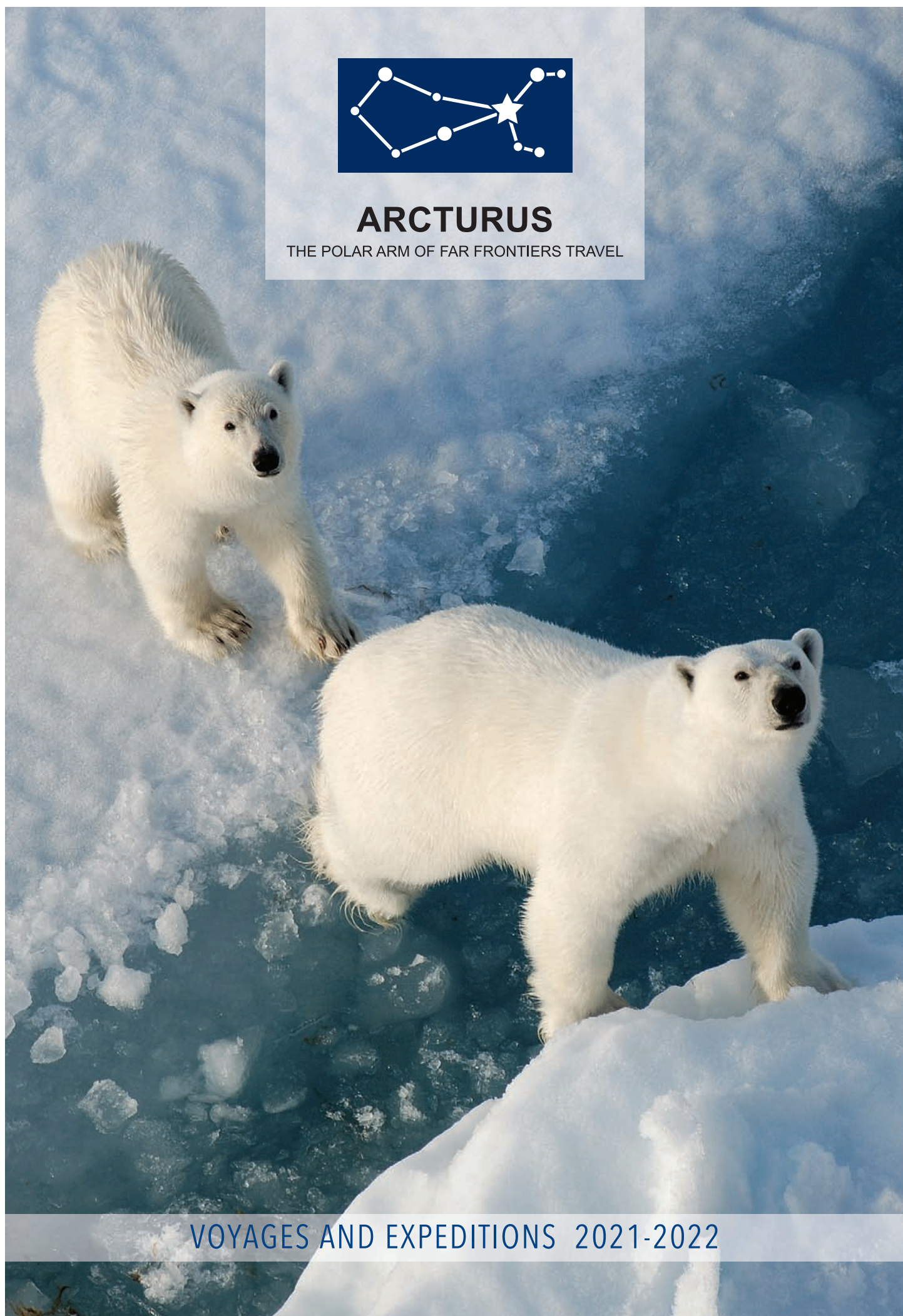


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THE POLAR ARM OF FAR FRONTIERS TRAVEL



VOYAGES AND EXPEDITIONS 2021-2022



“ Welcome to our new style brochure for 2021-22. Inside is a glimpse into just a few of our exciting adventures planned for **Summer 2021 Arctic** and **Winter 2021-22 Antarctic** exploration, on land in small guided groups and on the water on-board delightful small ships operating the very best voyages in the polar regions.

Our **overland expeditions** focus on enjoying nature and scenery by walking, dog-sledging, skiing and camping in the **Arctic, Antarctic, Arctic Norway, Greenland, Iceland, the Faroe Islands**, more remote parts of **Russia** and the **Canadian Arctic**. At sea, we are agents for operators of breathtaking wildlife expedition voyages to **Arctic Norway, Spitsbergen, Iceland, Greenland, the Faroe Islands, Arctic Russia, the Canadian Arctic, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, the Antarctic Peninsula** and the **Ross Sea** region.

Inside you'll find a greatly simplified overview of what we offer – there's more detail in the way of itineraries, maps and client comments on our website. Do call us for detailed dossiers on each trip.

Look out too for a few late booking opportunities for voyages this coming winter 2020-21, and remember – come fair weather or foul, we are here to plan the trip you want and we are always ready and delighted to discuss any aspect of your plans, however far into the future you are planning. ”

Fiona Brijnath

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Arcturus – Unique Polar Expeditions and the Best Voyages

About Us

Based on Dartmoor, Devon, **Arcturus** has evolved over 40 years from a small niche polar travel company to one of the foremost operators to remote polar regions. **Fiona Brijnath**, your main contact, has established a notable reputation in tailored travel over the past 25 years, and has both the knowledge and experience to navigate you through a marketplace full of often bewildering options. Our itineraries are based on years of local research and experience from past, often scientific, expeditions. You are unlikely to find anyone who gives more attention to personal service and detail than Fiona, which is why her clients return time and again.

Keeping Fiona up to date on polar matters and potential new destinations is **Dr. Lorraine Craig PhD** of **Imperial College**, London. Her impressive CV includes having been Head of Research and Higher Education at the **Royal Geographical Society**, Director of the **Cambridge Arctic Shelf Programme** and a past President of the **Arctic Club**.

Pricing

To give you the full picture, we cost in everything we can into our advertised prices here and on our website. This includes **international economy flights** from London, **internal transport**, **transfers** to your embarkation point (where this can be pre-booked) and **accommodation** in twin rooms with meals as specified in our detailed dossiers.

Our guide prices for **voyages** are based on twin cabins and specify whether facilities are private or shared. On request we will quote for single occupancy, triple, quadruple and superior cabins and suites (where available). Our **expeditions** are nearly all fully-guided, either from the UK or locally.

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

Extending Your Trip

As bespoke travel specialists owned by **Far Frontiers Travel**, we can organise pre and post-tour elements to make yours a truly unique trip. So, for example, you could explore **Chile, Argentina, Peru** or **Ecuador/The Galapagos** as the opening or grand finale to your **Antarctic** voyage. Why not take in the glittering sights of **Moscow** and **St. Petersburg** or drive around **Iceland** before setting sail for **Arctic** waters? **We can organise it all.**

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We're always ready to discuss your travel plans however far ahead they may be

Arctic Expeditions

Spectacular and other-worldly

Our guided adventures in the **Arctic** include dog sledging, cross-country skiing, camping and kayaking in **Arctic Norway**; tours and self-drive itineraries around **Iceland** and the **Faroe Islands**; wildlife and Inuit encounters in **Greenland** and the **Canadian Arctic** and life up close in the **Russian Arctic** and its extraordinary, volcanic **Far East**.



