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& beyond



SMALL SHIP EXPEDITIONS
2023-2024

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Open Up to Exploration...

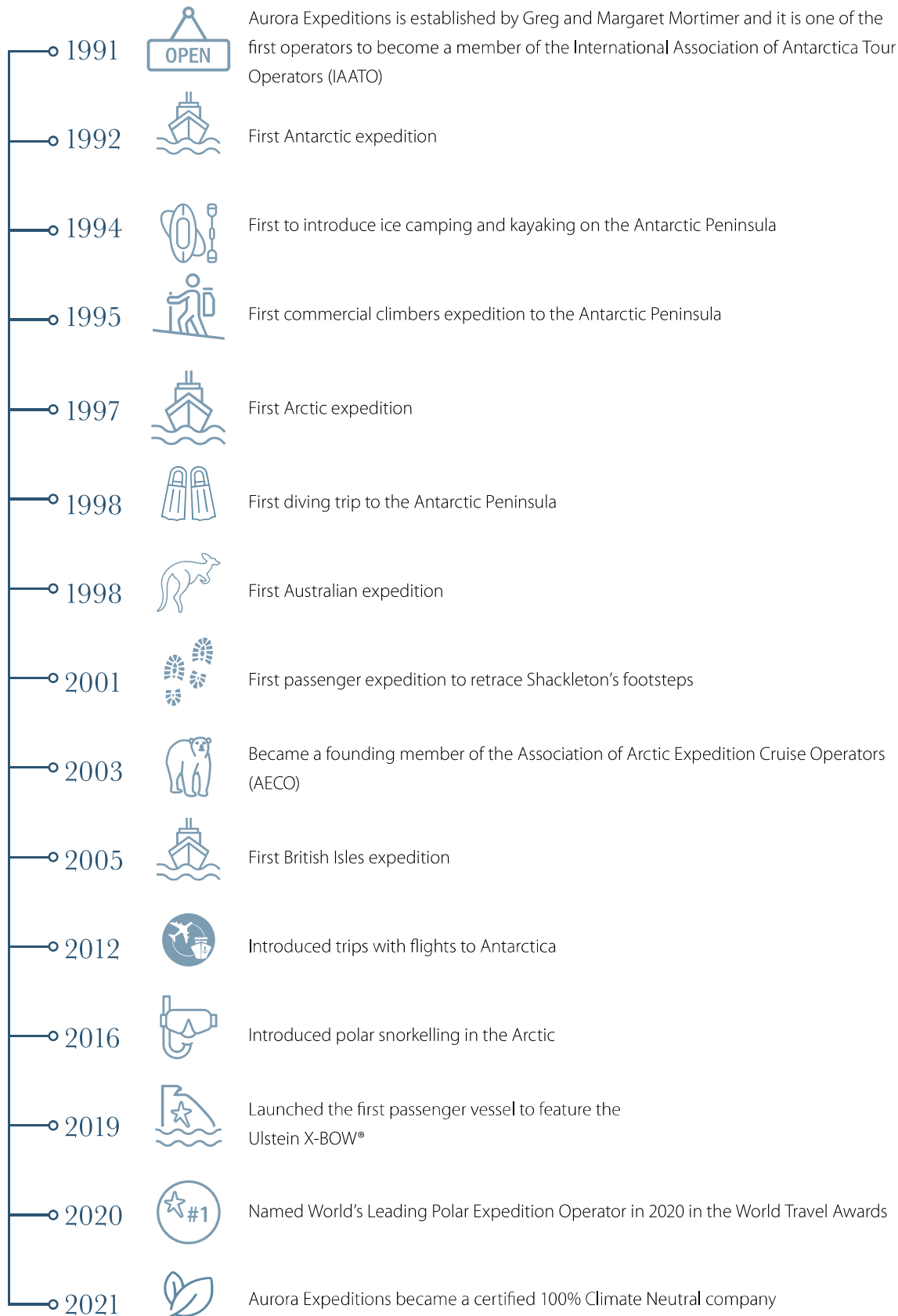
"In my experience, each adventure, every exploration starts when you take that first step outside your comfort zone and there's a little tingling feeling that goes with that. I suspect that everyone gets excitement from that step.

I have found that in the great mountains, the big oceans in the world and in the polar regions in particular, the things you learn from adventures are all the more poignant – and strong. I suspect that everyone has a sense of that need – and that was the spark that we saw that led us to start Aurora Expeditions.

We want to travel with like-minded people. Open up to exploration in your own way with us."

— **Greg Mortimer, OAM**
Aurora Expeditions Founder

30 Years of Experience



Our Story

More than 30 years in the making, Aurora Expeditions has a track record for pioneering discovery and adventure – and respectful travel is at the heart of our ethos.

Whether you are a new expeditioner or someone who has travelled with us before; we say, 'Welcome to the Aurora family.'

Started in 1991 by Greg and Margaret Mortimer on their early expeditions with friends and family, Aurora has always been about relationships. Joining the Aurora family means forming lifelong relationships with Aurora and your fellow expeditioners on each voyage.

In 1994, Aurora was the first company to introduce camping and kayaking into our Antarctic itineraries; 2001 brought an expedition created to retrace Sir Ernest Shackleton's footsteps, and in late 2019 we launched the *Greg Mortimer*, the world's first passenger ship to feature the Ulstein X-bow®.

And now with our two new ships, both certified 100% Climate Neutral, our spirit of discovery and adventure remains as strong as ever, as we continue to keep exploring the most awe-inspiring destinations on our planet. We have an informal style and experiential approach to expedition travel, which is delivered by our exceptional Expedition Leaders and their skilled teams.

You might have noticed we do not call it a cruise, but experiential travel. We invite you to ignite your curiosity, passion and care for the natural world and join us on board the *Greg Mortimer* or the *Sylvia Earle* for a true Aurora experience of a lifetime and to travel for good.



Multi-destination. Multi-experiences.

Choose the way you want to
adventure with Aurora.



EXPEDITION

For more than 30 years Aurora's expert Expedition Teams have been sharing their knowledge and understanding of some of the most remote and unspoiled destinations in Antarctica and the Arctic.

We follow the experience, not the itinerary, so our purpose-built small ships, Zodiacs and immersive activities can take you to undiscovered areas. Because if you want to see something you've never seen, you have to go somewhere you've never been.



DISCOVERY

An Aurora Discovery voyage takes you to the heart of nature and is full of excursions, hikes and activities, offering the true spirit of adventure as well as history and cultural experiences.

Sometimes we go off the beaten path and on others we have a combination of less discovered and more populated areas. Because when you disembark, we want you to be richer in your knowledge and understanding of our planet than you were when you stepped aboard.



TREKKING

Our treks promise a new level of adventure. Combine an expedition or discovery voyage with a trek, allowing you to really experience the nature and culture of the destination, and enjoy more time to explore the local sights and sounds.

Unforgettable Memories

"It brought back the childhood amazement for things that life knocks out of you!"

— B Williams, 2022

"Wonderfully flexible journey, never quite knew where the next adventure would be. Rather than a fixed itinerary simply going to best option was a joy. Felt safe, learned a lot, definitely an expedition rather than a holiday and absolutely not a "cruise" as most people would understand it. Thank goodness!"

— J Hutchison, 2022

"What amazing people onboard. Bright, happy fun crew who go above and beyond... exceptional! Loved the relaxed nature of the guides, their enthusiasm & professionalism while ensuring we got the best adventure experience."

— J Newman, 2022

"We loved it. The informality was a winner. Lots of room to move - the mud room was so well designed and effective... The change in itinerary and places we visited in such a short time was just brilliantly handled. Viewing the erupting volcano on the last night was genius planning."

— D Willison, 2022

"A brilliant holiday - seeing the iconic polar bear, walruses, seals, a blue whale and scenery that you need to drink in as photos do not do it justice. It is difficult to imagine the beauty of what could be sculpted icebergs - still smiling!"

— L Payne, 2022

Awards



Explore Our Extraordinary Destinations

Forge connections with the natural world on your voyage, and travel to remote coastlines where few others venture. With Aurora Expeditions you can choose from a range of destinations that span the globe, each selected for their natural beauty, remarkable biodiversity, geological wonders or fascinating archaeological sites.

*This map is for illustrative purposes only and not to scale. Destinations may vary.



Latin America

Pages 86–91

Explore some of earth's most biodiverse marine ecosystems up close and personal with our snorkelling, scuba diving, kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding activities.

Arctic

Pages 46–71

Our purpose-built expedition ships take you into the heart of the Arctic, watching for inquisitive seals, breaching whales and the elusive polar bear.



📍 Svalbard

📍 Greenland

📍 Jan Mayen

📍 Iceland

📍 Orkney Islands

📍 Scotland

📍 Ireland

📍 Azores

📍 Canary Islands

📍 Cape Verde

📍 Costa Rica & Panama



Islands of the Atlantic

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Embark on an unforgettable expedition to explore the dramatic features of Cape Verde, the Canary Islands and the Azores – renowned for their exceptional biodiversity.



British Isles

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With our expert guides and Expedition Specialists on hand, you can explore the unique landscapes, archaeological ruins and ancient cultures of this remote and wild part of the world.

📍 Patagonia

📍 Falklands~Malvinas

📍 South Georgia

📍 Antarctic Peninsula

📍 Weddell Sea



Antarctica

[View our Antarctica brochure for itineraries and dates](#)

Experience Antarctica through some once-in-a-lifetime adventure activities – from camping on the ice to kayaking, polar plunge and alpine trekking.



Our Ships

Designed for Discovery

Our two expedition ships are both new to the fleet and are designed for discovery. These ultra-modern, purpose-built ships use the latest advances in design and technology, truly revolutionising the small-ship experience.

Our ships, the *Greg Mortimer* and the *Sylvia Earle*, are a base camp for adventure and are capable of exploring the farthest reaches of the planet. The Ulstein X-BOW® makes sailing smoother and faster, is designed to leave the marine environment undisturbed and allows for incomparable up-close encounters with nature.

The *Greg Mortimer* honours Aurora Expeditions' founder explorer, mountaineer and all-round dynamo, Greg Mortimer, OAM. The *Sylvia Earle* is named after leading conservationist, marine biologist, oceanographer and explorer, Dr Sylvia Earle. In 1998, Sylvia Earle was the first person selected as 'Hero for the Planet' by *Time* magazine and is dedicated to protecting the world's oceans.

Every stateroom features an ocean view and nearly all include balconies. Our staterooms and suites range in size and spaciousness to suit a variety of priorities. And while making enriching discoveries and new friends, each ship has everything you need to maximise relaxation and comfort (including heated floors in the bathrooms on polar voyages).

The gym, wellness centre, sauna, cosy library, restaurants, bar and presentation theatre all feature floor-to-ceiling windows. There are outside decks, and also observation wings that extend outwards either side of the ship when something exciting is happening.



Kayakers at the back of the *Greg Mortimer* © S Portelli

Greg Mortimer

Explorer Greg Mortimer is a true icon of the field – a veteran of almost three decades of Antarctic research, mountaineering and polar travel.

We are privileged to be able to pay tribute to his extraordinary achievements and have named our new, custom-built expedition ship the *Greg Mortimer* to honour his legacy – embodying his incredible spirit of adventure and exploration.

On 3 October 1984, Greg and his expedition partner Tim Macartney-Shape became the first two Australians to reach the summit of Mount Everest, and even more impressively – they did so without the aid of supplementary oxygen. From there, Greg went on to climb K2 and Chongtar – again, without supplementary oxygen.

Since scaling some of the world's highest mountains, Greg has been awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to mountaineering and has received three Australian Geographic Society Medals.

After working together on the Australian Bicentennial Antarctic Expedition in 1988, Greg Mortimer co-founded Aurora Expeditions with his wife, Margaret, with the aim of sharing their incredible experiences with like-minded wanderers of the world.

Greg and Margaret's aim was simple – to take small groups of travellers on voyages of discovery to regions that inspired them, thereby creating lifelong ambassadors for the preservation and protection of these sacred places.

