Pioneering Expedition Travel to the Heart of Nature

Over 25 Years of Exploration
Small Ship Expeditions & Treks

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Front cover: Observe the king penguins of South Georgia; E.Evans
Inside front cover: Expeditioner stops to enjoy the beautiful sight of Scoresbysund, Greenland; M.Baynes
On 3 October 1984, Greg Mortimer and his expedition partner, Tim Macartney-Snape became the first two Australians to reach the summit of Mt Everest and even more impressively – they did so without the aid of supplementary oxygen. Greg’s tremendous contribution to mountaineering has been recognised through an Order of Australia (OAM) and three Australian Geographic Society Medals. However, one of Greg’s most enduring achievements falls a little closer to home: the founding of Aurora Expeditions.

Along with wife Margaret, Greg set sail for the icy expanse of Antarctica in search of unsung adventure. After witnessing the astonishing beauty and potential that lay untouched in the region, Mortimer felt inspired to share his discoveries with other intrepid explorers. In 1991, Aurora Expeditions was born and the following year, the first voyage set sail. Their aim? To connect like-minded travellers with nature and wildlife in some of the world’s most inspiring regions; and to provide unique experiences through adventurous activities on guided voyages of discovery.

Fast-forward 27 years and our expedition spirit remains as strong as ever, and we’ve grown to include an array of unforgettable experiences and new destinations.

To honour our co-founder and his great spirit of adventure we’ve named our purpose-built expedition ship the Greg Mortimer. Our ship’s unique features will enhance your expedition experience.

Join us aboard the Greg Mortimer to embark on the journey of a lifetime and experience what Aurora Expeditions is all about!

What is expedition cruising?

Since our first expedition voyage to Antarctica more than 25 years ago, our spirit of adventure still burns just as bright. We’ve continued to limit our group numbers to ensure our voyages remain intimate and as bespoke as possible.

As a small-ship expedition, we have the flexibility to take advantage of fantastic opportunities as they present themselves, such as unexpected wildlife displays or spontaneous shore landings. Our thirst for adventure shows no bounds and we’re proud to offer activities and experiences like no one else. From polar diving with penguins, sea kayaking with whales and rock-climbing in Greenland, we have it all to ensure every day on board and off is as unforgettable as the last.

Get in touch with a member of the team today to find out how we can fuel your appetite for adventure.

*Additional cost applies for optional activities
What makes Aurora stand out from the rest?

✓ OUR EXPERTISE & EXPERIENCE
From expedition leaders to experienced activity guides, historians to geologists, and naturalists to leading photographers, some of our expedition team have led voyages to the Arctic and Antarctica with Aurora Expeditions for over 25 years. Whether it’s an onboard lecture on penguins, retelling Shackleton’s story, taking you on a Zodiac-cruise, or leading a hike, our expedition team is there to keep you safe, share their passion for the magnificent places you’ll visit and to ensure you have the best experience possible.

✓ OUR PASSION FOR EXPLORATION & ADVENTURE
Like our founder, Greg Mortimer, we have a passion for adventure and exploration, and this forms part of every voyage and part of day-to-day life on board. We specifically keep our itineraries flexible, so we can adapt quickly and maximise the wildlife opportunities to give you the best experience possible. Over the years, we’ve also pioneered new adventure activities in the polar regions, such as camping, alpine trekking, ski/snowboard touring, sea kayaking, scuba diving and snorkelling. The Greg Mortimer, purpose-built for expeditions, makes adventure more accessible than ever. With the addition of new destinations to choose from, there are even more opportunities to experience new sights and adventures.

✓ SMALL SHIPS = GREATER FREEDOM & FLEXIBILITY
At Aurora Expeditions, we believe small groups make a big difference. Our ships boast one of the lowest passenger capacities in expedition cruising and our treks take a maximum of 20 hikers. This leads to smoother transitions, longer and more relaxed landings, and a more personal experience with nature. No matter where we are exploring, we aim for two excursions, and in some cases, it can be up to three excursions per day. Our ship is also built for expedition cruising with sea-level Zodiac-launching platforms, special adventure preparation spaces and fantastic viewing platforms. You’ll be whisked ashore on an adventure or be cruising in a Zodiac in no time!

“I thoroughly enjoyed the trip, in particular the number of landings and Zodiac-cruises ... The staff were absolutely amazing! I would have no hesitation in recommending Aurora to friends.”

B.Fraser, Antarctica, 2017

For more information on what makes Aurora stand from the rest visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/the-aurora-difference

1 King penguins stand out from the group of chicks; R.I’Anson
2 Our historian, Carol talks to our expeditioners about the rich Scottish history of Jalshof; M.Baynes
3 The Greg Mortimer immersed in the Antarctic surroundings; P.Pichugin
✓ TREADING LIGHTLY IN THE REMOTE & WILD

Our ship is a purpose-built small expedition vessel designed to respond rapidly to the unpredictable weather conditions in the wild and remote places we visit. This allows our expedition leaders to quickly find alternative landing options that may be inaccessible to larger vessels. Similarly, our small-group treks give our expert guides the flexibility to quickly make adjustments when necessary, while also allowing us to tread lightly in the pristine places we visit. The Greg Mortimer has also been built to the strictest environmental standards of the latest Polar Code, to ensure non-intrusive and low-impact voyages.

✓ OUR RELAXED ONBOARD ATMOSPHERE

Whether in the lounge bar, dining room or out on deck, you’ll find that our friendly expedition team and small ship create a relaxed and informal atmosphere making our time aboard unique and memorable. Sharing adventures, photos, tall tales, and communal dining naturally encourages our expeditioners, especially solo travellers, to mingle and form new friendships. Our approachable expedition team will make every effort to make you feel at home on our ships.

"(Spitsbergen Odyssey) was a phenomenal voyage. The scenery, wildlife and unique experiences were stunning. It was our third trip-of-a-lifetime with Aurora and truly exceeded our expectations."

I. Tuohy, Arctic, 2017

4 Expeditioners embracing the wild and remote environment; S. Anstee
5 Cruising among the icebergs at a safe distance; Y. Zhang
Our passionate experts & guides

There are many components that go into making sure each and every one of our voyages is smooth and memorable. Without our team of expedition experts, we wouldn’t be able to set sail to the amazing areas we’re proud to include in our array of itineraries.

Many members of our expedition team are recognised for their extensive knowledge in their respective fields and are all passionate about the environment and sharing their knowledge with expeditioners. This helps ensure that you have an interesting, educational, and engaging experience every step of the way.

EXPEDITION LEADERS AND GUIDES
All our expedition leaders and guides share one thing in common: they all have a serious case of the adventure bug. Thankfully, the cure lies in the depths of the fantastic places we set sail to – destinations that our wonderful team get to visit regularly. As a result, they’ve collectively amassed a wealth of knowledge that allows us to create bespoke itineraries brimming with hidden gems and expert insights.

Thanks to our small group numbers, expeditioners have the chance to enjoy one-on-one time with our leaders and guides and learn the ins-and-outs of the awe-inspiring places on our programs.

NATURALISTS
Minke whales, penguins, albatross, polar bears – these are just some incredible examples of the wildlife our lucky expeditioners may expect to encounter when travelling on one of our voyages. Discover how long a narwhal’s tusk can grow, or how long a polar bear can hold its breath from our onboard naturalists, like Dr Roger Kirkwood. Roger has been traveling with us since 1999, sharing his extensive wildlife knowledge with our curious expeditioners – helping make your trip even more memorable!

PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDES
Learn how to capture the incredible surroundings and wildlife from an onboard photographer. Richard l’Anson, Peter Eastway and Scott Portelli are just some of our amazing photography experts – with a wealth of technical expertise to share with you.

“Their knowledge and the professional approach to every interaction with every passenger was faultless. Congratulations and thanks to a fabulous group of expedition leaders.”

M. Peden, Antarctica, 2017

1 Expeditioners give us a wave in their Antarctic surroundings; D. Sasse
2 Our expedition leaders and guides share their passion with the expeditioners; M. Baynes
3 Appreciation of the history of Shackleton as expeditioners pay their respects at his grave; S. Antsee
4 Expedition team deepen our understanding of the destinations we visit; D. Sasse
5 Naturalist and expeditioner on bird watch in Scotland; M. Baynes
6 Thumbs up as our climbers reach the summit, Fortuna Glacier; T. Pikington
HISTORIANS
From the ancient community of St Kilda in Scotland to the 17th-century whaling station in Spitsbergen, many of the places we’re lucky to visit on our various expeditions harbour incredible pasts. To ensure all adventurers have the opportunity to learn the fascinating stories about the places we visit, a specialised historian travels on board our ship. Our historian have a wealth of knowledge that they are more than happy to share with all expeditioners.

ACTIVITY GUIDES
As well as enjoying the sights and sounds synonymous with the areas we visit, expeditioners can also take delight in the fantastic array of activities we’re proud to host. Scuba diving, alpine trekking, sea kayaking – we have so much for everyone to get involved with.* Of course, partaking in such adrenaline-fuelled activities couldn’t be possible without the experts that lead them. Tarn Pilkington is just one of our climbing and ski guides who regularly leads intrepid adventurers up and down the snow-covered slopes of Antarctica.

ONBOARD DOCTOR
When travelling to extreme environments, ensuring our expeditioners are healthy and happy is our number one priority. That’s why we have a doctor on board at all times, as well as a well-equipped clinic to provide basic medical care.

*Additional cost applies for optional activities

Aurora Expeditions is proud to be an Accredited Provider to the Polar Tourism Guides Association which provides internationally recognised training standards and qualifications for polar tourism guides. These rigorous polar qualifications include Zodiac-driving and operations, navigation, interpretation, presentations, leading hikes in technical and non-technical terrain, kayak guiding, and snow and ice crack awareness.

Aurora Expeditions passengers and expedition team are proud to be a part of Clean Up Svalbard, an Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO) initiative aimed at clearing the coastline of marine debris. Hopefully, over time we will see a reduction in the amount of plastic debris along these remote and ‘near-pristine’ coastlines.
The day-to-day expedition experience

Rise and shine – a world of adventure awaits! Join your fellow expeditioners at breakfast as you wait eagerly for what Aurora Expeditions has planned for you today. From exploration hiking to snowshoeing, Zodiac-cruising to photography, all our activities have one thing in common: fun.

Because our expeditions travel to some of the most extreme parts of the world and feature an array of action-packed activities, travellers require a reasonable level of fitness. This not only helps us feel confident that everyone is safe and happy, but also that you’re comfortable taking part in the incredible activities we offer.

Here are five regular activities you can expect to get involved with when travelling with us.

- **WALKS AND HIKES THAT TAKE YOU TO REMARKABLE AREAS**
  Spend time with our expedition leaders and guides exploring some of the wildest landscapes on the planet. Our small-ship capacity allows us to spend more time on land, with generally two excursions per day. We’re proud to offer a range of guided walks that allow you to immerse yourself in the flora and fauna of the exciting environments we’re so lucky to visit.

- **VENTURE INTO NEW TERRITORIES ON A ZODIAC-CRUISE**
  Give ‘up-close and personal’ a new meaning by hopping aboard one of our Zodiacs. It’s the best way to explore, and see wildlife in hard-to-reach places. The Zodiac’s unique design allows us to easily navigate harder-to-reach places while having plenty of fun!

- **PHOTOGRAPHY**
  Whether you are a beginner or an experienced photographer, let our onboard guides offer handy tips to improve your skills. Photography guides are available on selected voyages where indicated.

- **INFORMATIVE EXPERT LECTURES**
  We offer a range of informative talks hosted by the naturalists, historians and expedition leaders who travel with us. Soak up their knowledge, hear stories and gain a better understanding of the fascinating places we visit.

- **CAMP UNDER ANTARCTICA’S TWILIGHT SKIES**
  Take camping up a hundred notches by snoozing under the twilight Antarctic sky. When travelling on one of our Antarctica cruises, choose to take part in polar camping, which gives adventurers the chance to settle in for the night in some of the world’s most spectacular and surreal surroundings. Available on selected voyages, weather permitting.

Look for the matching icons throughout the brochure to see which itinerary offers your selected activity or visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/activities
Sea kayaking
Central America rating: ⭐⭐⭐
Spitsbergen, Scotland, Greenland, Chile and Antarctica Peninsula rating: ⭐⭐⭐
South Georgia, Franz Josef Land, East Coast Canada and South Greenland rating: ⭐⭐⭐⭐
One of our most popular adventure activities! View snoozing leopard seals as we paddle among iridescent blue icebergs. Skim across crystal-clear waters or through mangroves. Whichever part of the world you explore by kayak, you are always accompanied by expert guides. 16–26 kayakers per voyage.

Scuba diving | Rating: ⭐⭐⭐⭐
Join a rarefied group of divers to explore the underwater world in the polar regions. Discover surreal ice formations and marine life through our polar scuba-diving program. In a controlled environment and supervised by our dive expert, we aim to dive in each location, conditions permitting. Extensive drysuit dive experience is required to participate. Up to 18 scuba divers per voyage.

Snorkelling | Rating: ⭐⭐⭐
Snorkelling is a fantastic way to explore beneath the surface at a leisurely pace. Circle icebergs, spot wildlife and discover the vibrant colours underwater, all under the watchful eye of an expert. Up to 20 snorkellers per voyage.

Snowshoeing | Rating: ⭐⭐⭐
Stretch your legs and reach some of Antarctica’s most spectacular vantage points. Antarctica only. Up to 10 snowshoers per voyage.

Stand-up paddleboarding | Rating: ⭐⭐⭐
Be one of the first to experience our NEW polar activity. Experienced paddleboarders can paddle through the icy water while penguins and seals swim alongside. Offered in Antarctica, the Arctic, Costa Rica and Panama. Up to 9 paddleboarders per voyage.

Ski and snowboard touring | Rating: ⭐⭐⭐⭐
Experienced skiers and snowboarders have the chance to tour on remote, snow-capped peaks and glaciers. Epic descents over multiple days in Antarctica. Multi-day touring across South Georgia following Shackleton’s route. Up to 10 skiers/snowboarders per voyage. Antarctica only.

Climbing and alpine trekking | Rating: ⭐⭐⭐
Experience the thrill of climbing alpine peaks, trekking over alpine passes or ice climbing in Antarctica. Join our internationally qualified climbing guides for an experience of a lifetime. Up to 8 climbers per voyage.

Rock climbing | Rating: ⭐⭐⭐
Experience the rare chance to rock climb in East Greenland. Join our internationally qualified climbing guides for an experience of a lifetime. Up to 5 climbers per voyage.

Shackleton’s Crossing in South Georgia | Rating: ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
Considered one of the world’s most challenging adventures, the historic alpine crossing of South Georgia either on foot or on skis promises intricate glacier travel, spectacular mountain scenery and your chance to say ‘I followed in the footsteps of Shackleton!’ Up to 8 expeditioners per voyage.

Optional Activities
Additional surcharge applies for the following activities. Activities are subject to weather conditions.

- Easy to moderate activity, some experience is beneficial
- Moderate activity, some experience required
- Challenging activity, experience is necessary

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Proudly named after our adventurous co-founder, our purpose-built expedition ship is built to world-class polar standards and designed in close consultation with our expedition specialists, and reflects our 25 years’ experience in adventure travel.

The Greg Mortimer stays true to our philosophy of small-ship expeditions with 100 landing passengers plus divers and kayakers with an average of 120 passengers in total per voyage. The ship is built to contend with a multitude of weather conditions and its added creature comforts make for a more enjoyable journey on the open ocean. The Greg Mortimer remains true to our ethos and our focus of travelling in smaller groups with like-minded people, multiple landings, flexible itineraries, and an informal, friendly, and egalitarian atmosphere – just with an improved home base!

**Built for taking in your incredible surroundings**
The Greg Mortimer features dedicated observation areas that include a combination of outdoor platforms, an observation lounge offering 360-degree unobstructed views, as well as our state-of-the-art, custom-built hydraulic platforms.

**Built for activities**
The four sea-level Zodiac-launching platforms mean faster and more efficient access to and from your Zodiac, from protected areas within the ship. The Zodiacs are conveniently located close to activity preparation areas and the locker and mud room. 15 Zodiacs allows us to simultaneously prepare for multiple daily adventure activities such as landings ashore, Zodiac-cruising, kayaking, ski and snowboard touring, snowshoeing, trekking, and snorkeling.

**A gold standard in safety**
Built to the latest Polar Code specifications, the Greg Mortimer’s class 1A ice-strengthened hull is purpose-built to get through sea ice and pack ice. The ship carries the latest ‘return to port’ technology, sonar equipment and satellite communications, and features the cutting edge X-Bow® design for greater stability, comfort, and fuel efficiency.

**Experience a true sense of camaraderie on board**
The Greg Mortimer is designed to facilitate an atmosphere of camaraderie and connection with like-minded adventurers. Make yourself at home – dinner is informal and features mostly communal tables, allowing you to swap stories and get to know your fellow expeditioners.

*For select activity-focused voyages passenger limit may vary. Please refer to specific itineraries on the website for more information.

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For more information on the Greg Mortimer visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/the-greg-mortimer

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1 Hornsund, Spitsbergen; A. Seafarer
2 Excursions made easy with our Zodiac loading platforms and activity preparation areas
3 Kayakers glide through Paradise Harbour; A. Taylor
4 The X-Bow® pierces the Antarctic waters

Please note: Ship images are artist’s impressions and may vary.
Ulstein X-Bow®

ADVENTURE MEETS INNOVATION

Pioneering the patented X-BOW® design, the Greg Mortimer takes expedition cruising to another level. Unlike conventional bow design, this state-of-the-art design allows for more gentle sea crossings and faster transit speeds as well as reduced fuel consumption and carbon emissions. More comfortable for you; better for the environment.

- Gentler travel and less motion at sea
- Improved comfort and safety on board
- Reduced vibrations
- Lower fuel consumption and faster travel
- Lower air emissions and dynamic positioning
- Virtual anchoring

Find out more at auroraexpeditions.com.au/the-greg-mortimer
Our ship, the Greg Mortimer

RELAXED STATEROOMS
Relax between adventures in one of our 79 comfortable staterooms. Ranging from porthole to balcony categories, all have en suite bathrooms and plenty of storage space.

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

RESTAURANT AND BAR
Make new friends in our communal dining areas, featuring open seating or our fully-stocked bar.

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

ZODIAC DOCKS
Four sea-level platforms make loading and unloading our fleet of 15 Zodiaks a breeze and are easily accessed from the Deck 3 mudroom and activity preparation areas.
SUSTAINABILITY
Thanks to 'virtual anchoring', which uses GPS and high-tech steering to hold position, the delicate polar sea floor is protected from the damage caused by heavy chains and anchors.

