015
- » guide price « From **£7,285** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Hiking, kayaking

## Spitsbergen explorer | 12 days

This tour is perfect if you prefer short sea voyages with frequent shore landings and Zodiac cruises. Here you'll find polar bears, reindeer, walrus and whales as well as a bounty of seabirds, including Arctic tern, skua, barnacle geese and snow bunting.

- » ship « **Ocean Nova, Sea Adventurer**
- » when « 25 June – 6 July 2015 (**Sea Adventurer**), 3-14 August 2015 (**Ocean Nova**)
- » guide price « From **£5,545-£6,545** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing

## Spitsbergen circumnavigation | 14 days

A complete circuit of **Spitsbergen**, one of the longest voyages of its kind. Numerous visits are made to outlying islands where you'll see scores of nesting seabirds, walrus lolling on the shores, and polar bear prowling the ice edge. In this remarkably diverse landscape you can explore everything from jagged mountain peaks to sweeping polar deserts.

- » ship « **Ocean Nova**
- » when « 19 June – 2 July, 22 July – 4 Aug 2015
- » guide price « From **£7,995** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing

## North East Greenland | 15 days

Between the high ice-cap of **North East Greenland** and the sea is a broad strip of low country that is free of snow in summer and covered in places with rich vegetation that supports much wildlife. Some of the people of **Ittoqqortoormiit** 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 **Myggebugten**. Moving south to **Scoresby Sund** we land near a glacier and encounter huge icebergs before disembarking finally in **Akureyri** in **North Iceland**.

- » ship « **Plancius**
- » when « 2-16 September 2015
- » guide price « From **£6,755** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

## East Greenland, Scoresby Sund and Aurora Borealis | 10 days

By early autumn the ice floes have usually dispersed and it is possible to enter the fjords of **East Greenland**. The days are still long, but temperatures can drop below freezing and the scenery of stark ice contrasts with the rich autumnal colours of the tundra. We visit a modern settlement and witness traditional Greenlandic culture. We should see birds moving south on migration, musk oxen, seals and possibly narwhals. On clear nights we hope to see the **Aurora Borealis**.

- » ship « **Plancius**
- » when « 14-23 September 2015
- » guide price « From **£4,420** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

- » options « **Ocean Nova** offers two 15 day departures: 5-19 September and 17 September – 1 October 2015 which, in addition to **Scoresby Sund**, also spend four days in **Greenland National Park**.
- » guide price « From **£6,955** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

## Tromsø, Bear Island and Spitsbergen | 12 days

**NEW FOR 2015**

Venture from **Tromsø** deeper into the **Arctic Circle**, past iconic fjords towards the usually ice-bound **Svalbard Archipelago**. We'll discover the rarely-visited **Bear Island**, an important bird area. We'll explore the wildlife haven of **Spitsbergen** – a rugged land of deep fjords, mountains and ice sheets – and search for walrus, seals, reindeer, Arctic fox and the illusive polar bear. You'll marvel at the colorfully-carpeted tundra on some of our hikes.

- » ship « **Ocean Nova**
- » when « 9-20 June 2015
- » guide price « From **£6,960** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing

## Introduction to Spitsbergen | 10 days

This voyage provides the opportunity to experience everything **Spitsbergen** has to offer, including polar bears and walrus, all in spectacular scenery. On board the luxurious **Sea Adventurer**, you'll be treated to daily presentations by your expedition team with daily wildlife sightings on land. Hike, explore and enjoy the beauty of the Arctic.

- » ship « **Sea Adventurer**
- » when « 13-22 June and 17-26 July 2015
- » guide price « From **£4,795** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing

## North/around Spitsbergen | 8-11 days

We head north along the west coast of **Spitsbergen** up 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**, where we will 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 and, in **Freemansundet**, plan to land on **Barentsøya** to visit an old trapper's hut. Then south to **Edgeøya**, ending in the spectacular **Hornsund** area. Depending on ice conditions early season voyages may only cover the west side of Spitsbergen.

- » ships « **Ortelius, Plancius**
- » when « Numerous departures from June – August 2015 (see box below)
- » guide price range « From **£4,535 – £5,560** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Hiking, snowshoeing

» options « **Polar Pioneer** offers two 12 day **Spitsbergen Odyssey** departures: 12-23 July and 22 July – 2 August 2015 for those wanting a more intimate ship experience.

» guide price « From **£5,895** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

**Ortelius** and **Plancius** each have two June voyages designated 'polar bear specials'. Early July 2015 **Plancius** will operate **Basecamp Plancius** with free activities.

**Ortelius** visits **Edgeøya** in August with a group of research scientists onboard. Passengers can both share in their experiences and join some extended walks to special places of interest.