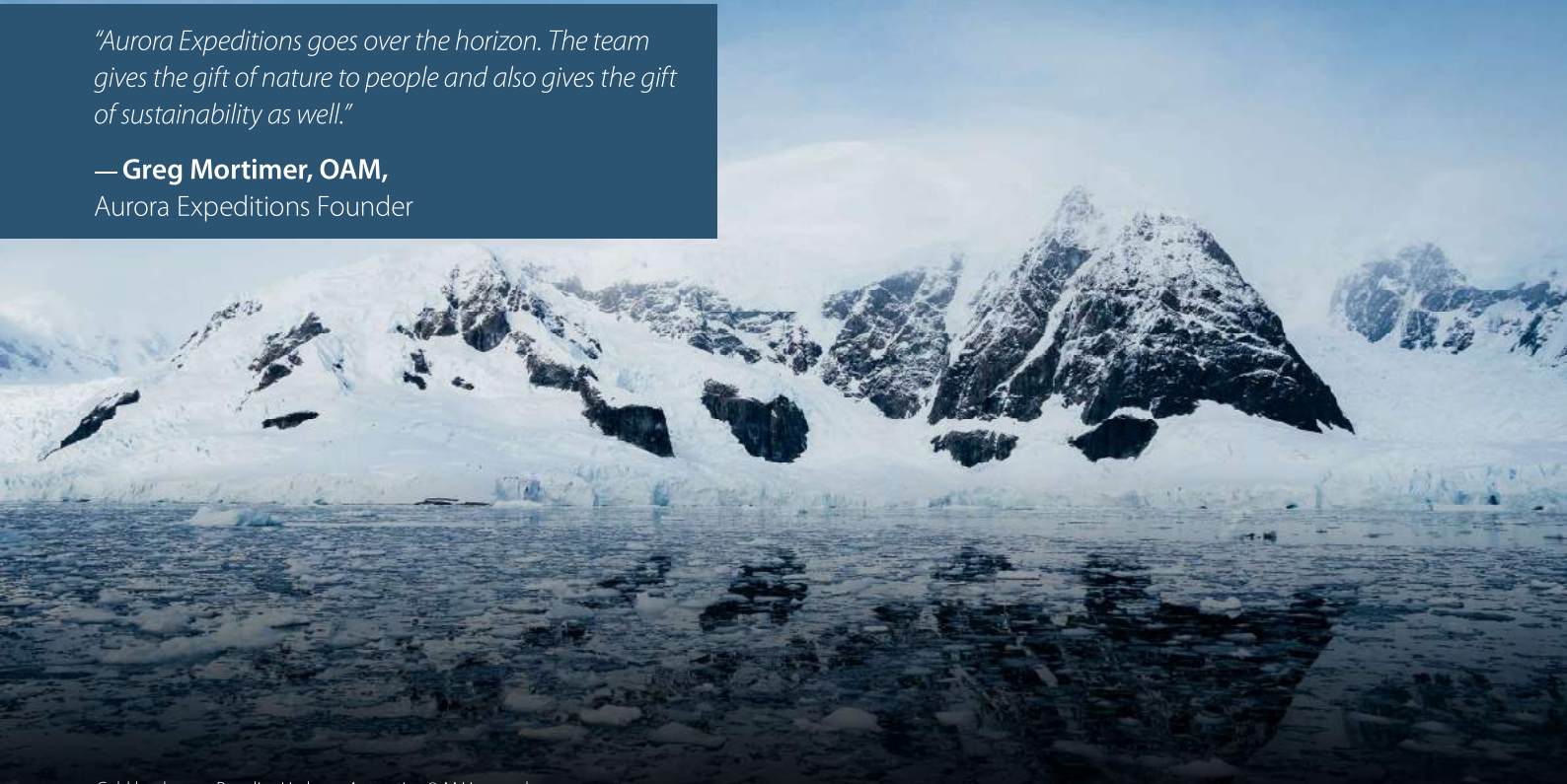
"Aurora Expeditions goes over the horizon. The team gives the gift of nature to people and also gives the gift of sustainability as well."

— **Greg Mortimer, OAM,**
Aurora Expeditions Founder



In 1992, Greg and his team embarked on their first voyage as Aurora Expeditions to Antarctica. Now, 30 years on, Aurora Expeditions still leads smaller groups to remote and breathtaking destinations all over the world, and has grown to offer passengers a wide range of action-packed activities such as polar snorkelling, sea kayaking and alpine crossing, all inspired by Greg Mortimer's great sense of adventure.

We invite you to embrace this spirit of unbridled exploration and join us on a voyage to some of the planet's most extraordinary, wild and rugged landscapes.



Dr Sylvia Earle

Once in a blue moon, not to mention a deep blue ocean, we are blessed with a partnership that fills us with an extraordinary sense of excitement, anticipation and hope for the future of the planet. That time is now.

We are honoured, humbled and delighted to welcome and introduce the incomparable Dr Sylvia Earle as the newest member of the Aurora Expeditions family. Launching in 2022, our brand new, purpose-built expedition ship *Sylvia Earle* is named in her honour and pays tribute to her lifelong contributions to ocean conservation. We will be unveiling other exciting conservation and environmental programs in partnership with Dr Earle in the future.

Renowned oceanographer, marine biologist and explorer, Dr Earle was the first female Chief Scientist of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. A National Geographic Society Explorer-in-Residence since 1998, she was named by *Time* magazine as its first 'Hero for the Planet' that same year.

Her key conservation initiative Mission Blue is creating a global network of marine protected areas, known as 'Hope Spots'. These richly biodiverse marine environments – which our ships will visit on various voyages – are critical to the health of our oceans, which in turn helps to safeguard the future wellbeing of the planet.

Now a valued partner of Aurora Expeditions, Dr Earle aims to educate and inspire people to become ambassadors for the vast but vulnerable marine world. 'Our goal is literally to inspire a network of hope – one place, one community, one vision at a time – but together around the world,' she says.



We invite you to join Aurora Expeditions, Dr Earle, our Expedition Team and entire crew in perspective-altering voyages to some of the most remote, unique and spectacular places on the planet, from the Arctic to Antarctica and an array of fascinating destinations in between.

"Immerse yourself in the ocean and be connected to the places that you go," says Dr Earle. "Don't go just to absorb, go to give back and share what you've learned elsewhere, connect with the locals, open people's minds. It's a wonderful opportunity to embrace the world and see it with new eyes."

— Dr Sylvia Earle



Our Ship, The Greg Mortimer



Panoramic Observation Areas & Lounge

Extra-large windows in our observation lounge mean that you will not miss out on the wildlife and wilderness passing by. You can also enjoy panoramic views from our outdoor observation areas on Decks 7 and 8.

Ulstein X-BOW®

Aboard the first expedition ship to pioneer this unique design that splits wave energy, you can enjoy faster, more comfortable travel, lower fuel consumption and reduced emissions.



Hydraulic Viewing Platforms

Custom-built for Aurora Expeditions, these dedicated observation areas extend from both sides of the ship to offer unobstructed views of nursing whales, nesting seabirds or the bow pushing through pack ice.



Lecture Theatre & Lounge

Enjoy fascinating, informative talks and briefings, or relax while watching documentaries or presentations in our comfortable theatre.



Library

Take advantage of our well-stocked onboard library. You will find an array of books covering everything from pioneering explorers to remote destinations and the wildlife you may encounter on your voyage.

Wellness Centre & Jacuzzis

Watch the world go by as you work out in the gym, unwind in the sauna or soothe your body at the end of a day of adventuring, with massages and treatments at our wellness centre.



Restaurant & Bar

Make new friends in our public, informal restaurant, or have a pre-dinner drink in our fully stocked bar.

Changing Room/Mudroom

Store your outdoor clothing and lifejacket/ personal flotation device (PFD) in your personal locker. The mudroom gives you easy access to cleaning stations and Zodiac-boarding docks.

Activity Preparation Area

Whether you are kayaking, diving or snorkelling, our activity prep area and sea kayak launch platform makes adventuring even easier. Designed with input from our awesome Expedition Team.

Zodiac Docks

Four sea-level platforms make loading and unloading our fleet of Zodiacs a breeze and are easily accessed from the mudroom and activity preparation areas on Deck 3.

Relaxed Staterooms & Suites

Relax between adventures in one of our comfortable staterooms or suites. Ranging from porthole to balcony categories, all have bathrooms and plenty of storage space.



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Our Newest Ship, *The Sylvia Earle*

Library & Lounge

Look out for wildlife and wilderness through the extra-large windows of our X-BOW®. This peaceful sanctuary is where you can rest and read up on a range of informative non-fiction titles, wildlife guidebooks, travel journals, sustainability guides, novels and more.



Science Centre & Lounge

Learn about the world we explore with our onboard naturalists and Expedition Team in our science centre, or enjoy superb views to the front of the ship.

Ulstein X-BOW®

Experience the effect of cruising with this unique design that splits wave energy. The result? Faster, more comfortable travel, lower fuel consumption and reduced emissions.



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Swimming Pool, Jacuzzis, Gym & Wellness Centre

Enjoy our heated open-air swimming pool and watch the world go by, or soothe your body at the end of a day of adventuring, with massages and treatments at our wellness centre.



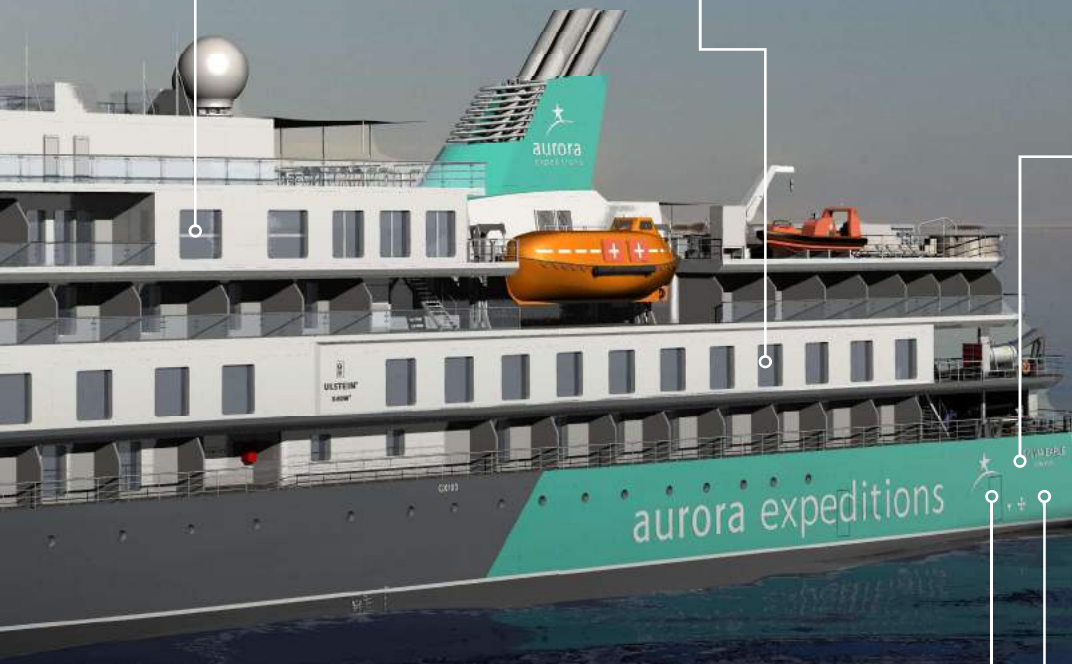
Restaurant & Bar

Make new friends in our public dining areas, featuring open seating, or have a pre-dinner drink in our fully stocked bar.



Changing Room/ Mudroom

Store your outdoor clothing and rain boots in your personal locker. Prepare for each landing with easy access to cleaning stations and Zodiac-boarding platforms.



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Four sea-level platforms make loading and unloading our fleet of Zodiacs a breeze and are easily accessed from the mudroom and activity preparation areas on Deck 3.

Lecture Theatre & Lounge

Enjoy fascinating, informative talks and briefings or relax while watching documentaries or slideshows in our comfortable theatre.

Activity Preparation Area

Whether you are diving, climbing, snowshoeing, or paddling, our Deck 3, Expedition Team-designed prep area and sea kayak launch platform makes adventure activities even easier.

All ship images of the *Sylvia Earle* are artist's impressions only and final results may vary.

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What Makes Aurora Expeditions Different?