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

OBSERVATION AREAS
From Deck 8's 180-degree forward views to Deck 7’s 270-degree views aft and Deck 5’s intimate platforms at the sides, you’ll enjoy spectacular panoramic scenery.

LIBRARY & MULTI-MEDIA ROOM
While at sea take advantage of our well-stocked onboard library. You’ll find an array of books covering everything from pioneering explorers to remote destinations and the wildlife you may encounter on your voyage.

OBSERVATION LOUNGE
Extra large windows in our Deck 8 lounge mean that you don’t miss out on the wildlife and wilderness passing by. Comfortable, with bar facilities, it’s the perfect place to mingle.

MULTI-PURPOSE LECTURE THEATRE AND LOUNGE
Interact with expedition staff and fellow expeditioners, enjoy fascinating, informative talks and briefings or relax while watching movies and slide shows in our comfortable theatre.

HYDRAULIC VIEWING PLATFORMS
Custom-built for Aurora Expeditions, these dedicated observation areas extend to offer unobstructed views of polar bears, feeding whales or the ship pushing through pack ice.
Ship Expedition Inclusions

- Fully-serviced accommodation in your chosen stateroom or suite
- Daily shore excursions, guided walks, Zodiac-cruises and some activities*^ 
- Entry fees to historic or tourist sites (weather permitting)
- An experienced team of destination specialists, activity leaders, and local guides*
- An informative and entertaining lecture program by our team of experts
- Daily breakfast, lunch, dinner, afternoon tea and snacks. House wines, beer and soft drinks included with dinner
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell drinks including four-course dinner, house cocktail, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages
- Complimentary 3-in-1 polar jacket on polar voyages
- Complimentary use of Muck boots during the voyage
- Complimentary use of fitness centre
- Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic
- Comprehensive pre-departure information and Antarctic or Arctic Primer booklet
- Personalised voyage photo book (post-voyage)
- Port surcharges, permits and landing fees

The following inclusions are also part of selected voyages. Please refer to the specific voyage Trip Notes for inclusions pertaining to the voyage of your choice:

- All Antarctic voyages include one night’s pre-voyage accommodation and arrival airport transfer (on selected preferred flights)
- Selected voyages include one night’s pre-voyage accommodation
- Flights mentioned as per itinerary
- Guided town/city tour and activities as per voyage itinerary
- Luggage transfers to/from ship
- * on selected voyages
- ^ weather permitting

Book a suite and enjoy additional suite benefits. For more information visit www.auroraexpeditions.com.au/inclusions
Solo Traveller

If you’re ready to explore some of the world’s wildest destinations, champion that inner courage and listen up. Here at Aurora Expeditions, not only do we have exciting experiences and expeditions locked down, we’ve also put great measures in place to ensure our solo travellers are welcomed and well looked after.

Thanks to our small group ethos, getting to know your fellow passengers is a total breeze. And the best part? Due to our focus on adventure, wildlife, and visiting remote destinations, you can rest easy knowing that everyone else is in the same boat where passions and interests are concerned – quite literally! Our communal recreational and dining areas are designed to foster camaraderie and socialising among expeditioners and guides, allowing you to share stories from the day and enjoy each other’s company.

Avoid paying single supplement fees when travelling with Aurora Expeditions. Our cabin-sharing service was designed with solo travellers in mind, so that if willing, you have the chance to share a cabin with a fellow traveller of the same gender. This ensures nobody is financially disadvantaged for choosing to travel solo! However, if you do want your own room, ask us about our low single supplements.

Travelling solo is a fantastic way to tick things off your bucket list. Connect with mesmerising destinations and enjoy exciting experiences how you want to – without distractions and compromises. And who knows, you might even make some lifelong friends along the way!

Find out more about our solo traveller options by getting in touch with the team at Aurora Expeditions today.

For more information on solo travellers visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/solotravellers

1 Adélie penguin on the move, Antarctica; PEastway
2 The lighthouse on Grimsey Island; Iceland
3 Solo traveller embracing her Antarctic surroundings; S.Anstee
4 Expeditioners delight in a Zodiac-cruise through Greenland’s ice sculptures; MBaynes
Antarctica

Antarctic Peninsula • South Georgia • Falklands–Malvinas

Gaze into the iridescent blue heart of an iceberg. Shiver at the sight of a leopard seal rising to meet your eyes. Sit quietly on a beach, invisible to a thousand penguins hurrying to and from the sea. Antarctica is no longer a dream, but a vibrant experience that you’ll treasure forever.

Between November and April, the Antarctic pack ice retreats to reveal the world’s greatest wildlife spectacle. Our new expedition vessel, the Greg Mortimer, is custom-built to carry you there quickly and comfortably. This gives you more time to enjoy daily explorations, wildlife encounters, Zodiac cruises, adventure activities and breathtaking views from the ship.

Browse through the pages ahead and discover our range of exciting Antarctic itineraries. For more information visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/antarctica
Wildlife Encounters

Gentoo penguin flaps to dust off the Antarctic snow, Cuverville, Antarctica; H. Krajewsky
Fancy combining your voyage with a trek?

Enhance your experience by combining your expedition with a connecting Patagonia trek, either before or after your voyage. Choose from our two 10-day treks, experience the best of Patagonia and save up to 10 per cent on both trips (conditions apply).
Whether you experience 'Drake Lake' or 'Drake Shake', our new ship, the Greg Mortimer, will ease your passage allowing you to enjoy soaring albatross and petrels.

Follow in Shackleton’s historic footsteps and be mesmerised by this wildlife oasis. Vast king penguin colonies, seal pup swimschools and elephant seal battles for breeding supremacy, play out against a backdrop of glaciated mountains.

King George Island is the gateway to our ‘Fly and Sail’ and ‘Fly and Fly’ voyages, and one of the most remote places on earth. A charter flight allows you to skip one or two Drake Passage crossings and start or complete your voyage in the South Shetland Islands.

Albatross, rockhopper penguins and cormorants share these windswept, birdlife-rich islands with sea lions and sheep. Visit Stanley for war history and a touch of Britannia.

Soaring, ice-clad mountains; mirror-smooth waterways and islands boisterous with wildlife await. Discover historic huts, penguin rookeries and sculpted icebergs across a region ripe for adventure. The Peninsula is Antarctica’s most accessible playground.

Enter the kingdom of ice where tabular icebergs reign supreme, fossils pepper the desert landscape and orcas hunt seals and penguins along the shore.

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

Fly your way to Antarctica

While many of our expeditioners treasure their days at sea (especially birdwatchers), others are keen to avoid the Drake Passage and try to maximise their time in Antarctica. Our ‘Fly and Sail’ voyage options removes one sea crossing, or fly over the Drake Passage to King George Island in both directions with our ‘Fly and Fly’ options!
Antarctic Expedition Specialists

Our array of Antarctic expeditions are fuelled by adventure, passion and a fantastic team of expert guides and leaders. As soon as the ship sets sail to breathtaking Antarctic destinations such as the Falklands-Malvinas, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula, your immersive and inspiring adventure begins.

Immerse yourself in Antarctic adventure alongside our expedition leaders and soak up the knowledge of our passionate naturalists while marvelling at gentoo penguins. Become acquainted with world-famous polar explorers like Sir Ernest Shackleton through our onboard historian or uncover hidden treasures as you join a palaeontologist on a guided tour of fossil-rich islands in the Weddell Sea. Take part in unique Antarctic activities such as sea kayaking and alpine trekking with our activity guides.

Our specialist team of experts share an unparalleled wealth of knowledge and passion between them – all of which can be accessed by everyone who travels with us.

Meet the rest of the team and to find out more about our specialists visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/team

HOWARD WHELAN
Expedition Leader
A journalist and photographer, Howard has explored the world’s most remote regions but has a special bond with Antarctica, having led expeditions there for more than 20 years with Aurora. Founding editor of Australian Geographic magazine, he went on to consult for Academy Award-winning film Happy Feet, undertake logistics for the Shackleton Epic, and curate the Trailblazers: Australia’s 50 Greatest Explorers exhibition.

DR ROBYN MUNDY
Deputy Expedition Leader
Robyn has visited the polar regions almost yearly since 1996. She worked as a field assistant for the Australian Antarctic Division at Davis Station, Antarctica, studying south polar skuas, then wintered at Mawson Station, working out on the sea ice with emperor penguins. Robyn has a PhD in writing and is the author of two novels and a children’s non-fiction adventure book. When you travel with Robyn you’ll discover her tireless enthusiasm for sharing her knowledge and love of our destinations.

STEPHEN ANSTEE
Expedition Leader & Deputy Expedition Leader
Since 1996, Stephen has operated a wide variety of vessels from 92’ schooners on multi-day wilderness tourism and extensive research trips to a small ferry doing short mountain lake cruises. He has spent many seasons in Antarctica and the Arctic occupying various roles, always sharing his knowledge and love for the environment. Sailing has been Stephen’s lifelong pastime and he and his wife have completed two Pacific Ocean crossings.
"Amazing, always going above and beyond. Very professional and extremely passionate about their work ... cannot praise them highly enough!"

O. GLOVER, ANTARCTICA, 2017

HEIDI KRAJEWSKY
Naturalist

Following her passion, Heidi worked on wilderness adventure boats to put herself through a marine biology degree at the University of Victoria in British Columbia. Heidi was a founding director of the Marine Education and Research Society and assisted with humpback and minke whale research in British Columbia. She has also run a research vessel for Raincoast Conservation Society, working on many projects including a large baseline study of marine mammals and seabirds.

ALASDAIR MCGREGOR
Historian

Artist, photographer and author, Alasdair has published three books with Antarctic themes and has staged numerous exhibitions of his paintings. His work hangs in corporate and public collections in Australia and overseas. Since the summer of 2004/05, Alasdair has worked each season as a lecturer, historian and field guide on tourist voyages to East Antarctica, the Ross Sea, the Antarctic Peninsula and the sub-Antarctic islands.

LELIA CATALDI
Expedition Leader – Patagonia

Lelia knows Patagonia. She lives and breathes it. Lelia was born and raised in Buenos Aires and studied tourism, geography and hotel management before becoming an interpretive guide and naturalist in Patagonia. On our itineraries, she teams up with qualified local guides for treks through Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine National Parks. Lelia loves working outdoors and sharing her passion for her native South America and will make you feel and live Patagonia from start to finish.
After months of relentless winter winds and scarce sunlight, the Antarctic landscape and its inhabitants come to life when spring arrives. Bands of pack ice and bays of fast ice are magical sights against the rugged snow-covered coast. It all looks so pristine, so Antarctic. Crabeater, Weddell and leopard seals have already taken advantage of the more stable, early spring, sea ice to rear their pups and now lay around on the ice floes resting, between bouts of feeding.

It’s now penguin time of year and they are coming ashore to breed at sites that they have occupied each summer for thousands of years. In some places, penguins may be gathering on snow banks waiting for the nesting rocks to appear. In other places, eggs are being laid, and tiny chicks may even be heard peeping from under their parents. It’s like a nursery at this time of year, albeit a noisy one. Occasional disputes break out over space on stones, but there is a lot of quiet sitting on nests. It’s a magical time for penguin photography.

In South Georgia, witness large king penguin chicks that have survived the winter mixed in with new parents shuffling around with eggs on their feet, the courtship dance of the wandering albatross, as well as macaroni penguins on the search for snow-free nest sites.

**MIDSUMMER**

During peak summer, Antarctica is awash with a golden glow that makes for stunning scenes. From December to early February, it is light for 24 hours each day – which plays in our favour. The longer and lighter days, paired with receding ice packs, allows our expedition ships to navigate the waters a lot easier, giving expeditioners more time exploring on land.

You may spot arriving humpback whales bubble-net feeding. You will spot thousands of penguins coming and going, feeding their chicks and taking moments to rest beside the water. It’s full-on in the penguin colonies. Juvenile penguins also roam around trying to figure out what the action is about. Be on the lookout for pesky leopard seals trying their hand at scoring a snack!

In South Georgia, adventurers have the chance to wander around 1,000-strong king penguin colonies and watch as large, year-old fluffy brown chicks are moulting into their adult plumage, while small, month-old fluffy chicks still sit protected on their parents’ feet. Elephant seals are moulting in their belching and charismatic piles, while young fur seal pups are at play.

**LATE SUMMER**

As Antarctica laps up the last of the summer sun and the landscape bathes in dappled light, its inhabitants show no signs of slowing down. In fact, late summer marks an important landmark in any young penguin’s life: the first swim. On shore or aboard, watch as brave little fledglings throw all caution to the wind and ice as they rocket down slippery paths into the water. Some leopard seals particularly like this time of year.

Be sure to keep one eye on the Antarctic skies with cormorant chicks learning to fly. Watch skuas, terns, kelp gulls, and a suite of petrels, against a backdrop of spectacular sunsets. With one eye on the sky and one eye on the penguins try to also focus on the water’s surface where humpback whales are peaking in numbers.

Exploring South Georgia is a treat. There is a lot of fledging chicks in the colonies of penguins, albatross and other seabirds. Fur seals have calmed down somewhat, and the larger elephant seals have come ashore to moult.
MEET THE PENGUINS
Enjoy close encounters with charismatic species on the Antarctic Peninsula, including gentoo, chinstrap and Adélie penguins. South Georgia offers vast king penguin colonies, rockhopper and macaroni penguins, while secretive Magellanic penguins live in burrows on the Falklands–Malvinas.

TAKE THE (POLAR) PLUNGE!
Seawater freezes at -1.8° C (28.7° F), sunshine and smooth waters are never guaranteed – so why take the polar plunge? Aside from bragging rights (guaranteed) an invigoration of the senses and some sauna camaraderie, it’s a rite of passage into a very exclusive club.

ZOBIAC-CRUISING WONDERLAND
The inflatable boats invented by Jacques Cousteau are not just workhorses transporting you safely from ship to shore. Like magic carpets, they carry us amid exquisite grounded icebergs, close to feeding whales, near hunting leopard seals and provide a box seat for watching calving glaciers.

HEROIC AGE LIVES ON
Nothing brings history alive more intensely than pushing through pack ice in the Weddell Sea to reach Nordenskjöld’s or Larsen’s huts; Zodiac-cruising Point Wild on Elephant Island, or retracing Shackleton’s crossing of South Georgia on foot (or ski). Visit Port Lockroy, Wordie Hut, Whalers Bay and more.

1 Enjoy close encounters with the king penguins; PEastway
2 Expeditioners give us a wave as they cruise around the icy water; JBomholdt
3 The polar plunge; IWade
4 Expeditioners enjoy a shore excursion to Port Lockroy; AHalsall
Spirit of Antarctica
Antarctic Peninsula | 12 Days

Adventurers, explore Antarctica at its most pristine. Experience whales, penguins and seals as they rush to find the best places to court, feed and breed. Experience continental landings and visits to historic sites or have the chance to kayak amid pack ice; snorkel, ski and snowshoe on untracked peaks; camp out and photograph pastel polar landscapes beneath a near-midnight sun.

Highlights
- Hone your ice and wildlife photography skills
- Search for orcas and minke whales in the icy bays
- Snuggle into the wonder of camping on shore in Antarctica
- Experience the thrill of polar kayaking, snorkelling, snowshoeing and ski/snowboard touring (additional cost)

Optional activities available on select voyages, see page 93 for more information.

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

Included Activities
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Research Stations

Photography with Peter Eastway – 28th Nov ‘20
Peter Eastway is passionate about Antarctica and loves sharing his passion with expeditioners to helping them create memorable work.
Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Ushuaia, renowned for its exquisite chocolates and breathtaking scenery. Transfer to your downtown hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2 After checking out of your hotel, explore Ushuaia and surrounds. Mid-afternoon, settle on board the Greg Mortimer, for an early evening departure down the Beagle Channel.

DAYS 3–4 Watch for albatross and your first icebergs during your trip on the Drake Passage. In the afternoon of day 4, there is the possibility of a landing in the South Shetlands.

DAYS 5–9 Over the next five days a host of choices are open to us and depending on ice and weather conditions, the western side of the Antarctic Peninsula is ours to explore. On our Zodiac excursions, we cruise along spectacular ice cliffs, observing whales that are feeding near the surface, and landing on the continent and its offshore islands to visit penguin rookeries, seal haulouts, historic huts and a few of our other favourite spots along the peninsula. During this voyage, there will be an opportunity to camp ashore (weather and time permitting). This will give you the chance to sample the style of adventure that Scott, Shackleton and other legendary Antarctic explorers experienced, although with a modern-day spin on it.

DAYS 10–11 Enjoy seabirds and whales on your second Drake crossing. Share photos, tall tales and final night celebrations with new friends!

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

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Combine & SAVE by adding a Patagonia trek to your voyage. See price sheet for connecting treks.

Greg Mortimer to lead the maiden voyage – ANP127G

'I’ve been back almost every season for 25 years and can’t wait to lead the maiden Greg Mortimer voyage and share the experience with expeditioners.'

– Greg Mortimer

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/spirit-of-antarctica
Antarctic Explorer
Antarctic Peninsula | 11 or 12 Days

Antarctica at its most accessible! Fly one way or both on our unique ‘Fly and Sail’ voyages to the icy continent’s picturesque west coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Mountains disgorging glaciers to the sea; humpback and minke whales feasting on krill; lively penguin colonies watched by hungry leopard seals – it all awaits you. Simply choose the dates that suit.

Highlights
- See, hear and smell the full-on activity of a penguin city
- Spot leopard seals on ice floes from our Zodiacs
- Zodiac-cruise in search of feeding and breaching whales
- Discover Antarctica’s mysterious underwater world by participating in the dive or snorkel program or experience the thrill of kayaking in Antarctica (additional cost)

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

Included Activities
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Research Stations

Optional activities available on select voyages, see page 93 for more information.

Photography with Scott Portelli
- 27th Dec ‘20
Join international award-winning wildlife, nature and underwater photographer Scott Portelli, as he hosts photography lectures on our New Year voyage.
Itinerary Overview

DAY 1: Arrive in Ushuaia where you’ll be met by an Aurora Expeditions representative and transferred to your downtown hotel. Enjoy rugged mountain scenery, lively cafés, restaurants and bars.

DAY 2: After checking out of your hotel, enjoy free time exploring Ushuaia and surrounds. Embark the Greg Mortimer late afternoon and sail down the wildlife-rich Beagle Channel.

DAYS 3–4: Photograph seabirds and the swell of the Drake Passage, marvel at first icebergs and landing in South Shetland Islands.

