

MEDIA RELEASE



Aurora Expeditions unveils updated Health & Safety Program



SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (09/09/2021) – Australia’s award-winning adventure cruise company, Aurora Expeditions, has today unveiled its updated Health & Safety Program in preparation for the resumption of expedition cruising. Every aspect of Aurora Expeditions’ Health & Safety program has been strengthened to protect against COVID-19 and to ensure the company is able to cruise in the safest, most enjoyable way possible for its guests.

Aurora Expeditions’ health & safety policy now includes mandatory vaccination prior to embarking on any of its voyages, with this policy applying to all guests, crew and Expedition Team members.

“Aurora Expeditions is excited about the world emerging from COVID-19 and is looking forward to the resumption of cruising and returning to doing what we do best – small ship expeditions – in our 30th year of operation,” commented Monique Ponfoort, CEO of Aurora Expeditions.

“The health and safety of our guests, staff and crew remains our number one priority, and we are committed to providing the best opportunity for our guests to fully enjoy the small ship expedition experience offered with Aurora Expeditions,” Ponfoort continued. “Our Health & Safety program has been strengthened and will be precisely followed, including the highest level of pre-cruising preventative measures, the capability for PCR testing on board if required, and a robust Response Plan and protocols onboard designed to bring peace of mind to all of our guests and crew.”

Along with 100% fully vaccinated ships, onboard features strengthening safety include:

- **100% Fresh Air on Board**
Aurora Expeditions’ ships have ultra-modern systems which provide 100% fresh air in every cabin – guest and crew. There is no recirculation of air throughout its vessels.
- **Medical Team & Fully Equipped Medical Centre**
An emergency medical team including a doctor and a nurse with current training in public health protocols, outbreak prevention and management protocols will be aboard every voyage.
- **PCR Testing**
A key component of Aurora’s industry leading Health & Safety Program is the inclusion of break-through rapid on-site PCR testing machines onboard. This enables Aurora Expeditions to carry out onboard PCR testing of guests and crew to ensure continued peace of mind.
- **Off-ship Experiences**
As part of Aurora Expeditions’ continued commitment to providing expedition experiences in the safest and most enjoyable way possible, in each landing guests will be accompanied by a medic.

For more information about Aurora’s updated health and safety protocol, visit:

<https://www.auroraexpeditions.com.au/why-travel-with-us/health-safety/>

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About Aurora Expeditions

Aurora Expeditions is an award-winning, Australian owned expedition company celebrating its 30th anniversary year. A pioneer in Polar Expeditions, Aurora is truly committed to environmentally responsible travel, we are committed to preserving the

beauty and majesty that mother nature possesses, and we take real actions for the care of the planet.

Founded on the guiding principles of adventure and endless exploration, the small ship experience is intimate and friendly, and Aurora Expeditions takes guests on perspective-altering experiences to some of the most remote and incredible places on earth.

Aurora's two purpose-built ships, the *Greg Mortimer* and our brand-new small expedition ship the *Sylvia Earle*, are both designed for global discovery. The new ship is named after acclaimed marine biologist, oceanographer, explorer and conservationist Dr. Sylvia Earle.

As part of Aurora's ongoing commitment to ensure that we are doing small ship expedition travel in the safest and most enjoyable way possible, every aspect of Aurora Expeditions' Health and Safety program has been reviewed. Further information can be found here: <https://www.auroraexpeditions.com.au/why-travel-with-us/health-safety/>

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