For map of Spitsbergen see page 4



# SAIL SPITSBERGEN, LOFOTENS AND GREENLAND

» itineraries «

## Sail North Spitsbergen | 13 days

Embarking at **Longyearbyen** we sail through **Isfjorden** to **Trygghamna** to visit the remains of a 17th century English whaling station. Weather permitting, we will go ashore at **Fuglehuken**, where **Willem Barentsz** landed, and **Ny Alesund**, the northernmost permanent settlement in the world. Sailing from here to **14th July Glacier** we take Zodiacs to the breeding site for **Brunnich's guillemots**, little auks and puffins. On to **Magdalenafjord** and **Ytre Norskøya** which was used as a lookout point for Dutch whalers. **Raudfjord** on the north coast offers good chances for spotting polar bears and belugas and we may be able to land on the northern side of **Reindyrfla** where reindeer graze on the tundra.

We turn south after **Smeerenburg** – once the largest whaling settlement. If we are able to make land on the return journey, fit walkers can take the six-hour walk from **Colesbukta** to Longyearbyen.

- » ship « **Noorderlicht**
- » when « 20 June – 2 July 2015
- » guide price « From **£4,085** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

## Sail around Spitsbergen | 17 days

We aim to circumnavigate **Spitsbergen**. Early itineraries might cover the North Spitsbergen route depending on the condition of the pack ice. Later in the summer when the ice has cleared we sail through the **Hinlopen Strait** and visit **Nordauslandet** and **Edgeøya**. This route provides the greatest chance of seeing Greenland whales.

- » ship « **Noorderlicht**
- » when « 27 July – 12 August 2015  
26 August – 11 September 2015
- » guide price « From **£5,070** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

## Sail South Spitsbergen – Aurora Borealis | 9 days

These journeys cover the western half of **Spitsbergen** in September and October, just before the onset of winter, an ideal time for observing the **Aurora Borealis**. During nights with open skies we could experience temperatures of -10°C and new ice will be forming on the heads of the fjords.

- » ship « **Noorderlicht**
- » when « Numerous departures September to October 2015
- » guide price « From **£2,695 – £2,920** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

## Sail Lofotens – Aurora Borealis

| 8 days

In the autumn the days are getting shorter in northern Norway but the daytime colours are beautiful. Expect the first snow showers, and temperatures just above freezing. At night we may see the **Aurora Borealis**. Embarking in the harbour at **Lødingen** we sail for **Tysfjord**, planning to land at **Musken**, a Sami community, and later visit the wilderness area of **Hellemobotn**. We visit **Leiknes**, **Skarvberget**, **Tranøy** and **Skrova**, a small, rugged island where the locals still hunt minke whales. We end our voyage at **Vestbygd** before returning to **Lødingen**. The weather can be quite rough, so the itinerary is provisional.

- » ship « **Noorderlicht**
- » when « Numerous departures Oct – Dec 2015
- » guide price « From **£1,995** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

## Sail, snowshoe and ski Westfjords of Iceland | 9 days

NEW FOR 2015

This is a voyage for experienced ski mountaineers or for those that enjoy more leisurely snowshoeing. The almost uninhabited **Westfjords of Iceland** in the country's remotest corner are one of the world's best-kept secrets in travelling. The slopes of the mountains surrounding **Lonafjörður** and **Hrafnafjörður** are particularly attractive for skiers and snowshoe walkers.

- » ship « **Rembrandt Van Rijn**
- » when « 30 March – 7 April 2015
- » guide price « From **£2,730** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Ski mountaineering, snowshoeing

## Alpine peaks of West Greenland (ski and sail) | 10 days

These voyages enable experienced ski mountaineers to cover the area between **Nuuk** and **Manitsoq**. Non-skiers may explore the valleys and lower peaks by snowshoe and we'll all have the chance to see wildlife at sea and on shore from the ship. The last voyage looks out for bowhead whales en-route to **Aasiaat**.

- » ship « **Rembrandt Van Rijn**
- » when « April – May 2015
- » guide price « From **£4,355** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Ski mountaineering, snowshoeing

“ For weeks after coming home I felt homesick (even physically) for all I experienced on these voyages – the beauty, the ruggedness, the quiet, the cleanliness, the fauna & flora, the life on board, my fellow passengers, the staff and crew... ”

**Janice Hinlopen**,  
Spitsbergen circumnavigation and  
North East Greenland back-to-back voyages

## Sail Disko Bay, Umanak and Thule

| 10-20 days

Our voyages vary in length, start and end in **Aasiaat**, and include **Jakobshavn Glacier**, **Hunde Eiland** and the **Kronprinsens Eiland** archipelago. We sail to **Flakkerhuk** on the east side of **Disko Island**, past huge icebergs, observing long-tailed skuas, turnstones and grey phalaropes. Good walkers may walk to **Skansen** to rejoin the ship. At **Naajat**, we sail with Zodiacs along a kittiwake colony of more than 10,000 breeding pairs. Sailing through **Ata Sund** we reach the **Eqip Sermia** – a great glacier front – before returning to **Aasiaat**. Longer voyages in June and July head north of the **Nuussuaq Peninsula** to circumnavigate **Upernavik**.

- » ship « **Rembrandt Van Rijn**
- » when « Numerous voyages May – Sept 2015
- » guide price range « From **£4,250 – £6,695** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

## Disko Bay and South Greenland (hike and sail) | 10-14 days

These two voyages sail in stages from **Aasiatt** to **Kangerlussuaq** and then to **Narsarsuaq** and offer longer hiking opportunities. The last voyage of the season in early October covers the southern tip of Greenland and there will be good chances to see the **Aurora Borealis**.