Call it mushing, dog sledging or dog sledging – there's no more exhilarating way to explore!

Experience early spring in **Northern Norway** by dog-sledge on one of our thrilling small group expeditions in the mountains and high uplands. Led by our Norwegian friends, we can also arrange visits to the **Sami (Lapp)** people in their summer or winter camps by skidoo, **Summer Island**, the **Lofoten Islands** or a fascinating day out 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 2021, dates on request
- » **price** « £1,995 per person
- » **leader** « Local Norwegian leader
- » **key info** « Group size 4 minimum. Stay in a 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'll relax in comfort over meals made with local produce, discussing the day's journey.

- » **when** « January – March 2021, dates on request
- » **price** « £2,690 per person
- » **leader** « Local Norwegian leader
- » **key info** « Group size 4 minimum. Stay in mountain huts. Some previous experience required

WHAT TO EXPECT: The chance of stunning displays of the *Aurora Borealis* in the depths of winter.

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

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



See maps and more on our website – including our Dog Sledge The Kings Way expedition from Norway's high peaks to the frozen lakes and plateaux of Sweden

PHOTOS: Peter Yan, Visit Greenland; Shutterstock

www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk or call Fiona on 01837 840640

ARCTIC NORWAY – SPITSBERGEN

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

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.



NORDENSKIÖLD LODGE



ISFJORD RADIO

Overnight in Comfort

We've several exciting and different overnight bases for our **Spitsbergen** adventures. As well as the options below, you can relax comfortably in authentic trapper style with great views at **Basecamp Spitsbergen Hotel** or combine modern camping in heated tents with dog sledging at the mobile **North Pole Camp**. More on our website!

Hiking Across Nordenskiöld Land | 8 days

Hike for four full days in **Spitsbergen's** summer through beautiful **Nordenskiöld Land** before taking an open boat back to **Longyearbyen**, your starting point. You'll cross over mountains and through valleys to **Coles Bay** and **Barentsburg**. After a night in the old Russian mining town we 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** « 12-19 August 2021, 26 August – 2 September 2021

» **price** « From **£3,295** per person

» **leader** « Local leader

» **key info** « Minimum 4 people. All equipment provided

Adventure Week at Nordenskiöld Lodge | 8 days

A unique adventure to **Nordenskiöld Lodge** perched at the edge of a magnificent glacier – a true expedition cabin, but with modern comforts. Enjoy several full day trips including kayaking, glacier hiking and trekking.

» **when** « Weekly departures July to September 2021

» **price** « From **£3,190** per person

» **leader** « Local leader

» **key info** « Minimum 4 people. You need to be in fairly good physical condition to take part

Dog Sledge the Telegraph Route to Isfjord Radio | 8 days

Five days' wilderness dogsledding with two nights' camping and two at **Isfjord Radio**. Get the true expedition feeling as you drive your own dogs and make camp in the evening.

» **when** « March, April, May 2021 – ask for dates

» **price** « From **£4,250** per person

» **leader** « Local leader

» **key info** « Minimum 3 people. You need to be in good physical condition. All equipment provided and all necessary training given

“The three days/two nights I spent at Isfjord Radio were wonderfully relaxing – easy hiking by my standards, the open boat trip to Alkhornet and the glacier-face (picnic on the beach) was bracing, the food was exceptional – fine dining really.”

Anne Robinson, *Walking in Nordenskiöld*, August 2019

■ All our prices include flights!

NORDENSKIÖLD LODGE

- » True expedition lodge 100 miles north east of **Longyearbyen**, on a bay by the mighty **Nordenskiöld Glacier**
- » 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 WC 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 or in winter by dog sledge or snowmobile
- » Climb on the glacier and ski around the fjord and snowy valleys before warming up in the sauna.

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**
- » top chefs' dinners feature Arctic specialities such as smoked seal, halibut and reindeer sausage – and lively conversation!



THE FAROE ISLANDS

Enchanting and timeless isles

THE FAROES poke sharply out of the Atlantic Ocean between Norway and Iceland. These 18 islands of narrow straits and small harbour villages are home to less than 50,000 people and more than three million sea birds. The Faroese people have proudly preserved their own culture, traditions and language rooted in the Old Norse.

Faroe Islands Self Drive | 8 days

Driving is the ideal way to explore – with good roads and short distances between points of interest, you can see so much without having to change hotels every night. Visit the bird cliffs at **Vestmanna** and the tiny but picturesque village of **Gjogv**. Ferry hop between little islands in the north and end at **Torshavn**, the Faroes' capital, whose excellent restaurants showcase traditional Faroese cuisine.

- » **when** « May – Sept 2021, tailor-made to suit
- » **price** « From **£2,095** per person
- » **key info** « You can experience four seasons in one day. Average temperatures are 11°C in summer

TOP TIP: Faroes summers are short and hotels fill quickly so book early to avoid disappointment. Ask us about private escorted tours with our lovely local guides.



How about hiking and 'glamping' among Greenland's glaciers and fjords? Contact Fiona for more suggestions!



ICELAND

Beguiling and captivating

ICELAND, with its long summer days, midnight sun and winter *Aurora Borealis*, is ideal for touring by car – we've splendid self-drive itineraries or can arrange a driver/guide if you prefer.

Iceland Classic Circle Self Drive | 9 days

Drive this classic circular route around **Iceland** including the amazing **Snaefellsnes Peninsula** and the major sights of interest along the ring road. Highlights include the **Golden Circle**, **Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon**, **Lake Mývatn** and **Dettifoss Waterfall**. Travel at your own pace and spend time at the places that most interest you.

- » **when** « Weekly departures May – September 2021
- » **price** « From **£1,695** per person
- » **key info** « Driving yourself is easy and we give plenty of advice. There are lovely boutique hotels in **Reykjavik** that we can suggest as an upgrade

TO DO: 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.



GREENLAND, the world's largest but largely uninhabited island, is a great stand-alone holiday or complement to an **Iceland** trip.



GREENLAND

Breathtaking fjords and enduring communities

Traditional Dog Sledging in Liverpool Land | 10 days

The Inuit still use the dog sledge to get around in winter, especially at Greenland's most isolated village, **Ittoqqortoormiit**, on the east coast. Join us for a traditional dog sledging trip on **Liverpool Land's** spectacular coast. 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 2021
- » **price** « From **£5,475** per person
- » **leader** « Local leader
- » **key info** « Group size 4 minimum. Stay in guest houses and tents or hunter's huts

South and West Greenland by Traditional Ferry Boat | 10 days

Travel with the locals on the delightful **Sarfaq Ittuk** ferry and see **Greenland's** spectacular glaciers, icebergs, colourful Inuit settlements and Arctic wildlife. This journey along the coast between northerly **Ilulissat** (famed for its icebergs) and **Qaqortoq** in the south calls in at several ports and towns such as **Nuuk**, the smallest capital in the world.

- » **when** « To suit, April to September 2021
- » **price** « From **£5,290** per person
- » **leader** « No guide, full briefing on arrival
- » **key info** « **Sarfaq Ittuk** usually carries more local passengers than tourists. There's a communal café and great views from the upper decks

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.



The Inuit people of the **CANADIAN ARCTIC** are an essential part of **Canada's** national and cultural identity. **Nunavut's** vast tundra-clad islands with their remote villages and archaeological sites are accessible only by plane or boat. Iconic narwhal and beluga whale thrive in its waters. **Baffin Island** and **Hudson Bay** offer exceptional chances to get close to polar bear. The **Northwest Territories** are home to massive numbers of caribou, wolves, wolverine, foxes, grizzly and black bears and a wide variety of birdlife.