The Aurora Difference

You might have noticed that we do not call it a cruise, but experiential travel. For over 30 years, we have pioneered travel that inspires hearts and minds and makes dreams come true.



Smaller Groups

At Aurora, we believe small groups make a big difference. We take an average of 132 expeditioners per voyage. This leads to smoother transitions, longer and more relaxed landings and a more intimate experience.



Expert Guides

Our highly acclaimed Expedition Team members are quite simply, the best in the business. Once you step on board, our Expedition Specialists will welcome you to a close-knit team and inspire you to see our planet's wild places differently. Our team members have always been about sharing their passion, knowledge and understanding of some of the most remote and unspoiled destinations.



New Purpose-Built Small Ships

Our two purpose-built small expedition ships are both brand new and are designed to respond rapidly to any weather condition in the wild and remote places we visit. The environment is our priority, to ensure non-intrusive and low-impact voyages. The *Greg Mortimer* was the first ever passenger ship to feature the revolutionary Ulstein X-BOW, which crosses oceans more comfortably and efficiently. Our expansive observation decks and hydraulic viewing platforms bring you even closer to the natural environment. Our ships offer a spacious and comfortable base camp for adventures. Plus, our small, ice-strengthened ships allow us to land in more locations than larger vessels can.



Spirit of Adventure

We explore differently. We have always encouraged our expeditioners to experience the wild places in a range of different ways. We remain true to our ethos and our focus is on getting our expeditioners off-ship as much as possible with multiple landings every day. Our purpose-built ships enable us to deliver a world-leading activities and shore excursion program. Whether you plan to kayak, hike, climb, ski, snorkel or dive, our expert guides have the expertise and knowledge to help you safely push the boundaries of your experience, while sharing their love of adventure with you.



Relaxed Onboard Atmosphere

We hope that you will enjoy our warm, informal and relaxed style onboard. Aurora has always been about relationships, and we hope that after an expedition with us, you will have a relationship with Aurora and some of your fellow expeditioners that will last a lifetime.



Education and Enrichment

With education and enrichment at the heart of the way we explore, we have programs that feature experts and special guests in the fields of exploration, conservation, science, photography, art, culture and more, to enrich your expedition with their unique perspectives, insights, and experiences, as well as the opportunity for all expeditioners to participate in Citizen Science programs.

We want you to be inspired and connect more deeply to the places, wildlife and people on your expedition. Because when you disembark, we want you to be richer in your knowledge and understanding of our planet than when you stepped onboard.



Included Extras

Whether it is an expedition jacket to keep, charter flights or pre-/post-voyage accommodation and gratuities, our inclusions are what most others would consider extras. For a full list of inclusions for each voyage, please view the itinerary page on our website.

Solo Travellers

Expedition cruising is such a fantastic choice for solo travellers, giving them the chance to experience the world's most remote and incredible destinations with like-minded travellers and our expert guides, while on board our small, social and welcoming ships.

Our landings and activities are all conducted in small groups. You will be able to explore at your own pace, pushing your limits with adventure. You will be surrounded by fellow expeditioners with a shared spirit of adventure, having an amazing experience, making new friends – and the memories are yours to keep.

Aurora Expeditions has some great options for solo travellers. If you would like to share accommodation with another expeditioner of the same gender, we will be happy to try to make it happen for you.



Great for Groups

Expeditions are made for great adventures for groups. Our ships play host to many groups of varying sizes and include photographers, birders and wildlife enthusiasts.

Our unique style of expeditions and our highly experienced onboard teams makes for great group adventures.

Whether you are a travel agent seeking to take a group directly, or a professional photographer or special interest expert promoting a group to your own network of contacts, we have the itineraries and activities to suit.

Special Guests

Our regular Special Guest Program matches inspiring and educational guests from around the world with selected voyages where they can share their expertise and personal insights into the incredible and remote destinations that Aurora Expeditions travels to.

You can find details of the program on our website.





We Care.

A sustainable future has never been more important. We see expedition travel as a force for good. We are accelerating meaningful changes in our ongoing care for the planet programs and are active in doing more to help make a positive impact on the planet.

We have an ongoing commitment to responsible, respectful travel. As one of the first operators to become a member of IAATO and AECO, we take our responsibility seriously.

We are curious; we are passionate. For us it is about good decisions and inspiring action through our focus areas.

We are about supporting and empowering people, communities, the places we visit, the extraordinary wildlife we encounter and the nature we connect with.





Our Planet: Minimal Footprint



We are 100% Climate Neutral. Our ships use the innovative X-BOW® design, which reduces fuel consumption



We are committed to eliminating unnecessary emissions and reducing our footprint



We are investing in two partnerships with South Pole world leaders, specialising in emission-reduction projects and strategies

We will calculate our emissions and offset annually.

Project 1: Biodiversity in South Australia

We invest in a biodiversity conservation project in Australia. Mount Sandy Conservation on South Australia's Limestone Coast promotes conservation partnerships between the traditional Ngarrindjeri landowners and non-Indigenous Australians through vital conservation work. The program ensures permanent protection of a regionally and culturally important pocket of biodiverse-rich land.

Project 2: Wind Renewables in Taiwan

We invest in InfraVest Tongyuan Windfarm, a renewable energy project in northwest Taiwan harnessing wind power for a sustainable and secure energy future.

We Are Creating a Sustainable Food Program

We are setting up and improving regional supply chains. We are working closely with suppliers that encourage regenerative farming and nature-based farming principles. We engage with suppliers in Europe, Chile, Argentina and the US to deliver regionally inspired farm-to-table experiences on board.



Education and Enrichment



Creation of a platform for exploration, discovery and knowledge



Education and enrichment through lectures and briefings on board and ashore



Extensive resources in our onboard libraries



Enhanced Participative Citizen Science Program – 7 projects on board



Dedicated Citizen Science Centre on board the *Sylvia Earle*



Women in Conservation program and opportunities to give back



Unmatched knowledge from our Expedition Team and special guests



Expeditioners are given a firsthand opportunity to contribute to data and science



Ultimately, the aim is to create ambassadors for the planet



People and Community



A team of diverse, motivated people



We form meaningful partnerships







Environmental Management Systems



Efficient energy, water and waste management on vessels



Reusable water bottle for all passengers, and refill stations onboard



Reduced single plastics on board via CMI-L's Green Program



Eco-friendly products and cleaning on board and in the office

We are always seeking ways to innovate, educate and make a positive impact.

Some of our future projects and goals are:

- Antarctica Climate Expedition with Dr Sylvia Earle in February 2023 – with 23 climate change outcomes
- Improving supply chains
- Working towards B-Corp Certification



For us, it is about help and hope



Help make a **positive impact**



Build our **legacy** with the planet



And **hope** for a brighter future

Travel for good.



Life on Board

The spirit of Aurora is about shared experiences and making new friends. We have an intimate and relaxed atmosphere on board. After making enriching discoveries off ship, return to relax or explore and learn more on board.

VIEW the incredible landscapes and wildlife through floor-to-ceiling windows that face every direction. Find a spot on the vast outside decks, or the dedicated observation areas, which include our unique viewing platforms that extend out either side of the ship, so you can get close to the real show outside.

FEEL AT HOME in the comfort of your spacious and well-appointed stateroom or suite. Most include balconies and all include private bathrooms with heated floors, which are a standout for travel in the polar regions.

JOIN the early risers for pastries, coffee and tea in the lecture theatre.

DINE and swap stories with new friends in our informal restaurant, or have a coffee or drink at the bar.

ENJOY welcome drinks with the captain and Expedition Team.

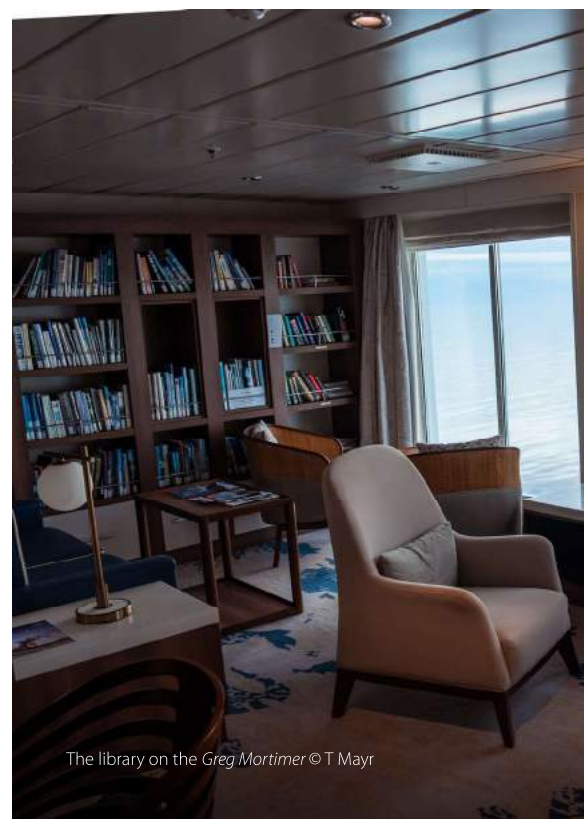
TRY our gym, sauna, jacuzzi, or soothe the body with a massage in our wellness centre.

STAY HYDRATED sustainably with our complimentary reusable water bottles and water refilling stations throughout the ship.

ATTEND an enriching presentation, lecture or talk by our experienced Expedition Team or Special Guests on a variety of topics.

RELAX and unwind in the comfort of our well-stocked library.

GET READY for adventure in our mudroom and activity prep area, with individual lockers for all your complimentary expedition gear and equipment.



The library on the Greg Mortimer © T Mayr



The jacuzzi on the *Greg Mortimer* © T Mayr



A stateroom on the *Greg Mortimer* © T Mayr



The gym on the *Greg Mortimer* © T Mayr

The Most Comprehensive Activity Program



Included Activities



Zodiac Cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Birdwatching

Optional Activities*



Sea Kayaking



Scuba Diving



Snorkelling



Stand-up
Paddleboarding



Rock Climbing



Paddling



Activities to Put You in the Action

The real adventure happens off ship. Our expeditions are all about more opportunities for you to get off-ship to explore and connect with the remarkable destinations we go to.

We have the most comprehensive activity program, supported by the most experienced Expedition Team on hand, dedicated to making each experience action-packed and immersive in the natural environment.

Some activities are included in your expedition, while others are optional and cost extra. Some activities need to be booked in advance.

There are activity options for everyone regardless of experience or skill level. And there is always the opportunity to try something new. How you experience the destination is entirely up to you.

**All our landings, adventures and activities are subject to weather conditions and activity options do vary by itinerary.*



Included Activities

Our expeditions are designed to put you in the action as much as possible. To maximise your time in the incredible destinations we visit, we offer a range of included activities as part of your voyage.



Polar Plunge



A time-honoured tradition, the polar plunge is a celebrated optional rite of passage for polar travellers. Take the plunge to cheers of encouragement from all on board! NB: This activity is available on selected expeditions only, weather permitting.



Guided Hikes



Adventurous hikes for all abilities are offered on our expeditions. Explore historical ruins, stroll pristine beaches, trek through lush wilderness areas, admire local flora and fauna, or scale heights to delight in spectacular vistas.



Photography



Our photography guides offer onboard lectures that are filled with handy hints to improve your camera and photography skills, and will help you capture those memorable moments in the field during excursions.



Zodiac Cruises



Explore rocky coves, marvel at spectacular glaciers and icebergs, discover secluded bays and search for wildlife in hard-to-reach places in our fleet of trusty Zodiacs – sturdy and heavy-duty inflatable rubber speedboats.

Optional Activities

Your expedition can be as active as you want. We have the most comprehensive activity program and offer an unrivalled array of activities so you can reach new limits and live out your wildest dreams.

Choose from a large selection of optional activities led by our professional and passionate Expedition Team.



Sea Kayaking

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Silent and sleek, sea kayaks are perfect for exploring wild coastlines, allowing you to get up close with the amazing wildlife.



Scuba Diving

●●○ — ●●●

Get under the surface of the sea and discover the hidden wonders of the underwater world with some of the world's best dive masters.



Snorkelling

●○○ — ●●○

Witness wildlife in action and marvel at the fascinating display of life under the water as you snorkel and drift along at a leisurely pace.