DAYS 5–10: Over the next five days a host of choices are open to us and depending on ice and weather conditions, the western side of the Antarctic Peninsula is ours to explore. Zodiac-cruise or kayak in search of feeding, breaching and resting humpback whales, step foot on the white continent and its offshore islands to visit penguin rookeries, seal haulouts, historic huts and a few of our other favourite spots along the peninsula. During selected voyages, there will be an opportunity to camp ashore (weather and time permitting). This will give you the chance to sample the adventures experienced by Scott, Shackleton and other legendary Antarctic explorers – in slightly more comfort.

DAY 11: Landing on King George Island, home to scientific bases; board our flight to Punta Arenas, enjoying a final night’s stay in town.

DAY 12: After a delicious breakfast, bid new friends goodbye as you leave for home or to extend your adventure in South America.

Please note: Voyages ending in Ushuaia are one day shorter than the reverse direction as they do not include post-night accommodation.

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**Add Sea Kayaking**

Joined by experienced guides, paddle past humpback whales, curious crabeater seals and marvel at indescent icebergs from your own kayak. The exhilarating sense of freedom you’ll feel on a kayaking excursion will be one you’ll remember for a lifetime! Sea kayaking is an optional activity and is an additional cost.

1. Spend your days whale watching, Humpback whale, Enterprise Island; G.Miller
2. Snorkeller poses for a photo with the stunning antarctic sunset; S.Boyd
3. Kayakers glide through the icy waters of Antarctica; A.Bakker

Combine & SAVE by adding a Patagonia trek to your voyage. See price sheet for connecting treks.
Welcome to the ice factory! Thanks to vast ice shelves that calve monstrous tabular icebergs, waters rich in krill and other-worldly landscapes, the Weddell Sea is one of Antarctica’s unique regions. Our new expedition ship, the Greg Mortimer, is ice-strengthened to take you safely and comfortably between the Weddell Sea and the Antarctic Peninsula’s west coast for the best of both worlds.

Highlights
- Search for feeding whales and hunting seals
- Get close to large colonies of penguins
- Marvel at enormous tabular icebergs in the Weddell Sea
- Learn from a palaeontologist as you set foot upon incredible fossil-rich volcanic islands
- Experience the thrill of kayaking, snorkelling, scuba diving or stand-up paddleboarding (additional cost)
Itinerary Overview

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

DAY 2  Fly to King George Island on the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula and transfer by Zodiac to board the Greg Mortimer. Enjoy a welcoming dinner to celebrate the start of a thrilling adventure to Antarctica.

DAYS 3–9 Pinch yourself – you’re in Antarctica, the white continent! After settling into shipboard life, head through the Antarctic Sound to the eastern side of the Peninsula to reach the Weddell Sea. Ice permitting, push into the Weddell Sea, known for vast amounts of sea ice and large icebergs. Feel your pulse quicken as vast tabular icebergs pass close by; try for landings on fossil-rich islands. Roam the shoreline near where Adélie, gentoo and chinstrap penguin chicks run the leopard seal gauntlet to enter the waters, for their first swim. Zodiac-cruise or kayak in search of feeding, breaching and resting humpback whales and calves. Because we are so far south, we will experience approximately 18–20 hours of daylight, so the days can be as busy as you wish. Land on the Antarctic continent and its offshore islands to visit penguin rookeries, seal haulouts, historic huts and a few of our other favourite spots along the peninsula.

DAY 10 It is time to farewell Antarctica and your incredible adventure. Today, fly from King George Island back to Punta Arenas for an overnight stay.

DAY 11 After breakfast, bid farewell to new friends before continuing your travels.

Please note: ANW001G is a 13-day ‘Fly and Sail’ voyage ending in Ushuaia.

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Combine & SAVE  by adding a Patagonia trek to your voyage. See price sheet for connecting treks.

Add Scuba Diving

Experience a breathtaking world of sculpted ice; only few divers have experienced! Joined by top underwater specialists, take a closer look at imposing icebergs and unique marine life. With numerous diving opportunities along your voyage, no two days will be alike. A truly inspiring and unforgettable experience awaits. Scuba diving is available on ANW002G and is an additional cost.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/wild-antarctica

1 Embark on a kayaking adventure in Cierva Cove; E.Evans
2 Crabeater seal sunbathes on the pack ice, Antarctica; C.Goldrick
3 Experience the beauty of the underwater world of Antarctica; Waterproof
South Georgia & Antarctic Odyssey
Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia & Falklands-Malvinas | 21 or 22 Days

Combine the best of the Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia on one incredible voyage. Antarctica offers lively penguin colonies, feeding whales and unsurpassed adventure activities. Cross the majestic Scotia Sea to visit the world’s largest king penguin colonies.

**Highlights**
- Fulfill your dream of stepping onto the Antarctic continent
- Photograph curious seals as you Zodiac-cruise through glassy waters, marvelling at the iridescent blues of icebergs
- Marvel at huge king penguin colonies in South Georgia
- Walk along beaches lined with elephant seals and Antarctic fur seals
- Experience the thrill of polar kayaking or snorkelling (additional cost)

**Optional Activities**
- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes

**Included Activities**
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Research Stations

Optional activities available on select voyages
Itinerary Overview

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

**DAY 3** As you commence your trip, the expedition team prepare you for your first landing with important wildlife guidelines and present lectures on the region’s history, wildlife and environment.

**DAY 4** Enjoy the day discovering historic Stanley, capital of Falklands–Malvinas, and wildlife-rich Sealion Island.

**DAYS 5–7** Watch the many seabirds that follow the ship’s wake, or keep your eyes peeled for whales from one of the many observation areas, listen to a presentation from our expedition staff, or simply relax with a good book.

**DAYS 8–12** Marvel at South Georgia’s enormous king penguin colonies, fur seals jostling for space on the beach, jaw-dropping landscapes and learn of Shackleton’s epic rescue journey.

**DAYS 13–14** En route for the Antarctic Peninsula, you head across the Scotia Sea, watching for wildlife or learning more about the Shackleton story from our historian.

**DAYS 15–19** Be mesmerised by the frozen continent. Walk among handsome chinstrap and peaceful gentoo penguins. Kayakers paddle through glassy channels or Zodiac-cruise amid grounded bergs and watch for blows of humpbacks, minkes and orcas. Pinch yourself, you’re on the world’s most spectacular continent!

**DAY 20** You may use this last sea day to edit photos, listen to an informative lecture or reminisce and compare stories with your fellow expeditioners.

**DAY 21** Disembark in Puerto Williams before flying to Punta Arenas for an overnight stay.

**DAY 22** After breakfast, bid your new friends farewell and depart for home, or extend your journey throughout South America.

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### Add Snorkelling

Discover Antarctica from a new perspective. Through crystal-clear waters, witness wildlife and scenery unlike any other place on earth. Be amazed at the speed of penguins entering the water. Marvel at beautifully sculpted icebergs from below the water. Take delight in sheltered bays, offshore islands and secluded shipwrecks that make for spectacular wildlife viewing. Snorkelling is available on ASG82G and is an additional cost.

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1 Experience Zodiac cruising through the antarctic landscape; R.Mundy
2 Marvel at the large king penguin colony of South Georgia; P.Eastway
3 Marvel at icebergs while snorkelling in Antarctica; M.Broermann

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For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/south-georgia-antarctic-odyssey
Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctic Peninsula

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

Combine Falklands~Malvinas with the dazzling scenery and wildlife of South Georgia, and the Antarctic Peninsula for a truly unforgettable voyage. The Falklands~Malvinas offers rich history and outstanding birdwatching opportunities. See South Georgia's massive king penguin colonies and beaches alive with fighting and breeding fur seals and elephant seals. In the Antarctic Peninsula, Zodiac-cruises reveal hunting orcas, calving glaciers and penguins fledging. It's an action-filled ecosystem where every creature is fighting to survive.

**Highlights**
- Photograph nesting black-browed albatross and spot elusive macaroni penguins in the Falklands~Malvinas
- Watch as penguin couples take turns to incubate their precious eggs
- In South Georgia, retrace Shackleton's legendary mountain crossing on skis (additional cost)
- Glide past glittering grounded bergs on your kayaking adventures (additional cost)

**Optional Activities**
- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Snowshoeing
- Shackleton’s Crossing
- Ski & Snowboard Touring

**Included Activities**
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Research Stations
ANTARCTICA

Ski/snowboard touring offers keen adventurers a chance to take on some of the world’s most incredible slopes.
Experienced skiers/snowboarders will have the chance to enjoy day trips to traverse across remote, snow-capped peaks to descend into pristine bays.
Ski/Snowboard touring is available at an additional cost. Speak to our experts at time of booking or visit auroraexpeditions.com.au

Itinerary Overview

DAYS 1–2 Enjoy a night in Ushuaia before boarding the Greg Mortimer in the late afternoon to cross the South Atlantic Ocean toward the Falklands–Malvinas.

DAY 3 A day at sea allows time to attend insightful talks and presentations to learn about the Falklands–Malvinas ahead of your visit. Explore your home for the next few weeks, the Greg Mortimer, purpose-built for expedition cruising.

DAYS 4–5 Explore fascinating Falklands–Malvinas including historic Stanley and its islands that are home to Magellanic, gentoo, rockhopper and king penguins, sea lions and huge albatross colonies. Your expedition leader will determine the best places to visit to maximise your experience of this fascinating region.

DAYS 6–7 Sea days are perfect for learning about the wildlife and history of the places you’ll be visiting, photographing seabirds and editing photos, or simply getting to know your fellow expeditioners.

DAYS 8–11 South Georgia is a wildlife spectacle of enormous scale. Experience firsthand some of the world’s largest king penguin colonies. Walk carefully along action-packed beaches crammed with fur seals, elephant seals, and penguins. Photograph jaw-dropping landscapes, push beyond your comfort zone on unforgettable hikes and learn of Shackleton’s epic rescue journey.

DAYS 12–13 Our onboard series of talks and presentations continue as we sail toward Antarctica. Learn about the history of Antarctica and the wildlife you are going to see.

DAYS 14–18 Over the coming days be mesmerised by the frozen continent. Walk among handsome chinstrap and peaceful gentoo penguins. Kayakers paddle through glassy channels or Zodiac-cruise amid iridescent grounded bergs, and watch for blows of humpback, minke and orcas. Pinch yourself, you’re in the world’s most spectacular continent, a world that few people have been lucky enough to experience.

DAYS 19–20 Reflect on almost three weeks of amazing adventures as you cross the Drake Passage back to Ushuaia.

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

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Add Ski/Snowboard Touring

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1 Photographers capture the beauty of the king penguins; PEastway
2 Kayakers paddle past sunbathing crabeater seals; A.Bakker
3 Ski or snowboard tour and take advantage of the early season pristine snow in Antarctica; T.Pilkington
Christmas in Antarctica
Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia & Falklands-Malvinas | 21 Days

If you feel the festive season is a great time to get away from it all, join our special celebratory voyage. Combine the best of the Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia on one incredible voyage. Whether it is peak season or summer’s close, Antarctica offers lively penguin colonies, feeding whales and unsurpassed adventure activities. In South Georgia visit the world’s largest king penguin colonies and for some, follow Shackleton’s epic crossing.

**Highlights**
- Experience the ultimate white Christmas in Antarctica
- Zodiac-cruise through a maze of icebergs
- Marvel at the world’s largest king penguin colony and accept the challenge to walk among elephant seals and Antarctic fur seals in South Georgia
- Enjoy kayaking, snorkelling, snowshoeing, or for the more adventurous, retrace Shackleton’s Crossing on foot (additional cost)

**Optional Activities**
- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Snowshoeing
- Shackleton’s Crossing

**Included Activities**
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Research Stations
Itinerary Overview

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

DAY 3 Voyage 477 kilometres (296 miles) east toward the archipelago of the Falklands-Malvinas. During the journey, enjoy talks from our expedition team and watch for wildlife.

DAY 4 Enjoy the day discovering historic Stanley, capital of Falklands-Malvinas and wildlife-rich Sealion Island.

DAYS 5–7 Between the Falklands-Malvinas and South Georgia, there is ample time to observe seabirds flying through the ship’s air currents, whale watch from the viewing platforms, learn from our expedition team during onboard lectures, or simply explore the Greg Mortimer.

DAYS 8–12 Marvel at South Georgia’s enormous king penguin colonies, fur seals jostling for space on the beach, jaw-dropping landscape and learn of Shackleton’s epic rescue journey.

DAYS 13–14 Cross the Scotia Sea toward the Antarctic Peninsula. Look out for seabirds, whales and icebergs as we cross.

DAYS 15–19 Be mesmerised by the frozen continent. Walk among handsome chinstrap and peaceful gentoo penguins. Kayakers paddle through glassy channels or Zodiac-cruise amid grounded bergs, and watch for blows of humpback, minke and orcas. Pinch yourself! You’re in the world’s most spectacular continent where you’ll get to celebrate Christmas with like-minded adventurers!

DAY 20 Reflect upon your journey as you cross the Drake Passage back to Ushuaia.

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

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For more information on this expedition, or our 13-day 2019 Christmas in Antarctica please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/christmas-in-antarctica-2020

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Add Shackleton Crossing on foot

One of the world’s most challenging adventures, whether on foot or on skis, is retracing legendary explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton’s historic crossing of South Georgia. The Shackleton Crossing is available at an additional cost. Speak to our experts at time of booking or visit auroraexpeditions.com.au

1 An Adelé penguin stands out from the crowd in Antarctica; P.Eastway
2 Celebrate Christmas in Antarctica with your new friends; MBaynes
3 Take up the challenge of the Shackleton crossing on foot; TPilkington
If you only have one chance to visit Antarctica, this voyage is for you. On this epic journey you will cross south of the Antarctic Circle to venture where few travellers have been. In South Georgia, photograph the staggeringly impressive jagged mountain vistas and walk through some of the world’s largest king penguin colonies. During Antarctica’s midsummer, penguins nest and ravenously hungry chicks grow quickly as their parents work to hard feeding them. Whales continue to arrive to feast as krill numbers swell.

### Highlights
- Step ashore on the Antarctic continent to unforgettable vistas, bustling penguins, swooping skuas and curious seals
- Raise a glass as you join a small club of people to cross the Antarctic Circle (conditions permitting)
- Glide past glittering, grounded bergs on your kayaking adventures in Antarctica and quiet bays of South Georgia (additional cost)
Itinerary Overview

DAYS 1–2 Enjoy a night in Ushuaia before boarding the Greg Mortimer to cross the South Atlantic Ocean towards the Falklands–Malvinas.

DAY 3 Enjoy informative talks and presentations during sea days.

DAY 4 Explore fascinating Falklands–Malvinas, Stanley and Sealion Island. See Magellanic, rockhopper and king penguins, sea lions, and huge albatross colonies. Your Expedition Leader will determine the best places to visit to maximise your experience of this fascinating region.

DAYS 5–6 Sea days are perfect for learning about the wildlife and history of the places you’ll be visiting, photographing seabirds and editing photos, or simply getting to know your fellow expeditioners.

DAYS 8–12 Over the next few days, marvel at South Georgia’s incredible scenes such as enormous and bustling king penguin colonies, fur seals jostling for space on the beach, jaw-dropping mountain landscapes and learn of Shackleton’s epic rescue journey. On Zodiac-cruises, discover bays filled with raucous and playful fur seals, and land on pebble beaches to meet curious penguins. Challenge yourself on hikes and enjoy dazzling pristine landscapes seen by few. South Georgia is a place where you can truly feel like you’ve really escaped from your normal daily life.

DAYS 13–14 Attend informative lectures to learn about Antarctica as we sail towards the white continent. Treat yourself to a massage in the wellness centre or stay active in the gym; the choice is yours on how you want to enjoy days at sea.

DAYS 15–20 Pinch yourself, you’re in the world’s most spectacular continent! Walk among handsome chinstrap and peaceful gentoo penguins. Kayakers paddle through glassy channels or Zodiac-cruise amid grounded bergs and watch for blows of humpback, minke and orcas. Toast the special occasion when you cross the Antarctic Circle (weather permitting) with a glass of sparkling wine and smile to yourself knowing you are one of the world’s few intrepid travellers to venture this far south.

DAYS 21–22 Cross your fingers for a calm crossing of the Drake Passage as we head back to Ushuaia. Swap photos with your fellow expeditioners or simply relax and enjoy the last days of a truly unforgettable voyage.

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

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A total solar eclipse occurs only every one to two years and to witness it in Antarctica is without doubt a rare occurrence. On this unique voyage, you will visit Antarctica and experience the incredible white continent in late spring, photograph glistening icebergs, witness penguins nest building and whales feeding. Perched in a favourable position, we hope for clear skies and good weather conditions to witness the full solar eclipse. In South Georgia, encounter elephant seal beach masters guarding their harems, walk among some of the largest king penguin colonies on earth and for the adventurous few, retrace Shackleton’s epic crossing from King Haakon Bay to Stromness.

**Highlights**
- Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness a solar eclipse in Antarctica
- In South Georgia, retrace Shackleton’s legendary mountain crossing (on foot) – additional cost
- Glide past glittering grounded bergs on your kayaking adventures in Antarctica – additional cost
- Encounter fur seal bulls guarding their territories in South Georgia

**Solar Eclipse in Antarctica**

**Antarctic Peninsula, South Orkneys, South Georgia, Falklands-Malvinas | 22 Days**

**Optional Activities**
- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Snowshoeing
- Shackleton’s Crossing

**Included Activities**
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Research Stations
Itinerary Overview

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

DAY 3 Enjoy informative talks and presentations, and watch out for seabirds as you cross the Drake Passage.

DAY 4 By late afternoon, glimpse your first iceberg as you reach the South Shetland Islands on the Antarctic Peninsula.

DAYS 5–9 Be mesmerised by the frozen continent. Walk among handsome chinstrap and peaceful gentoo penguins. Kayakers paddle through glassy channels or Zodiac-cruise amid grounded bergs and watch for blows of humpback, minke and orcas. Pinch yourself, you’re on the world’s most spectacular continent!

DAY 10 Weather-permitting, we set course for Elephant Island and hear the story of how Shackleton’s ship the Endurance was crushed in the pack ice in the Weddell Sea. We then move our ship into prime position for the eagerly awaited solar eclipse.

DAY 11 According to NASA, the optimum position to experience the solar eclipse is well into the Weddell Sea with the instant of greatest eclipse taking place on December 04 at approximately 0734 hours.

DAYS 12–13 Days at sea offer opportunities for talks and presentations ahead of your arrival to South Georgia.