CANADIAN ARCTIC

Thrilling experiences where eagles soar and caribou roam



ARCTIC WATCH



ARCTIC HAVEN

Narwhal and Polar Bear Safari | 10 days

Experience the classic spring floe edge and view polar bears, narwhal and icebergs under the midnight sun at the northern reaches of **Baffin Island**. Fly in and stay at a premium safari camp on an Arctic beach with views of **Bylot Island**, close to **Lancaster Sound**. Guided by Inuit you'll aim to spot narwhal, polar bears, beluga and bowhead whales.

- » when « Numerous departures May/June 2021
- » price « From **£14,595** per person
- » leader « Local guide
- » Key info « Group size 8-16. One of the best places to combine narwhal and polar bear encounters

Arctic Watch Lodge Discovery Experience | 11 days

The Weber family have skied, kayaked, hiked and explored right across Canada's far north. Join them at this most northerly fly-in lodge on earth. Fully-guided excursions range from wildlife photography to 'fat biking' the frozen Arctic Ocean and sea kayaking alongside beluga whales.

- » when « Five trips July/August 2021
- » price « From **£11,365** per person
- » leader « Local guide
- » Key info « Add on an optional overflight of the **Northwest Passage** landing on **Beechey Island**. Observe narwhal and bowhead whales en route

Hudson Bay Polar Bear Migration Fly-In Safari | 9 days

An exclusive photography tour in the polar bear capital of the world during their annual migration back to **Hudson Bay**. Stay in our intimate, remote and rustic private cabin complex for a safari designed to get you close to one of the world's most magnificent predators in their natural habitat.

- » when « Numerous departures October/November 2021
- » price « From **£10,440** per person
- » leader « Local guide
- » Key info « Group size 8 maximum. Accommodation in cosy cabins. A rare opportunity to observe and photograph polar bears at ground level without an obtrusive fence

BEST TIME TO GO: There's plenty to see and do any time between May and November.

READ: *Dead Reckoning: The untold story of the Northwest Passage* by Ken McGoogan.



Where the wild meets the refined

800km north of the **Arctic Circle**, **Arctic Watch**, Nunavut, is a three hour flight from **Yellowknife NWT** and **Arctic Haven** just two hours. Find out more about these great lodges and their gourmet cuisine on our website!

Arctic Haven – Autumn Arctic, Caribou, Wolves and Northern Lights | 10 days

Observe one of the largest caribou herds in North America as they roam the **Arctic Barrens**. The 250,000 strong **Qamanirjuaq** herd passes by **Arctic Haven** as they migrate between **Baker Lake** and the treeline. With the prospect of seeing the **Northern Lights**, this truly is a trip of spectacle.

- » when « Three departures from late August – mid September 2021
- » price « From **£7,795** per person
- » leader « Local guide
- » Key info « Ask about a special add on – view the caribou migration by helicopter in a 90 minute once in a lifetime experience

See maps and more detail, including our Ultimate Arctic and Polar Bears and Glaciers of Baffin Island itineraries at www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk



ARCTIC RUSSIA'S

great rivers meander through countless lakes and pools in the tundra where, in the short, intense summer, Siberian crane and Ross's gull nest. The ground is bright with wild flowers, and musk oxen, bears, reindeer, lynx, wolverine and wolves roam.

On the volcanic **Kamchatka Peninsula** in **RUSSIA'S FAR EAST** some native people still live traditionally. Home to Russia's largest brown bear, its rivers teem with salmon and the rugged coastline supports many seabirds, sea lions and sea otters.

ARCTIC AND FAR EAST RUSSIA

Bears, snow-capped volcanoes and extraordinary history

Bears, Volcanoes, Native People, Reindeer Herders, Autumn Colours | 19 days

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, Ksudach, Mutnovsky** and **Vachkazhets** volcanoes, **Kurilskoye Lake** and the hot **Khodukta River** in the southern tundra. Kurilskoye Lake, part of a nature reserve, is one of the best places to see brown bears and Steller's sea eagles. Moving around by helicopter and truck we'll 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 « 2-20 August 2021, 23 August – 10 September 2021
- » price « **£6,830** per person
- » leader « Local English speaking Russian leader
- » key info « Group size 16 maximum. The pace will be leisurely with some tougher optional walks

Active Volcanoes of the Kamchatka Peninsula | 19 days

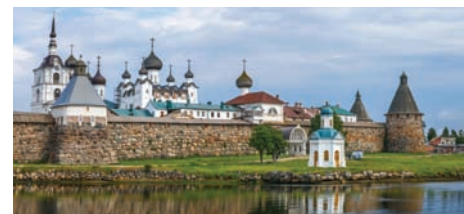
Supported by 4WD vehicle or 6WD truck, you'll head up, over, and around **Kamchatka's** highest and most active volcanoes, passing along a 1,000 metre high mountain plateau surrounded by nine of its highest volcanoes. Walk through the ash-cinder plain from the **Northern Vent** eruption. See the active volcanoes **Mutnovsky, Gorely, Avachinsky** 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 « 21 June – 8 July, 9-26 July, 26 July – 12 August 2021
- » price « **£4,485** per person
- » leader « Local English speaking Russian leader
- » key info « Group size: maximum 18

BEST TIME TO GO: June to September.

ASK US ABOUT: Winter adventures – sea eagle and reindeer encounters and dog sledding February – April.

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



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 « 15 – 26 June 2021 or tailor-made to suit
- » price « **£2,485** 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

See maps, client feedback and travel tips on our website



A wilderness of drama

The snowy peaks, glaciers and fjords of **Spitsbergen** are the focus of many of our voyages in **Arctic Norway**. In **East Greenland** we explore **Scoresby Sund**, the spectacular south east coast and the glorious shores of **West Greenland**.

We also sail to the **British Isles**, **Scotland**, **The Faroes**, **Iceland**, the **Canadian** and **High Arctic** and **Arctic** and **Far East Russia**, as well as smashing through the sea ice towards the **North Pole**.



BRITISH ISLES, SCOTLAND, ICELAND AND ARCTIC NORWAY

Traditions, folklore, whales and seabirds

The British Isles | 13 days

This voyage sets off from our local port city of **Plymouth** and sails west to **Tresco** in the **Silly Isles**, **Ireland's Saltee Islands** 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 « 10-22 May 2021
- » guide price « **£5,985** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2020

» OPTIONS «

Ocean Endeavour offers **Scotland Slowly**, 14 – 24 June 2021, leaving **Glasgow** to visit the **Western Isles**, **Orkney**, the **Shetland Islands** and ending at **Aberdeen**. Guide price: **£6,685** per person in twin cabin (private facilities) if booked by 31 October 2020 or **£7,550** per person thereafter

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

Departing from **Edinburgh** 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 « 22 May – 2 June 2021
- » guide price « **£5,450** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2020

All our prices include flights and overnight accommodation en route to the ship

» OPTIONS «

Greg Mortimer offers a similar **Iceland, Jan Mayen, Svalbard** voyage starting in **Reykjavik** 23 June – 4 July 2021. Guide price: **£4,425** per person in twin cabin (private facilities) if booked by 30 June 2020

Ocean Endeavour journeys from **Aberdeen** to **Reykjavik** via the **Faroe Islands** on her **North Atlantic Saga** voyage, 24 June – 4 July 2021. Guide price: **£5,730** per person in twin cabin (private facilities) if booked by 31 October 2020 or **£6,660** per person thereafter

Ocean Adventurer has: **Arctic Saga – Exploring Spitsbergen via the Faroes and Jan Mayen** sailing from **Aberdeen** to **Longyearbyen**, 1–14 May 2021, and then retraces her steps back. Also **Four Arctic Islands** to **Jan Mayen** and then on to **Greenland** and **Iceland** in August 2021. Guide prices start at **£6,695** per person with early booking offer or **£7,690** thereafter

Iceland Circumnavigation | 11 days

An in-depth voyage to explore the other-worldly landscapes and fascinating culture of remote and volcanic **Iceland**. During a number of shore excursions inland by coach you'll encounter volcanoes and geysers, thundering waterfalls, geothermal hot springs, black sand beaches, bubbling mud pools and lava fields. Spot whales in **Húsavik** and birdlife, reindeer and seals in **Vatnajökull National Park**. Adventures include kayaking, hiking and birdwatching.