- » ship « **Rembrandt Van Rijn**
- » when « 16-25 September 2015,  
23 September – 6 October 2015
- » guide price range « From **£3,590 – £4,815** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

## Three Arctic islands – triple the adventure | 15-16 days

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

- » ships « **Ocean Nova**, **Sea Adventurer**
- » when « 25 July – 8 August 2015 (**Sea Adventurer**),  
13-28 August 2015 (**Ocean Nova**)
- » guide price range « **£6,490-£7,955** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Hiking, kayaking



PHOTOS: Jan Belgers and Rinie van Meurs, Oceanwide Expeditions.



For maps of Spitsbergen and Greenland see pages 4 and 6



# ICELAND, GREENLAND, HIGH ARCTIC AND CANADIAN ARCTIC

» itineraries «

## Jewels of Northeast Greenland | 16 days

**Northeast Greenland** is the world's largest national park with elusive wildlife – polar bear, walrus, Arctic hare, musk ox and many kinds of seals. If the pack ice allows, we'll attempt to reach the rarely visited **Kaiser Franz Josef Fjord**, possibly sighting seals along the coast. The first voyage spends two days in **Spitsbergen** and ends in **Iceland**. The second operates in reverse.

- » ship « **Polar Pioneer**
- » when « 2-17 August, 15-30 August 2015
- » guide price « From **£7,120** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)
- » activities « Kayaking

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

**NEW  
FOR 2015**

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**, the lodge offers fully-guided opportunities for hiking, kayaking, and exploring the Arctic tundra in all-terrain vehicles. Observe musk ox, polar bears and other wildlife in their natural habitat with comfortable accommodation and superb food, all just a short flight from **Yellowknife, Northwest Territories**, to **Somerset Island in Nunavut**.

- » when « Land-based programme, six departures weekly in July/August 2015
- » guide price « From **£9,150** per person based on twin room (private facilities)
- » activities « All terrain vehicle, fishing, hiking, kayaking, rafting

## Mighty St. Lawrence | 13 days

**NEW  
FOR 2015**

This voyage incorporates the stunning coastal regions of **Quebec's North Shore**, the **Gaspé**, the **Gulf of St. Lawrence**, **Magdalene Islands**, and **Saint Pierre**. Some of the best whale watching in **Canada** is concentrated between the high cliffs of **Saguenay Fjord**. The **Magdalene Islands'** mix of Acadian and English influences – and their history of more than 400 shipwrecks – are among the islands' unique features. We end at **Saint Pierre**, the last remaining outpost of **New France**, which offers fine wine, cheese and French fashion just off the coast of **Newfoundland**.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 13-25 June 2015
- » guide price « From **£5,585** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

## In the footsteps of Franklin – Greenland and Canadian High Arctic | 14 days

Explore the best of **Greenland's** west coast, including one of the fastest and most active glaciers in the world. Crossing into **Canadian** waters en route to **Resolute**, you'll encounter spectacular limestone bird cliffs and **Beechey Island**, the eerie site of the **Franklin Expedition**.

- » ship « **Sea Explorer**
- » when « 16-29 August 2015
- » guide price « From **£8,715** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Kayaking

## Epic High Arctic – Baffin via Fury and Hecla | 14 days

Follow a truly epic route explored by very few on this **High Arctic** voyage that navigates the challenging **Fury and Hecla Strait** between **Resolute** and **Iqaluit**. An exploration of historic Canadian sites in the Arctic combined with abundant wildlife makes for a special expedition. This in-depth adventure provides fantastic opportunities for seeing all of the Arctic's iconic creatures, including polar bears.

- » ship « **Sea Explorer**
- » when « 26 August – 8 September 2015
- » guide price « From **£8,535** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Kayaking

## Arctic explorer | 14 days

**NEW  
FOR 2015**

This epic adventure begins at the entrance to the **Northwest Passage**. We'll seek bowhead whales in **Niginaniq (Isabella Bay)** – the world's first Inuit-initiated whale sanctuary – and search for polar bears, walrus and musk ox on **Devon Island's** tundra. We'll cruise **Prince Leopold Island** and, at **Mittimatalik**, our hosts will welcome us with throat-singing and Inuit games before we explore **Baffin's** mighty fiords. Crossing **Davis Strait to Greenland**, we'll zip among freshly calved bergs off **Ilulissat** in our Zodiacs, marvel at **Uummannaq's** heart-shaped mountain, and hike around **Itilleq Fjord**. Spectacular **Kangerlussuaq Fjord** makes a glorious finale to our trip.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 8-21 August 2015
- » guide price « From **£7,560** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)



For maps of Iceland and Greenland  
see pages 10 and 6

## Into the Northwest Passage | 20 days

**NEW  
FOR 2015**

On this tour, the pinnacle of **Arctic** exploration, we go where the ice allows. We'll explore the quaint villages, dramatic fjords and calving glaciers of **Greenland**, working our way north to spectacular **Kap York**. Crossing **Smith Sound** we'll visit **Ajuittuq (Grise Fiord)**, **Canada's** northernmost community. The bird cliffs at **Coburg Island National Wildlife Area** teem with kittiwakes and murre. At **Beechey Island**, the **Franklin** expedition gravestones stand watch. **Melville, Banks and Devon Islands** offer opportunities for Peary caribou, polar bear, walrus and musk ox as well as visits to ghostly **RCMP** and **Hudson's Bay Company** posts.

