

ARCTURUS

THE POLAR ARM OF FAR FRONTIERS TRAVEL



VOYAGES AND EXPEDITIONS 2023-2024



“ Welcome to our brochure for 2023-24. Inside is a glimpse into just a few of our exciting adventures planned for **Summer 2023 Arctic** and **Winter 2023-24 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. **In order to cut our carbon footprint, this year we have moved many trips to our new website – so do take a look!**

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 2022-23, 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, Director

“ Thank you for arranging our trip to the Arctic. We found Fiona to be extremely helpful and very knowledgeable about the destination. We had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the Arctic experience. We wouldn't hesitate to recommend it to friends and would certainly use Arcturus again. ”

Mr and Mrs N.H, Spitsbergen and NE Greenland



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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 30 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 with private facilities. 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, Bolivia 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



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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**.

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.

Explore Dividalen – Drive Your Own Dogs | 6 days

NORWAY

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 2023, dates on request
- » price « £2,690 per person
- » leader « Local Norwegian leader
- » key info « Group size 4 minimum. Stay in a rustic, simple but cosy cabin south of **Tromsø**. No 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.



Isfjord and Nordenskiöld Summer Hiking | 8 days

SPITSBERGEN

Explore this area of wild **Arctic** on foot and by boat. **Nordenskiöld Lodge** in **Adolfbukta** lies in the heart of polar bear land and in summer the fjord teems with birds, walrus, seals and belugas. Here enjoy glacier hiking and spectacular views with expedition lunch. Travelling to **Isfjord Radio** via open boat safari – watch out for polar bears, reindeer and Arctic fox. Here embark on a whole day hike and a five hour RIB boat safari at 78°N.

- » when « Weekly departures July to mid-September 2023
- » price « From £6,495 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Optional **Isfjord** hike is 10-16kms. All equipment provided, minimum 4 people



Overnight in Comfort

We've several exciting and different overnight bases for our **Spitsbergen** adventures. Relax in authentic trapper style at **Basecamp Spitsbergen Hotel**, experience the luxury of wilderness hotel and former radio station, **Isfjord Radio** or journey to expedition style **Nordenskiöld Lodge**. More on our website!

You will find maps and many more trips on our website
www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk

PHOTOS: Paul Zizka, Visit Greenland; Malin Stark, Basecamp Explorer

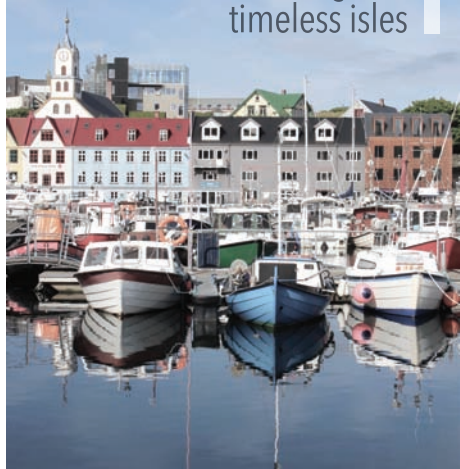
www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk or call Fiona on 01837 840640

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



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 **Faroese**' capital, whose excellent restaurants showcase traditional Faroese cuisine.

- » **when** « May – September 2023, tailor-made to suit
- » **price** « From **£2,480** 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.



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.

Self Drive Tour Grand Circle Iceland with West Fjords | 15 days

NEW

Waterfalls, glaciers, lava fields, sands of glacial rivers, black beaches, islands and cliffs teeming with bird life. You will be able to discover all this and much more as you drive around the amazing **Snæfellsnes Peninsula**, across the remote landscapes of the **West Fjords** and along the ring road right around the country. Travel at your own pace and spend time at the places that most interest you.

- » **when** « Weekly departures May – September 2023
- » **price** « From **£2,995** 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.

Drive the extraordinary subaquatic 'Jelly fish' roundabout between **Torshavn** and **Eysturoy** in the **Faroes**.



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 2023
- » **price** « From **£5,630** 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, June to September 2023
- » **price** « From **£5,250** 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.



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



CANADIAN ARCTIC

Thrilling experiences where eagles soar and caribou roam

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.

Where the wild meets the refined

800km north of the **Arctic Circle**, **Arctic Watch**, Nunavut, is a three hour flight from **Yellowknife NWT**. Find out more about this great lodge and its gourmet cuisine on our website!