- » ship « **Greg Mortimer**
- » when « 14-24 June 2021
- » guide price « **£5,920** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 30 June 2020

» OPTIONS «

Join **Ocean Endeavour** for her **Iceland Circumnavigation**, 3 – 13 July 2021. Price from **£6,420** per person if booked before 31 October 2020

PHOTOS: Lucas Pickering, Visit Faroe Islands; Olga Parshina, Poseidon Expeditions

ARCTIC NORWAY, ARCTIC RUSSIA AND THE NORTH POLE

In the footsteps of fabled explorers

North/Around Spitsbergen | 9-11 days

These popular voyages are ideal for the first time visitor to the Arctic with numerous Zodiac shore landings amid walrus, seals, whales and sea birds, and of course, the powerful and magnificent polar bear. Itineraries vary according to the ice conditions but generally early season voyages cover the west side of **Spitsbergen** whilst July/August trips aim for a full circumnavigation.

- » ships « **Hondius, Ortelius, Plancius**
- » when « Departures May – August 2021
- » guide price range « From **£5,395 to £6,745** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

June 2021 **North Spitsbergen Basecamp** itineraries on **Ortelius** have free kayaking, snowshoe/hiking and photo workshops

Ocean Adventurer offers a two week **Spitsbergen** in Depth voyage, 30 June – 13 July 2021

Ultramarine has two weeks of photography in **Spitsbergen** in search of polar bears, 26 May – 8 June 2021

Franz Josef Land Archipelago – the Unexplored Frontier | 14 days

Russian-administrated **Franz Josef Land** is the world's northernmost archipelago comprising 192 islands rich in birdlife, walrus, polar bear, seal, arctic fox and beluga whales. This seldom visited landscape is dotted with relics of past exploration and we spend seven extraordinary days here. An excellent voyage for the experienced polar voyager seeking new experiences.

- » ship « **Sea Spirit**
- » when « Four departures July/August 2021
- » guide price « From **£10,620** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2020

» OPTIONS «

Try the **Franz Josef Land and Novaya Zemlya Expedition**, 15-30 July 2021 with **Ocean Adventurer** using a flight between **Helsinki**



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 thrill of cruising on a powerful Russian icebreaker with its own on-board helicopter and 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 « Nuclear powered icebreaker **50 Years of Victory**
- » when « 9-23 July, 20 July – 3 August, 31 July – 14 August 2021
- » guide price « **£25,255** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2020

and **Murmansk**. Guide prices start at **£11,235** per person with early booking offer or **£12,770** per person thereafter. Her **High Arctic Odyssey – Remote Russian Archipelagos** voyage aims to also include **Severnaya Zemlya**, the last major territorial discovery on Earth, 28 July – 18 August 2021

Greg Mortimer operates **Franz Josef Land Explorer** from **Kirkenes, Norway** 24 July – 7 August 2021

“The crew were exceptionally good, especially the team leader/cruise organiser. Interesting to see Greenland in summer and especially good to have access to Nordwestfjord which I believe is not normally accessible to tour boats. Photos certainly don't convey the scale of the icebergs.”

Christine Simm, **Sail Spitsbergen Northeast Greenland**, August 2019

PHOTOS: Poseidon Expeditions; Oceanwide Expeditions; Katja Riedel, Oceanwide Expeditions

SAILING VOYAGES

Arctic Norway, Spitsbergen and Greenland

These voyages on small, historic sailing vessels offer an entirely different Arctic experience. Travelling at a slower pace, but with the same options for Zodiac trips ashore to hike and explore, get involved in the hoisting of sails and shipboard life with their friendly crews.

Choose between the 34 passenger **Rembrandt Van Rijn**, or **Noorderlicht** with her 20 berths and more rustic/homely accommodation. Ask for more detail on the voyages below:



Sail North Norway – Aurora Borealis and Whales

Seven night voyages in deep fjords out of **Tromsø** following the path of whales. Numerous voyages (both ships) January – April 2021 and November – December 2021. October – January voyages focus on whales, February on hiking and March/April offer kayaking/skiing. Prices from **£2,345** per person.

Sail North Spitsbergen – 9-12 days around **Longyearbyen**. Numerous departures (both ships) from May – July 2021 from **£3,490** per person.

» options « **Noorderlicht** has early spring/Easter special **North Spitsbergen** departures in April and aims to circumnavigate **Spitsbergen** (17 days) in August 2021

See the **Aurora Borealis** on **Noorderlicht's** Central **Spitsbergen** voyages in September 2021

Isfjorden Adventure – **Noorderlicht** explores **Russian** ghost towns and wintry geological wonders near **Longyearbyen** over 10 days, September/October 2021. Good chances of **Aurora Borealis**. From **£3,430** per person.

Sail Spitsbergen Northeast Greenland – Sail out of **Longyearbyen** ending at **Greenland's** East Coast 26 July – 15 August 2021 on **Rembrandt Van Rijn**. Price from **£8,655** per person.

Sail Scoresby Sund

– **Rembrandt Van Rijn** offers 24 August – 5 September 2021 using **Constable Pynt** for embarkation. Price from **£6,555** per person.

NEW



GREENLAND

Awesome glaciers, icy fjords and Inuit communities



Explore the immense fjord system of **Scoresby Sund** and **Greenland's** spectacular **south east coast** or cruise up its dramatic **west coast** among icebergs, glaciers and whales. All our voyages to Greenland start or end in **Iceland** – we've endless suggestions for ways to extend your stay there!

Spitsbergen and North East Greenland | 16 days

These adventurous voyages provide a rare opportunity to see the remote north-east coast of **Greenland**. Crossing from **Spitsbergen**, we keep watch for fin, humpback and minke whales and approach **East Greenland**, landing at **Myggebugten**. We hope to encounter narwhal and should see musk oxen from the ship. Moving south to **Scoresby Sund** we land near a glacier and encounter huge icebergs before disembarking finally in **Akureyri** in north **Iceland** for the journey home. On clear dark nights we might be able to see the *Aurora Borealis*.

- » ships « **Plancius, Ortelius**
- » when « 24 August – 8 September, 30 August – 14 September 2021
- » guide price « **£8,865** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

Plancius offers a **Scoresby Sund – Aurora Borealis** voyage out of **Akureyri**, 6-16 September 2021

World Explorer has **Three Arctic Islands – Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland** sailing from **Longyearbyen** to **Reykjavik** in two 2 week trips – September 2021

East Greenland | 11 days

This memorable voyage starts and finishes in **Reykjavik, Iceland**. 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 **Isafjörður** in **Iceland's Westfjords**. Each night brings another excellent chance to experience the mesmerising **Northern Lights**.