DAYS 14–17 Over the following days, enjoy mid-spring in South Georgia. Hear the heroic story of Shackleton and his men and retrace Shackleton’s epic voyage and perhaps hike from Fortuna Bay to Stromness. Natural history experts and polar specialists share their knowledge, kayakers enjoy extended paddling excursions. Enjoy Zodiac-cruises, walk amongst the world’s largest king penguin colonies and beaches crammed with fur seals where bulls fight to defend their territories. South Georgia will leave you with long-lasting memories and stories of adventure to share.

DAYS 18–19 There’s ample time to compare and edit photos, enjoy a massage, or stay active in the fitness centre on the journey to Stanley.

DAY 20 Discover historic Stanley, the Falkland’s~Malvinas British capital.

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

DAY 22 Bid farewell to new friends before disembarking in Ushuaia,

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Featuring Total Solar Eclipse

Occasionally, as the moon orbits earth, it passes between the sun and earth, blocking the sun’s light and casting a shadow across the earth’s surface. This is called a solar eclipse. The eclipse we hope to see in Antarctica is a total solar eclipse, which is only visible from a small area on earth. Those who are able to see the total eclipse are in the centre of the moon’s shadow when it hits earth. A total solar eclipse is in itself special but to possibly experience it in Antarctica, it’s truly a once-in-a-lifetime.

1 Adélie penguins make the most of the early season ice, Antarctica; R.I’Anson
2 Be one of few to witness the solar eclipse in Antarctica
3 A total solar eclipse in Antarctica
Extend your Antarctic adventure

From the exciting cities of Santiago and Buenos Aires to the spectacular Iguazu Falls, fascinating Easter Island, picturesque Atacama Desert, and the astonishing wildlife of the Galápagos Islands, South America offers something for everyone. The natural beauty, diverse culture, rich traditions, fascinating history and scenic splendours are just some of the wonderful experiences you’ll encounter on your travels.

**SANTIAGO & VALPARAISO CITY STAY**

Make an easy connection in Chile’s capital Santiago and enjoy its dramatic setting surrounded by the nearby Andes. Taste the superb cuisine, explore nearby vineyards, and soak up the street art and creative energy in UNESCO-protected Valparaiso.

**ECUADOR’S GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS**

Ecuador is one of the most diverse and colourful corners of the planet and the pinnacle of its natural attractions is the Galápagos Islands. On a small ship Galápagos Island tour, each day brings exciting adventures: picture yourself with a giant tortoise, snorkel or kayak with sea lions and trek across ancient lava flows dotted with iguanas.
Easter Island, or Rapa Nui, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and national park offering a wide range of natural attractions and historical sites. Easter Island is the most remote inhabited island on the planet – 3,600 kilometres away from the nearest inhabited point along the Chilean coast. Spend time exploring the island and uncovering the famous archaeological mysteries.

Atacama Desert

Amazing landscapes await you in this fascinating area. The Atacama Desert is the driest desert in the world and a visit there is a truly unique experience. Spend three nights in private atmospheric lodging of your choice at the memorable Awasi Hotel, with a guide and vehicle at your disposal allowing excursions to be customised.

Buenos Aires & Iguazu Falls

As the perfect stopover before or after your Antarctic voyage, Argentina’s capital is synonymous with tango, football fever, world-class cuisine, wine and political passion. Iguazu Falls is an extraordinary natural wonder that you shouldn’t miss.

Speak to our experts to customise your adventure or visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/antarctica-extend for more extension options.
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Sail the legendary Beagle Channel and marvel at the snow-covered Andean peaks of rugged Patagonia. Zodiac-cruise through fjords flanked by glaciers and watch as the captain skillfully navigates narrow channels while you keep watch for acrobatic dolphins, penguins, and seals. If we’re very lucky we may see humpbacks and blue whales. Enthusiastic birdwatchers will be busy photographing species that might include imperial cormorants, flightless steamer ducks, tree-runners, woodpeckers and condors.

**Highlights**
- Look for the abundant wildlife in and around the waters of Francisco Coloane Marine Park, declared in 2003 as Chile’s first marine park
- Revel in the dramatic landscape along a dazzling stretch of the famous Beagle Channel called Glacier Alley
- Spend two days hiking and exploring in Torres del Paine National Park, renowned for its majestic granite towers and jaw-dropping landscapes
Itinerary Overview

DAYS 1–2 Arrive in Ushuaia and make your own way to our downtown group hotel. Enjoy a city tour before boarding the Greg Mortimer in the late afternoon to begin sailing the Beagle Channel.

DAY 3 Sail the legendary Beagle Channel enjoying the breathtaking scenery along Glacier Alley.

DAY 4 In the wildlife-rich waters in and around Francisco Coloane Marine Park, enjoy Zodiac-cruising among breathtaking scenery spotting marine birds, dolphins and hopefully, whales.

DAY 5 We may sail through Montañas Fjords and navigate Kirke Narrows to reach Puerto Natales.

DAYS 6–7 Spend two days hiking and exploring in Torres del Paine National Park, renowned for its majestic granite towers and jaw-dropping landscape. Overnight in a hotel just outside of the national park.

DAY 8 Navigate White Narrows before reaching PIO XI glacier for a Zodiac-cruise. The glacier is one of the most spectacular in Patagonia and also one of the only glaciers that’s advancing rather than receding.

DAY 9 Discover Puerto Eden, a small isolated hamlet connected by wooden walkways. Navigate the English Narrows as we continue our voyage through Patagonia.

DAYS 10–11 Over the next few days, enjoy the spectacular scenery as we sail through channels of northern Patagonia before reaching the Moraleda Channel. Spend time on deck looking for whales, dolphins and seabirds, while admiring the beautiful landscapes of the surrounding islands and the maze of channels. Spend time looking for wildlife around Melinka Island and perhaps enjoy a hike to study the birdlife and vegetation of the area’s dense temperate woodlands.

DAYS 12–13 Spend time exploring the coastline of Tic-Toc Bay, perhaps by Zodiac-cruise. The waters in this whole area are renowned for the seasonal presence of blue whales and other species of cetaceans, marine mammals, and seabirds. Discover Castro, the capital of Chiloé province, on excursions that reveal the town’s main attractions including the famous UNESCO World Heritage-listed timber churches dotted throughout Chiloé. Enjoy a delicious traditional curánto lunch where local potatoes, seafood and sausage are slow-cooked in the earth until tender.

DAY 14 Disembark in Puerto Montt, capital of The Lake District surrounded by volcanoes, where you can extend your stay or continue your journey with an airport transfer.

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For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/patagonia-and-chilean-fjords

Featuring Torres del Paine National Park

A visit to Torres del Paine National Park is an unmissable opportunity for nature lovers. With soaring mountain peaks, hanging lakes, expansive skies and encounters with guanacos and condors, the experience will leave you with a renewed respect for the immense beauty of nature.
For a tiny country, Costa Rica punches way above its weight. A precious jewellery-box of a nation renowned for its incredible biodiversity, the ‘rich coast’ is bursting with wildlife, pristine beaches, and rainforests that potentially hold the key to curing many of the world’s diseases. Combine the rich adventures of Costa Rica with a guaranteed daylight crossing of the Panama Canal, one of humanity’s greatest engineering marvels, and you have a journey not to be missed. The voyage ends in UNESCO-listed Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, considered by many travellers to be one of the most beautiful old colonial towns in all of South America – a perfect place to complete your voyage.

### Highlights
- A chance of spotting all four of Costa Rica’s monkey species: howler, spider, capuchin and squirrel
- Hiking in some of the world’s most biodiverse rainforests filled with colourful flora and fauna where you’re very likely to see sloths
- On snorkelling excursions, encounter dazzling marine life often only seen by scuba divers, in some of the world’s best spots, including Panama’s UNESCO-protected Coiba National Park

### Optional Activities
- Sea Kayaking
- Scuba Diving
- Stand-up Paddleboarding

### Included Activities
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Birdwatching
- Snorkelling
We are thrilled that Greg and Margaret will be escorting this exciting voyage. Greg says, “I am drawn to this voyage because I have heard so much about the glory of Costa Rica’s National Parks and the success they have had as a tiny peaceful nation sandwiched between troubled nations, and making a virtue of their natural wonders and biodiversity. And it would be very cool to go through the Panama Canal.”

**Itinerary Overview**

**DAY 1** In San Jose, make your own way to our group hotel.

**DAY 2** Drive two hours west to Puerto Caldera to embark the Greg Mortimer. In the afternoon, the turquoise waters around Isla Tortuga (Turtle Island), offer inviting opportunities to snorkel, kayak, and paddleboard.

**DAY 3** Corú National Wildlife Refuge is a privately owned and managed nature reserve offering visitors some of the best ecotourism experiences in Costa Rica. Seventeen hiking trails wind through the varied terrain and you may catch a glimpse of armadillo, iguanas, and monkeys.

**DAY 4** Boasting over 100 species of mammals, 184 species of birds and a plethora of diverse flora, Manuel Antonio National Park is a paradise for wildlife lovers. Costa Rica’s star attractions – sloths, white-faced monkeys and toucans – may all be found on hikes. The stunning white sand beaches are perfect for snorkelling, kayaking, and paddleboarding.

**DAY 5** Located on the untamed Osa Peninsula, Corcovado National Park is considered one of the most biologically intense places on earth. We visit a private reserve adjoining the national park as well as nearby Caño Island Biological Reserve, considered one of the best dive sites in the country.

**DAY 6** In Gulfo Dulce we visit a private reserve called Casa Orchideas, adjacent to Piedras Blancas National Park. Enjoy a hike in Casa Orchideas and appreciate the colourful orchids, heliconias, palms and tropical birds. The warm waters in the gulf are a popular playground for dolphins – perfect for snorkelling, paddleboarding and kayaking.

**DAY 7** We sail through the islands of Panama’s Coiba National Park, a UNESCO-protected marine reserve comprising 38 islands. We aim to stop at Granito de Oro islet, one of the best dive and snorkelling spots in the world.

**DAY 8** Wander the streets of Panama City’s old quarter in Casco Viejo, discover the wildlife on Gatú Lake, or perhaps learn about the history of the Panama Canal at Miraflores Visitor Centre.

**DAY 9** Crossing the Panama Canal will surely be a highlight for many travellers. Each year, over a million people visit the canal to witness this engineering marvel at work.

**DAY 10** Enjoy presentations from our team or relax as we sail to Cartagena.

**DAY 11** Farewell your expedition team and disembark in Cartagena de Indias, a UNESCO-protected city. Enjoy a tour of the colourful old quarter before transferring to your group hotel.

**DAY 12** Enjoy the morning at your leisure until check-out.

**Important note:** Due to strict regulations enforced by local environmental authorities to conserve and protect the pristine places visited on this voyage, permits can be cancelled by authorities at any time with very little notice. Under such circumstances, Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to change our itineraries with little or no prior notice.

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1 Expeditioner hikes through Costa Rica’s vibrant tropical jungle
2 Enjoy close encounters with the cheeky squirrel monkey, Costa Rica
3 Margaret and Greg Mortimer, will escort the ‘Costa Rica and Panama Canal’ voyage
Wild Scotland
Hebrides, Orkney & Shetland Islands | 11 Days

From the Hebrides in the west, to inhospitable windswept specks of land like St Kilda and Foula, and to the Orkney and Shetland islands in the north, we’ll explore the intriguing diversity of Scotland’s wild islands. We plan to take in Neolithic sites scarcely changed in 5,000 years, and ponder the mystery of circles of huge standing-stones. We visit picturesque villages, amazingly sculptured coastlines, birders will delight in Europe’s largest seabird colonies and the Orkney Islands will please whisky amateurs with a wee dram of Scotland’s finest!

Highlights
- Visit World Heritage-listed St Kilda for Britain’s highest sea cliffs, birdlife and amazing archaeology
- Take a Zodiac ride to Staffa’s world-famous Fingal’s Cave
- Discover the Shetland Islands and their fascinating history
- Look out for dolphins, seals and basking sharks
- Kayak through sea caves and lochs (additional cost)

Optional Activities
- Sea Kayaking
- Stand-up Paddleboarding
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Birdwatching
- Village & Town Tours
- UNESCO heritage-listed sites
Itinerary Overview

DAY 1  Make your own way to Oban port and board the Greg Mortimer in the late afternoon, before setting sail along Scotland’s northwest coast.

DAYS 2–3  From golden beaches to jagged peaks, bleak moors, and heather clad hills; from abandoned settlements to picturesque villages, our days in the Inner Hebrides archipelago will be packed with variety. We plan to visit Iona and learn about the spread of Christianity through the United Kingdom. At Staffa, discover the perfectly formed basalt columns for which it is named and search for puffin around Lunga. A landing at the Isle of Skye is sure to please history buffs as they listen to tales of Vikings who took refuge here. Explore remote lochs beneath some of Britain’s most untamed mountains and wander between unusual rock formations. Watch for whales, dolphins, otters, seals, and the increasingly rare basking sharks. We may land at an island reserve, home to red deer and white-tailed sea eagles.

DAYS 4–6  From the coastal inner Hebrides, we sail to the Outer Hebrides that stretch for 209 kilometres (130 miles). The Isles include the St Kilda Archipelago, home to Europe’s most important seabird colony and Britain’s highest sea stacks (rock columns).

DAYS 7–8  Britain’s most northerly islands, the Shetland Islands, lie almost 160 kilometres (99 miles) north of the Scottish mainland, at a similar latitude to the southern tip of Greenland, or Bergen in Norway. Kept relatively warm by the Gulf Stream, Shetland’s 100 islands experience almost 24-hours of daylight in summer. Abound with nature reserves and archaeological sites that offer a sample of traditional island culture.

DAYS 9–10  Midway between Orkney and Shetland, Fair Isle houses a major European ornithological research station and is also famous for knitwear, historic shipwrecks, and is surrounded by impressive cliffs. A birdwatchers’ paradise, Fair Isle lies at the intersection of major bird flight-paths from Scandinavia, Iceland, and Faroe. Discover Kirkwall, capital of the Orkneys and visit unique Skara Brae, a semi-subterranean village dating back about 5,000 years.

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

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Add stand-up paddleboarding

Experienced paddlers can explore Scotland’s waters on a stand-up paddleboard. As you paddle, spot birds perched on the rocky, jagged cliffs, and picturesque villages or abandoned buildings still standing on the rolling green hills. Speak to our experts at time of booking or visit auroraexpeditions.com.au.

1 Paddle through the seas caves and by the rugged coast line of Scotland; A.Bakker
2 The Feather Store on the now abandoned island of St Kilda, Outer Hebrides, Scotland
3 Experience Scotland from a paddleboard; A.Bakker
Patagonia Discovery Trek

Los Glaciares & Torres del Paine | 10 Days

Discover the wilderness of Chile and Argentina, home to world-famous national parks, pale blue glacial lakes, inquisitive wildlife and mesmerising glaciers. Eagles and condors put on a show, gliding above soaring ice-tipped peaks. Orchids and songbirds will complement your walks through pristine beech forests and you may experience calving glaciers and grazing guanacos as you explore the Pampas.

Highlights
- Take a stunning Zodiac-cruise along Chile’s Serrano River
- Sit mesmerised by Nordenskjold Lake, just one of the many azure lakes and milky tarns visited
- Enjoy close encounters with resident guanacos
- Trek to ice-tipped Cerro Torre and Fitz Roy

Itinerary Overview

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

DAY 2 Drive across the Pampas to Puerto Natales, gateway to Torres del Paine National Park.

DAY 3 Travel by boat on the Seno Última Esperanza (Last Hope Sound) and stop at the Balmaceda Glacier. Then, Zodiac up the Serrano River toward Torres del Paine National Park, taking in the spectacular scenery en route.

Hiking time per day: approx. 7–8 hours

DAY 6 Cross the border into Argentina and to the town of El Chalten, situated in the heart of the Los Glaciares National Park.

DAYS 7–8 Hike to the base camps of Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre. The dramatic rock spires are sure to impress. The beautiful valleys hold crystal-clear streams and are home to a multitude of birdlife.
Hiking time per day: approx. 7–8 hours

DAY 9 Head to El Calafate, ‘national capital of the glaciers’ and visit Perito Moreno Glacier before a farewell dinner.

DAY 10 Your Patagonia trek concludes upon check-out.

Please note: This itinerary also operates in the reverse direction from El Calafate to Punta Arenas, and El Calafate to El Calafate.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/destination/patagonia

Trek Grade

2

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

Departure dates

Our treks operate on selected dates October 2019 – February 2020 and November 2020 – April 2021. Turn to page 93 for full details. Treks are subject to minimum capacity.
**Torres del Paine Explorer**

**Torres del Paine & Punta Arenas | 10 Days**

Ascend through the Ascencio Valley along the renowned W Trail to the base of the dramatic Towers of Paine for a view you won’t forget in a hurry! We spend time discovering the spectacular trails along the French Valley and Villa Serrano, as well as keeping our eyes peeled for ostrich-like rheas, condors, flamingos and guanacos.

**Itinerary Overview**

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

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

**DAY 3** Travel by boat on the Seno Última Esperanza and stop at the Balmaceda Glacier. Then, Zodiac up the Serrano River toward Torres del Paine National Park, taking in the spectacular scenery en route.

**DAY 4** Spend time exploring the spectacular trek along the Lazo-Weber trail.

**DAYS 5–8** Over the next few days, take in some of the highlights of the national park, including treks along the W Trail to the French Valley and the base of the impressive Torres del Paine. There will also be plenty of wildlife watching opportunities with a good chance of a close encounter with condors, as well as sighting guanacos, rheas, flamingos and perhaps even the elusive Patagonian puma!

_Hiking time per day: approx. 7–8 hours_

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

**DAY 10** Today your trek will end in Punta Arenas, where you may choose to continue your adventure.

**Trek Grade**

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

**Highlights**

- Experience the exquisite Ascencio Valley on the W Trail to the soaring granite Towers of Paine
- Trek breathtaking trails in the French Valley and Villa Serrano
- Sit mesmerised by Nordenskjold Lake, just one of the many azure lakes and milky tarns visited

**Departure dates**

Our treks operate on selected dates January – March 2020 and January – March 2021. Turn to page 93 for full details.

_Treks are subject to minimum capacity._
This journey is the perfect introduction for hikers keen to explore the roof of the world. With the assistance of local Sherpas, helicopters and staying in comfortable Yeti mountain homes, this is trekking in style.