**Prince of Wales Strait** affords a striking, narrow passage to **Amundsen Gulf** and to **Kugluktuk (Coppermine)**, the end to our epic journey above the **Arctic Circle**.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 19 August – 7 September 2015
- » guide price « From **£9,635** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

» options « **Sea Adventurer** offers a slightly longer itinerary which crosses **Baffin Bay to Pond Inlet** and on to **Beechey Island** – 21 days from 18 August – 7 September 2015 **£11,795** per person.

## Iceland circumnavigation | 14 days

**NEW  
FOR 2015**

Our expedition around **Iceland** offers an in-depth exploration of its geological extremes, from volcanic landscapes and lava fields to ice sheets, gushing hot springs and cascading waterfalls as well as the country's incredible bird life, colorful hamlets, friendly people and serene bays.

- » ships « **Ocean Nova, Sea Spirit**
- » when « 26 August – 6 September 2015 (**Ocean Nova**), 1-13 June 2015 (**Sea Spirit**)
- » guide price range « **£5,310-£6,095** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « Hiking, kayaking

## The North Pole ultimate Arctic adventure (by icebreaker) | 14-15 days

From **Murmansk** we cross the **Barents Sea** towards **Franz Josef Land**, where shore landings are planned and at 90 degrees North, the top of the world. Stand on the **North Pole** and hike on the expansive ice before continuing with a watchful eye for polar bears to **Franz Josef Land**. Sightseeing by helicopter gives you an unforgettable aerial view of the ship crushing its way through the Arctic Ocean pack ice.

**50 Years of Victory** will retire as an expedition vessel after the 2015 Arctic season. This 'end of an era' will be marked by a number of final voyages to the **North Pole** departing in June 2015.

- » ship « **50 Years of Victory**
- » when « 3-17 June, 15-28 June, 26 June – 9 July, 8-21 July, 19 July – 1 August, 30 July – 12 August 2015
- » guide price « From **£18,295** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) **£650pp** supplement for 3 June departure.

**FOR THE ACTIVE:** Pick the hiking-focused voyages – you can do some great walks of 6-7 hours on selected days.



An exquisite land of snow covered volcanoes, lava fields, hot springs, geysers, lush valleys, tundra, fast flowing rivers and rugged coastline, Russia's Arctic Far East simply cries out to be discovered. Early summer is the best time to see migrating and breeding birds, land and sea mammals and wild flowers.

» itineraries «

### Sea of Okhotsk | 16 days

Little-known outside Russia and seldom visited by westerners, the **Sea of Okhotsk** is a region with a very rich history and abundant wildlife. We aim to encounter Kamchatka brown bears, spectacular ribbon seals, breeding colonies of Steller sea lions, and, potentially, snow sheep and marmot. At **Talan Island** the sky darkens every evening as crested auklets mass offshore. The area is home to large numbers of Steller's sea eagles.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 7-22 June 2015
- » guide price « From **£8,265** per person per person twin cabin (shared facilities)
- » activities « Kayaking

### Siberia's forgotten coast | 17 days

**NEW FOR 2015**

This expedition follows in the footsteps of Danish explorer **Commander Vitus Bering** along one of the most remote coastlines on earth. The journey is one of rich diversity and experiences – we hope to see Steller's sea eagles, Kamchatka brown bear, sea otter, Arctic fox and potentially Pacific walrus. Marine life is varied and sightings of beluga, blue, gray, humpback and sperm whale are all possible. This voyage is dedicated to looking for wildlife and birdlife, and we may even be lucky enough to see one of the most critically endangered birds in the world, the spoon-billed sandpiper.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 22 June – 8 July 2015
- » guide price « From **£8,495** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)
- » activities « Kayaking

### Across the top of the world – Wrangel Island | 18 days

Journey through the **Bering Strait** and spend four to five days with local rangers around secluded **Wrangel Island**, where many polar bears are known to breed. We will also keep a look out for Pacific walrus, gray whales, reindeer, musk ox and snow geese. This isolated nature reserve is a delight for those keen on a true wilderness experience.