- » ship « **Sea Spirit**
- » when « 6-16 September, 15-25 September 2021
- » guide price « **£6,995** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2020

West Greenland Explorer | 13 days

An adventure filled with big landscapes, friendly Inuit locals and thrilling Zodiac cruises along ice-filled fjords. Embark at **Greenland's** capital, **Nuuk** for an exciting journey to **Ilulissat** with its mountainous icebergs, **Eqip Sermia**, the calving glacier and **Disko Bay**, the meeting ground for large whales. Options for hiking, kayaking and a helicopter flight over the glacier.

- » ship « **Greg Mortimer**
- » when « 14-26 May 2021
- » guide price « **£8,425** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)



Arctic Complete | 24 days

Starting in **Reykjavik** and ending in **Longyearbyen** this unique voyage combines **Iceland** and **Greenland** with a circumnavigation of **Spitsbergen**. En route to **Svalbard**, scan for whales, polar bear and enigmatic walrus on the pack ice. **East Greenland** dazzles with iridescent icebergs and **Scoresbysund**, the world's largest fjord system will amaze you. Visit remarkable Palaeolithic sites and have the chance to encounter musk oxen and arctic hare.

- » ship « **Greg Mortimer**
- » when « 20 August – 12 September 2021
- » guide price « **£9,745** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 30 June 2020

WHAT TO WEAR: Dress in layers with a wind and waterproof outer layer. Fleeces are great underneath. It can still be cold sailing in the middle of summer so a hat, scarf and gloves are sensible if you feel the cold.

BRING WITH YOU: Insect repellent and antihistamine for mosquito protection in summer.



All our prices include flights and overnight accommodation en route to the ship



CANADIAN AND HIGH ARCTIC

Welcoming people,
iconic history and cliffs
teeming with birds

Canada's Remote Arctic – Northwest Passage to Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg Islands | 13 days

NEW

This rare itinerary is intent on reaching Canada's most northerly islands, **Axel Heiberg Island** and rarely visited **Ellesmere Island**, transiting **Hells Gate**. We hope to fly up to explore the **Devon Ice Cap**, one of Canada's largest. History buffs may pay their respects to the ill-fated 1845–46 **Franklin** expedition gravesites on **Beechey Island**. You may see sea mammals, polar bears, muskox, and even the elusive arctic wolf.

- » ship « **Ultramarine**
- » when « 22 August – 3 September 2021
- » guide price « **£12,460** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) with early booking offer or £13,995 per person thereafter

High Arctic Explorer | 16 days

Journey in comfort from **Resolute Bay** to **Kangerlussuaq, Greenland** at the height of Arctic summer! Explore the **Tallurutiup Imanga** marine protected area, visit the **Franklin** graves on **Beechey Island** and enjoy an Inuit welcome in **Mittimatalik** (Pond Inlet). Across **Baffin Bay** lies the sublime **Greenland** coast. **Illulissat** offers great hiking and the **Icefjord** – home to the fastest-moving glacier in the world.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 3-18 August 2021
- » guide price « **£12,165** based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2020

Greenland and Wild Labrador | 19 days

Follow the 2,200 nautical mile route of **Leif Erikson** via coastal Labrador from **Sondre Stromfjord, Greenland** to historic **St. John's**, capital of **Newfoundland and Labrador**. Highlights include Greenland's capital **Nuuk**, Canada's pristine **Torngat Mountains National Park**, searching for polar and black bear along **Northern Labrador's** coastline and the **Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve**. End with **L'Anse aux Meadows** and **Terra Nova National Park**.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 15 September – 3 October 2021
- » guide price « **£10,640** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2020

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 « 29 September – 13 October 2021
- » guide price « **£7,360** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2020

The Northwest Passage | 21 days

The **Northwest Passage** represents the pinnacle of Arctic exploration. On this trip, like the explorers before us, we'll experience the quaint villages, dramatic fjords, and calving glaciers of **Greenland**. Then, crossing **Davis Strait**, we'll visit **Nunavut**, pay respects at the **Franklin Expedition** graves at **Beechey Island** and spot Peary caribou, polar bear, walrus, and musk oxen on **Somerset** and **Devon Islands**. The recent findings of **Franklin's** ships, **HMS Erebus** and **HMS Terror** remind us that we sail into history, legend, and myth that continue today. Our epic journey's end is at **Kugluktuk, Canada**.

The first voyage sails from **Kangerlussuaq, Greenland** to **Kugluktuk** via **Pond Inlet, Baffin** and the second trip operates in reverse, but heads further north to **Grise fjord** and **Smith Sound**.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « **Into the Northwest Passage**
14 August – 3 September 2021
Out of the Northwest Passage
30 August – 19 September 2021
- » guide price « **£15,595** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 31 October 2020

» OPTIONS «

Ultramarine's Northwest Passage in the Footsteps of Franklin voyage, 2-19 August 2021 routes from **Greenland** along the length of **Baffin Island** to **Resolute**. Guide prices start at **£17,560** per person with early booking offer or **£19,895** per person thereafter

On a similar itinerary **Northwest Passage Epic High Arctic**, she closely hugs a large part of the west coast of **Greenland**. 31 August – 17 September 2020. Prices as **In the Footsteps of Franklin** above

Arctic Express Canada, The Heart of the Northwest Passage – for those interested in the region but short of time. Spend five days covering **Resolute, Beechey Island, Port Leopold** and **NW Baffin** making good use of **Ultramarine's** onboard helicopters. 16-25 August 2021. Guide prices start at **£9,675** per person with early booking offer or **£10,780** per person thereafter

MUST READ: *Finding Franklin*
by Russell Potter



See the website for more, including our **Mighty St. Lawrence**, **Atlantic Canada Explorer** and **Heart of the Arctic** itineraries!

ARCTIC AND FAR EAST RUSSIA

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

Our voyages on board ice-strengthened ships to **Siberia's eastern coastline** and the remote islands and peninsulas of **Russia's Far East** are among our most exciting and extraordinary. Explore these lands rich with wildlife, tradition and troubled modern history.

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'll also keep a look out for Pacific walrus, snowy owls, reindeer, musk ox and snow geese. This isolated nature reserve is a delight for those keen on a true wilderness experience.

- » ships « **Akademik Shokalskiy, Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 16 July – 3 August 2021, 30 July – 17 August 2021 (two voyages)
- » guide price « **£11,380** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

» OPTION «

£1,190 per person for the **Overland Wrangel Island Traverse** – an optional three day crossing by tundra vehicle. **Ask us for details**

Where Russia's Day Begins | 19 days

On this special **Chukotka** expedition we will meet the people, listen to their stories and learn of their love for and strong connection with the land and sea. We'll celebrate with them at their annual regatta and festival before cruising to **Wrangel Island**.

- » ships « **Akademik Shokalskiy, Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 2-20 July 2021 (two voyages)
- » guide price « **£10,480** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

Jewel of the Russian Far East | 18 days

The isolation of **Russia's** eastern seaboard, the **Kamchatka Coast**, has protected its wilderness and wildlife. On this journey from **Anadyr** to **Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy** we will make numerous landings along these remote coastlines, selecting sites that few people visit in this untamed and beautiful landscape. See fat Kamchatka brown bears dozing in the late summer sunshine as the onset of autumn paints vibrant colours on the spectacular coastline.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 27 August – 13 September 2021
- » guide price « From **£9,250** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

Russia's Ring of Fire – Kamchatka and Kuril Islands | 17 days

This voyage explores the **Commander Islands**, the **Kuril Islands** and the **Kamchatka Peninsula**, known as the 'land of fire and ice'. Learn about the intriguing history and spectacular wildlife of this area, rich with seabirds and cetaceans.