Stand-up Paddleboarding (SUP)

●●○

Paddle in protected bays, drift quietly under the backdrop of lush rainforest or glide over vibrant coral gardens.



Rock Climbing in Greenland ●●●

Climb the striking granite peaks of remote East Greenland in pursuit of breathtaking views of Scoresbysund's ice-filled fjords. Relish the chance to explore up and along the rarely scaled peaks that dominate the landscape.



Paddling ●○○

Enjoy an unforgettable experience on the water with coastal paddling in inflatable kayaks. This is ideal for those with no experience who are seeking a 'lite' kayaking experience.

**Subject to appropriate weather and sea conditions.*

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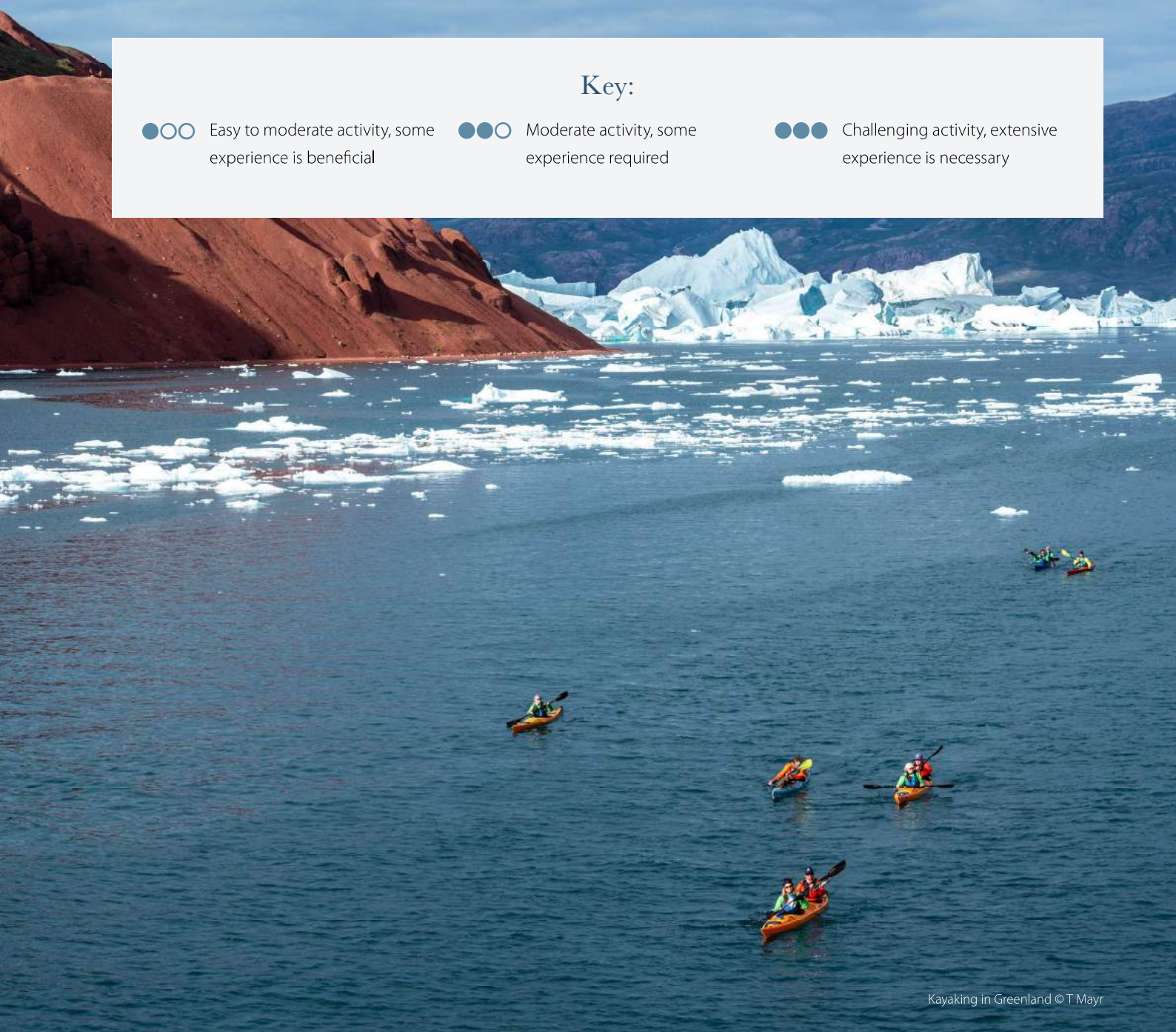
Easy to moderate activity, some experience is beneficial



Moderate activity, some experience required



Challenging activity, extensive experience is necessary







Take Your Best Shot

Bring your expedition stories to life with the best photos you will ever take.

We have award-winning professional photographers on board every voyage to inspire, guide and assist you. Every passenger, from smartphone user to semi-professional shooter, can benefit from our experts' deep professional knowledge – picking up tips, learning new skills and taking some awe-inspiring photos.

Every minute of every destination we explore provides extraordinary photo opportunities, so there will be so many incredible moments to capture and so much you will want to shoot!

As our photographers love to share their skills with photo enthusiasts of all levels and also offer informative onboard presentations and supportive tips, you will be taking snaps of extraordinary moments in no time.

Happy shooting!

“What I love about photography is...”

“The sense of adventure and exploration that inspires me to capture the essence of some of the most amazing places on the planet. Every day is a new experience, a visual feast for all the senses. It allows me to explore my creativity and passion for photography and interpret the world in completely different ways.”

— **Scott Portelli**, Australian multi-award-winning wildlife photographer and member of the Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP)

“What I love about expedition photography is that it allows me to combine my pursuit of images with a fantastic travel experience to many of the most remote, beautiful and challenging environments on the planet. The continually changing land, sky and seascapes seen from the ship, and the close-up encounters with icebergs and wildlife afforded by Zodiac cruises and beach landings, present endless opportunities for capturing a diverse range of great images.

I also love that I don't have to pack my bags to move on to the next destination, the ship takes care of that.”

— **Richard l'Anson**, award-winning Canon Master, World Nomads Mentor, and Australian Himalayan Foundation Ambassador



Give Back and Get Involved in Citizen Science

"Our goal is literally to inspire a network of hope – one place, one community, one vision at a time – but together around the world."

— **Dr Sylvia Earle**, oceanographer, marine biologist and explorer.

Travel is always the best educator and we offer the chance to enrich your curiosity and expand your knowledge and understanding of the places we travel to. There is no better learning opportunity than being in the field with subject-matter experts.

Our Citizen Science Program is designed to be an interactive forum for like-minded travellers to share new discoveries and deepen their connection to the natural world in a relaxed, informal and fun environment – on board our ships, on our fascinating shore expeditions and in our Zodiacs.

You can make a difference because your participation enables us to provide invaluable data to the scientific community. You too can become an ambassador for the protection of our majestic but fragile blue planet by sharing what you have learned, when you return home.

How Does it Work?

Members of our passionate Expedition Team, together with a Citizen Science Coordinator, will be on hand to introduce and assist you with the projects being conducted on your voyage.

Expert guidance on the collection, storage and sharing of new scientific data will not only greatly enhance your voyage experience, but also help you gain more knowledge of our ever-changing natural environment.

From the biggest mammals to the smallest marine creatures, the important part you play in our Citizen Science projects will help protect and preserve the planet for generations to come.

Our Projects

Our seven dynamic and diverse Citizen Science projects – focusing on whales, seabirds, microplastics, weather patterns, phytoplankton, polar fjordlands and marine biodiversity – have been hand-picked for their ground-breaking work and global achievements:

- Happywhale
- Seabird surveys
- Microplastic survey
- NASA Globe – Cloud Observations
- Secchi disk
- Fjord Phyto
- iNaturalist

**Citizen Science projects are location and weather dependent and not all projects are able to be operated on every voyage.*



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The Expedition Team

Your Expedition Team

Out here, experience matters.

When you travel with Aurora Expeditions, you travel with the most dedicated, experienced, passionate and skilled Expedition Team in the industry.

Our team knows the places we take you to better than anyone, because their knowledge is extensive. They push the boundaries to get you to the heart of nature in some of the most beautiful places on earth.

We are about small groups for big adventures. We have the highest ratio of Expedition Team to passengers, with an unwavering commitment to safety – all here to ensure that you get the most out of your adventure with us.



Howard Whelan

Home: Australia

Years with Aurora: 26

Background: Howard joined Greg Mortimer on the first Australian ascent of Mount Everest as cameraman before going on to become the founding editor of *Australian Geographic*.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: It is a tie – the Ross Sea and Antarctica.

Advice: Put your camera down and take in the sounds, smells and beauty.



Florence Kuyper

Home: Netherlands

Years with Aurora: 2

Background: Florence has worked in both the Arctic and Antarctica, has crossed the 1,200 kilometres (746 miles) Mongolian desert on foot, and returns to Antarctica every year.

Language: Dutch, English, French

Favourite Expedition: Every Antarctic destination!

Advice: Disconnect from the internet while you are on board; it is the perfect excuse to be out of reach.



Ashley Perrin

Home: North America

Years with Aurora: 3

Background: With over 209,215 kilometres (130,000 miles) under her belt as a skipper offshore and a dual major with honours in geography and oceanography, Ashley became the first female boating officer in Antarctica with the British Antarctic Survey.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: Antarctica.

Advice: Get involved with a Citizen Science Program and contribute to the world.



David Berg

Home: Sweden

Years with Aurora: 4

Background: An earth scientist, glaciologist and senior polar guide, David has rarely spent time away from the Arctic and Antarctic over the last decade. In 2017 he completed an unsupported 600-kilometre (372.8 miles), 27-day crossing of Greenland's inland ice.

Language: Swedish, English

Favourite Expedition: Svalbard Odyssey.

Advice: Dress warmly and be ready to be amazed by the incredible landscapes. Also, read up about the history and wildlife.



Isabelle Howells

Home: United Kingdom

Years with Aurora: 2

Background: A passion for marine biology and the environment has taken Isabelle to the Arctic region, where she worked as a whale-watching guide and trained as a commercial sailing skipper.

Language: English, French

Favourite Expedition: The Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia and the Falklands.

Advice: The longer you stay out on deck, the more you are guaranteed to see.



Daniel Stavert

Home: Australia

Years with Aurora: 5

Background: With a love for both training and teaching, Daniel has spent over a decade leading groups in kayaking, climbing and trekking in remote Tasmania, the islands of Scotland, and the coast of mainland Australia, and Antarctica.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: East Greenland.

Advice: Take a waterproof backpack so you can focus on experiencing every moment and not worry about the splashy waves!



Dot Robertson

Home: Australia

Years with Aurora: New in 2022

Background: Dot has a love of the outdoors, adventure and travel. An avid hiker, she has been an expedition guide since 2008 with trekking highlights such as Papua New Guinea, Peru and Scotland.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: Antarctica and Scotland for their remoteness and history.

Advice: To stop and listen – whether it is to the wind, the wildlife or the complete silence.



Dr John Kirkwood

Home: Australia

Years with Aurora: 15

Background: A deep love of travel, the natural world and exploration has kept John involved with polar and marine research for more than 30 years.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: South Georgia: one of the great wildlife experiences on the planet.

Advice: Be up for adventure, be flexible and take every opportunity.



Dr Annette Scheffer

Home: UK, Germany and Azores

Years with Aurora: 2

Background: Annette is a marine biologist, scientist and lecturer. She works closely with international education institutions where she shares her passion for all areas of marine biology and sustainability.

Language: German, English, French

Favourite Expedition: South Georgia and Antarctic Odyssey.

Advice: At night, go out to the deck and look at the sky full of stars and the icebergs around you.



Dr Ulyana Horodyskyj

Home: United States

Years with Aurora: 2

Background: Ulyana has a unique blend of academia and experience in extreme environments, with extensive knowledge of geology, glaciology, astronomy and climate, alongside advanced experience in mountaineering.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: Antarctic Peninsula.

Advice: Enjoy the landscape, pay attention to what you are feeling and use your senses.