Ask for details of the **Wrangel Island traverse** – an optional three day crossing.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 19 July – 5 August 2015  
16 August – 2 September 2015
- » guide price « From **£10,455** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)



## ARCTIC AND FAR EAST RUSSIA



### Jewel of the Russian Far East | 16 days

September is a beautiful time to explore **Russia's** eastern seaboard. The cooler temperatures encourage vibrant colours on the tundra-cloaked hillsides as fat Kamchatka brown bears soak up the last of the warm sun and reindeer and mountain sheep feed in preparation for the harsh winter. We also hope to see Pacific walrus as we travel south.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 30 August – 14 September 2015
- » guide price « From **£7,575** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

### Marine mammals of the North West Pacific | 18 days

**NEW FOR 2015**

This truly is the ultimate whale watching voyage. This part of the world is amazingly rich in marine life and is a major feeding ground for a significant number of large migratory whale species and a permanent residence for many others. There is the potential to see up to 14 species of cetaceans including the rare northern right, bowhead and blue whales.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 11-28 September 2015
- » guide price « From **£6,815** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)



### Russia's Ring of Fire (cruise the Ring of Fire) | 16 days

**Kamchatka** is known as the 'land of fire and ice'. 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 are rich with many species of seabirds and cetaceans.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 25 May – 9 June 2015
- » guide price « From **£7,420** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)
- » activities « Kayaking

# Voyages – THE ANTARCTIC



» new for 2015-2016 «

- » Polar Pioneer and Sea Adventurer move into the fly/sail arena
- » Ortelius visits Bouvet Island in the South Atlantic
- » Polar Pioneer operates into/out of Chile's 'Antarctic Gateway', Puerto Williams, on the eastern tip of the Beagle Channel
- » Plancius and Ortelius operate fascinating end-of-season Atlantic Odyssey pelagic voyages from Ushuaia to Ascension and on to the Cape Verdes
- » Ice-strengthened polar vessel Ushuaia offers a good value option
- » We've included dates for 2014-2015 voyages to help those booking last minute

Most of our voyages depart from **Ushuaia** at the southern tip of South America and cross the **Drake Passage**, spending several days visiting the **South Shetland Islands** and the **Antarctic Peninsula**. A few voyages embark in the South Shetland Islands (utilising a flight from **Punta Arenas**) thereby avoiding the infamous Drake Passage Crossing. The peninsula is a spectacular chain of mountains and glaciers and is the richest part of Antarctica for wildlife. The waters are sheltered by islands which makes for comfortable sailing and easy landings. Some of these voyages also visit **South Georgia** and the **Falkland Islands**.

**South Georgia** is a 100-mile long island with mountains and glaciers that equal the grandeur of Antarctica. There is also a green fringe of vegetation that supports a greater variety of wildlife, including the magnificent king penguin and wandering albatross, many smaller birds such as the endemic pintail and pipit, as well as teeming colonies of fur seals. For those interested in its history, many voyages visit the scene of Shackleton's epic crossing of the island.

**The Falkland Islands** are different again: An archipelago of large and small islands with an even more varied wildlife and relaxed lifestyle among the human inhabitants.

More adventurous voyages head for the **Ross Sea**, sometimes called 'The Far Side of Antarctica' – on an icebreaker, to visit emperor penguin colonies and Scott's and Shackleton's huts. Because some of the vessels are comparatively small, early booking is recommended.



The following itineraries are a guideline only, since the routes taken and the landings made will be dependent on ice and weather conditions. We are happy to supply you with more detailed descriptions, day-by-day itineraries and reports of similar voyages in previous years on request.

Where activities are available on certain voyages they are shown here. These are optional, for which a supplement is usually payable.

“ The holiday was great and met all my expectations – all the connections worked like clockwork. The cruise was fantastic and we landed on all except the South Orkneys which were ice bound. Food was very good and plenty of it – Iguazu was really good and connections etc worked well – the room was fantastic with Falls view as specified – at the end of the day it was good to relax by the pool and enjoy a Bacardi and coke as you do. Thanks for organising the trip – it was one in a lifetime. ”

**Allen Cooper,**  
The Falklands, South Georgia, South Sandwich Islands, Antarctic Peninsula discovery cruise

PHOTOS: Tim-Fisher, Antarpoly Expeditions; Quark Expeditions; Marius Coetzee, One Ocean Expeditions; Vidar Bakken, Oceanwide Expeditions.



“ As you know, I have waited 60 years for this and the whole *Plancius* experience on the exact centenary of Scott's last expedition was just magical. Absolutely brilliant. ”

John Sharples, Antarctic Peninsula



## FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

» itineraries «

### Classic Antarctic Peninsula with South Shetlands | 13-15 days

These voyages begin in Ushuaia and sail across the **Drake Passage** directly to the **Peninsula** providing good chances to see gentoo and adelie penguins and humpback whales. Some voyages 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. Landings are usually made twice a day while Zodiac cruises offer an exciting alternative.

- » ships « **National Geographic Orion, Ocean Diamond, Ortelius, Plancius, Polar Pioneer, Sea Adventurer, Sea Explorer, Sea Spirit, Ushuaia**
- » when « Numerous voyages  
November 2014 – March 2015  
November 2015 – March 2016
- » options « **Sea Adventurer** and **Polar Pioneer** offer fly/sail options with only one **Drake Passage** crossing
- » guide price « From **£5,895** per person based on twin cabin (semi private facilities)
- » activities « Camping, kayaking, snowshoeing

### Antarctic Peninsula Basecamp Ortelius/Plancius | 14-15 days

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

- » ship « **Ortelius, Plancius**
- » when « 9-22 November 2014  
1-15 March 2015  
14-27 November 2015  
19 November – 2 December 2015  
26 December 2015 – 8 January 2016  
16 February – 1 March 2016  
26 February – 11 March 2016
- » guide price « From **£6,925** 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



### Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula | 20-24 days

These longer voyages visit the **Falkland Islands** calling at **Port Stanley**, then head for **South Georgia** spotting a great number of seabirds as we cross the **Convergence**. Three days are spent in **South Georgia** visiting historic sites and encountering fur and elephant seals, albatross and petrels. Then to the **Antarctic Peninsula** via **Orcadas Station** in the **South Orkneys** for three days around the **Peninsula** and **South Shetland Islands**. On the return trip to **Ushuaia**, a profusion of seabirds follows the ship.