- » ships « **Akademik Shokalskiy, Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 22 May – 7 June 2021,
23 May – 8 June 2021
- » guide price « **£10,280** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

The Northern Sea Route | 31 days

Russia controls one of the greatest seaways in the world, the **Northern Sea Route** or **Northeast Passage**. Only a handful of expedition vessels have ever transited this seaway connecting the **Atlantic** and **Pacific** oceans, but recent changes in the summer sea ice now make this possible for a brief time each summer. In 2017, a double transit was successfully made with a couple of our intrepid clients on board one of the two crossings. Join us in 2021 to explore the history and development of the route and the many islands along the way.

- » ship « **Akademik Shokalskiy**
- » when « 13 August – 12 September 2021 (westbound)
- » guide price « **£20,720** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

Sea of Okhotsk | 16 days

A seldom visited region, 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 « **Akademik Shokalskiy**
- » when « 3-18 June 2021
- » guide price « **£9,450** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)



MUST SEE: In 2017, a nearly complete 5.2 metre long skeleton of an extinct Steller's Sea Cow was found on Bering Island. It is now in the local museum in Nikolskoye village

See maps on the website!

PHOTO: M. Kelly, Heritage Expeditions

The **Antarctic Peninsula** is a spectacular chain of mountains and glaciers supporting the richest wildlife in Antarctica.

Most of our voyages depart from **Ushuaia**, 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** to avoid the **Drake Passage** crossing.

Some take in **South Georgia** and the **Falkland Islands**.

More adventurous voyages head for the **Ross Sea** to visit emperor penguin colonies and **Scott's** and **Shackleton's huts**.



Kingdom of penguins



ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AND POLAR CIRCLE

Classic Antarctic Peninsula with South Shetlands | 14-15 days

These voyages offer the best introduction to the **White Continent**. Beginning in **Ushuaia**, ships cross the **Drake Passage** directly to the **Peninsula** to explore its wildlife and scenery. Some also include the **South Shetland Islands** and its abandoned whaling station on **Deception Island**. Return through the **Gerlache Strait**, home to leopard seals and blue-eyed shags. Zodiac cruises and numerous landings enable viewing of all species of penguins, seals, whales and other wildlife as well as historic sites and operational research bases.

» ships « **Hondius, Janssonius, Ortelius, Plancius**
 » when « Numerous voyages November 2020 – March 2021 and November 2021 – March 2022

» guide price « From **£9,595** per person twin cabin (private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

Late season voyages in March 2021/2 go in search of whales

Hondius and **Janssonius** operate **Discovery and Learning** voyages with interactive in-field and on-board workshops, November 2021 – February 2022

Three **Realm of the Penguin** voyages with **Sea Spirit** visit the **Peninsula** November 2021 and February 2022. Guide price **£11,630** per person if booked before 31 October 2020

Seaventure's Christmas departure includes two nights in **Ushuaia** pre-voyage and the **South Shetland Islands**, 19 December 2021 – 3 January 2022. Guide price **£11,485** per person if booked before 31 January 2021

Antarctic Peninsula Express – Fly the Drake | 11 days

Fly over the notorious **Drake Passage** to land at **King George Island** before exploring the **Antarctic Peninsula** by ship. In eight adventure-packed days, enjoy intimate wildlife encounters, thrilling Zodiac cruises and explore historic onshore sites. A landmark visit to the seventh continent with a full range of adventure options.

» ships « **Ocean Adventurer, World Explorer**
 » when « Numerous voyages, December 2021 – March 2022

» guide price « From **£11,790** per person twin cabin (private facilities) if booked before 30 Sept 2020

Deep South – Crossing the Polar Circle | 18 days

This in-depth expedition with extended time allows you beyond the **Antarctic Peninsula** to venture south of the **Antarctic Circle**. Commune with penguins and visit less-frequented landing sites. The ship will aim to reach **Horseshoe Island**, location of the former **British Base, Station Y** and **Stonington Island**, former **British Base E**, occupied until 1975 and southernmost landing site of the trip at 68° south.

» ship « **Ortelius**
 » when « 17 March – 3 April 2022
 » guide price « **£11,835** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

Celebrate Christmas going **Across the Antarctic Circle** with **Greg Mortimer**, 13-30 December 2021. Guide price **£17,995** per person. **Apply for current discounts**

Plancius with her superb observation lounge has a **Polar Circle** voyage, 11 – 26 February 2022. Guide price **£10,995** per person

Join **Seaventure Crossing the Circle** 16 January – 2 February 2022. Guide price **£13,235** per person if booked before 31 January 2021

Ultramarine's Crossing the Circle – Southern Expedition 2-18 March 2022 includes helicopters for aerial viewing. Guide price **£16,785** per person if booked before 30 September 2020

■ All our prices include flights!

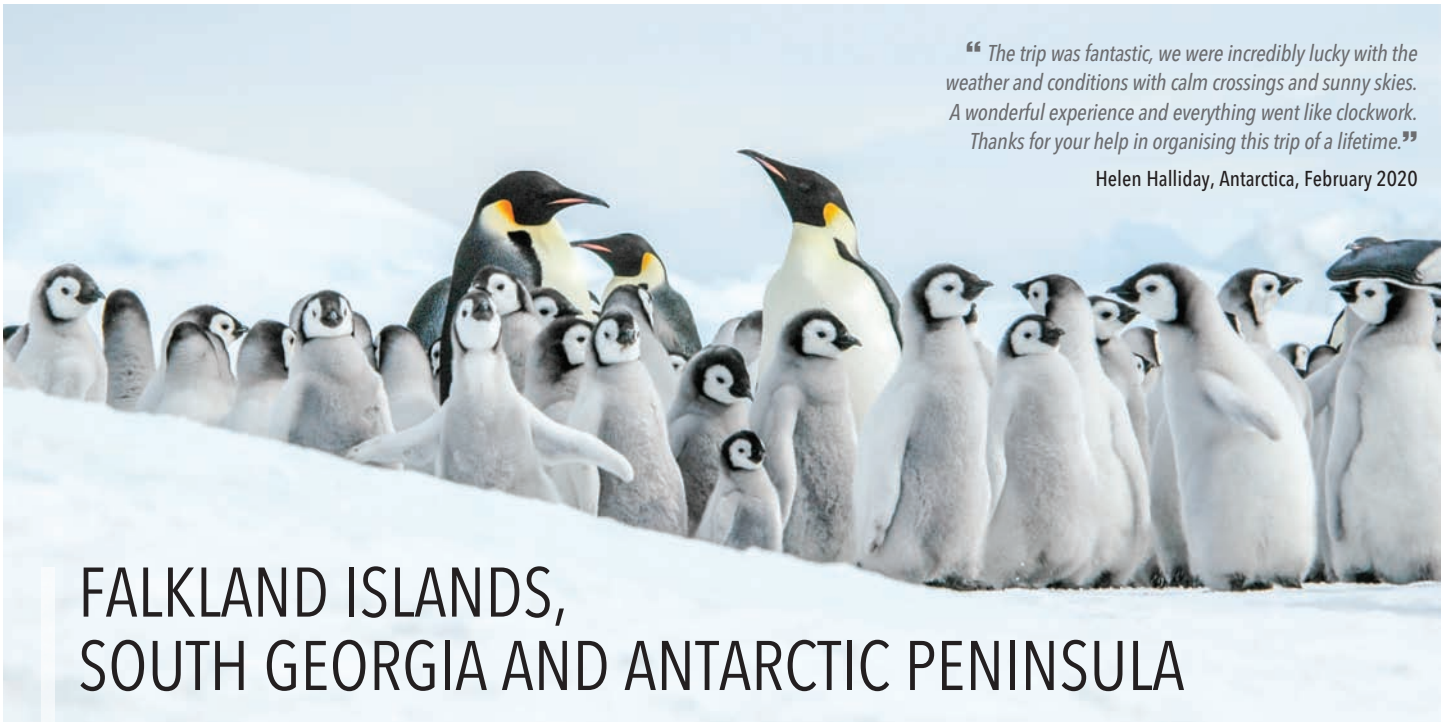
■ **DON'T DELAY:** Because some of the vessels are comparatively small we recommend booking early.