Jeff Nagel

Home: United States

Years with Aurora: New in 2022

Background: Whether he's on white-water rafting adventures in the American West or skiing the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, guiding outdoors has always felt natural to Jeff – taking expeditioners into some of the wildest and most remote places on earth.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: Svalbard, specifically a Fjord named Hornsund.

Advice: Get out on deck! What you came here for is outside of those doors.



Scott Portelli

Home: Australia

Years with Aurora: 7

Background: Scott has been awarded BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year and the Sony World Photography Award and is now credited with being one of the world's best wildlife photographers.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia.

Advice: Get involved with all aspects of expedition, adventure, socialising and learning while you are with us.



Lauren Farmer

Home: Scottish Highlands

Years with Aurora: New in 2022

Background: Lauren has spent eight austral and boreal summers as a polar guide. She is a proud fellow of the Explorers Club, a certified Senior Guide and co-founder of the Polar Citizen Science Collective.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: Wrangel Island.

Advice: Pay special attention to how you feel in Antarctica. Once you return home the clarity and calm will return when you most need it!



Michael Baynes

Home: Australia

Years with Aurora: 6

Background: Completing an environmental science degree enabled Michael to pursue his love of nature and wildlife. During his time working as an environmental scientist, his passion for photography really came to the fore.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: East Greenland, due to the dramatic landscapes and icebergs.

Advice: Regardless of experience or camera equipment, everyone can create beautiful images by focusing on the light.



Eamon Larkin

Home: Australia

Years with Aurora: 2

Background: Eamon has been an expedition guide in Australia and abroad since 1995. He loves supporting people to move beyond their comfort zone to experience new things.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: Looking forward to exploring the new itineraries for 2022–23 season.

Advice: Take a quiet moment on your own, indulge your senses and be mindful of how you feel in the environment.



Sigurð Davidsen

Home: Faroe Islands

Years with Aurora: New in 2022

Background: Sigurð's career has taken him all over the world; the Royal Danish Airforce, IT and offshore seismic surveying, but his passion always lied with sea kayaking!

Language: Faeroese, Danish, English

Favourite Expedition: Iceland.

Advice: Select a different skill or experience to focus on each day while paddling (kayaking skill, birdwatching etc.).



Catherine Ardagh

Home: Canada

Years with Aurora: New in 2022

Background: Catherine has diverse work experience as a tour guide in Central America and Cuba, an expedition guide and expedition leader in the polar regions, as well as experience as a sailing yacht captain and as a Divemaster.

Language: English, French, Spanish

Favourite Expedition: The west coast of British Columbia.

Advice: Set down your camera and enjoy the simple beauty of the polar regions.



Justine Bornholdt

Home: New Zealand and Australia

Years with Aurora: 7

Background: Justine has been travelling the world and crisscrossing all seven continents since 2010. She takes every chance to be on an adventure.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: Antarctica, Greenland, Wild Scotland and South Georgia.

Advice: Do not miss an opportunity to get off the ship. If a landing looks grey, cold and wild, then embrace it!



Ian McCarthy

Home: United Kingdom

Years with Aurora: 4

Background: Ian has worked as a wildlife filmmaker for over 30 years, mostly for the BBC Natural History Unit based in Bristol. During that time, Ian has lived for long periods in remote wildernesses, from Greenland to Antarctica and as far as Siberia.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula.

Advice: Get ashore as much as you can and immerse yourself in nature.



Alex Cowan

Home: Scotland

Years with Aurora: New in 2022

Background: Alex has a varied background as a geologist, a mountaineer and a professional yachtsman. Since 2011, he has guided in Svalbard, Antarctica, South Georgia and Greenland.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: The High Arctic.

Advice: When you get home, think back to the amazing things you saw. These incredible vistas are real and they're always there, and they are special places that need to be protected.



Rosie Leaney

Home: Australia

Years with Aurora: New in 2022

Background: An avid nature and underwater photographer, Rosie has travelled across the globe to the most remote destinations as a Divemaster and ocean advocate. For over 10 years, Rosie has combined her passion for adventure with her life as a health professional.

Language: English

Favourite Expedition: South Georgia.

Advice: Embrace the expertise on board – go to lectures, get involved with Citizen Science.

Sail With Confidence

As part of our 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 & Safety Program has been strengthened to protect against COVID-19.

Our carefully considered measures will be followed while also ensuring our expeditioners will continue to have every opportunity to fully experience every part of expedition cruising.

A key component of this industry-leading Health & Safety Program is the adoption of breakthrough rapid onsite PCR testing, the highest level of pre-cruising preventative measures and a robust Response Plan and onboard protocols, all designed to bring peace of mind to our expeditioners, crew and Expedition Team.

Key Health & Safety Features



Fully equipped medical centre on board: doctor + nurse + emergency care facilities



100% fresh air – no recirculation of air



Onboard Rapid PCR testing machines



All landings with Aurora are accompanied by a medic

Our expeditions give you a deeper connection with nature as well as your fellow expeditioners because our small-ship experience of an average of 132 passengers allows just that. Enjoy more active, healthier experiences in wide-open spaces and reinvigorate yourself. With our enhanced protocols, know that your health and safety is in qualified hands and that your expedition experience will be enjoyed to the fullest with Aurora Expeditions.

Our full Health & Safety Program and Flexible Booking with Confidence policy is available on our website.

**We continue to update Health & Safety protocols in line with relevant regulations and jurisdictions. Please note that health and safety requirements may vary per country.*





A Guide to the Arctic

The great sweep of the Arctic encompasses the northernmost latitudes on earth, offering unparalleled encounters with the natural world at its most rugged and wild. Immerse yourself in this mesmerising world steeped in rich history, fascinating traditional culture and wildlife that entrances and delights.



Polar bear enjoying the sunset © A Hernandez

What Animals Can You Expect to See?

Besides the polar bear, there is an incredible variety of wildlife to see in the Arctic – far more than in the Antarctic, in fact! From cuties like arctic foxes and puffins, to the mammoth-like musk oxen and whales, many expedition days have the potential for jaw-dropping wildlife sightings.

We have a commitment to only encounter wildlife in their natural habitat, which makes any interactions that much more magical! Plus, with 25 years' experience in the Arctic and our passionate Expedition Leaders, we are clued up on all the best spots to see which wildlife, where, and at what time of year.



Polar Bears



Musk Oxen



Arctic Foxes



Arctic Hares



Reindeer



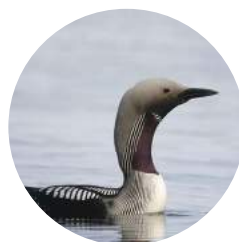
Whales



Seals



Orcas



Birds

The word **Arctic** comes from the Greek word *arktikós*, 'near the bear, northern'. The Great Bear constellation can be seen in the northern sky.

There are eight countries within the **Arctic** region: Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, the United States (Alaska), Canada, Denmark (Greenland) and Iceland.



Do People Live There?

Yes. Humans have lived in the Arctic for thousands of years.

Today, there are more than two million people living north of 60 degrees north, many in modern settlements.



How Large is the Arctic?

The polar regions cover the ends of the earth like caps, and the Arctic is just slightly larger than Antarctica.

The largest ice sheet in the Arctic is 1.71 million km² (0.66 million square miles).



Best Time to Visit

Fortunately, we steer clear of the polar regions in winter. When we visit in summer, the weather is actually quite pleasant! Temperatures across the regions vary greatly. In summer, the average temperature at the North Pole is barely freezing at 0°C (-32°F). The best time to visit the Arctic is between May – September.

The Arctic

- Greenland • Northwest Passage
- Iceland • Svalbard • Jan Mayen
- Norway

"What a memorable holiday! The Expedition Team members and crew ensured we all individually and collectively had our needs, wants and desires catered for... right down to getting the right angle in the Zodiacs for taking photographs. A month after the expedition and I am still left with a feeling of euphoria whenever I recall the natural wonders I witnessed... glaciers calving, puffins, polar bears, 1.00 am sunrises, gentle, soft snow on the deck and an ocean of ice! So much more to say, words are inadequate compared to my memories and feelings. Thank you to the whole team."

— **Sandra A**





Zodiac-cruising at Gyldeøyane, Svalbard © P Eastway

Svalbard Odyssey

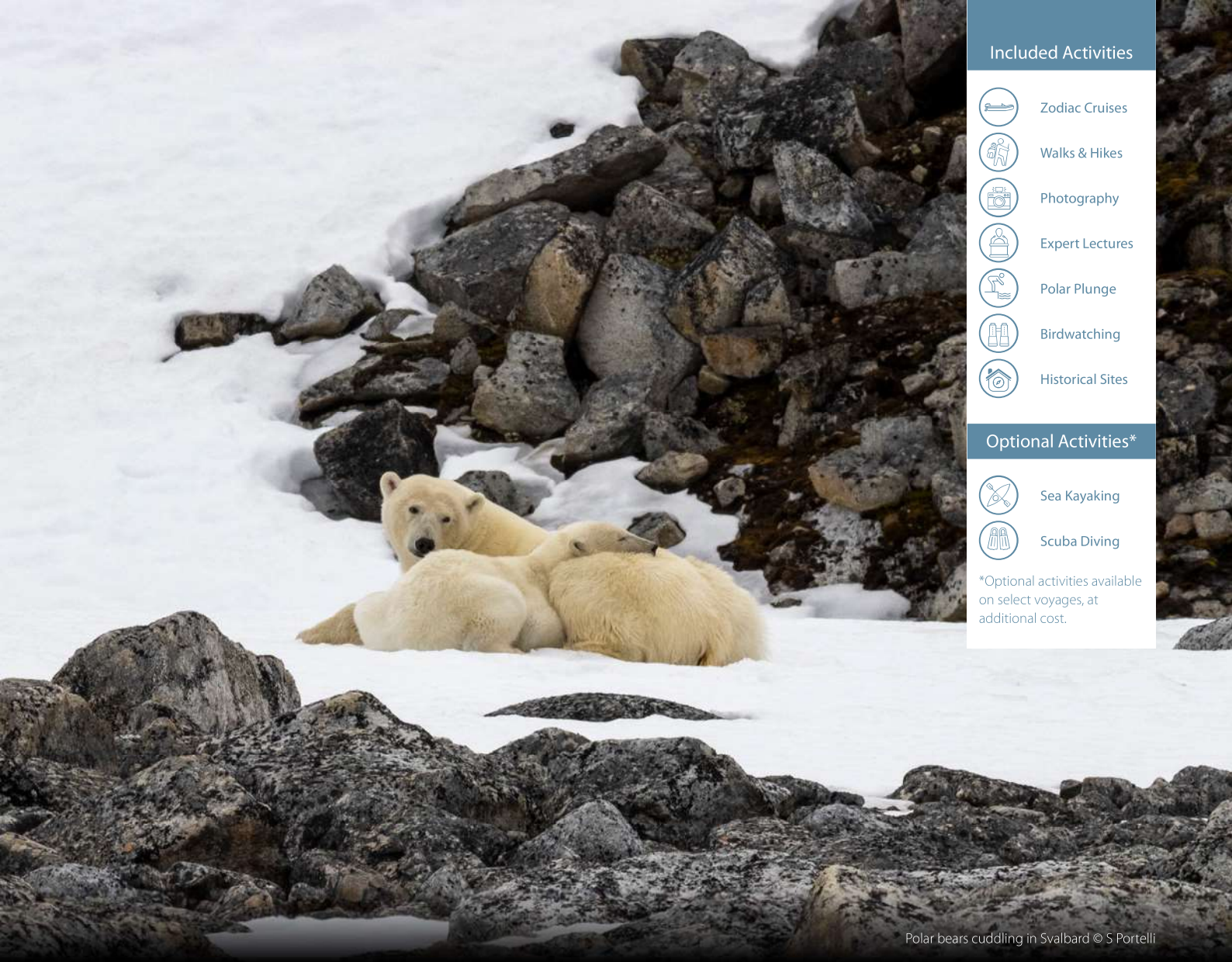
Svalbard Archipelago | 12 Days

Enjoy the best of Svalbard, a world of near-endless daylight during summer, where polar bear sightings quicken your pulse, guillemot cries echo from towering cliffs, and beluga whales beguile those lucky to glimpse them. Explore tundra adorned with wildflowers, keep watch for arctic fox and discover historical camps of explorers and hunters. Push through pack ice to find walrus and bearded seals and delight in breathtakingly beautiful fjords.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Venture close to 80° north in search of polar bears hunting on pack ice
- Discover the thrill of seeing walrus, seals, whales, reindeer, arctic fox, guillemots and puffins
- Sail across blue glacier fronts and along spectacular fjords
- Enjoy tundra hikes amid stunning scenery





Included Activities

- Zodiac Cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

- Sea Kayaking
- Scuba Diving

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Polar bears cuddling in Svalbard © S Portelli

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Longyearbyen and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Embark in Longyearbyen.