**Itinerary Overview**

**DAYS 1–2** Settle in and visit some of Kathmandu’s major sites.

**DAY 3** Enjoy spectacular views on your group’s exclusive, short helicopter flight to Lukla, gateway to Mount Everest. Trek to Monjo, a mostly downwards trek through lush green valleys. **Trekking time: approx. 4–5 hours. Max altitude: 2,652 metres (8,700 feet).**

**DAY 4** Trek to Namche Bazaar. On the way up, you will pass a waterfall, cross-steel suspension bridges, and come across Thamserku Mountain. **Trekking time: approx. 5–6 hours. Max altitude: 3,440 metres (11,286 feet).**

**DAY 5** Relax with a rest day in Namche Bazaar, a popular spot for hikers to acclimatise.

**DAY 6** On the way to Thame, pass beautiful old Sherpa villages and traditional houses. **Trekking time: approx. 4–5 hours. Max altitude: 3,780 metres (12,401 feet).**

**DAY 7** Walk through the small bamboo and rhododendron forest to Kongde, a favourite destination for keen hikers. **Trekking time: approx. 6–7 hours. Max altitude: 4,270 metres (14,009 feet).**

**DAY 8** Enjoy a rest day in Kongde or take a guided hike to the peak for panoramic Everest views. **Trekking time: approx. 2 hours. Max altitude: 4,650 metres (15,255 feet).**

**DAY 9** Soak up the views at your lodge before boarding your private helicopter for your flight back down to Kathmandu.

**DAYS 10–11** Enjoy some leisurely time in Kathmandu before you depart.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/nepal

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**Highlights**

- Views of the Himalayan Mountains from your scenic helicopter flights
- Exploring the colourful high altitude town of Namche Bazaar, nestled at the base of the sacred Mount Khumbila
- Visiting old Sherpa villages and learning about their way of life
- Enjoying views of Everest from your breakfast table

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**Trek Grade**

Most demanding trek, challenging terrain; can have multiple long +5-hour hiking days. Likely to be impacted by high altitude. Extensive hiking experience required.

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1 Spectacular views of the Himalayas from Everest Base Camp
2 Expeditioners trek to Annapurna Base Camp with the stunning backdrop of the Himalayan mountains
Annapurna Base Camp

Himalayas | 15 Days

The setting of Annapurna Base Camp at 4,130 metres is unique and incredibly spectacular, set amid the majestic peaks of Annapurna I (8,091 metres/26,309 feet), Annapurna South (7,219 metres/23,684 feet), Machapuchre (6,997 metres/22,956 feet) and several other peaks. Stay at lodges and resorts throughout your journey.

Itinerary Overview

DAYS 1–2 Explore Kathmandu before you start your journey.

DAY 3 Marvel at the Annapurna Himalayan Range as you fly to Pokhara. Trekking time: none. Max altitude: 800 metres (2,625 feet).

DAY 4 Drive to Nayapul then begin an easy walk to Thikhedunga. Trekking time: approx. 3 hours. Max altitude: 1,525 metres (5,003 feet).

DAY 5 Trek to Ghorepani, firstly up a steep stone staircase to Ulleri, then through magnificent rhododendron and oak forests. Trekking time: approx. 5–7 hours. Max altitude: 2,800 metres (9,186 feet).

DAY 6 Soak up panoramic views and a brilliant sunrise at Poon Hill viewing point, before your trek to Tadapani. Trekking time: approx. 5–6 hours. Max altitude: 3,210 metres (10,531 feet).

DAYS 7–8 Trek through forests, fields, across suspension bridges and over stone staircases, firstly to Chhumrung, then Dovan. Trekking time: approx. 4–5 hours. Max altitude: 2,630 metres (8,629 feet).

DAY 9 Embark on a silent jungle walk to Deurali. Trekking time: approx. 6–7 hours. Max altitude: 3,230 metres (10,597 feet).

DAY 10 Trek to Annapurna Base Camp today. Be rewarded with spectacular views of White Mountains, and giant Annapurna. Trekking time: approx. 5–6 hours. Max altitude: 4,130 metres (13,550 feet).

DAYS 11–12 Descend to Dovan and then on to Jhinu. There will be some time to soak your tired muscles in the hot springs. Trekking time: approx. 6–7 hours. Max altitude: 2,310 metres (7,579 feet).

DAY 13 Your final trek today will lead you to Nayapul, before driving back to Pokhara. Trekking time: approx. 4–5 hours.

DAYS 14–15 Fly to Kathmandu and enjoy some free time before departing.

Trek Grade

Most demanding trek, challenging terrain; can have multiple long +5-hour hiking days. Likely to be impacted by high altitude. Extensive hiking experience required.

Highlights

- A rewarding sunrise at Poon Hill viewing point
- Awaken your senses with a silent jungle walk
- Pinch yourself as you stand at Annapurna Base Camp, showing you the best 360-degree view in the world
- Trek through a variety of landscapes, from rice fields to oak forests, over stone staircases and suspension bridges

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As we sail through Svalbard waters watch for the elusive polar bear hunting on the pack ice. Capture photographs of Arctic birdlife on the uninhabited islands in Franz Josef Land. Follow in the footsteps of mighty Vikings as we travel through the windswept and wonderful Orkney Islands. Zodiac-cruise through drifting pack ice, keeping an eye out for inquisitive seals and breaching whales. Share stories and learn firsthand about Inuit life in Greenland communities. Explore the fjords of Iceland and be in awe of Europe’s largest glacier. If lucky, catch a glimpse of the bright night sky of the aurora borealis on our Inuit Arctic and Beyond voyage.

Intrepid expeditioners can immerse themselves in a whirlwind world of wildlife, nature and unique activities when travelling to these incredible destinations. Our intimate tours and small ship brings us closer to heart of the Arctic, while our specialist team works tirelessly to ensure you get the most out of your time with us.

Browse through the pages ahead and discover our range of exciting Arctic itineraries. For more information visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/arctic.
Dramatic contrast of red rock and towering icebergs, Bear Island ; R. Day.

Wildlife Encounters
**SVALBARD**
Immerse yourself in an Arctic wonderland of calving glaciers, alpine peaks, tundra and seabird cliffs. Push north into pack ice in search of walrus and polar bears. Kayak through brash ice, past dauntingly big ice bergs, and spot the occasional bearded seal or beluga.

**ICELAND**
Iceland is home to countless fjords and some of Europe’s largest glaciers, impressive waterfalls, geothermal hot springs, steaming geysers and active volcanoes. Nature lovers can enjoy hiking trails, volcanic black sand beaches and encounter puffin-covered bird cliffs.

**GREENLAND**
Feast on tundra berries, experience Inuit culture and Paleo–Eskimo sites in the shadow of the second largest ice cap on earth. Photograph musk ox and dazzling icebergs, kayak through fjords, climb to remote summits* and Zodiac through crystalline waters.

**FRANZ JOSEF LAND**
This rarely visited archipelago of 191 islands features bird cliffs alive with little auk, guillemots, fulmars and kittiwakes walrus haulouts and roaming polar bears. Geological oddities like magma towers are a photographer’s dream.

**FAROE ISLANDS**
Situated in the North Atlantic Ocean between Scotland and Iceland, the Faroe Islands are an idyllic escape. With verdant valleys, and waterfalls cascading into the wild North Atlantic Ocean, it’s a wondrous place to hike, kayak* and Zodiac-cruise. Birdlovers will delight in the kittiwakes, fulmars and puffins.

**EAST COAST CANADA**
Newfoundland and Labrador are largely untouched. The spectacular Torngat Mountains are an Inuit homeland L’Anse aux Meadows hosts the remains of a Viking settlement, with a rich history combined with stunning landscape and wildlife.

* Additional cost applies.
The Arctic Expedition Specialists

There’s only so much you can learn about a place from an internet search. That’s why we’re proud to welcome our coveted team of onboard guides and specialists who work hard to give you the most enriching experience possible. From expedition leaders to historians, activity guides to photographers, all add unparalleled value to your expedition and all are extremely passionate about the Arctic.

Learn about the ancient Viking traditions of the Faroe Islands through onshore guided walks with our historian. Immerse yourself in arctic adventure with one of our activity guides. Learn what makes the incredible rock formations of Greenland so rich and red from our geologist. Join our onboard naturalist to discover fascinating facts about the Arctic’s incredible wildlife and the wild tundra these animals call home. You can have the most authentic expedition experience thanks to our very knowledgeable and experienced expedition team.

Join one of our voyages and experience for yourself how our onboard expedition team can turn your trip into a voyage of a lifetime.

Meet the rest of the team and to find out more about our specialists visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/team

CHRISTIAN GENILLARD
Expedition Leader

Christian has spent the past 30 years sailing the polar regions and knows that the best way to explore some of the world’s wildest places is by sea. He has sailed from Spitsbergen to Newfoundland, worked on Round the World and America’s Cup races, and journeyed to Antarctica on a 13-metre yacht. Since 2002, Christian has devoted his time to the poles, sharing his passion while guiding and lecturing on board expeditions to some of the most remote and wild destinations on our planet.

DR GARY MILLER
Expedition Leader & Naturalist

Gary has a masters in zoology and a PhD in ecology and has spent 30 years exploring the polar regions. In Antarctica, he studied the behaviour, genetics and ecology of the south polar skua as well as Adélie, gentoo, chinstrap, royal, king and emperor penguins! With 18 seasons of experience in the Arctic, seven in Scotland and more than 25 in the Antarctic, his knowledge and passion for wildlife and nature is second to none. Gary is always willing to share his extensive wildlife knowledge with our curious passengers.

DR ROGER KIRKWOOD
Expedition Leader & Naturalist

Roger has been exploring polar regions for over 30 years and has been a naturalist and Expedition Leader for Aurora Expeditions since 1999. As a marine biologist, Roger has published over 100 scientific and public articles and four books. In 2013, Roger moved to the Netherlands. He spent three years on the Wadden Sea island of Texel leading a Wageningen Marine Research team that studied human impacts on marine mammals in the Wadden and North seas. Roger loves his work and is always keen to share his extensive wildlife knowledge with our curious passengers.
CAROL KNOTT
Archaeologist & Historian
Carol received her master’s in archaeology and history from the University of Glasgow and went on to excavate some of England’s greatest medieval, Tudor and Jacobean sites. She has spent the last 25 years as a field archaeologist, focusing on the region’s remote offshore islands and the resilient communities that lived there from the earliest times. Carol’s studies include cultures throughout Scandinavia and the North Atlantic, as well as the exploration of the polar regions.

DR. PETER LOVELL
Doctor & Aurora Expeditions Medical Adviser
Rural, remote and expedition medicine have been the mainstays of Peter’s career. He has also held placements around the world, practising medicine in Ireland, the Solomon Islands, New Zealand, the Southern and Indian oceans, as well as working as an Antarctic medical practitioner at Casey Station for the Australian Antarctic Division. Peter’s love for the great outdoors doesn’t stop with his career. He is also an avid bush walker, rock climber, diver and sailor.

MATT EDWARDS
Kayak Guide
For more than a decade Matt has organised and conducted custom adventures for keen expeditioners, leading them on kayaking expeditions to Iceland, Greenland, Svalbard, Antarctica, Fiji, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Alaska, and British Columbia. He is a certified backcountry ski guide, a certified sea kayak guide and a surf instructor. Matt looks forward to sharing his passion for adventure as you discover some of the most wonderful wilderness areas on the planet together.

"The team were incredible...their love and passion for the Arctic was infectious and a joy to be around."

N KUMAR, ARCTIC 2018

1 Dr Gary Miller briefs our expeditioners before they commence their hike, Harefjord; M Baynes
The Arctic: when to go & what to see

EARLY SUMMER

In early summer, the Arctic enjoys longer periods of daylight, and warmer temperatures begin to melt the snow onshore and the pack ice offshore. Our expedition vessel is able to push further north, to North Spitsbergen in Svalbard, to reveal what the Arctic has to offer. Great whales, like minke, humpacks and occasionally blues, come by the coasts.

At this time of year, ringed and bearded seals have just finished raising their pups on the pack ice. Their gathering numbers attract polar bears, which having fasted for much of the winter, patrol the pack ice in search of food. Walrus feed in the waters near shore and rest on ice-floes and selected beaches. As the sun returns, so too do the enormous numbers of seabirds, like kittiwakes, little auks and guillemots, coming to feed in the rich waters and to breed on the coastal cliffs.

Early summer in Scotland sees bird cliffs come alive with puffins, kittiwakes, razorbills, gannets and fulmars. Grey and harbour seals rest on rocky shores, and white-sided dolphins swim in search of food through channels between the many islands.

Early summer in the far north is a great time to take advantage of the crisp air for hiking, kayaking, photography and brave the icy water when diving and snorkelling*

MIDSUMMER

By mid July, summer is in full swing and that means the Arctic is alive with activity and adventure. The western side of Svalbard sheds its icy sheath and the passage to Greenland opens, tundra flowers bloom and the landscape becomes awash with bursts of colours. The amazing plant life and beautiful flowers, so well adapted to life in the cold, is a feature of summer in the Arctic.

Glacier fronts begin to move, with occasional colossal calvings. Ice sculptures in whites and iridescent blues soar high, creating impressive silhouettes at every angle. The shorelines of rocky, glacier-carved cliffs are spectacular.

Such beauty can be enjoyed while Zodiac-cruising or hiking through the Arctic, where guests may see reindeer and arctic foxes in Svalbard, or musk ox in Greenland. Every visit brings a unique surprise.

Across the Arctic during this time, eggs are hatching and chicks are growing fast. The seabird cliffs are sites of boisterous activity with parents coming and going. Many species of geese and ducks are out and about surrounded by squadrons of sprinting chicks — now you see them; now you don’t. Stealthy arctic foxes in their mottled-brown summer coats, are constantly on the search for a meal, occasionally with playful pups in tow. Keep a look out for polar bears in search of food and mums teaching their cubs to hunt.

LATE SUMMER

As the sun begins to retreat south, periods of darkness lengthen and the elusive aurora borealis occasionally comes out to play. It doesn’t appear every night, but weather permitting, lucky expeditioners can watch as the sky hosts to dancing brilliant whites, greens, yellows and occasionally, pinks.

While keeping one eye on the sky, keep the other on the amazing wildlife. Reindeer are making the most of abundant vegetation before it becomes covered by snow. The seabird cliffs are becoming quiet as adults and fledglings head out to sea in giant flocks. At this time of the year we may see polar bears roaming the pack ice, proud walruses showing off their offspring and humpback, minke, sei and blue whales as they continue to feed close to shore.

For more information about the Arctic seasons visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/arctic-seasons
The Arctic's top experiences

▲ ENTER THE KINGDOM OF...
Largest of the world’s carnivores, the polar bear is a marine mammal that lives in the Arctic. Best chances for sightings are from the ship, among pack ice north of Svalbard and around Franz Josef Land. Here, bears roam the ice, hunting bearded and ringed seals.

▼ VIKING COUNTRY
L’Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site, the first cultural site in the world to receive UNESCO World Heritage status, is the remains of a Viking settlement established over 1,000 years ago. Stand where Vikings once stood and hear heroic and tragic tales of Thor and Erik the Red.

1 Expeditioner enjoys the breathtaking view of Scoresbysund, Greenland; M.Baynes
2 Spot polar bears as they hunt for their next meal; A.Seafarer
3 Visit the remote village, Ittoqqortoormiit, East Greenland; M.Baynes
4 Learn the history of the UNESCO World Heritage Site – L’Anse aux Meadows National History Site

◆ SCORESBYSUND
Trek to glorious vantage points, Zodiac-cruise among spectacular landscapes, paddle kayaks through one of the world’s longest, largest and deepest (average depth 500 metres) fjord systems. Experience Inuit culture, towering peaks, polar bears, seals, musk ox, incandescent sunsets and icebergs.

▼ ITTOQQORTOORMIIT – GET INUIT!
Visit Greenland’s most remote settlement, home to some 450 mostly Inuit people. Cut off by ice for at least nine months each year, its people rely on hunting and fishing as the mainstays of the town. The town includes a small museum that displays local crafts, and local people share Inuit culture.

* Additional cost applies
West Greenland Explorer

West Greenland | 11 Days

Boasting the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, West Greenland offers an adventure-filled experience that includes thrilling Zodiac-cruises along gleaming ice-filled fjords, unbeatable photographic opportunities and meeting Inuit locals living in some of the world’s most remote environments. Kayakers will glide across gleaming waters teeming with whales, while being surrounded by towering fjords. Hiking trails reveal stunning vistas of the icebergs as they approach the bay.

**Highlights**
- Explore the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Enjoy thrilling Zodiac-cruises to glaciers, amongst icebergs, and along rugged coastlines
- Discover the cultural attractions in Nuuk, one of the world’s northernmost and remote cosmopolitan capital cities
- The word “kayak” is said to originate from Greenland, so jump in and paddle across clear waters and get even closer to nature (additional cost)

**Optional Activities**
- Sea Kayaking

**Included Activities**
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
Itinerary Overview

DAYS 1–2 Arrive in Nuuk and transfer to our group hotel. On Day 2 discover Nuuk on a city tour, embark the Greg Mortimer to commence your voyage.

DAYS 3–10 Over the coming days, you will discover the immense beauty of west Greenland. In true expeditionary style, we plan to visit the following places:

Sisimiut: Greenland’s second largest town, Sisimiut is the only place in Greenland that has an open-air public swimming pool. The town is also famous for its old blue church with the gate made from whale jaws. The museum in Sisimiut exhibiting early life in Greenland, allows you to experience local history as well as some cultural historical treats. There are various hiking trails, some of which venture into the mountains that offer spectacular vantage points.

Ilulissat: Nature puts on one of its finest displays in Ilulissat with mountainous icebergs drifting from one of the most productive glaciers in the Northern Hemisphere and out into Disko Bay. A short distance south of town is the mind-blowing Ilulissat Icefjord, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004 and home to one of the most actively calving glaciers in the world, Sermeq Kujalleq. Perhaps enjoy a Zodiac-cruise at the mouth of the fjord and kayak through sea ice and icebergs. Hiking trails offer magnificent vistas of the icebergs – perfect for photography. An optional flight over the fjord offers unforgettable views.

Eqi Sermia: Accessible only by sea, Eqi glacier is located 80 kilometres north of Ilulissat. It’s one of the most active glaciers in Greenland. Although it’s smaller than Sermeq Kujalleq glacier in Ilulissat, it’s more accessible. If ice conditions permit, we’ll Zodiac-cruise within a safe distance to wait for chunks of ice to calve, and to hear the deafening crash of the ice breaking off followed by the huge splash when it hits the water – an experience you won’t forget quickly. A hike to the glacier offers a different view.

Uummannaq: Surrounded by steep islands, and an endless supply of icebergs from the Qaraq Glacier, Uummannaq (meaning “heart-like”) is the centrepiece of the archipelago – a great place for hiking, kayaking and Zodiac-cruising to explore the coastline.