PHOTO: Acacia Johnson, Quark Expeditions

"The trip was fantastic, we were incredibly lucky with the weather and conditions with calm crossings and sunny skies. A wonderful experience and everything went like clockwork. Thanks for your help in organising this trip of a lifetime."

Helen Halliday, Antarctica, February 2020



FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Wildlife and polar history in a pristine panorama

Antarctic Peninsula Basecamp | 17 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 ship stays for two or three days at specific locations to allow more active passengers a comfortable hub for their pursuits.

- » ships « **Plancius**
- » when « Four voyages, December 2021 – March 2022
- » guide price « From **£11,425** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

Adventures in Antarctica | 15 days

Express trip for those short of time

This succinct version of the 'classic' **Antarctic Peninsula** voyage offers as many wildlife opportunities and potential stops at active scientific/historic bases as the longer voyages, all within two weeks' travel door-to-door.

- » ship « **Seaventure**
- » when « Three voyages January – March 2022
- » guide price « From **£9,920** per person in twin private cabin if booked by 31 January 2021

South Georgia Special | 25 days

NEW

Few places compare with **South Georgia** and the **Falkland Islands** in terms of exotic wildlife and jaw-dropping scenery. On this exploratory voyage enjoy both, touring the world's largest black-browed albatross colony and some of the biggest breeding spots for king penguins and elephant seals on Earth. Eight days are spent in **South Georgia** and two in **The Falkland Islands** including **Steeple Jason** and **Carcass Island**.

- » ship « **Janssionius**
- » when « 3-27 November 2021
- » guide price « From **£15,155** per person in twin cabin (private facilities)

Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula | 24-27 days

These longer voyages visit **Port Stanley, Falklands** then head for **South Georgia** spotting numerous 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. Your final three days will include **Orcadas Station** in the **South Orkneys**, the **Antarctic Peninsula** and **South Shetland Islands**.

- » ships « **Hondius, Janssionius, Ortelius, Plancius**
- » when « October 2021 – February 2022
- » guide price « From **£15,155** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

» OPTIONS «

October/November 2021 – first voyages of the season embark in **Puerto Madryn**

Janssionius' 27 day voyage, 19 February – 17 March 2022 includes **Elephant Island** and a **Polar Circle crossing**

Sea Spirit has four departures (24-26 days) between October 2021 and March 2022. Price from **£14,990** per person if booked before 31 October 2020.

Seaventure goes on **Shackleton's Final Quest**, 6 February – 1 March 2022. Ask for details

Sylvia Earle's Antarctica Complete combines the **Polar Circle** crossing with the **Falklands** and **South Georgia**, 13 March – 7 April 2022. Guide price **£23,440** per person. **Apply for current discounts**

Ask about options for the Shackleton Crossing / South Georgia Alpine Traverse

Four exciting new ships on the horizon! see page 16 and our website for more details and images

Solar Eclipse – Antarctica | 19 days

NEW

In December 2021, a full **solar eclipse** will occur in the **Weddell Sea** region, offering a rare and historic opportunity to witness this remarkable spectacle in **Antarctic** waters. By late spring penguins will be busily building nests, keeping eggs warm and raising chicks, while you hope for clear skies for the eclipse.

- » ships « **Sylvia Earle**
- » when « 22 November – 10 December 2021
- » guide price « From **£15,035** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities) if booked by 30 June 2020

» OPTIONS «

Greg Mortimer's Solar Eclipse voyage includes the **Falkland Islands** and **South Georgia**, 23 November – 17 December 2021, space for kayakers only. Guide price from **£24,270** per person

Sea Spirit has five days in **South Georgia** and two in the **Falkland Islands** as well as the **Peninsula** and **Solar Eclipse** 19 November – 14 December 2021. Price from **£22,625** per person

MUST DO: Camp overnight on the **Peninsula** to experience Antarctic weather close up. It might seem tough at the time but you won't regret it! It's popular so you'll need to pre-book.

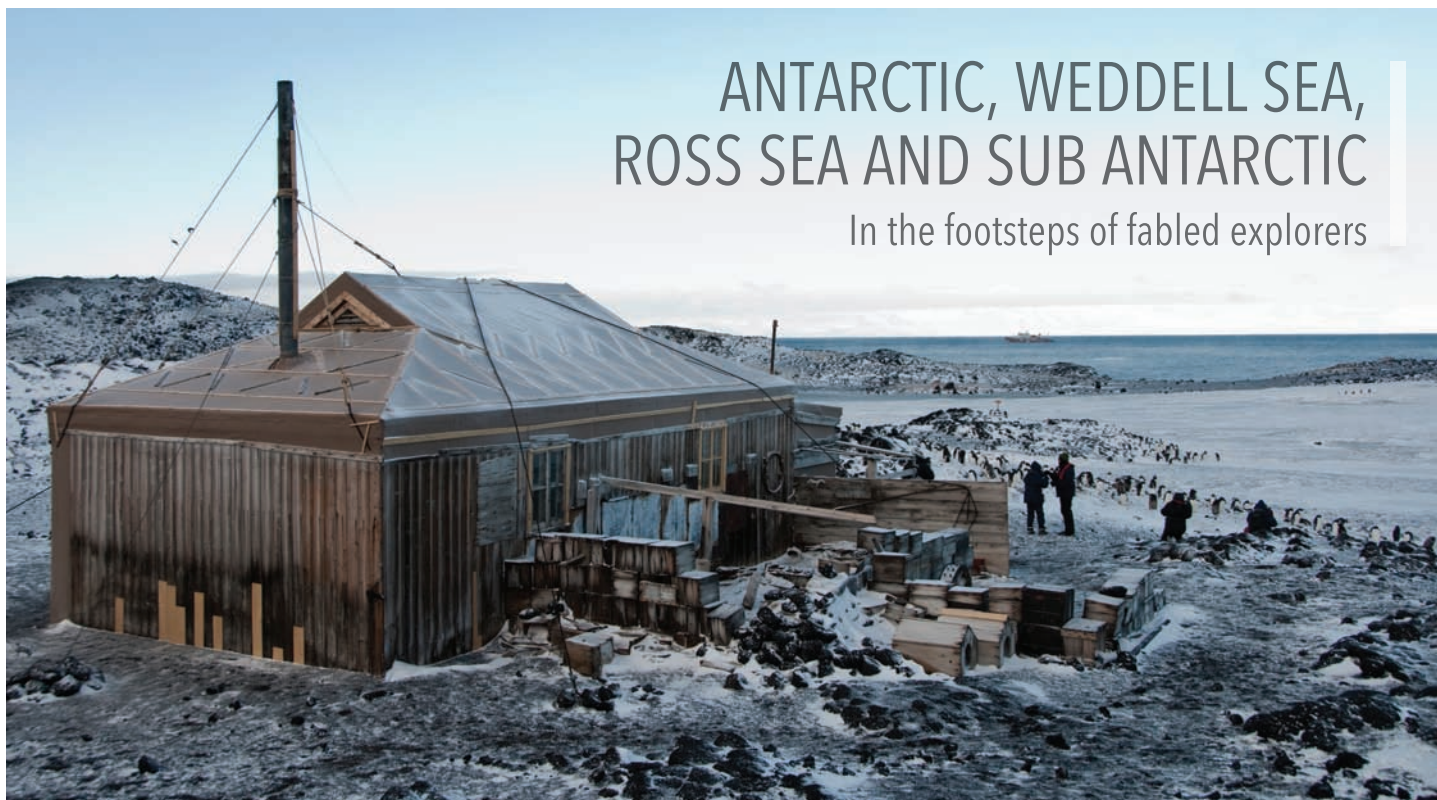
"We were really glad that we took the longer trip with the three destinations. South Georgia was a complete revelation. Wonderful! And we might have enjoyed a couple more days in the Falklands. Everything on the itinerary went smoothly. As always, you put together a great package!"