ARCTIC WATCH



Narwhal and Polar Bear Safari | 11 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 tented 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 « Four departures May/June 2023
- » price « From **£15,225** 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 « Four trips June/August 2023
- » price « From **£12,325** 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

High Arctic Muskoxen and Polar Bear Photography | 11 days

NEW

Early Autumn in the high **Arctic** – a unique time where polar bears await the return of winter ice and muskox battle for breeding rights. As the final throws of 24-hour sunlight hit the tundra, we set out to experience the wildlife of **Arctic Watch** and **Somerset Island** in a small photography-focused adventure. Polar bears, muskox, narwhal, Arctic foxes, snowy owls and more.

- » when « 10 – 20 August 2023
- » price « From **£13,985** per person
- » key info « Group size 9 maximum. Expertly led adventure. You'll see muskox (up to 35 animals) in full rut. Includes helicopter assisted hiking.

» OPTIONS «

Ask about our **Beluga Whale Photography** tour in 2024

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.



ARCTIC AND FAR EAST RUSSIA

Bears, volcanoes and extraordinary history

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. 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.

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 « 23 August – 10 September 2023
- » price « **£7,595** per person
- » leader « Local English speaking Russian leader
- » key info « Group size 16 maximum. The pace will be leisurely with some tougher optional walks

See our website for the Solovetski Islands, Volcanoes of Kamchatka and Western Kamchatka – Bears Okhotsk Seashore and active volcanoes – no camping!

See maps and more detail, including our Hudson Bay Fly-In Safari and Polar Bears and Glaciers of Baffin Island itineraries at www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk

Many voyages have early booking offers – contact us to check when they expire

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

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/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

Jewels of Coastal UK | 14 days

NEW

Discover some of the UK's most historically significant and wildlife-rich destinations on this voyage from **Portsmouth to Aberdeen**. Explore Heritage Coasts and National Parks. Stroll through charming fishing villages, visit majestic castles, cathedrals, historical homes and gardens, encounter magnificent archaeological sites, witness a dazzling array of birds in **Pembrokeshire**, and visit Britain's highest sea cliffs at **UNESCO** World Heritage-listed **St Kilda**.

- » ship « **Greg Mortimer**
- » when « 4–17 May 2023
- » guide price « From **£8,155** per person with early booking discount

» OPTIONS «

Ocean Endeavour offers two **Scotland Slowly** voyages in June 2023 between **Glasgow** and **Aberdeen** which visit the **Western Isles, Orkney** and the **Shetland Islands**. Ask for details.

Across the Arctic Circle | 15 days

NEW

On this **Aberdeen to Longyearbyen** expedition combine **Britain's Stone Age** villages, **Iron Age** forts and the **Orkney** and **Shetland Islands** with fjords and fishing folk along the sublime **Norwegian** coastline. Visit the **Lofoten Islands** and cross the **Arctic Circle to Svalbard**. Discover a landscape of towering cliffs alive with breeding birds; a frozen wonderland of gleaming glaciers and where the mighty polar bear reigns supreme.

- » ship « **Greg Mortimer**
- » when « 16–30 May 2023
- » guide price « From **£9,855** per person with early booking discount

» OPTIONS «

Ocean Endeavour has **Arctic Saga: Exploring Spitsbergen** via the **Faroes** with two days in **Jan Mayen** sailing from **Aberdeen to Longyearbyen** 15 – 28 May 2023. Guide prices start at **£6,250** per person with early booking discount. Ask for details.



Iceland Circumnavigation | 11 days

Stand in awe of volcanoes, waterfalls, mountains, fjords, sea stacks, bird cliffs, lava fields, glaciers, and caves on this all-encompassing voyage. Hike to dramatic cliffs to photograph seabirds, visit remarkable geological formations by Zodiac, and learn about Iceland's incredible volcanic history. You'll visit **Grímsey** brimming with a million seabirds, including puffins, guillemots, and gulls, at 66° 33' North, enjoy folk music in **Siglufjörður** and whale watch at **Húsavík** on **Skjálfandi Bay**, the whale capital of **Iceland**.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 3–13 July 2023
- » guide price « From **£6,570** per person with early booking discount

Northern Lights Explorer | 22 days

NEW

This exciting new expedition voyage will sail from **Kirkenes** in the far **North of Norway**, some 400kms north of the **Arctic Circle** and known for its views of the **Aurora Borealis** (Northern Lights). Journey south to **Bergen** along the magical west coast with its profusion of stunning fjords.

- » ship « **Sylvia Earle**
- » when « 9–30 September 2023
- » guide price « Please ask

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 ever 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.

- » ship « **Ortelius, Plancius**
- » when « Numerous departures May – August 2023
- » guide price « From **£5,390** per person

» OPTIONS «

Plancius aims for ice and polar bears, around **Spitsbergen** as far as **Kvitøya**, 10–20 August 2023.

