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Adventure to the world's wild places with Aurora Expeditions' Arctic & Beyond 2025 season



SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (16/11/2023) – Australia's award-winning adventure travel company, Aurora Expeditions, has today released its new season for Arctic & Beyond 2025 voyages, including **four brand new expeditions** and **seven Ultimate Adventure voyages** that allow adventurous travellers to explore further and longer on the company's new purpose-built small expedition ships, the *Greg Mortimer* and the *Sylvia Earle*.

Aurora Expeditions' new Arctic & Beyond season features a comprehensive array of departures to the unique and varied destinations of the region including Greenland – whose east, south, west, and northwest coasts will be explored – Svalbard, Norway, Iceland and Canada's High Arctic via the famed Northwest Passage. Also included are the company's popular voyages to destinations such as Costa Rica and the British Isles.

Aurora is also making it simpler to reach the embarkation point for its bestselling Svalbard itineraries from 2025 by introducing included charter flights from Oslo to Longyearbyen.

"We are thrilled to launch our new season, where we will continue to bring our expeditioners to incredible destinations where nature reigns supreme, and where few others venture," commented Hayley Peacock-Gower, CMO of Aurora Expeditions.

“This season promises to deliver life-changing and meaningful adventures, iconic wildlife, connection with local communities, and a focus on protecting the destinations we visit; all guided by our expert team who always follows the experience.”

“This season has been designed with adventure, immersion, and exploration in mind, while also catering for the interests of our global passengers,” commented Justin Ewin, Aurora Expeditions’ Global Head of Product.

“Along with including new charter flights to simplify our passengers’ journeys, we have introduced shorter voyages that appeal to the North American and Asian markets, as well as longer, ‘Ultimate Adventure’ voyages which are more frequently desired by Australian, New Zealand and European passengers. We are also excited to be exploring new frontiers, where we intend to venture further afield in northwest Greenland than we have before.”

New expeditions include:

- **Spitsbergen: Realm of the Ice Bear**
Oslo/Oslo, 16 June-23 June 2025 on the Greg Mortimer – Focusing on the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago, we slice through pack ice to find walrus and bearded seals, and sail along spectacular fjords surrounded by jagged mountains that pierce the sky. We keep our eyes peeled for polar bears hunting on the ice while guillemots nest in high cliffs away from the hungry jaws of arctic fox. Stretch your legs on walks across the tundra, and discover historical camps of explorers and hunters.
- **Iceland’s Westfjords & North Coast**
Reykjavik/Reykjavik, 28 July-05 August 2025 on the Sylvia Earle
Explore Westfjords, one of the remotest and most pristine regions in Iceland. Discover diverse landscapes with thundering waterfalls, lava fields that breathe steam, and verdant valleys that stretch beyond the horizon. In Húsavík, keep your eyes peeled and your camera ready to catch the fluke of a whale’s tail as it takes a deep dive. Atlantic puffins can be found in large numbers in Iceland, and we plan to encounter these delightful creatures as often as possible.
- **Southern Greenland: On the Trail of the Vikings**
Reykjavik/Toronto, 04 August-17 August 2025 on the Sylvia Earle
Experience the enormity of Greenland, where jagged peaks pierce azure skies, and countless glaciers snake their way towards the coast. Zodiac-cruise along fjords where you might glimpse ringed seals lazing on sea ice calved from Greenland’s enormous ice sheets. Sail along Prince Christian Sound, flanked by imposing mountains. Verdant pastures in south Greenland signal the presence of human settlement and the Viking ruins of Erik the Red, which still stand at Hvalsey.
- **Wild Landscapes of West Greenland**
Toronto/Toronto, 15 August-29 August 2025 on the Sylvia Earle
Home to the northernmost capital in the world, Nuuk, the west coast of Greenland may be where most Greenlanders live, but you are unlikely to encounter many people outside of the capital. With no road to connect the townships, flying or sea travel are the only options available. We push through the sea ice to venture north, where locals see few tourists, to explore hidden bays glittering with icebergs calved from the enormous Greenland ice sheet, and where whales may shelter.

Travellers who are interested in exploring different regions, destinations or activities in a single journey can also embark on one of seven ‘**Ultimate Adventures**’, which are consecutive voyages that maximise exploration time, offering a broader range of experiences as well as added value

savings. for passengers. Examples include the 20 day **'Wild Svalbard, Greenland & Iceland'**, the 23 day **'Arctic Wonders: Iceland & Spitsbergen'**, the 26 day **'Greenland in Depth'** or the 26 day **'Northern Isles: Scotland & Iceland'**.

To view the digital brochure and to request a copy, visit
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About Aurora Expeditions

Aurora Expeditions is an award-winning, Australian-owned expedition company pioneering experiential travel for over 32 years. A pioneer in Polar Expeditions, Aurora is deeply committed to environmentally respectful travel to preserve 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. Aurora Expeditions takes travellers on perspective-altering experiences to some of the planet's most remote and incredible places.

Aurora's two purpose-built ships, *Greg Mortimer* and our brand-new small expedition ship *Sylvia Earle* are designed for global discovery.