Richard and Christine Holdrup, **The Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula**, January/February 2020



ANTARCTIC, WEDDELL SEA, ROSS SEA AND SUB ANTARCTIC

In the footsteps of fabled explorers



Weddell Sea in Search of Emperors with Helicopters | 15 days

Excitement fills the ship as we enter the **Weddell Sea** on this voyage to the **Antarctic Peninsula's** wild side. Ahead lie the backdrops to **Shackleton's** and **Nordenskjöld's** polar survival epics. Here the weather and ice movements are unpredictable so we pick our landings accordingly.

Options include **Nordenskjöld's Hut** on **Snow Hill Island**, fossil-rich **Seymour Island** or **Paulet Island**, with its huge penguin rookeries and historical remains. As we are unlikely to reach through the ice as far as the emperor penguin rookery south of **Snow Hill Island** we aim for the ice-edge near **Antarctic Sound / James Ross Island**, to watch penguins on their way to open water. Enjoy scenic flights and landings in places otherwise inaccessible this early in the season. With favourable ice-conditions we may reschedule to offer helicopter transfers, landing around 45 minutes' walk from the rookery.

- » ship « **Ortelius**
- » when « 12-26 November 2021
- » guide price « From **£13,380** per person based on twin cabin (private facilities)

Ross Sea including Helicopters | 37-38 days

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 2022,
13 February – 21 March 2022
- » guide price « **£30,890** per person in twin cabin (private facilities)
- » Activities « On-board helicopters enable you to reach otherwise almost inaccessible landing sites

In the Wake of Scott and Shackleton | 35 days

The **Ross Sea** is only accessible for two months a year when the ice thaws. This remote region drew many of the most famous explorers and adventurers including **Scott**, **Shackleton** and **Amundsen** and we aim to visit five historic huts to learn more of the explorers' achievements.

The region is the breeding ground for millions of adie and emperor penguins. We have permits for landing in the sub-Antarctic islands **Auckland**, **Campbell** and **Macquarie**.

- » ship « **Akademik Shokalskiy, Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 7 January – 10 February 2022,
5 February – 11 March 2022,
7 February – 13 March 2022
- » guide price « From **£21,850** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

Western Pacific Odyssey | 36 days

A 'must' for any birder as you'll see many of the world's rarest pelagic seabirds with some of the world's best birding guides. The cetacean list is outstanding too.

Departing **Tauranga** we sail for the **Hauraki Gulf** where native species include the recently discovered **New Zealand storm petrel**. Then northward to **Norfolk Island** and **New Caledonia** and five exciting days on the **Solomon Islands**.

We look for the **Heinroth's Shearwater** and the recently rediscovered **Beck's petrel** en route to **Micronesia** and set a course for the **Bonin Islands**, south of **Japan**. Our route concludes at **Yokohama**.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 12 March – 16 April 2022
- » guide price « **£10,695** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)



LET US KNOW: If you or your family have a connection with any of the polar regions we visit. We can offer you the chance to share experiences, diaries and photographs with others on your voyage and possibly even request the ship to make an unscheduled visit.

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



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 wildlife and history expedition out of **New Zealand**.

- » ship « **Spirit of Enderby**
- » when « 9 November – 2 December 2021
- » guide price « **£12,840** per person based on twin cabin (shared facilities)

» OPTION «

Akademik Shokalskiy has a shorter **Forgotten Islands of the South Pacific** voyage to **Campbell Island**, **Auckland Islands** and **The Snares** 2-14 January 2022. Guide price **£6,650** per person twin cabin (shared facilities)

■ See our website for more detailed voyage information!



DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Our guide prices are based on twin cabins with shared or private facilities, but many vessels offer a variety of single or shared cabins and suites which we can quote for on request.

More information, deck layouts and photographs at www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk/ships.



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- » operator « Poseidon Expeditions



SMALL SHIP

Akademik Shokalskiy

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

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



REVOLUTIONARY X BOW SHIP

Greg Mortimer

Launched summer 2019. Fast, comfortable ship. Virtual anchoring to protect sea floor, hydraulic viewing platforms and Zodiac docks for easy loading.

- » passengers « 120
- » itineraries « Arctic, Antarctic
- » operator « Aurora Expeditions



NEW POLAR CLASS 6 SHIP

Hondius

Commenced 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 « Arctic, Antarctic
- » operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



SISTER SHIP TO HONDIOUS

NEW Janssonius

Launching October 2021. Polar Class 6 cruise ship with whole deck observation lounge and lecture room and double gangways for speedy Zodiac embarkation.

- » passengers « 176
- » itineraries « Antarctic
- » operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



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, Norway
- » operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



FORMERLY SEA ADVENTURER

Ocean Adventurer

1A ice class expedition vessel in ocean liner style. Multi-million dollar renovation in June 2017.

- » passengers « 132
- » itineraries « Scottish Islands, Arctic, Franz Josef Land, Novaya Zemlya and Severnaya, 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, Iceland, Greenland, Scotland
- » operator « Adventure Canada



SOLID AND WORKMANLIKE

Ortelius

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

- » passengers « 108
- » itineraries « 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, Antarctic
- » operator « Oceanwide 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 « British Isles, Scottish Isles, Norway, Arctic, Franz Josef Land, Antarctic
- » operator « Poseidon Expeditions



SUPER ICE CLASS 1-A RATING

NEW Seaventure

Refurbishing Spring 2021 with highest ice class for passenger vessels. Sauna, bespoke citizen science lab and heated saltwater pool. Kayaking, snowshoeing, and camping options.

- » passengers « 139
- » itineraries « Antarctica
- » operator « Polar Latitudes



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



NEWEST XBOW SHIP

NEW Sylvia Earle

Launching October 2021 with a unique glass atrium lounge inside the bow, heated saltwater pool and jacuzzis, four dedicated sea level Zodiac launch platforms and array of adventure options.

- » passengers « 126
- » itineraries « Antarctica
- » operator « Aurora Expeditions



TWO TWIN-ENGINE HELICOPTERS

NEW Ultramarine

Launching late 2020, 1A, PC6 Ice class vessel. 20 quick-launching Zodiacs, spacious suites, wellness amenities and numerous outdoor viewing spaces.

- » passengers « 199
- » itineraries « Antarctica, Canada, Greenland
- » operator « Quark Expeditions



REFINED AND ROOMY SHIP

World Explorer – Launched in 2019, Ice Class 1B, all-balcony, all-suites expedition ship. Six tiers of deluxe accommodation, glass-domed observation lounge and numerous wellness and adventure options.

- » passengers « 172
- » itineraries « Antarctica
- » operator « Quark Expeditions

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