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 « July/August 2023
- » guide price « Please ask

» OPTIONS «

Try **Franz Josef Land and Novaya Zemlya** expedition, 22 July – 6 August 2023 with **Ocean Adventurer** utilising a flight between **Helsinki** and **Murmansk**. Guide prices start at **£11,720** per person with early booking offer. Her **High Arctic Odyssey: Remote Russian Archipelagos** voyage aims to also include **Severnaya Zemlya**, the last major territorial discovery on Earth, 4–25 August 2023.

East Spitsbergen and Summer Solstice | 9 days

NEW

Experience the high **Arctic** summer solstice with an unusual expedition to **East Spitsbergen**. Our goal is to take you to amazing glaciers, fascinating historical sites, bountiful seabird colonies and sprawling fjord systems. Here is a good chance of spotting whales, seals, and possibly even polar bears. In addition, bear witness to the **2023 summer solstice in Longyearbyen** which falls on **21 June** at **1657hrs**.

- » ship « **Hondius**
- » when « 20–28 June 2023
- » guide price « From **£5,390** per person

Arctic Complete – Svalbard, Greenland, Iceland | 24 days

NEW

Embark on a voyage to **Svalbard** and see it all. Scan for whales, the majestic polar bear and enigmatic walrus on pack ice. **East Greenland** dazzles with its iridescent icebergs and deep exploration in **Scoresbysund** – the world's largest fjord system. Witness spectacularly colourful patterns in the sandstone rocks, visit remarkable **Palaeolithic** sites and have the chance to encounter muskox and Arctic hare. Venture close to 80° north looking for polar bears on the pack ice.

- » ship « **Greg Mortimer**
- » when « 1–24 July 2023
- » guide price « From **£15,995** per person



SAILING VOYAGES

Arctic Norway, Spitsbergen and Greenland

These voyages on a small, historic sailing vessel with friendly crew offer an entirely different **Arctic** experience. You'll travel at a slower pace, but enjoy the same options for Zodiac trips ashore to hike and explore. Get involved in the hoisting of sails and daily shipboard life.

You'll join 34 passenger **Rembrandt Van Rijn**. Ask for more detail on the voyages below:

Sail North Norway – Aurora Borealis and Whales

Seven night voyages in deep fjords out of **Tromsø** or **Harstad** following the path of whales. Numerous voyages January – April 2023 and October – December 2023. October – January voyages focus on whales, February on hiking and March/April offer kayaking/skiing. Guide price from **£2,935** per person.

Sail North Spitsbergen – 9–12 day voyages out of **Longyearbyen**. Numerous departures May – July 2023 from **£4,195** per person.

Sail Spitsbergen Northeast Greenland

Sail out of **Longyearbyen** ending at **Greenland's** East Coast 31 July – 20 August 2023. From **£8,880** per person.

Sail Scoresby Sund

An **East Greenland** voyage 18–31 August 2023 using **Constable Pynt** for embarkation. From **£6,980** per person.

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 « **50 Years of Victory**
- » when « July/August 2023
- » guide price « Please ask



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!



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.

Prices are based on twin cabins with private facilities.

See the website for all Russian Arctic Voyages

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 « **Ortelius, Plancius**
- » when « **17 August – 1 September,**
19 August – 3 September 2023
- » guide price « **From £9,120** per person

» OPTIONS «

Ortelius offers a **Scoresby Sund – Basecamp** voyage out of **Akureyri** with free adventure options, 30 August – 9 September 2023.

Ocean Adventurer has **Three Arctic Islands – Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland** sailing from **Longyearbyen** to **Reykjavik**, 26 August – 9 September 2023.

Greg Mortimer's Jewels of the Arctic discovers **Svalbard's** northwest coast and the east coast of **Greenland** before concluding in **Iceland**. 5–19 August 2023 price from **£10,790** per person with early booking discount.

East Greenland | 12 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 **Iceland's Westfjords**. Each night brings another excellent chance to experience the mesmerising **Northern Lights**.

- » ship « **Sea Spirit**
- » when « **4–15 September 2023**
- » guide price « **£8,460** per person with early booking discount

» OPTIONS «

Plancius has a **Scoresby Sund** voyage, out of **Akureyri** which crosses the **Arctic Circle** into the home waters of multiple species of whale. Spot huge icebergs as you journey into the world's deepest fjord system 1 – 11 September 2023.

West Greenland and Disko Bay | 15 days

This exceptional voyage sails between **Reykjavik**, **Iceland** and **Kangerlussuaq**, **Greenland** spanning the countless fjords of west **Greenland** from **Cape Farewell**, at the southern tip of the country, to **Disko Bay**, deep inside the **Arctic Circle**. See well-preserved Viking ruins, colourful Inuit villages, and the spectacular **Ilulissat Icefjord** in **Disko Bay**.