- » ships « **National Geographic Orion, Ocean Diamond, Ortelius, Plancius, Polar Pioneer, Sea Explorer, Sea Spirit, Ushuaia**
- » when « October 2014 – March 2015 and October 2015 to March 2016
- » options « **Polar Pioneer** operates a slightly shorter **South Georgia/Antarctic Peninsula** option. **Sea Explorer's** first voyage of the season is 25 days UK to UK and embarks in **Puerto Madryn** in late October 2015. **Sea Spirit's Scotia Arc** voyage is the most comprehensive of all and operates 14 December 2015 – 9 January 2016
- » guide price « From **£7,860** per person based on twin cabin (semi private facilities)
- » activities « Alpine crossing, diving, kayaking



### Shackleton's Centenary voyage | 23 days

Join us as we retrace the routes and landings of **Sir Ernest Shackleton's** famed **Endurance** expedition. From the tip of **Tierra del Fuego**, to the **Falkland Islands**, the **South Orkneys**, **South Georgia**, the ice shelves and the **Antarctic Continent** itself, this is a trip like no other. Explore untouched islands, beaches, mountains and ice throughout the polar South, hike portions of Shackleton's fabled trek over **South Georgia** Island and pay your respects at his grave in the former whaling station of **Grytviken**. In this pristine environment you'll encounter albatross, sea elephant, fur and leopard seals, whales galore, and literally millions of penguins! Photograph extraordinary landscapes, fascinating wildlife, and savour the century-old remnants of polar expeditions in the place where legends live on!

- » ship « **Sea Adventurer**
- » when « 16 October – 7 November 2014
- » guide price « From **£11,095** per person based on twin deluxe cabin (private facilities)
- » options « **Polar Pioneer** operates a voyage to celebrate the 100th anniversary of **Shackleton's South Georgia crossing**, 7-27 March 2016, from **£13,225** per person. Alpine crossing optional



**DON'T MISS:** Camping overnight on the Peninsula to experience Antarctic weather close up. It might seem tough at the time but you won't regret it! Don't forget to pre-book as it's popular.

**READ:** *Captain Scott* by Sir Ranulph Fiennes and *South* by Sir Ernest Shackleton; *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing; *A First-Rate tragedy: Robert Falcon Scott & the Race to the South Pole* by Diana Preston and *Mawson's Will* by Lennard Bickel.

**MY BEST MEMORY:** Leopard seals circling and diving under our Zodiac while hunting penguins.

**TOP TIP:** Dress in many layers – you'll need them.

PHOTOS: Quark Expeditions; One Ocean Expeditions; Andrew Halsall, Aurora Expeditions.

## Antarctica with a difference

We can offer similar Antarctic voyages but with notable differences in on-board service, with fewer passengers and extra staff. Each passenger is assigned to an 'adventure concierge' – a concept unique in the polar expedition cruise world – so you will have someone on board looking after your individual needs as you sail. Having fewer passengers allows for more flexibility with adventure options and this is the only way to experience overnight kayaking in the Antarctic. Itineraries vary from 14 – 22 days and include the **Classic Antarctic Peninsula; Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula; Weddell Sea and Polar Circle** voyages. In early November the 16-day **Off the beaten track voyage** allows for superb ski mountaineering and overnight kayaking.

- » ships « **Akademik Ioffe, Akademik Sergey Vavilov**
- » when « Between November 2014 – March 2015 and November 2015 – March 2016. Call us for details
- » guide price « Starting at **£9,195** per person for 14 days based on twin cabin (semi private facilities)

» itineraries «

## Weddell Sea and Antarctic Peninsula | 14-16 days

A tremendous sense of excitement spreads through the ship as we enter the **Weddell Sea** on this voyage to the **Antarctic Peninsula's** wild side. Ahead are the locations where Shackleton's and Nordenskjöld's polar survival epic were played out, astonishing vistas and some of Antarctica's greatest penguin rookeries. Depending on the conditions, **Ortelius'** captain will endeavour to get close enough to **Snow Hill Island** for us to take a ship-to-shore helicopter transfer to a point 45 minutes' walking distance from the emperor penguin rookeries.