DAYS 3–11 Svalbard offers arctic wilderness at its best.

Phenomenal fjords, magnificent mountain ranges and a polar desert rich in fossils set the stage for heroic tales of early exploration. Hike across tundra ablaze with colourful wildflowers, and in our trusty Zodiacs, we visit towering cliffs noisy with nesting guillemots and puffins and marvel at scree slopes that hold Svalbard's largest little auk colonies. Remain vigilant for encounters with the majestic polar bear on pack ice. Your Expedition Team is just as keen as you are to find these powerful and majestic giants of the Arctic – they will be on constant watch to spot these inspiring creatures.

DAY 12 Disembark in Longyearbyen.

You can view the full itinerary on our website. In the genuine spirit of expedition travel, this itinerary is only a guide and is subject to change due to weather, sea and other conditions beyond our control.

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Longyearbyen/Longyearbyen	12 Days	29 May '23 – 09 Jun '23	SVL058G	Sail
Longyearbyen/Longyearbyen	12 Days	08 Jun '23 – 19 Jun '23	SVL059G	Sail
Longyearbyen/Longyearbyen	12 Days	23 Jul '23 – 03 Aug '23	SVL060G	Sail
Longyearbyen/Longyearbyen	12 Days	19 Jun '24 – 30 Jun '24	SVL061G	Sail
Longyearbyen/Longyearbyen	12 Days	11 Aug '24 – 22 Aug '24	SVL063G	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Add Norway in a Nutshell

This is one of our most popular extension options. Discover Norway's cultural and historical wonders and spectacular fjords on this incredible journey. [See page 95 for details.](#)



Bråsvellbreen, Svalbard © P Eastway

Svalbard in Depth

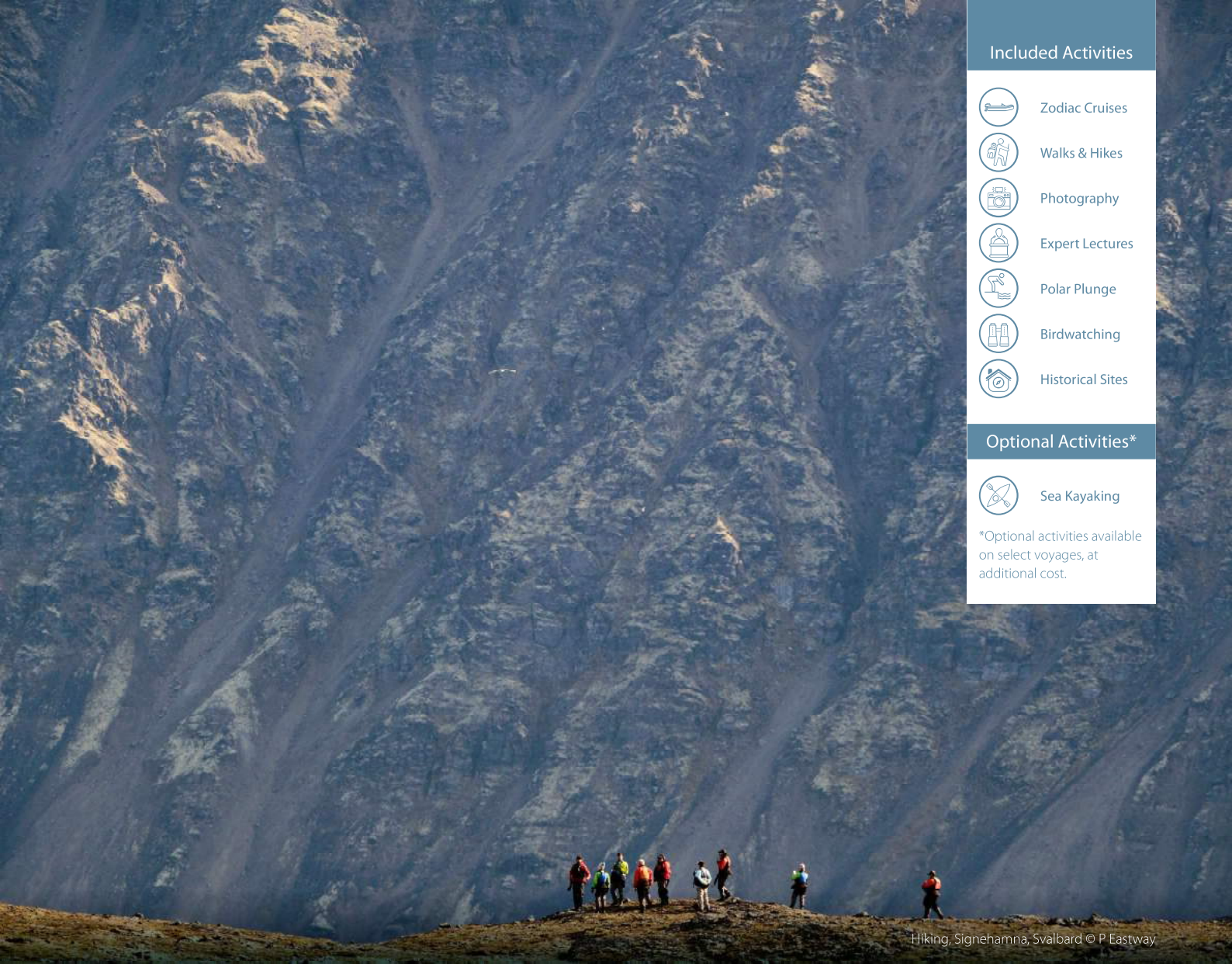
Svalbard Archipelago | 15 Days

On this extended exploration of the Svalbard archipelago, there is ample time to enjoy the best of this magical region, home to two arctic giants – the majestic polar bear and wallowing walrus. With extra time for exploration, we attempt to circumnavigate Spitsbergen Island to show you some of our favourite places and perhaps discover some new favourites. Be dazzled by jaw-dropping icy landscapes and keep watch for unforgettable wildlife sightings.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Attempt to circumnavigate Spitsbergen
- Enjoy extra time for deeper expeditionary exploration
- Thrill in the anticipation of perhaps seeing polar bears on pack ice and other mesmerising wildlife including walrus, seals, whales, reindeer, arctic fox, guillemots and puffins
- Hike among tundra amid exceptional scenery





Included Activities

-  Zodiac Cruises
-  Walks & Hikes
-  Photography
-  Expert Lectures
-  Polar Plunge
-  Birdwatching
-  Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

-  Sea Kayaking

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Hiking, Signehamna, Svalbard © P Eastway

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Longyearbyen and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Embarkation day.

DAYS 3–14 Svalbard offers arctic wilderness at its best – phenomenal fjords, magnificent mountain ranges and a polar desert rich in fossils, set the stage for heroic tales of early exploration. With extra time to explore the Svalbard archipelago, we have the opportunity to attempt a circumnavigation of Spitsbergen, if conditions allow. We may also explore Svalbard's second largest island, Nordaustlandet – a polar desert rich in geological wonders. Nordaustlandet features the most northerly point of the Svalbard archipelago (and Norway), and is home to a large colony of walrus, and often frequented by roaming polar bears. Stretch your legs on walks across tundra that is ablaze with wildflowers. In our trusty Zodiacs we visit towering cliffs noisy with nesting guillemots and puffins, and witness scree slopes that hold Svalbard's largest little auk colonies. Most memorable are encounters with the majestic polar bear on pack ice. Your Expedition Team is just as keen as you are to find these powerful and majestic giants and will be on constant watch to try to find them.

DAY 15 Disembark in Longyearbyen.

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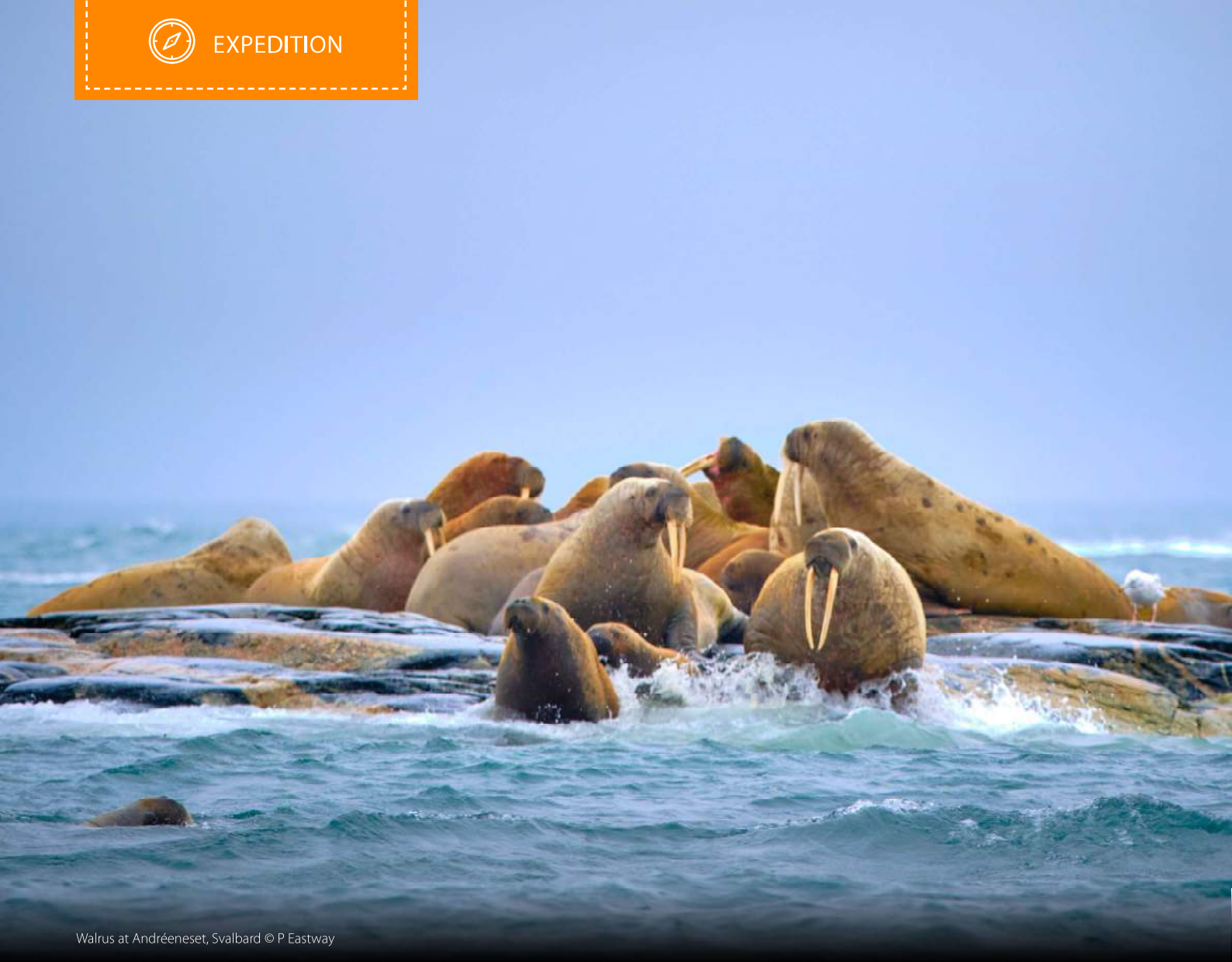
Add A Taste of Oslo

Extend your time in the ever-growing metropolis of Oslo, which offers a unique blend of nature and urban living. Located on Oslo Fjord, the city boasts a mountainous landscape, rich culture and outdoor activities. [See page 95 for details.](#)