Disko Island: A volcanic island, much younger than the rest of Greenland, Disko Island (or Qeqertarsuaq in Greenlandic) rose up from the continental split where Iceland is now located. Disko Island has many natural features including mountains, hot springs and excellent hiking trails. Rich with marine life, the waters around the island hosts, humpback, fin, minke and bowhead whales – perfect for Zodiac-cruising and encounters with whales.

DAY 11 Disembark in Nuuk where you can extend your stay or continue on with your journey.

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Featuring Photography

Greenland is one of the most interesting places on earth to hone your photography skills. From the dramatic and surreal frozen landscapes to capturing elegant and soaring birds, or composing a close-up portrait, you’ll learn handy tips from our experts on how to take your photography to another level. Regardless of your skill level or experience, you’ll not only learn from our experts but also from studying each other’s photos.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/west-greenland-explorer.
Iceland Circumnavigation

Iceland | 11 Days

Situated in the Atlantic Ocean, Iceland is a remote volcanic island with mind-blowing landscapes and fascinating culture and history to please even the most discerning traveller. With most of the country uninhabited, the landscape is characterised by volcanoes, thundering waterfalls, geysers, geothermal hot springs, black sand beaches, bubbling mud pools and lava fields. With splendid birdlife and friendly locals, countless deep fjords and glaciers to explore including Europe’s largest, Vatnajökull, a circumnavigation of Iceland is an experience not to be missed.

**Highlights**
- Keep watch for blowholes, breaching and tail flukes as we spot whales in Husavik
- Westfjords offer some of the most remote fjords and bays in Iceland – perfect for kayaking, hiking and birdwatching (additional cost)
- Visit Vatnajökull national park featuring Europe’s largest glacier, glacial lagoons, black sand beaches, reindeer and rich birdlife
- Discover Mjoifjordur, a hidden gem of a fjord cherished by locals

**Optional Activities**
- Sea Kayaking
- Zodiac cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching

**Included Activities**
Itinerary Overview

DAYS 1–2 In Reykjavik, make your own way to our group hotel. On Day 2 embark the Greg Mortimer and visit Hvalfjördur, a beautiful fjord just north of Reykjavik. The area is rich in birdlife, is home to seals and is perfect for Zodiac-cruising, kayaking and hikes.

DAY 3 Stykkisholmur is the gateway to Snæfellsjökull National Park – an area of diverse landscapes, characterised by lava fields and glistening fjords and home to bird-rich Breidafjördur Bay. The area is crowned by the magnificent Snæfellsjökull, a snow-capped 700,000-year-old dormant volcano. En route to Isafjordur, we sail past the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, Iceland’s westernmost point and home to a huge population of razorbills and puffins.

DAYS 4–5 Over the next two days, explore the Westfjords region featuring outstanding landscapes with jaw-dropping views of dramatic fjords carved by ancient glaciers, sheer table mountains that plunge into the sea and pristine North Atlantic vegetation.

DAY 6 Akureyri is Iceland’s second largest city, with a superb snow-capped mountain backdrop. Explore the old town before heading inland to nearby Lake Myvatn region – an area said to be the most geologically active in Iceland. Lake Myvatn offers staggering contrasts with one side of the lake featuring rugged volcanic lava flows, while the opposite side boasts lush vegetation and varied birdlife. Continue to Husavik where our ship awaits.

DAY 7 Located approximately 40 kilometres (25 miles) off the mainland, Grimsey Island is situated on the Arctic Circle and is a fantastic place for Zodiac-cruising, kayaking and photographing seabirds such as guillemots, gulls and puffins. Back closer to Husavik, Iceland’s ‘whale-watching capital’, we spend time scanning the waters, home to up to 24 whale species and dolphins.

DAY 8 Mjóifjördur is a gem of a fjord on Iceland’s east coast cherished by locals. Hidden between Nordfjórdur and Seydisfjórdur mountains that provide shelter and pleasant weather, the fjord offers spectacular waterfalls and is ideal for kayaking and Zodiac-cruising.

DAY 9 Höfn is a lively fishing town and gateway to Vatnajökull national park, home to Europe’s largest glacier, Vatnajökull. Here you can find incredible glacial lagoons with floating icebergs, the highest peak in Iceland and Jökulsárlón, the deepest lagoon in the country.

DAY 10 Located off Iceland’s south coast, the Westman Islands were formed by volcanic eruptions around 10,000 years ago.

DAY 11 Disembark in Reykjavik where your voyage ends.

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Understanding the Westman Islands

Featuring Westman Islands

Famous for having the largest Atlantic Puffin colony in the world, the Westman Islands is an archipelago of 15 islands located off the south coast of Iceland. In a country renowned for volcanoes, Westman Islands is famous for the eruption of Mount Eldfell in 1973, which buried the island in lava and ash, forcing all inhabitants to flee. Nearby, Surtsey is an uninhabited island formed by an underground eruption from 1963 to 1967, and inscribed by UNESCO as a site of outstanding universal value.

1 Remote and rugged Iceland’s Westfjords
2 Be in awe of the vibrant blue Myvatn lake, Iceland
3 View of Vestmannæyjar on Westman Islands

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/iceland-circumnavigation
Iceland, Jan Mayen & Svalbard
Iceland, Jan Mayen, Svalbard | 11 Days

Discover the staggering beauty of Iceland’s Westfjords, remote and seldom-visited Jan Mayen Island – the world’s northernmost active volcanic island, and Svalbard’s northwest coast. See dramatic bird cliffs and puffins nesting on ledges; marvel at volcanic geology, Zodiac-cruise through impressive glacier-filled fjords, strike out on tundra hikes, search for polar bears hunting and walrus hauled out on pack ice.

**Highlights**
- Zodiac-cruise under dramatic bird cliffs in Iceland’s Westfjords
- Visit remote Jan Mayen Island, home to Mount Beerenberg, the world’s northernmost active volcano
- Photograph walrus and reindeer while keeping an eye out for polar bears hunting for seals on the pack ice
- Kayak through pack ice, keeping an eye out for breaching whales (additional cost)

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**Optional Activities**
- Sea Kayaking

**Included Activities**
- Zodiac cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
Itinerary Overview

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

DAYS 2–3 Discover Iceland’s staggeringly beautiful Westfjords region, home to the cliffs at Látrabjarg – the westernmost point in Europe and one of the best places in Iceland to photograph puffins, an opportunity you’ll have on a Zodiac-cruise. Visit the tiny town of Ísafjörður, the largest in Westfjord, with approximately 2,500 inhabitants. It is an ancient church site and has been a trading post since the 16th century. At nearby Hornstrandir, a peninsula accessible only by boat or by foot and inhabited by arctic fox, seals, birds, and the occasional hiker, we plan to Zodiac-cruise along the shoreline and attempt a landing, subject to approval by the park ranger.

DAY 4 Cross the Denmark Strait to Jan Mayen Island accompanied by seabirds while keeping a lookout for whales. Enjoy a presentation from our team of experts and get to know your like-minded fellow expeditioners.

DAY 5 The approach to Jan Mayen is spectacular. We will attempt to land on this remote, mist-shrouded and rarely visited volcanic island – the northernmost island on the mid-Atlantic rift. The northern part of the island is a great place to look for whales and dolphins, and contains impressive glaciers.

DAYS 6–7 The sea around Jan Mayen offers excellent whale-watching opportunities (bottlenose, fin, and perhaps bowhead whales in the pack ice). Sail toward Svalbard, searching for the ice edge as we continue north. It’s breeding season for the harp seals and we hope to see them breeding on the sea ice.

DAYS 8–10 We plan to cross 80° north, always on the lookout for polar bears on the pack ice. In northern Svalbard, look for walruses hauled out on pack ice and Zodiac-cruise along incredibly scenic fjords headed by giant glaciers. Perhaps spend time ashore to hike on the lush tundra among the early summer flowers and observing the remarkable bird cliffs where puffins nest between the cracks in the cliff face. Keep watch for arctic fox and perhaps feel a sense of history at old remains of a Dutch whaling settlement. Discover fascinating geology, glaciers and bird cliffs. A possible hike offers splendid views of the north coast of Spitsbergen and perhaps even to the North Pole in clear weather!

DAY 11 Disembark in Longyearbyen and farewell fellow travellers. Enjoy a town tour of Longyearbyen before a transfer to the airport in the afternoon.

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### Featuring Westfjord, Iceland

Discover Iceland’s Westfjord region, a lesser visited side of the country filled with superlative scenery and wildlife encounters. Látrabjarg is one of the world’s best birdwatching locations and home to a wide variety of birds, thanks to the shelter and seclusion provided by the cliffs for nesting. Along the coastline at Hornstrandir Nature Reserve seals are commonly seen hauling out on the rocks, and the surrounding waters are home to humpback whales, white-beaked dolphins and occasionally orcas.

1. Puffin perched on cliffs. Látrabjarg Iceland
2. Kayakers stop and take in their stunning view of Klecksbukta Glacier; M Farrel
3. Dynjandi Waterfall in the Westfjords of Iceland
Svalbard Odyssey
Svalbard Archipelago | 11 or 13 Days

Enjoy the best of Svalbard, a world of endless daylight, where polar bear sightings quicken your pulse, guillemot cries echo from sea cliffs and beluga whales rise from the sea. Explore tundra adorned with wildflowers and historic camps of explorers and hunters. Push through pack ice to find walrus and bearded seals. Our schedule is flexible and we make the most of spontaneous opportunities.

Highlights
- Cruise past blue glaciers and through stunning fjords
- Venture close to 80° north looking for polar bears on pack ice
- Discover the Arctic’s other wildlife: walrus, seals, reindeer, arctic fox, seabirds and whales
- Enjoy a great variety of diverse terrain: ice caps, tundra, polar desert and rocky hillsides

Optional Activities
- Sea Kayaking
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures

Included Activities
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
Itinerary Overview

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

DAYS 2–11 Cruise northwards along the west coast of Spitsbergen. There’s ample time ashore for hiking on the lush tundra among the summer flowers and observing remarkable bird cliffs. As we work our way along the north coast, we explore rarely visited places in search of the mighty polar bear.

From Zodiacs we enjoy magnificent views of sweeping glaciers winding their way into the sea. We may walk on smooth raised beach terraces to a superb viewpoint or hike in the mountains on the tundra where pretty-coloured wildflowers and lichen grow and where reindeer graze. We may visit trapper huts of yesteryear where Russians would hunt and survive the cold harsh winters, all the while remaining alert for wandering polar bears and their cubs. We might come face-to-face with the formidable pack ice of the Arctic Ocean, keeping our eyes peeled for walrus feeding on clams or hauled out on the beach in wallows. We will listen to the cacophony of seabirds and see them feeding. If conditions allow, we may push north into the pack ice in hopes of finding polar bears ranging over the frozen landscape on the hunt for seals.

DAY 12 Crossing the Barents Sea to Kirkenes offers some good opportunities to encounter whales and certainly plenty of opportunities to photograph seabirds. You may enjoy final presentations from our team of experts, spend your time editing photos or simply relaxing.

DAY 13 Arrive in the northeastern Norwegian town of Kirkenes where we transfer to flights home or onwards to new adventures.

Please note SVAL50G is an 11-day journey, Longyearbyen return. SVAL51G is an 11-day journey from Longyearbyen to Kirkenes. SVAL54G operates in the reverse direction of the above itinerary.

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Add Sea Kayaking

It’s hard to beat the feeling of being immersed in the immensity of nature in the Arctic as you glide near sparkling icebergs, experience wildlife up close and hear the unforgettable crunch and crackle of brash ice. Speak to our experts at time of booking or visit auroraexpeditions.com.au

1. Zodiac-cruise beneath thousands of nesting seabirds, Alkefjellet, G.Miller
2. The almighty polar bear hunting on the pack ice; H.Krajewsky
3. Paddling through the brash ice, kayakers stop for a photo; A.Bakker

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/svalbard-odyssey
Franz Josef Land Explorer
Franz Josef Land & Novaya Zemlya | 16 Days

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

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

Optional Activities
- Sea Kayaking
- Zodiac cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures

Included Activities
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Village & Town Tours
Itinerary Overview

**DAY 1**
Arrive in Kirkenes, on the northern coast of Norway. Late afternoon sees us warmly welcomed on board the *Greg Mortimer*.

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

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

**DAY 5**
We plan to make landings at remote and rarely visited Novaya Zemlya, a dazzling Arctic wonderland of mountains, glaciers, tundra and wildlife.

**DAYS 6–13**
Franz Josef Land is a stark yet beautiful world of glaciers, mosses and lichens. Approximately five million seabirds nest on the archipelago every year, with the Brünnich’s guillemot accounting for approximately 20 per cent of the population. Other seabirds such as fulmar, kittiwake, black guillemot, and little auk are common throughout the archipelago. On the flat tundra, nesting species such as common eider, purple sandpiper, arctic skua, glaucous gull, ivory gull, arctic tern, and snow bunting can be seen. Franz Josef Land is home to two arctic giants – the polar bear and the walrus. The waters of Franz Josef Land are visited by whales, including humpback, bowhead, narwhal and white beluga whale. Savour the precious moments of being one of a lucky few to experience this mysterious corner of the world.

**DAYS 14–15**
On leaving Franz Josef Land, crossing the Barents Sea is again an opportunity to see whales (possibly the elusive bowhead whale) and large numbers of seabirds.

**DAY 16**
Disembark in Murmansk and transfer to either downtown or airport for further travel arrangements.

Please note: Itinerary featured is FLJ002G.

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The rarely visited Russian islands of Novaya Zemlya are a continuation of the Ural Mountains and hold a strong, dark history. Rich birdlife abounds in the summer months and arctic fox, seal, walrus and occasionally polar bears can be found here. Novaya Zemlya can be eerie for some and nothing short of fascinating.

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1 Polar bear roams over rocky terrain in the arctic sunset; A.Hernandez
2 Glaciers galore, enjoy the frozen landscape of Champ Island, Franz Josef Land
3 The rarely visited Novaya Zemlya

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/franz-josef-land-explorer
Jewels of the Arctic
Svalbard & East Greenland | 13 Days

Discover the wonders of Svalbard’s northwest coast, Greenland’s spectacular east coast and a touch of Iceland. See calving glaciers, polar bears hunting, puffins, and guillemots nesting on ledges. Tundra walks through wildflowers, photographing arctic fox, musk ox, seals and whales, this trip has it all. Did we mention Inuit settlement visits, kayaking near sculpted icebergs and rock climbing in East Greenland too?

Highlights
- Wildlife-rich Arctic – encounter musk ox and perhaps arctic fox or arctic hares
- Visit the national park in north east Greenland – the world’s largest – and the world’s largest fjord system, Scoresbysund
- Cruise by the fantastic shapes of Greenland’s famous giant icebergs
- Visit a small isolated Greenlandic village, Ittoqqortoormiit

Optional Activities
- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Scuba Diving
- Rock Climbing
- Stand-up Paddleboarding

Included Activities
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Village & Town Tours
Itinerary Overview

DAY 1  Arrive in Longyearbyen, capital of Svalbard. Late afternoon sees us warmly welcomed on board the *Greg Mortimer*.

DAYS 2–4  Over the coming days venture ashore for hikes on the lush tundra among the summer flowers and observe remarkable bird cliffs. We may visit trapper huts of yesteryear where Russians would hunt and survive the cold harsh winters. From Zodiaks we enjoy magnificent views of sweeping glaciers winding their way into the sea. We might come face-to-face with the formidable pack ice of the Arctic Ocean, keep watch for walrus feeding on clams or haulouts on the beach. We will listen to the cacophony of seabirds and see them feeding. If conditions allow, we may push north to the pack ice in hopes of finding polar bears ranging over the frozen landscape on the hunt for seals.

DAYS 5–6  As we begin to approach Greenland, we will likely encounter the east Greenland pack ice and if lucky, we will see polar bears hunting for prey. The strong icy currents from the Polar Basin (Arctic Ocean) attracts large numbers of fish, seals and whales.

DAYS 7–11  We may visit Kaiser Franz Joseph, Kong Oscar Fjord and aim to reach Scoresbysund, the world’s largest fjord and birthplace of the famous Greenland icebergs. We hope to visit the remote Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit. We will keep a sharp eye out for musk ox, arctic hare and seals. Look skyward and you could catch a glimpse of birds including little auk, puffin, fulmar and the great black-backed gull.

DAY 12  Cross the Denmark Strait, watching northern fulmars, orcas and dolphins, reflecting on the rich experiences and sharing final night celebrations.

DAY 13  Disembark the *Greg Mortimer* in Akureyri and transfer to downtown Reykjavik or to the airport.

Please note GRN36G is a 15-day journey, from Kirkenes to Reykjavik.

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Add Snorkelling and Scuba Diving

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

1 Discover the incredible rock formations of Greenland; M.Baynes
2 Glacier reflections contrast the red rock landscape; M.Baynes
3 Snorkellers take a moment for a quick snap; B.Thorvaldsson
Arctic Complete
East Greenland & Svalbard | 23 or 25 Days

Enjoy a complete exploration of the European Arctic’s west side. From Kirkenes in northern Norway, embark on a voyage to Svalbard, looking for whales in the Barents Sea and the majestic polar bear and enigmatic walrus on the pack ice. In East Greenland, be dazzled by iridescent icebergs, sail deep into the world’s longest fjord, discover ancient rocks, encounter Inuit locals, musk ox and arctic hare.

Highlights
- Cruise past Spitsbergen’s narrow sheltered waterways and fjords
- Hear the cracks of active glaciers as they create Greenland’s famous giant icebergs
- Venture close to 80° north looking for polar bears on the pack ice
- Enjoy a great variety of diverse terrain: ice caps, tundra, polar desert and rocky hillsides

Optional Activities
- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Scuba Diving
- Rock Climbing
- Stand-up Paddleboarding

Included Activities
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Village & Town Tours
Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Kirkenes, on the northern coast of Norway. Late afternoon sees us warmly welcomed aboard the Greg Mortimer.

DAYS 2–3 During the crossing of the Barents Sea, enjoy informative lectures from our team of experts. We arrive in Svalbard in the afternoon of Day 3.

DAYS 4–12 Cruise northwards along the west coast of Spitsbergen. As we sail along the north coast, we explore rarely visited places in search of the mighty polar bear.