- » ship « **Sea Spirit**
- » when « **25 May – 8 June 2023**
- » guide price « **From £8,795** per person with early booking discount

PHOTO: Quark Expeditions

CANADIAN AND HIGH ARCTIC

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

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 « 19–31 August 2023
- » guide price « From **£12,595** per person with early booking discount

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. **Ilulissat** offers great hiking and the **Icefjord** – home to the fastest-moving glacier in the world.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 23 July – 7 August, 3–18 August 2023
- » guide price « **£12,920** per person with early booking offer

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 **L'Anse aux Meadows**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « 15 September – 3 October 2023
- » guide price « **£10,970** per person with early booking offer



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 **Devon Island**. 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 **Grisefjord** and **Smith Sound**.

- » ship « **Ocean Endeavour**
- » when « **Into the Northwest Passage**
14 August – 3 September 2023
Out of the Northwest Passage
30 August – 19 September 2023
- » guide price « **£17,095** per person with early booking offer

MUST READ: *Finding Franklin*
by Russell Potter



» OPTIONS «

Ultramarine's Northwest Passage in the Footsteps of Franklin voyage, 30 July – 16 August 2023 routes from **Greenland** along the length of **Baffin Island** to **Resolute**. Guide prices start at **£16,695** per person with early booking offer.

On a similar itinerary **Northwest Passage Epic High Arctic** with the same gateways, she closely hugs a large part of the west coast of **Greenland**. 28 August – 14 September 2023. Price 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** and making good use of **Ultramarine's** onboard helicopters. 13–22 August 2023.

Guide prices start at **£9,120** per person with early booking offer

Greg Mortimer has two back to back 18 day **Northwest Passage** voyages in August/September 2023 using **Calgary** and **Toronto** as gateways for charter flights to the ship. She hugs **Baffin's East Coast** and has landings at **Devon, Beechey** and **Prince Leopold Islands**. Guide price from **£13,960** per person with early booking offer.

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

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



Many voyages have early booking offers – contact us to check when they expire.

Prices are based on twin cabins with private facilities.

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AND POLAR CIRCLE

Classic Antarctic Peninsula with South Shetlands | 14-16 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 « **Island Sky, Sea Spirit, Seaventure**
- » when « Numerous voyages November 2022 – March 2023 and November 2023 – March 2024

- » guide price « From **£10,395** per person with early booking offer

» OPTIONS «

Hondius, Plancius and **Ortelius** operate **Discovery and Learning** voyages with interactive in-field and on-board workshops, November 2022 – February 2023 and again the following year.

Seaventure's Christmas departures includes two nights in Ushuaia pre voyage and the **South Shetland Islands**. 16–31 December 2022 and 18 December 2023 – 2 January 2024. Prices from **£12,760** per person.

X-Bow Scandi-design sister ships **SH Vega** and **Minerva** operate numerous voyages to the **Peninsula** – ask for details

Ask about **Plancius** and **Ortelius' Antarctic Peninsula Basecamp** voyages where adventure activities are free.

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

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.



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 2022 – March 2023, December 2023 – March 2024
- » guide price « From **£11,190** per person with early booking offer

Antarctica beyond the Polar Circle Wilkins Ice Shelf | 20 days

NEW

This expedition voyage explores the rarely visited **Bellingshausen Sea, Marguerite Bay**, and **Alexander Island**. We focus on many places discovered by **Adrien de Gerlache** on his **Belgian Antarctic Expedition** (1897 – 1899) aboard the **Belgica**. We'll travel beyond the **Antarctic Circle**, where we aim to spend the rest of the trip. We'll see ice shelves and land on islands where few people have set foot.

- » ship « **Hondius**
- » when « 11–30 March 2024
- » guide price « From **£12,995** per person

» OPTIONS «

Ortelius has **Polar Circle deep South Discovery** voyage 14–31 March 2024. Price from **£11,735** per person.

Plancius with her superb observation lounge has a **Polar Circle** voyage focussing on whales 19 March – 3 April 2023. Guide price **£10,370** per person. Her previous voyage includes **Elephant Island** and the **Weddell Sea**.

Celebrate Christmas going **Across the Antarctic Circle** with **Greg Mortimer** 15–30 December 2022. Price from **£15,665** per person. Also **Greg Mortimer** and **Sylvia Earle** go **Across the Circle** in January/February 2023.

All our prices include flights! See our website for more detailed voyage information!