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Longyearbyen/ Longyearbyen	15 Days	26 Jun '23 – 10 Jul '23	SVD001S	Sail
Longyearbyen/ Longyearbyen	15 Days	10 Jun '24 – 24 Jun '24	SVD002S	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Walrus at Andréeneset, Svalbard © P Eastway

Jewels of the Arctic

Svalbard & East Greenland | 15 Days

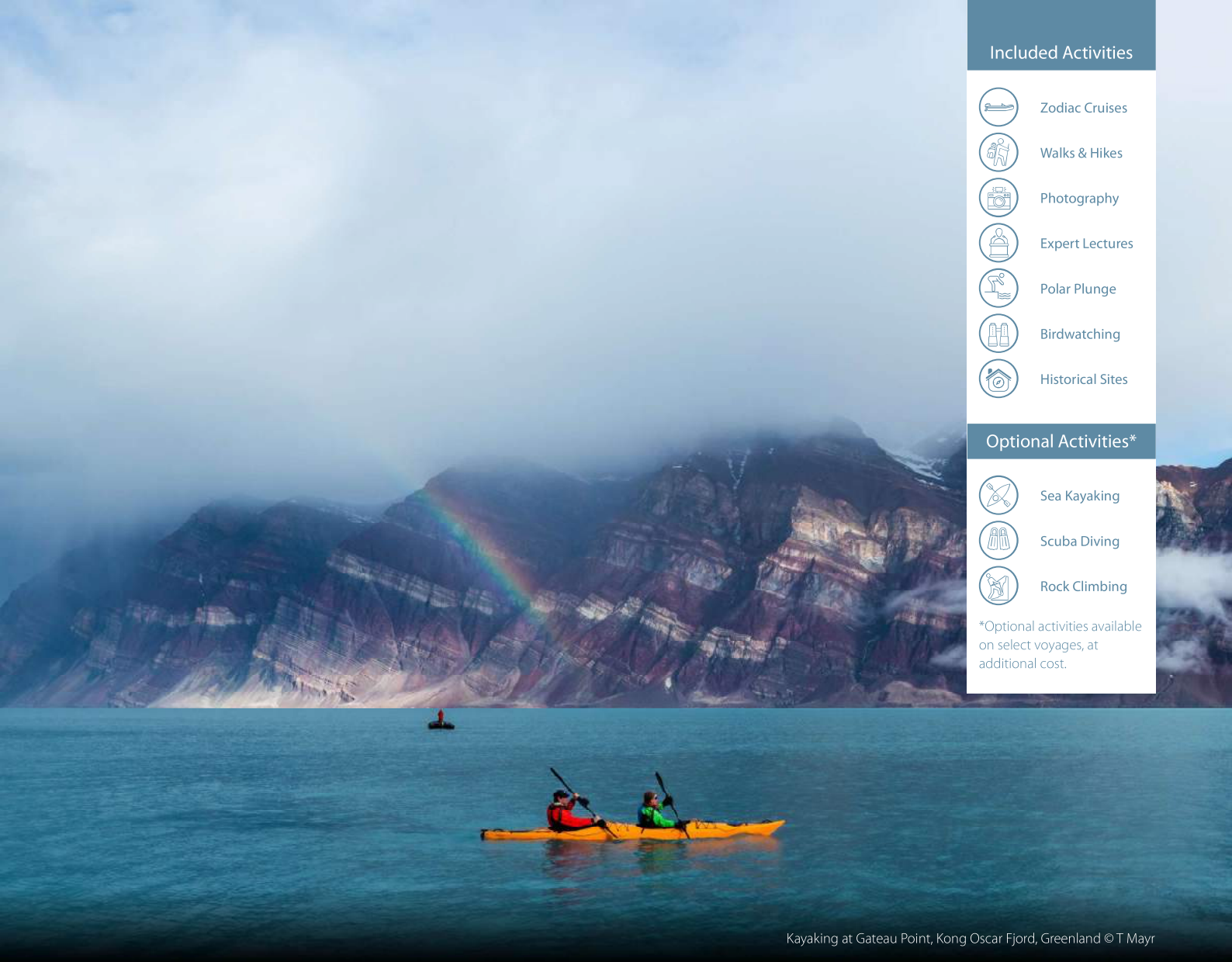
Search for Svalbard's enigmatic wildlife before exploring the east coast of Greenland, a land of grand superlatives, before concluding your voyage in Iceland. Cruise among spectacular icebergs while spotting seabirds and keeping watch for wallowing walrus. Visit Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the most remote settlements on earth. Hike among colourful arctic tundra, keeping an eye out for the local wildlife, including musk oxen, seals, whales and the elusive arctic fox.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **2023 Voyage:** Known as "The Muddy Archaeologist", **Gillian Hovell**, will be joining as a Special Guest on GRN042G
- Search for arctic wildlife, where you might encounter musk oxen, polar bears, arctic fox and arctic hare
- Visit the world's largest national park in north-east Greenland, and the world's largest fjord system, Scoresbysund
- Visit Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the world's most remote settlements



Gillian Hovell
2023 - GRN042G



Included Activities

-  Zodiac Cruises
-  Walks & Hikes
-  Photography
-  Expert Lectures
-  Polar Plunge
-  Birdwatching
-  Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

-  Sea Kayaking
-  Scuba Diving
-  Rock Climbing

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Kayaking at Gateau Point, Kong Oscar Fjord, Greenland © T Mayr

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Longyearbyen and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Embark in Longyearbyen.

DAYS 3–4 In Svalbard, venture ashore for hikes among the flowers on lush tundra and observe remarkable bird cliffs. Keep watch for walrus swimming or out on the beach. If conditions allow, we may push north to the edge of the pack ice in the hope of finding polar bears ranging over the frozen landscape, hunting for seals.

DAYS 5–6 At sea.

DAYS 7–13 In East Greenland, we plan to visit Kong Oscar and Kaiser Franz Joseph fjords and we aim to reach Scoresbysund, the world’s largest fjord system and birthplace of countless icebergs of stunning geometric shapes and sizes. We hope to visit the remote Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit. Keep watch for musk oxen, arctic hare and seals.

DAY 14 At sea.

DAY 15 Disembark in Reykjavik.

[You can view the full itinerary on our website.](#) In the genuine spirit of expedition travel, this itinerary is only a guide and is subject to change due to weather, sea and other conditions beyond our control.

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Longyearbyen/Reykjavik	15 Days	18 Jun '23 – 02 Jul '23	GRN040G	Sail
Longyearbyen/Reykjavik	15 Days	09 Jul '23 – 23 Jul '23	GRN041S	Sail
Longyearbyen/Reykjavik	15 Days	02 Aug '23 – 16 Aug '23	GRN042G	Sail
Longyearbyen/Reykjavik	15 Days	23 Jun '24 – 07 Jul '24	GRN043S	Sail
Longyearbyen/Reykjavik	15 Days	07 Jul '24 – 21 Jul '24	GRN044G	Sail
Longyearbyen/Reykjavik	15 Days	21 Aug '24 – 04 Sep '24	GRN045G	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Add Rock Climbing

Explore the rugged summits of East Greenland, scaling sheer granite cliffs in pursuit of breathtaking views of the fjords.



FOUNDER'S VOYAGE 2024

Glacier calving, Lilliehöökreen, Svalbard © P Eastway

Arctic Complete with Special Guests

A Unique Exploratory Voyage | East Greenland & Svalbard | 24 Days

Combining a deep exploration of Svalbard with Greenland's remote east coast, Arctic Complete offers an unforgettable Arctic adventure. From Reykjavik, we cross the Greenland Sea to discover the world's largest national park, and the world's largest fjord system at Scoresbysund. High above the Arctic Circle, discover Svalbard's glaciers and abandoned settlements before heading north into the pack ice in search of polar bears and walrus.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **2023 Voyage:** Award winning photographer, **Richard I'Anson**, will be joining as a Special Guest
- **2024 Voyage:** Founder of Aurora Expeditions, **Greg Mortimer**, will be joining as Expedition Leader
- Sail past Spitsbergen's narrow, sheltered waterways and fjords
- Venture close to 80° north looking for polar bears
- Delight in a variety of diverse terrain: ice caps, polar desert, alpine ranges and colorful tundra



Richard I'Anson
2023



Founder's Voyage 2024
Greg Mortimer



Included Activities

- Zodiac Cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

- Sea Kayaking
- Scuba Diving
- Rock Climbing

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Musk ox, Greenland © T Mayr

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Reykjavik and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Embarkation day.

DAY 3 At sea.

DAYS 4–9 In East Greenland we plan to visit Kaiser Franz Joseph and Kong Oscar fjords and aim to reach Scoresbysund, the world's largest fjord system – birthplace of stunning icebergs. We hope to visit the remote Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit. Keep watch for musk oxen, arctic hare and seals.

DAYS 10–11 At sea.

DAYS 12–23 Svalbard offers unspoiled, raw arctic wilderness at its best. Our goal is to encounter the majestic polar bear on pack ice, and our Expedition Team is constantly on the lookout for these regal creatures. Enjoy breathtaking views of sweeping glaciers forging their way down to the sea. Hike in mountains and across tundra where colourful wildflowers grow and where reindeer graze.

DAY 24 Disembark in Longyearbyen.

You can view the full itinerary on our website. In the genuine spirit of expedition travel, this itinerary is only a guide and is subject to change due to weather, sea and other conditions beyond our control.

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Reykjavik/Longyearbyen	24 Days	01 July '23 – 24 July '23	ACC007G	Sail
Reykjavik/Longyearbyen	24 Days	20 July '24 – 12 Aug '24	ACC008G	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Featuring Scoresbysund

Scoresbysund is the world's largest fjord system, with massive glaciers calving into this fjord making it the birthplace of the famous big Greenland icebergs.