From Zodiacs we enjoy magnificent views of sweeping glaciers winding their way into the sea. We may walk on smooth raised beach terraces to a superb viewpoint or hike in the mountains on the tundra where pretty-coloured wildflowers and lichen grow and where reindeer graze. We may visit trapper huts of yesteryear where Russians would hunt and survive the cold harsh winters, all while remaining alert for wandering polar bears and their cubs. We might come face-to-face with the formidable pack ice of the Arctic Ocean, keeping our eyes peeled for walrus. We will listen to the cacophony of sea birds and see them feeding. If conditions allow, we may push north into the pack ice in hopes of finding polar bears ranging over the frozen landscape on the hunt for seals.

DAY 13 Stretch your legs and explore Longyearbyen, gateway to Svalbard. Often, a Svalbard voyage will start or end here, but on this unique voyage it is a midway point.

DAYS 14–16 Relax while crossing the Greenland Sea to Greenland, photographing seabirds, searching for pack ice, polar bears and enjoying informative talks.

DAYS 17–23 We may visit Kaiser Franz Joseph, Kong Oscar Fjord and aim to reach Scoresbysund, the world’s largest fjord and birthplace of the famous big Greenland icebergs. We hope to visit the remote Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit. We will keep a sharp eye out for musk ox, arctic hare and seals and if we are extremely lucky, we may see polar bears or narwhals.

DAY 24 Cross Denmark Strait, watching for northern fulmars, orcas and dolphins, reflecting on rich experiences and sharing final night celebrations.

DAY 25 Disembark the Greg Mortimer in the northern town of Akureyri, then enjoy a scenic transfer to downtown Reykjavik.

Please note: Itinerary featured is ACC06G. ACC05G is a 23-day journey from Reykjavik to Longyearbyen.

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Add Stand-up Paddleboarding

Experienced paddlers can explore Greenland’s waters on a stand-up paddleboard. Paddle past icebergs, scan the horizon for wildlife and spot isolated, colourful villages dotting the coastline. Speak to our experts at time of booking or visit auroraexpeditions.com.au

1 Curious arctic foxes, Svalbard; K.Povey
2 Our expedition leader educates passengers as they Zodiac-cruise in Greenland; M.Baynes
3 Embrace our new activity, stand-up paddleboarding; A.Bakker
Arctic Discovery
Svalbard, East Greenland, Jan Mayen & Norway | 21 Days

This voyage combines remote wilderness with rural culture, giving you a genuine glimpse of life in the Arctic. Kayak in small bays to witness calving glaciers, marvel at sculpted icebergs, the world’s largest fjord, volcanoes, polar bears, reindeer, musk oxen and Inuit communities. This expedition will leave you with spectacular photos and a lifetime of stories to share.

Highlights
- Be one of the few people to visit remote Jan Mayen Island
- Witness giant icebergs for which Greenland is famous
- Visit the world’s largest National Park in North East Greenland, and the world’s largest fjord system, Scoresbysund
- Step foot on Norway’s majestic Lofoten Islands and sail into narrow Trollfjorden, accessible only by small ships

Optional Activities
- Sea Kayaking

Included Activities
- Zodiac cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Village & Town Tours
Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Enjoy a town tour of Longyearbyen and embark the Greg Mortimer late afternoon. Claim a good bird-watching spot in one of our many observation areas as you cruise out of beautiful Isfjorden.

DAYS 2–3 Cruise northwards along the west coast of Spitsbergen, stopping at intriguing places like Kongsfjorden or Magdalenefjorden. There’s ample time ashore for hiking on the lush tundra among the summer flowers and observing the remarkable bird cliffs near 14th July Glacier, where even a few puffins nest in crevices in the cliffs.

DAYS 4–5 As we cruise southwest across the Greenland Sea – the main outlet of the Arctic Ocean – we may encounter pack ice where, if we are lucky, we will see polar bears hunting for prey.

DAYS 6–12 As we explore the east coast of Greenland, we keep watch for a variety of wildlife and learn about the Inuit culture. Some places we may visit include Dove Bay, Clavering Island, Kaiser Franz Josef Fjord, Scoresby Sund, Cape Humboldt and Red Island, to name just a few.

DAYS 13–15 Cross the Greenland Sea to Jan Mayen. We will attempt to land on this remote, mist-shrouded and rarely visited volcanic island – the northernmost island on the mid-Atlantic rift.

DAYS 16–18 Explore Lofoten Islands and Trollfjord. Marvel at the towering mountains in the Lofoten Islands and enjoy some of Norway’s finest scenery.

DAYS 19–20 Sail south, crossing the Arctic Circle. Weather permitting, Zodiac cruise around Runde Island, Norway’s largest bird sanctuary. Perhaps visit Sør-Gjæslingan, a beautifully preserved fishing village.

DAY 21 Disembark in Bergen, Norway’s second largest city, founded more than 900 years ago, with roots to the Viking Age.

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3 Embrace our new activity, stand-up paddleboarding; A. Bakker

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Longyearbyen/Bergen | 21 Days | 31 Aug ’20 – 20 Sep ’20 | ARD001G

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Featuring Jan Mayen

One of the most isolated islands in the world and home to Beerenberg, the world’s northernmost active volcano and one of Norway’s highest mountains. Few expeditioners have enjoyed the privilege of landing on Jan Mayen.
Inuit Arctic & Beyond
Iceland, South Greenland & East Coast Canada | 21 Days

Perhaps catch a glimpse of the northern lights as days shorten in the Arctic. Sail around Surtsey, the world’s youngest volcanic island, kayak through spectacular Tasermiut Fjord and enjoy traditional Kaffemilk with friendly Inuit locals in south Greenland. Keep a watch out for whales and seals, explore the magnificent and remote fjords in Torngat Mountains National Park and visit 1000-year-old UNESCO-protected Viking settlements.

Highlights
- Enjoy thrilling Zodiac-cruises to glacier fronts, keeping an eye out for whales, caribou, fox, and nesting bird colonies
- Hike through remote and traditional Inuit land in northeast Canada
- Experience the scenery of Torngat Mountains National Park
- Paddle kayaks among south Greenland’s spectacular fjords and glaciers (additional cost)

Optional Activities
- Sea Kayaking

Included Activities
- Zodiac cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Village & Town Tours
Itinerary Overview

DAYS 1–2 Enjoy an overnight stay in Reykjavik before embarking the Greg Mortimer.

DAY 3 Off the south coast of Iceland, we discover Heimaey Island, the largest in the Westman Islands archipelago.

DAYS 4–5 As we cross the Greenland Sea, be sure to look up when the sun goes down. You’re in the zone of the aurora borealis and if you’re lucky, you’ll be treated to bright ribbons of light dancing across the night sky.

DAYS 6–7 Marvel at the majestic fjords and breathtaking scenery of Prince Christian Sound. We may visit traditional colourful Greenlandic villages Aapilattoq and Nanortalik, and kayak in Tasermiut Fjord.

DAYS 8–9 As we voyage around the southern parts of Greenland, we have ample opportunities to kayak, or walk around Norse ruins and Inuit graves, or perhaps take a dip in the Uunartoq hot springs. We may even observe local artists stone carving.

DAYS 10–11 Attend informative and entertaining lectures ahead of our arrival at Canada’s spectacular and remote east coast. Our team of experts may present on the incredible geology or the rich wildlife found in the Torngat Mountains National Park.

DAYS 12–14 Experience the sublime wilderness on hikes and Zodiac-cruises in Kuurujjuaq National Park in Nunavik and Torngat Mountains National Park.

DAY 15 As we sail south to Nain, our onboard lecture series continues, and you’ll learn about the history of Moravian missionaries.

DAYS 16–17 Learn about the 18th century Moravian missionaries who had an enduring impact on the Inuit communities in Nain and Hopedale.

DAY 18 Explore the buildings and walking trails of Battle Harbour, an important supply hub in the 19th century.

DAYS 19–20 In L’Anse aux Meadows, wander the New World home of Leif Erikson. At Twillingate, explore an area that was the heart of the Newfoundland seal and cod fisheries.

DAY 21 Disembark in legendary St. John’s, Newfoundland.

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For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/inuit-arctic-and-beyond

2 The northern lights dance through the sky in L’Anse aux Meadows, DiKennedy, Newfoundland Labrador Tourism

3 Be in awe of the stunning Torngat Mountains; H.Wittenborn, Parks Canada
Orkneys, Faroes, Jan Mayen & Svalbard
Scotland, Orkney Islands, Faroe Islands, Jan Mayen, Svalbard | 15 Days

Combining the North Atlantic Ocean’s wildest outliers, this voyage takes you from historic Orkneys to the lush and craggy Faroe Islands – their cliffs teeming with seabirds – to the ice-covered slopes of Mount Beerenberg, the northernmost active volcano in the world on Jan Mayen, before venturing in search of enigmatic polar bears hunting on pack ice in Svalbard.

Highlights
- Zodiac-cruise into grottos and beneath vertical cliffs
- Enjoy a clifftop walk to view nesting birds such as puffins, guillemots and fulmars in the Faroes
- Discover the rich history in Kirkwall; visit Skara Brae, a unique and well-preserved 5,000-year-old semi-subterranean village
- Visit remote Jan Mayen Island, home to Mount Beerenberg, the world’s northernmost active volcano

Optional Activities
- Sea Kayaking

Included Activities
- Zodiac-cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
Itinerary Overview

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

DAY 2 Discover the rich history in Kirkwall, capital of the Orkney Islands. Explore magnificent St Magnus Cathedral built from red and white sandstone and considered the finest medieval building in the north of Scotland, before continuing on to the unique and well-preserved 5,000-year-old semi-subterranean village of Skara Brae.

DAYS 3–5 Discover a few of the gems of the Faroe Islands including Tórshavn, Kirkjubour, Mykines and Vestmanner. Wander the narrow streets of the Faroes capital, Tórshavn, a windswept town built on a hillside with colourful contemporary houses and old traditional red-painted timber dwellings with turf roofs. The town’s history can be traced back to around 900 AD when the first Viking settlers arrived by longboat from Norway. At Mykines, geographically the Faroe’s most westerly outpost, enjoy tremendous views of the ocean to the west and other islands to the east as you walk on the island dubbed the ‘paradise of birds’, featuring hundreds of cute puffins nestled in burrows in the clifftops during the summer months. One of the highlights of the Faroe Islands is a visit to Vestmanna Bird Cliffs with its grottos and narrow channels, to witness 600-metre high vertical cliffs, where birds such as puffins, guillemots and kittiwakes nest each summer.

DAYS 6–7 Enjoy sailing to Jan Mayen Island accompanied by seabirds while keeping a lookout for whales. Enjoy a presentation from our team of experts, share photos with your fellow expeditioners, stay fit at the gym or treat yourself to a massage in the wellness centre.

DAY 8 The approach to Jan Mayen is spectacular. We will attempt to land on this remote, mist-shrouded and rarely visited volcanic island – the northernmost island on the mid-Atlantic rift. The northern part of the island is a great place to look for whales and dolphins and contains impressive glaciers, some of which reach the sea.

DAYS 9–10 The sea around Jan Mayen offers excellent whale-watching opportunities including bottlenose, fin, and perhaps bowhead whales in the pack ice. Sail toward Svalbard, searching for the ice edge as we continue north, retracing the route of Willem Barents who discovered Spitsbergen and the Barents Sea. If we’re lucky, we may see harp seals breeding on the sea ice.

DAYS 11–14 In Svalbard, keep your eyes peeled for spectacular calving glaciers and polar bear hunting on pack ice; photograph enigmatic walrus, arctic fox and tundra wildflowers. Zodiac-cruise and kayak along some of the many deep glacier-filled fjords.

DAY 15 Disembark in Longyearbyen and farewell your fellow expeditioners.

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1 Expeditioner looks out to the Drangarnir gates, Faroe Islands
2 Witness walrus haulouts on pack ice, Svalbard; L.Lee
3 The remote and volcanic island, Jan Mayen
East Greenland Explorer
Iceland & East Greenland | 13 Days

Discover the world’s largest fjord system in East Greenland. Zodiac-cruise or kayak along sounds filled with spectacular icebergs calved from glaciers of Greenland’s enormous ice cap. Rock climbers will thrill to the adventure of scaling some of the world’s least explored and dazzling mountain ranges while scuba divers plunge below the icy sea to witness a strange haunting world of icebergs seen by few where catfish and lumpsuckers all vie for attention. On shore, encounter colourful tundra and meet friendly Inuit locals who still practise a traditional hunting and fishing lifestyle.

Highlights
- Zodiac-cruise among colourful and giant sculptured icebergs in the world’s largest fjord system, Scoresbysund
- Meet Inuit locals at Ittoqqortoormiit, East Greenland’s northernmost inhabited settlement.
- Encounter musk ox, and potentially arctic foxes or arctic hares
- Summit majestic mountains climbed by few (additional cost)

Optional Activities
- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Scuba Diving
- Rock Climbing
- Stand-up Paddleboarding

Included Activities
- Zodiac cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Village & Town Tours
Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Overnight in Reykjavik at our group hotel.

DAY 2 Transfer to Akureyri absorbing the dramatic volcanic scenery along the way. Perhaps explore the town before boarding the Greg Mortimer in late afternoon.

DAY 3 Sea days are perfect for learning about the wildlife and history of the places you’ll be visiting, photographing seabirds, or simply getting to know your fellow expeditioners.

DAY 4–10 Over the coming days, be prepared to experience ice, lots of it! East Greenland contains some of the Arctic’s most impressive scenery; deep fjords and narrow channels, flanked by sharp ice-clad peaks up to 2,000 metres high. Glaciers calve gigantic icebergs that drift throughout the fjord system creating breathtaking scenes. The landscape is filled with multi-coloured tundra home to musk ox and arctic hare. Throughout the area are ancient Thule archaeological sites, historical trappers’ huts and modern Inuit hunters’ cabins. A highlight is a visit to the Inuit village of Itoqqortoormit, the most isolated and northernmost permanent settlement in the region, with approximately 450 inhabitants. The community boasts an excellent museum, gift shop, an abundance of Greenlandic sled dogs and the opportunity to meet Inuit people.

Explore Scoresbysund, the largest fjord system in the world – a spectacular place that simply needs to be seen to be believed. North of Scoresbysund are Kong Oscar and Kaizer Franz Josef fjords, two of the most significant fjord systems in all Greenland, each one encompassing several smaller fjords and sounds. Thanks to the fertile volcanic soil and the mountains that protect the area from strong arctic winds, wildlife abounds. You may spot everything from musk ox and arctic foxes to arctic hares. Look skyward and you could catch a glimpse of birds including ravens, glaucous gulls, snow bunting, wheatear, barnacle geese and eider ducks.

DAYS 11–12 Attend informative lectures, treat yourself to a massage in the wellness centre or stay active in the gym. The choice is yours on how you want to enjoy days at sea.

DAY 13 Disembark in Reykjavik and farewell your fellow expeditioners to embark on your next journey.

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Add Rock Climbing

Explore the remote and rugged summits of East Greenland, scaling sheer granite cliffs and glacial remnants in pursuit of breathtaking views of Scoresbysund’s ice-filled fjords. Experienced climbers will relish the chance to explore up and along the rarely scaled peaks that dominate the landscape.

1 Polar kayaking, it doesn’t get much more exhilarating; M.Baynes
2 Walrus strikes a pose for our expeditioners; A.Duncan
3 Rock climbers take advantage of the vista at the summit; G.Mortimer
Land of Fire & Ice
South Iceland | 9 Days

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

Itinerary Overview
DAY 1 Stroll the streets of Reykjavik, the world’s most northerly capital.
DAY 2 Explore saga sites and hiking trails at Snæfellsnes. Hike to the top of the crater Búðaklettur in the Búðahraun lava field. Hiking time: approx. 3–4 hours
DAY 3 Hike to the summit of Snæfellnesjökull, one of the most picturesque glaciers in Iceland that holds a dormant 700,000-year-old stratovolcano. Hiking time: approx. 6–8 hours
DAY 4 Visit Surtshellir, the most famous lava cave in Iceland, beautiful Hraunfossar Waterfalls and enjoy the natural geothermal baths of Deildartunguhver, Europe’s most powerful hot spring.
DAY 6 Hike Kerlingarfjöll, a 1,477-metre tall mountain range and part of a large volcano system covering 100 square kilometres, and one of Iceland’s precious inland resorts. Hiking time: approx. 5–7 hours
DAY 7 Hike Þórsmörk Glacier Valley, a natural oasis that lies behind the now famous Eyjafjallajökull volcano. Hiking time: approx. 4–6 hours
DAY 8 An easy hike today at Reykjadalur, a colourful area full of geothermal activity. Hiking time: approx. 3–4 hours
DAY 9 Your expedition finishes today, but the memories will live on.

Itinerary and map are a guide only. Itinerary is subject to weather conditions.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/land-of-fire-and-ice

Trek Grade
1 Least demanding, no more than two +5-hour hiking days in a row. Good fitness and health but no hiking experience necessary.

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

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Treks are subject to minimum capacity.
Jotunheimen Explorer

Central Norway | 10 Days

Trek into the heart of Norway. With over 250 mountains featuring peaks almost 2,000 metres high, including the 2469 metre Galdhøpiggen, the tallest in Norway, Jotunheimen offers nature at its literal peak. Hike across mountains and through caves and around glaciers. Perhaps even raft down a river for a different viewpoint. Let your senses be awakened.

Itinerary Overview

DAYS 1–2 Explore the city of Oslo and learn about its history on a guided tour.

DAY 3 Drive to Leirvassbu, a town surrounded by mountains.

DAY 4 Join the first hike of the tour. Your destination: the mountain of Kyrkja, which offers an easy hike with a spectacular view. Hiking time: approx. 5–6 hours

DAY 5 Transfer to Dumdalenv Valley for cave hiking. The valley is beautiful, lush and full of geological history. Enjoy an outdoor lunch in the valley. Hiking time: approx. 3–4 hours

DAY 6 Hike to the Bøverbreen Glacier, a blue-ice glacier with stunning towers and crevasses. Hiking time: approx. 5–6 hours

DAY 7 Discover Fossbergom, the municipality centre of Lom. Sights include the stave church dating back to the year 1130, the stone museum and the Norwegian Mountain Center.

DAY 8 Today you have the option of rafting in the Sjoa River or exploring the nearby nature trails.

DAY 9 Hike to the summit of the highest mountain in Norway, Galdhøpiggen, which stands at 2,469 metres above sea level. Hiking time: approx. 7 hours

DAY 10 Drive back to Oslo to start a new adventure or head home.

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For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/jotunheimen-explorer

Trek Grade

Least demanding, no more than two +5-hour hiking days in a row. Good fitness and health but no hiking experience necessary.