- » ships « **Ortelius, Polar Pioneer, Ushuaia**
- » when « 23 November – 6 December 2014  
3-16 December 2014  
24 November – 7 December 2015  
14-17 December 2015  
6-20 January 2016  
7-21 February 2016
- » guide price « From **£7,150** per person based on twin cabin (semi private facilities)
- » activities « On-board helicopters on Ortelius

## South Georgia, Weddell Sea and Falkland Islands | 23 days

Celebrating one of the greatest survival stories in Antarctic exploration, we take you into the **Weddell Sea**, where Ernest Shackleton commenced the first crossing of Antarctica. We follow in his wake to **Elephant Island** and **South Georgia**, shining a light on his heroic voyage. We attempt to visit fossil-rich islands, wildlife havens, remnants of historic explorers' huts, and even land on the Antarctic Continent itself. Famed for its abandoned whaling stations, South Georgia is home to millions of fur seals and penguins, wallows of elephant seals, herds of reindeer and nesting albatross.

- » ship « **Polar Pioneer**
- » when « 7-29 March 2015
- » guide price « From **£11,895** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)
- » activities « Kayaking

PHOTOS: Mark Carwardine, One Ocean Expeditions.



## WEDDELL SEA, ANTARCTIC PENINSULA, ROSS SEA

### Ross Sea with helicopters | 36-38 days

A true discovery voyage exploring the southern **Antarctic Peninsula**, the 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**, **Mc Murdo Station**, the **Dry Valleys** and **Macquarie Island**. A spectacular expedition.

- » ship « **Ortelius**
- » when « 6 January – 12 February 2015  
8 February – 15 March 2015
- » guide price « From **£23,570** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » activities « On board helicopters enable you to reach otherwise almost inaccessible landing sites

### Antarctica XXI | 10-12 days

**Antarctica XXI** is a unique air cruise to Antarctica. Avoid the notorious two day crossing of the **Drake Passage** and instead take a one and a half hour flight from **Punta Arenas** in Southern Chile to **King George Island**, the largest island of the **South Shetland Archipelago**, where you board your expedition ship. For the next five days you are on a **Classic Antarctic Peninsula** voyage. Two longer mid-season departures cross the **Polar Circle**.

- » ships « **Ocean Nova, Sea Explorer**
- » when « Various departures December 2014 – January 2015 and November 2015 – February 2016
- » guide price range « From **£8,955-£11,955** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)
- » options « **Sea Adventurer** also offers a similar voyage 19-28 January 2015, **£9,355** per person
- » activities « Kayaking, snowshoeing

### Atlantic Odyssey, Ascension and Bouvet Islands

| 39-46 days

NEW FOR 2015

Our **Atlantic Odyssey** voyage combines most of the **South and Mid-Atlantic Ocean** and **Antarctica** with a unique chance to visit some of the world's most remote islands. Besides the **Antarctic Peninsula**, the **South Shetland Islands**, **South Georgia** and the **South Orkney Islands**, you visit **Tristan da Cunha**, **St. Helena** and **Ascension Island**. Beautiful and rare species live on these islands, many not found anywhere else. You can also visit isolated local communities.

**Ortelius** has a special voyage in 2015 including remote **Bouvet Island (Bouvetøya)**, an uninhabited sub-Antarctic island belonging to **Norway**. The first leg from **Ushuaia** to **Ascension** involves 24 days' sailing while the second leg to the **Cape Verdes** is a week. Your

chances of meeting whales are high and Arctic terns and long-tailed skuas will cross the **Equator** with you on their northbound spring migration.

- » ships « **Ortelius, Plancius**
- » when « 21 March – 23 April 2015 (leg 1)  
23-30 April 2015 (leg 2) **Plancius**  
22 March – 22 April 2015 (leg 1),  
22-29 April 2015 (leg 2) **Ortelius**  
15 March – 22 April 2016 (leg 1)  
22-29 April 2016 (leg 2) **Plancius**
- » guide price range « From **£10,135-£12,860** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) for both legs

### Crossing the Polar Circle | 14-15 days

This extended, in-depth exploration of the **Antarctic Peninsula** enables you to venture south of the **Antarctic Circle**. You'll enjoy more time for communing with penguins and visits to less frequented landing sites.

- » ships « **Ocean Diamond, Ortelius, Plancius, Polar Pioneer, Sea Adventurer, Ushuaia**
- » when « January – March 2015 and 2016
- » guide price « From **£7,150** per person based on twin cabin (semi private facilities)
- » activities « Camping, diving, kayaking

### 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 drew many of the most famous explorers and adventurers including **Scott**, **Shackleton** and **Amundsen**. We visit five historic huts and learn more of their history and the explorers' achievements. The **Ross Sea** region is the breeding ground for millions of adie and emperor penguins and we have permits for landing in the sub-Antarctic islands **Auckland**, **Campbell** and **Macquarie**.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 8 January – 11 February 2015  
6 February – 12 March 2015  
January – February 2016
- » guide price « From **£15,935** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

**LET US KNOW:** If you have a connection with any of the polar regions we visit. If you or a relative lived on one of the bases, or were a member of a past expedition, we can offer you the chance to share your experiences, diaries or photographs with others on your voyage. In the past we've even got the ship to make unscheduled visits to tie in with such an event.



# Ships – A-Z OF THE SHIPS

Many of the vessels shown here offer a variety of cabins. Our guide prices are based on twin cabins with shared or private facilities, but we will be happy to quote for single occupancy, triple, quadruple or superior cabins and suites (where available) on request. Do visit [www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk/ships](http://www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk/ships) to see more photographs (including cabins) and fuller information on each vessel.