PHOTOS: David Merron, Quark Expeditions; Yan Zhang, Aurora Expeditions

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



FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Wildlife and polar history
in a pristine panorama

South Georgia Explorer | 19 days

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. Seven days are spent in and around **South Georgia**.

- » ship « **Plancius**
- » when « 7-25 November 2023
- » guide price « From **£13,085** per person

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, Janssonius, Ortelius, Plancius, Sea Spirit**
- » when « October 2023 – February 2023
- » guide price « From **£15,795** per person

» OPTIONS «

October/November 2023 – first voyages of the season embark in **Puerto Madryn**.

Hondius voyage, 18 February – 15 March 2024 includes **Elephant Island** and a **Polar Circle Crossing**.

Sylvia Earle's Antarctica Complete combines a **Polar Circle** crossing with the **Falklands** and **South Georgia**, 12 March – 6 April 2023.



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 **Nordenskjold's** polar survival epics. Our goal is the famed emperor penguin rookery at **Snow Hill Island** with around 4,000 breeding pairs. Here weather and ice movements are unpredictable so we pick our landings accordingly.

Options include **Nordenskjold'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 **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 « 8-22 November 2023,
18 November – 2 December 2023
- » guide price « From **£13,895** per person
- » key info « Successful landings made 2017-2019

Remote Weddell Sea Explorer | 31 days

NEW

This adventurous expedition explores one of the least-visited areas on Earth, **Antarctica's** amazing **Weddell Sea** and includes **South Georgia**, **South Sandwich Islands**, **Neuschwabenland**, **Vahsel Bay**, **Larsen Ice Shelf**, **Paulet** and **Devil Islands** and **Elephant Island**. After visiting sites that Sir Ernest Shackleton charted in **South Georgia**, enjoy the Weddell's exotic wildlife and colossal tabular icebergs.

- » ship « **Janssonius**
- » when « 11 February – 13 March 2023
- » guide price « From **£23,630** per person

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 « **Heritage Adventurer**
- » when « Four departures, January/February 2023
January /February 2024
- » guide price « From **£26,995** per person for 2023 voyages

Subantarctic Islands – Birding Down Under | 22 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 « **Heritage Adventurer**
- » when « December 2022 and 2023
- » guide price « **£15,420** per person for 2022 voyage

» OPTIONS «

Heritage Adventurer has a shorter **Forgotten Islands of the South Pacific** voyage to **Campbell Island**, **Auckland Islands** and **The Snares**, December 2022 and 2023. Guide price **£7,180** per person.

"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

PHOTOS: Wim Van Passel

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Our guide prices are based on twin cabins usually with 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.artcurusexpeditions.co.uk/ships.



ICEBREAKER

50 Years of Victory

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

- » passengers « 124 in en-suite cabins of five categories, all with ocean views
- » itineraries « North Pole
- » operator « Poseidon Expeditions



REVOLUTIONARY X BOW SHIP

Greg Mortimer

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

- » passengers « 132
- » itineraries « Scotland, Iceland, Arctic, Antarctic
- » operator « Aurora Expeditions



PIONEERING EXPEDITION VESSEL

Heritage Adventurer

Spacious ship 1A super ice-class rating. 14 zodiacs, observation lounge with 270-degree views. Pool, gym, hot tub, sauna and steam room.

- » passengers « 140
- » itineraries « Ross Sea, New Zealand, Subantarctic Islands, Japan.
- » operator « Heritage 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 « 170
- » itineraries « Arctic, Antarctic
- » operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



COSY ATMOSPHERE

Island sky

Spacious, well-appointed, stylish with ice-strengthened hull. 2017 upgrade adding sliding glass doors to all Deck 4 cabins.

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



SISTER SHIP TO HONDIUS

Janssonius

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

- » passengers « 170
- » itineraries « Arctic, Antarctic
- » 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 « 128
- » 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. Big on local community visits.

- » 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. Double gangway for speedy zodiac loading.

- » passengers « 108
- » 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 « 114
- » itineraries « Arctic, Franz Josef Land, Antarctic
- » operator « Poseidon Expeditions



SUPER ICE CLASS 1-A RATING

Seaventure

Refurbished 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



NEW XBOW SHIP

Sylvia Earle

Launched 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 « 132
- » itineraries « Antarctica, Norway
- » operator « Aurora Expeditions



TWO TWIN-ENGINE HELICOPTERS

Ultramarine

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

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



ELEGANT SCANDI-DESIGN

SH Vega

Maiden voyage July 2022. 5-star boutique ship with PC5 ice-strengthened hull and extra-large stabilisers. Sister ship: SH Minerva

- » passengers « 152
- » itineraries « Arctic, Antarctic
- » operator « Swan Hellenic



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



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