Highlights

- Conquer Norway’s highest peak, Galdhøpiggen
- Explore the marble caves and hidden wonders of the Dumma Valley
- See, feel and hear the force of nature at Bøverbreen Glacier
- Discover picturesque Fossbergom, nestled on the Bøvra River

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1 Expeditioners dwarfed by the landscape of Kirkjufellfoss, Iceland. Iceland Tourism
2 Just one of the spectacular views found along the Jotunheimen trail, Norway
The UNESCO-protected fjords are symbols of the beauty of traditional Norway. There are more than a thousand fjords in Norway, all along the western coast, against a backdrop of grand mountains. Hike around and over these stunning fjords or glide across their smooth waters in a kayak.

**Itinerary Overview**

**DAY 1** The colourful city of Bergen on the west coast of Norway is the gateway to majestic fjords.

**DAY 2** Enjoy a city tour of Bergen before heading to your stunning fjord-side resort for the night.

**DAY 3** Ice hike on Juklavass Glacier. Take a break in the middle of the icefall with views over the North Sea and the Rosendal Alps. 
Hiking time: approx. 6 hours

**DAY 4** Today’s hike leads you to the spectacular Ullsvikjuvet Gorge and Skomakarnibbå, providing magnificent views on the Jøsenfjord and surrounding mountains and Ryfylke Islands. 
Hiking time: approx. 5 hours

**DAY 5** Hike to Preikestolen (the Pulpit Rock). When standing on the top, you are rewarded with a panoramic view of some of the most dramatic scenery Norway has to offer. Hiking time: approx. 5 hours

**DAY 6** Optional experience – a kayak tour through the fjords.

**DAY 7** Sail along the scenic Lysefjord en route to Flørli. Once there, climb the 4,444 wooden stairs, the longest wooden stairs in Norway. 
Hiking time: approx. 4 hours

**DAY 8** Start your first hike up to Kjerag. Once at the top, enjoy the magnificent vistas over the Lysefjord. Hiking time: approx. 6 hours

**DAY 9** Fly from Stavanger to Oslo.

**DAY 10** Discover the eco-friendly city of Oslo before you finish your journey and say farewell.

Itinerary and map are a guide only. Itinerary is subject to weather conditions.

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/mountains-and-fjords
Sweden is a hiker’s dream. There are nearly 400 well-maintained hiking trails that crisscross the country, through 29 national parks. The north of Sweden in particular, is mostly wilderness, foaming rivers, high alpine peaks and plains.

**Itinerary Overview**

**DAY 1**
Arrive in Stockholm and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 2**
Fly over the Arctic Circle to Kiruna before a transfer to Abisko.

**DAY 3**
Gather for a guided hike to the peak of Mount Nuolja, from where you have a fantastic view over the Abisko Mountains. Hiking time: approx. 6 hours.

**DAY 4**
Start a guided hike to the Valley of Kärkevagge. Trollsjön, the clearest lake in Sweden, is located at the heart of this unique valley. Hiking time: approx. 7 hours.

**DAY 5**
Hike toward the famous Lappporten Valley, one of the most photographed motifs in Sweden.

**DAY 6**
Pass numerous cultural and historic places as you hike the Navvy road trail. Hiking time: approx. 4–5 hours.

**DAY 7**
Sample the famous King’s Trail today. Although the trail is approximately 430 kilometres long, we will hike a small section, learning about the history of not only the trail itself but people who call this area home.

**DAY 8**
Transfer to Tromsø.

**DAY 9**
Guided hike to Tromsdalstinden, 1,238 metres above sea level. Hiking time: approx. 7 hours.

**DAY 10**
Finish your journey in Tromsø.

Itinerary and map are a guide only. Itinerary is subject to weather conditions.

**Highlights**

- Gaze deep into Lake Trollsjön, the clearest lake in Sweden
- Take in your surroundings at the top of Paddus, a holy place for the Sami people, which is a popular home for local birdlife
- Learn about the Navvies and their hardships as they built the railway over the Arctic mountains
- Hike a section of the famous King’s Trail

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1. Hike to the famous Prekestolen (The Pulpit Rock), Norway; Visit Norway
2. Hikers navigate through the King’s Trail surrounded by snow-capped mountains

For more information on this expedition and current offers please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/swedish-trails

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**Trek Grade**

2

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

Add more to your Arctic adventure! Discover Norway’s spectacular natural wonders, self-drive around Iceland, or simply experience some of northern Europe’s vibrant cities. Our range of extension tours lets you expand your Arctic expedition into something even greater.

ICELAND SELF-DRIVE
Discover Iceland on a self-drive journey. At your own pace, spend 10 days discovering geothermal Reykjanes Peninsula, hot springs of Geysir, shimmering icebergs, waterfalls, horse breeding in Skagafjörður, volcanic areas, spectacular fjords and much more. All while staying in typical Icelandic villages.

NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL
Discover Norway’s cultural and historical wonders, its rolling green hills and spectacular fjords on this incredible 6-day journey. From Oslo to Bergen, ferry through Naeroyfjord, ascend Flam Valley by electric train and relax in charming Bergen, or hike to panoramic lookouts. Just a few of the many reasons why this is our most popular add-on tour.
ICELAND COMPLETE
Discover the world’s largest lava mass in Cross Eldhruan and later continue to the birthplace of icebergs – Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and Skaftafell National Park. Explore Iceland’s waterfalls from Dettifoss, – ‘Europe’s most powerful’ – to Gullfoss, the ‘Golden Waterfall’. Toward the end of your journey, visit Lake Thingvallavatn and Pingvellir National Park.

CITY STAY EXTENSIONS
Make the most of your Arctic adventures by further discovering the gateway cities that lead you there! From the historic and royal Scandinavian cities of Oslo, Stockholm and Copenhagen to popular European stopover cities of London, Paris and Frankfurt, or the Canadian cities of St. John’s and Toronto, our team can tailor make your complete journey, wherever it leads. A stopover city stay can be the ideal tonic for jetlag and to get a taste of local culture and cuisine.

SCOTLAND SMALL-GROUP TREKS
Hike through the Scottish Highlands on one of the Scotland treks. In small groups and accompanied by an expert guide, you will immerse yourself in the wilderness of Scotland. Allow your guide to bring the history to life as you admire the flora and fauna along the trail. Relax in comfortable accommodation each night.

Speak to our experts to customise your adventure or visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/arctic-extend for more extension options.
Ship Features

1. Change room/mudroom
2. Zodiac-loading platforms
3. Activity launching platform
4. Lounge/lecture theatre
5. Assembly station
6. Reception
7. Ship shop
8. Dining room
9. Second optional dining area*
10. Expedition team office
11. Library and multi-media room
12. Gym
13. Sauna/wellness centre
14. Sun deck
15. Observation lounge
16. Top deck
17. Bars
18. Viewing platforms
19. Hydraulic viewing platforms
20. Observation deck
21. Jacuzzis/plunge pools
22. Medical centre
23. Bridge
24. Elevator

* Connecting staterooms and suites
^ Expedition Team cabins on selected voyages
* Triple cabins on selected voyages
* Open at the discretion of the Hotel Manager on selected voyages

Deck plan is subject to change.

For more information on the Greg Mortimer visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/the-greg-mortimer
Cabin layouts – Greg Mortimer

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FAQs

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

Shipboard clothing is informal and casual. Jeans, jumpers and long-sleeved shirts are ideal for indoors in the polar regions; however, be sure to keep your jacket close for unexpected wildlife sightings! Some people like to take a nicer outfit for the captain’s welcome and farewell drinks but formal clothing is not necessary. For health and safety reasons, we do request you wear enclosed shoes in public areas while on board the ship. Aurora Expeditions will provide you with a complimentary, insulated polar jacket that includes an inner down jacket and an outer waterproof shell. All passengers travelling to Antarctica, the Arctic, or Scotland, will have access to complimentary use of gumboots during the voyage. If you have concerns regarding extra-small or large sizing, or hard-to-fit feet, we recommend you bring your own pair. Gumboots are to be worn on all shore visits unless advised otherwise by the expedition team.

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

Our expeditions to the polar regions operate during the summer months in the Antarctic and Arctic. For full seasons and experience information turn to pages 30 for Antarctica and 58 for the Arctic. During the summer months in Antarctica (when we visit), the temperature can range from -2°C (28°F) to 8°C (46°F). Big storms are rare, but if one comes through the temperature could drop to -8°C (17°F). In the Arctic the temperature can range from -3°C (26.6°F) to 7°C (44.6°F).

How often do we get off the ship?

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

Do you charge a single supplement for solo travellers?

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

Where do your voyages start/finish and why?

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

What luggage allowance is permitted on your voyages?

For sail-only voyages where a charter flight to or from Antarctica is not required, your luggage allowance is determined by the international airline on which you’ve travelled to participate in the voyage. However, Aurora Expeditions recommends that each expeditioner travel with no more than one large piece of luggage weighing 25 kilograms or less, plus one piece of hand luggage. For voyages that include a charter flight to or from Antarctica, 20 kilograms of check-in luggage plus one piece of carry-on luggage weighing no more than seven kilos are permitted. Additional luggage limits do not apply to expeditioners who are bringing personal equipment to participate in scuba diving or ski/snowboard touring.

Do you cater for special dietary requirements?

Yes, we can accommodate most special meal requests if given advance notice. Our talented chefs will take your requirements into their meal planning and ensure you receive tasty, healthy meals. Ensure you list any dietary requirements on your personal details form. Although we aim to accommodate most dietary requirements, we are unable to cater to all requirements, nor can we guarantee that our onboard meals do not contain traces of peanuts or other nuts. Please contact us to enquire about your specific needs.

Is there email, internet and telephone access on board?

Onboard wi-fi internet packages are available for purchase during the voyage. Telephone access for personal use is not available on board. In case of an emergency, our expedition team can facilitate communication with your family members if necessary.

What’s the onboard currency?

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

How much should I tip?

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

Once you have been on an Aurora Expeditions adventure, it is hard to stop at just one. If you enjoy travelling with us, we want to ensure you reap the rewards! We want to recognise our customers who keep coming back to explore with us, so anyone who books their second trip automatically qualifies for our Loyalty Program. Enter as a Bronze Adventurer and as you continue to explore, gain Gold Pioneer status. As a bonus, your membership level never expires so we look forward to welcoming you back for many years to come!

For a full list of benefits and terms and conditions please visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/loyalty-program

**BRONZE ADVENTURER:**
Book your second voyage and become a Bronze Adventurer.

- 5% discount in addition to any running offer*
- Exclusive pre-release on new season launches
- On board credit of $100 USD per person^* 
- Plus additional benefits, see website

**SILVER EXPLORER:**
Book your third voyage and become a Silver Explorer.

- 5% discount in addition to any running offer with a minimum 15% discount*
- Exclusive pre-release on new season launches
- Free cabin upgrade (subject to availability)
- On board credit of $250 USD per person^* 
- Free bottle of wine per person
- Plus additional benefits, see website

**GOLD PIONEER:**
Book your fourth voyage and become a Gold Pioneer.

- 5% discount in addition to any running offer with a minimum 15% discount*
- Exclusive pre-release on new season launches
- Free cabin upgrade (subject to availability)
- On board credit of $500 USD per person^* 
- Free bottle of wine per person
- One hour spa treatment
- Plus additional benefits, see website

* Ship voyages only. ^ Credit on ship voyages only is non-refundable and non-transferrable, and expires at the end of the booked voyage. For full loyalty program terms and conditions, please visit the website.

Aurora Travel Agency Services

As a fully-accredited travel agency, we take pride in being able to offer our expeditioners an end-to-end travel booking service. Whether it be a tailor-made private itinerary to the Galápagos Islands or Machu Picchu, a self-drive holiday in Iceland, flights, accommodation or transfers, our dedicated team is here to help you or your preferred travel agent organise and book your ideal holiday from start to finish. We work with only the best tour operators in the industry. Talk to us about what you’d like to see and do and let us do the rest.

Visit auroraexpeditions.com.au/travelservices or contact us to start planning your adventure.
WE'RE HERE TO HELP
For over 25 years, our dedicated and friendly team has helped make dreams a reality. Whether you’re a solo traveller looking to share a cabin, have questions about the wildlife or what highlights you can expect to see at different times of the year, our team members are experts in the destinations we visit and are seasoned travellers themselves. They are here to help you find the itinerary that is best suited to your needs and interests. This experienced team can also assist with extension packages, flights and land arrangements. We’re a one-stop adventure shop!

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

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

GROUPS & CHARTERS
No matter what the occasion, Aurora Expeditions is here to help with your group and charter arrangements. Whether you have a special interest group, meetings and incentives, conference, family and friends reunion or require a full charter, we can help you arrange it.

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

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

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T:  1800 637 688 (AUS only) or +61 2 9252 1033
E:  info@auroraexpeditions.com.au
W:  auroraexpeditions.com.au/howtobook

Groups
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W:  auroraexpeditions.com.au/groups

1 Become part of the Aurora Expeditions Loyalty Program; E.Wimberger
2 Chatterbox fur seal, South Georgia; J.Lancaster
5.2 If the cancellation is made less than or equal to 90 days

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

4.1 If you qualify for any special requirements, or if you are celebrating your birthday or a special occasion, you may be required to pay a supplement of up to 50% of the single supplement to ensure you have the best single room available for your stay.

2.3 You are aware that your adventure trip, in addition to other considerations, may include participation in adventure trips, such as diving, climbing, or trekking. You agree to participate in these activities at your own risk and are responsible for your own safety and the safety of others.

2.2 You acknowledge that the inherent risks of adventure travel include, but are not limited to, the risks of personal injury, death, loss, damage, or expenses that you may suffer as a result of any pre-existing medical conditions and/or disability.

2.1 You understand and consent that Aurora Expeditions may use your name and personal information, which we may need to provide to your travel insurance company, on an as-needed basis, for the purposes of making a booking, giving you our consent to use and process your personal information in the manner described in this clause.

18.1 All images and videos relating the Greg Mortimer in Antarctica are owned by Aurora Expeditions and are not the property of any third-party. Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to use these images for marketing purposes, unless you tell us in writing prior to departure.

18.4 We may also use your name and contact details for marketing purposes, unless you tell us in writing prior to departure. By providing us with your name and contact details, you agree to receive marketing communications from us, including information about our products and services, special offers, and upcoming events.

8.2 If you are pregnant, for your safety and the safety of any other passengers who may be affected by your condition, you should consult a doctor before deciding whether to make a booking with us. If your condition may not be covered by your travel insurance policy, you may be responsible for any additional expenses incurred in connection with your condition.

8.1 If you are planning to travel to a country that requires a visa, you must check with your local embassy or consulate to ensure that you have all necessary documentation and that you will be able to obtain a visa in time for your trip.

7.1 Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, neither we nor any of our agents or subcontractors will be liable for any loss, injury, or damage to you or any other passenger or person or property or business or other loss, injury, or damage, whether caused by our negligence or otherwise.

7.4 This clause applies to Aurora Expeditions’ ‘Fly & Sail’ or ‘Fly/Fly’ voyage. Aurora Expeditions will make every effort to ensure that your journey is comfortable and enjoyable. However, if you are not satisfied with your cabin category, you may be charged a supplement to upgrade to a higher category, at the discretion of Aurora Expeditions.

7.3 Aurora Expeditions also reserves the right not to operate an expedition or trip if the weather, sea conditions, medical or health conditions (in addition to ours) which do not form a part of the trip, could affect the safety and well-being of expedition members.

7.2 Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to cancel any expedition or trip if the weather, sea conditions, medical or health conditions (in addition to ours) which do not form a part of the trip, could affect the safety and well-being of expedition members.

7.5 Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to alter the itinerary, without notice, if the health, safety, or well-being of expedition members is at risk. If the expedition is cancelled for any reason, you will be entitled to a full refund of the price paid, but you will not be entitled to any other compensation.

7.6 Aurora Expeditions will not be liable for any faulty vouchers, receipts, or bank statements that you may present for reimbursement. You are responsible for checking the accuracy of any invoices or receipts you present for reimbursement.

6.3 Special Request/Requirement

6.2 You must complete and return the appropriate medical assessment form to ensure you are fit to travel and that you understand the requirements and restrictions of the voyage.

6.1 You are responsible for ensuring that you have all necessary documentation and that you will be able to obtain a visa in time for your trip. If you are planning to travel to a country that requires a visa, you should consult your local embassy or consulate to ensure that you have all necessary documentation and that you will be able to obtain a visa in time for your trip.

5.1 If the flight has been scheduled to depart early afternoon, an updated transfer bus departure time will be advised.

5.1 For Fly/Sail voyages (where a voyage commences with a flight from Pune to Antarctica) or for Fly/Fly voyages, you must be present at the airport on the day of the voyage, as confirmed on the itinerary issued by your travel agent. Cancellation and refund policies associated with the flight will follow the airline’s terms and conditions. If you fail to arrive at the airport as confirmed on the itinerary, you will be charged a supplement to upgrade to a higher category, at the discretion of Aurora Expeditions.

4.3 If you have a pre-existing medical condition or medical condition that might reasonably be expected to increase the risk of injury to you or third party, you may be required to take additional precautions or to complete a conduct of an expedition and negligently or other loss, damage or expense that you may suffer as a result of any pre-existing medical conditions and/or disability.

3.3 Credit card payments are accepted. Standard fees and charges may apply. Please check with your credit card company for details.

3.2 You acknowledge that you and your travel agent have at least 6 months validity on your passport from the date of your return from the voyage. For Fly/Sail and Fly/Fly voyages, please consult your local passport office to ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from the anticipated date of return.

3.1 In order for your booking to be confirmed, you are required to deposit 50% of the price of the expedition. The deposit is non-refundable, except in the event that Aurora Expeditions cancels the expedition or the voyage due to unforeseen circumstances.

3.1.1 In the event of a cancellation made by you, a letter to be submitted by the passenger to their insurance company for the airfare, change fees, rebooking fees, and other expenses incurred in connection with your cancellation.

2.1 You understand and consent that the enjoyment and excitement of adventure travel is derived in part from the inherent risks incurred by you and the other persons booked.

2.1.1 You agree to participate in these activities at your own risk and are responsible for your own safety and the safety of others. Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to move you to another region if you do not understand and consent that Aurora Expeditions may use your name and personal information, which we may need to provide to your travel insurance company, on an as-needed basis, for the purposes of making a booking, giving you our consent to use and process your personal information in the manner described in this clause.

18.3 In some cases our brochures are printed 18 to 24 months prior to the date of the journey. Please check with the brochure front page for any updates or changes to the brochure.

18.2 We may also use your name and contact details for marketing purposes, unless you tell us in writing prior to departure. By providing us with your name and contact details, you agree to receive marketing communications from us, including information about our products and services, special offers, and upcoming events.

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