## 50 Years of Victory

Nuclear powered polar-class icebreaker and the largest fitted for passenger travel to the North Pole. This is her last year in operation for tourism.

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



## Akademik Ioffe

Sister ship to Akademik Sergey Vavilov. Comfortable, modern, ice-strengthened adventure vessel with the feel of a cruise liner. Equipped with zodiacs and kayaks.

- » passengers « 96
- » itineraries « Antarctic
- » operator « One Ocean Expeditions



## Akademik Sergey Vavilov

Equipped with Zodiacs and kayaks. Highly manoeuvrable, her shallow draft permits passage through channels impassable by larger ships.

- » passengers « 92
- » itineraries « Antarctic
- » operator « One Ocean Expeditions



## National Geographic Orion

Custom-built for expedition cruising in elegant and lavish comfort. More like a megayacht than a cruise ship with a crew of 75.

- » passengers « 102 in en-suite cabins
- » itineraries « Antarctic
- » operator « Lindblad Expeditions



## Noorderlicht

Built in 1910 she was re-rigged and refitted as a two-masted schooner in the early 1990s. Would-be sailors can help the crew of five to sail her.

- » passengers « 20 in twin cabins (upper and lower bunks without ladder)
- » itineraries « Spitsbergen, Lofoten Islands
- » operator « Oceanwide



## Ocean Diamond

Fast, super-yacht featuring numerous adventure options plus massage and wellness, photography programme, well-stocked polar library and expert in residence. All cabins have exterior views and en-suite facilities.

- » passengers « 189
- » itineraries « Antarctic
- » operator « Quark Expeditions



## Ocean Endeavour

Purpose-built to enable passenger experiences in remote environments. 1B ice-class vessel with 20 Zodiacs, advanced navigation equipment, several lounges and a top deck observation room.

- » passengers « 198
- » itineraries « Canadian Arctic
- » operator « Adventure Canada



## Ocean Nova

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

- » passengers « 62
- » itineraries « Arctic, Greenland, Antarctic, Iceland, Scottish Islands
- » operator « Antarctica XXI and Quark Expeditions



## Ortelius

With highest ice-class notation (UL1 equivalent to 1A) she can navigate solid one-year sea ice and loose multi-year pack ice. 11 Zodiacs and on-board helicopter. £1 million refurbishment of Deck 5 for 2014.

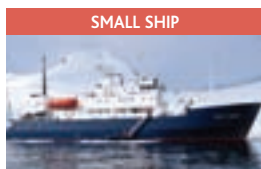
- » passengers « 116
- » itineraries « Arctic, Antarctic, Ross Sea, Mid-Atlantic
- » operator « Oceanwide



## Plancier

Rebuilt in 2009. Comfortable, nicely decorated and well suited to exploratory educational voyages.

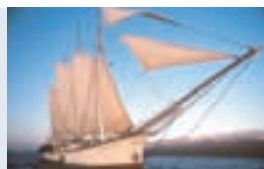
- » passengers « 110 – all cabins have private facilities in quadruple and twin formation, with portholes or windows
- » itineraries « Arctic, Greenland, Antarctic, Mid-Atlantic
- » operator « Oceanwide



## Polar Pioneer

Refurbished in 2000. She has a bar/lounge/library area and a small fleet of Zodiacs.

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



## Rembrandt Van Rijn

Sailing ship: Although not ice-class, she has a reinforced bow and good open deck viewing areas. Rebuild and refurbishment completed in 2011.

- » passengers « 34 in mainly en-suite cabins, some with portholes
- » itineraries « Greenland, Iceland
- » operator « Oceanwide



## Sea Adventurer

An A-1 ice class expedition vessel in the style of great ocean liners. She has all new outside cabins with private facilities and a fleet of 10 Zodiacs.

- » passengers « 118
- » itineraries « Arctic, Greenland, Canadian Arctic, Antarctic
- » operator « Adventure Canada, Quark Expeditions



## Sea Explorer

All-suite luxury expedition ship refurbished in 2005. Ice class 1C vessel. All cabins with private facilities. Penthouse and Verandah suites have private balconies.

- » passengers « 114
- » itineraries « Canadian Arctic, Antarctic
- » operator « Antarctica XXI, Polar Latitudes, Poseidon and Quark Expeditions



## Sea Spirit

Ice-class 1D vessel and remarkably comfortable. All cabins have private facilities and exterior views, flat screen TV and DVD player.

- » passengers « 112
- » itineraries « Antarctic, Arctic
- » operator « Poseidon and Quark Expeditions



## Spirit of Enderby

Fully ice-strengthened polar research vessel with comfortable accommodation. All voyages accompanied by experienced naturalists and guides.

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



## USHUAIA

Refurbished in 2014, well-appointed ice-strengthened polar vessel. Large dining room, open-plan observation lounge/lecture room, bar and well-stocked library.

- » passengers « 88 in 44 comfortable cabins and suites
- » 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.

*Because we specialise in tailor-making holidays all over the world we will be delighted to add on pre or post-tour arrangements as required.*



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