Zodiac-cruising in East Greenland © T Mayr

Greenland Odyssey

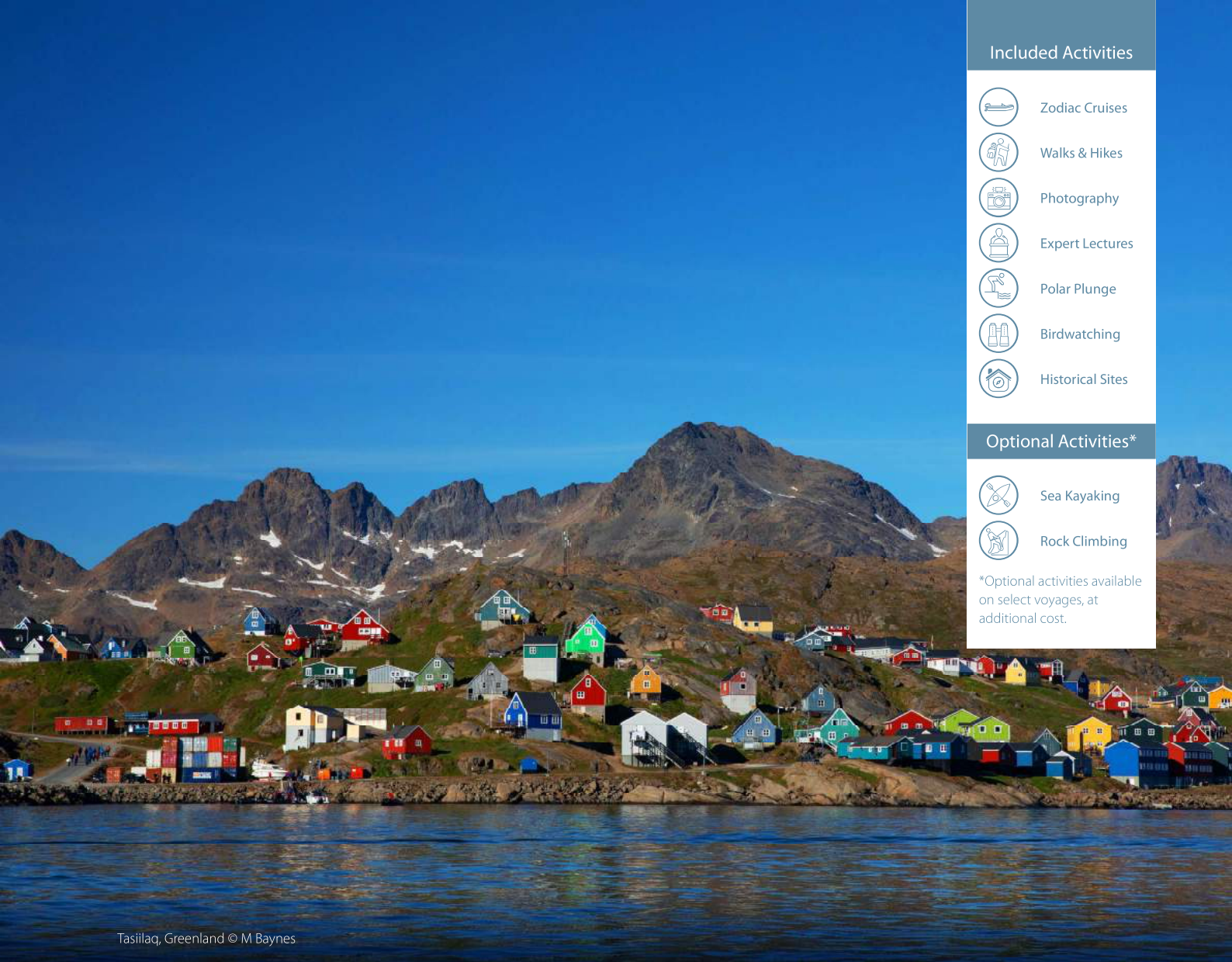
Greenland | 17 Days

Experience the enormity of Greenland – the world's largest island. In East Greenland, discover the fascinating geology of the Skaergaard Intrusion, enjoy Zodiac cruises among icebergs and hike through tundra. In South Greenland, sail Prince Christian Sound, which is flanked by soaring, jagged mountains, and is where the Viking ruins of Erik the Red still stand. In West Greenland, we experience the nation's capital, Nuuk, and UNESCO-listed Ilulissat Icefjord, the largest ice cap in the northern hemisphere.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore East Greenland's seldom-visited and iceberg-filled fjords to search for wildlife and to hike among arctic tundra
- Enjoy thrilling Zodiac excursions to glacier fronts, while watching for sprays from whale blowholes, and cliffs alive with bird colonies
- Explore the stunning UNESCO World Heritage-listed icefjord at Ilulissat





Tasiilaq, Greenland © M Baynes

Included Activities

-  Zodiac Cruises
-  Walks & Hikes
-  Photography
-  Expert Lectures
-  Polar Plunge
-  Birdwatching
-  Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

-  Sea Kayaking
-  Rock Climbing

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Reykjavik and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Embark in Reykjavik.

DAY 3 At sea.

DAYS 4–6 In East Greenland, discover some of the wildest coastal landscapes in all of Greenland and photograph icebergs of dazzling geometric shapes.

DAYS 7–9 In South Greenland, the majestic fjords and breathtaking scenery of Prince Christian Sound are sure to impress.

DAY 10 Paamiut offers spectacular views of the ice sheet.

DAY 11 Discover Nuuk's impressive museum.

DAY 12 Located above the Arctic Circle, Sisimiut has 24 hours of daylight in summer. Enjoy a kayak demonstration.

DAY 13 Hike to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed icefjord in Ilulissat and be awed by its immensity.

DAY 14 Visit Egi glacier, one of the most active in Greenland.

DAY 15 Marvel at Eternity Fjord, filled with countless glaciers that tumble into the sea at every turn.

DAY 16 Disembark in Kangerlussuaq and fly to Toronto.

DAY 17 Depart Toronto.

[You can view the full itinerary on our website.](#) In the genuine spirit of expedition travel, this itinerary is only a guide and is subject to change due to weather, sea and other conditions beyond our control.

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Reykjavik/Toronto	17 Days	06 July '24 – 22 July '24	GOD002S	Sail/Fly

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Add Sea Kayaking

Kayaking in the far-flung corners of the world is an experience guaranteed to refresh your soul. Paddling in small groups, you will glide between ice floes, brash ice and icebergs dotted with wildlife.



Kayaking through an iceberg graveyard at Røde Øya, East Greenland © T Mayr

East Greenland Explorer

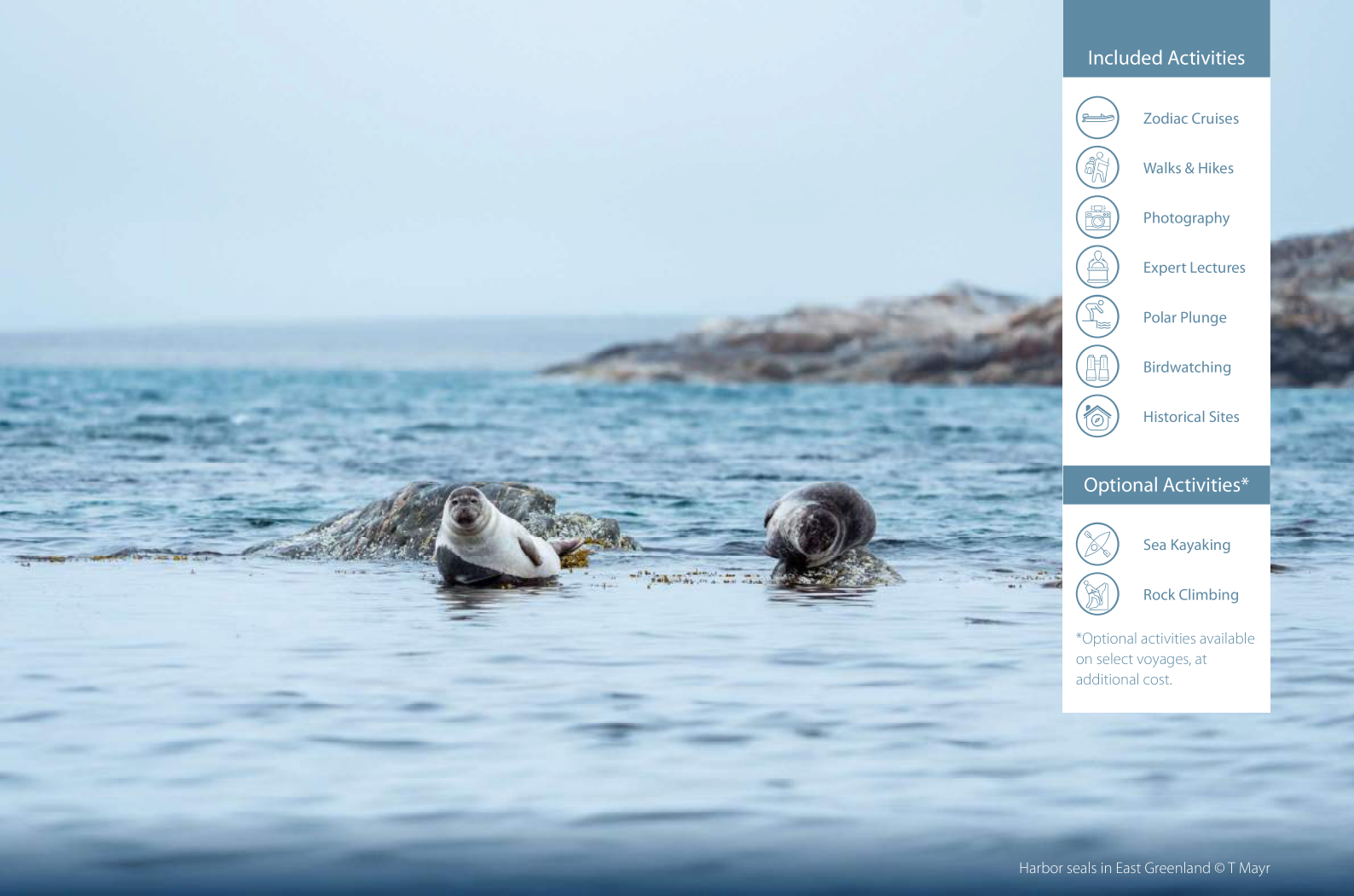
Iceland & East Greenland | 14 Days

Explore Scoresbysund, the world's largest fjord system, where dramatic cliffs soar skywards, where jagged mountain ranges sweep across the horizon and countless glaciers forge their way to the sea. Zodiac excursions reveal steep-sided fjords filled with dazzling icebergs calved from Greenland's enormous ice cap. Keep your eyes peeled for blows and tail flukes as whales surface for air or prepare for another deep dive. On guided hikes, marvel at the brilliantly colourful sedimentary rocks created by nature's artistic hand, stride across vibrant arctic tundra, keeping a close watch for musk oxen and perhaps catch a glimpse of the elusive arctic fox.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In Zodiacs or kayaks, glide through sculptural icebergs in Scoresbysund, the world's largest fjord system
- Meet Inuit locals at Ittoqqortoormiit, the remote and northernmost inhabited settlement in Greenland
- Keep a close watch for the unmistakable blow of whales as they surface to breathe, and the unforgettable sight of a tail fluke as one takes a deep dive
- Marvel at the ancient geology of East Greenland, where mountains are painted in stripes by nature's brush and fjords are surrounded by walls of various shades of pinks, oranges and purples





Included Activities

- Zodiac Cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

- Sea Kayaking
- Rock Climbing

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Harbor seals in East Greenland © T Mayr

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Reykjavik and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Embarkation day.

DAYS 3–4 Cross Denmark Strait to the remote east coast of Greenland. Sea days are ideal for listening to informative talks and presentations by our team of experts. Learn about the wildlife and history of the places we plan to visit, photograph seabirds following the ship or get to know your fellow expeditioners.

DAYS 5–11 In East Greenland, be prepared to experience ice – lots of it! East Greenland offers some of the most dramatic scenery in the Arctic. Imagine deep fjords and narrow channels flanked by soaring ice-clad mountain peaks. Marvel at gigantic icebergs sculpted into dramatic shapes, glittering in breathtaking bays. Explore Scoresbysund, the largest fjord system in the world. At Ittoqqortoormiit, experience the most isolated and northernmost permanent Inuit settlement in the region, home to some 450 inhabitants. Throughout the area are ancient Thule archaeological sites, historical trappers’ huts and modern Inuit hunters’ staterooms. North of Scoresbysund, we aim to explore Kong Oscar and Kaiser Franz Joseph fjords, two of the most significant fjords in Greenland. Adventurers listen out for the call from the Expedition Team to prepare for the polar plunge! On hikes across colourful tundra, you might spot musk oxen, arctic fox and perhaps arctic hare. Look skywards and you may glimpse glaucous gulls, snow bunting, barnacle geese and eider ducks.

DAYS 12–13 As we re-enter the Denmark Strait to return to Iceland,

enjoy final presentations from your Expedition Team and celebrate an unforgettable voyage at the Captain’s Farewell Dinner.

DAY 14 Disembark in Reykjavik.

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Add Iceland Complete

Discover the world’s largest lava mass in Cross Eldhraun. Later, continue to the birthplace of icebergs: Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and Skaftafell National Park. The perfect addition to your East Greenland adventure. [See page 94 for details.](#)

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Reykjavik/Reykjavik	14 Days	15 Aug '23 – 28 Aug '23	EGL001G	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Atlantic puffin, Iceland © T Mayr

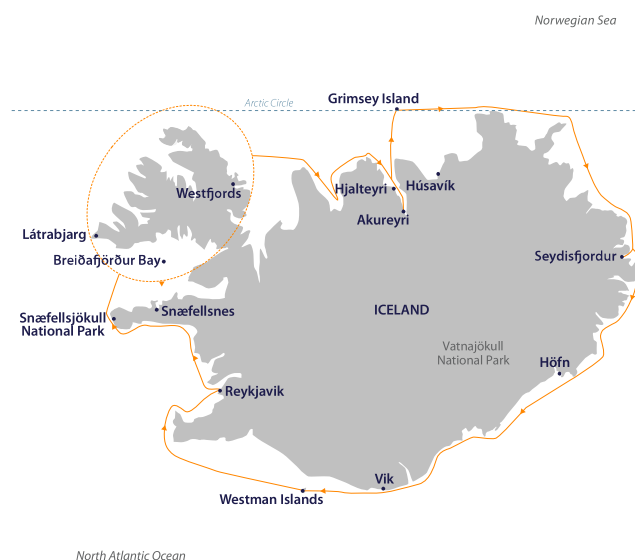
Iceland Circumnavigation

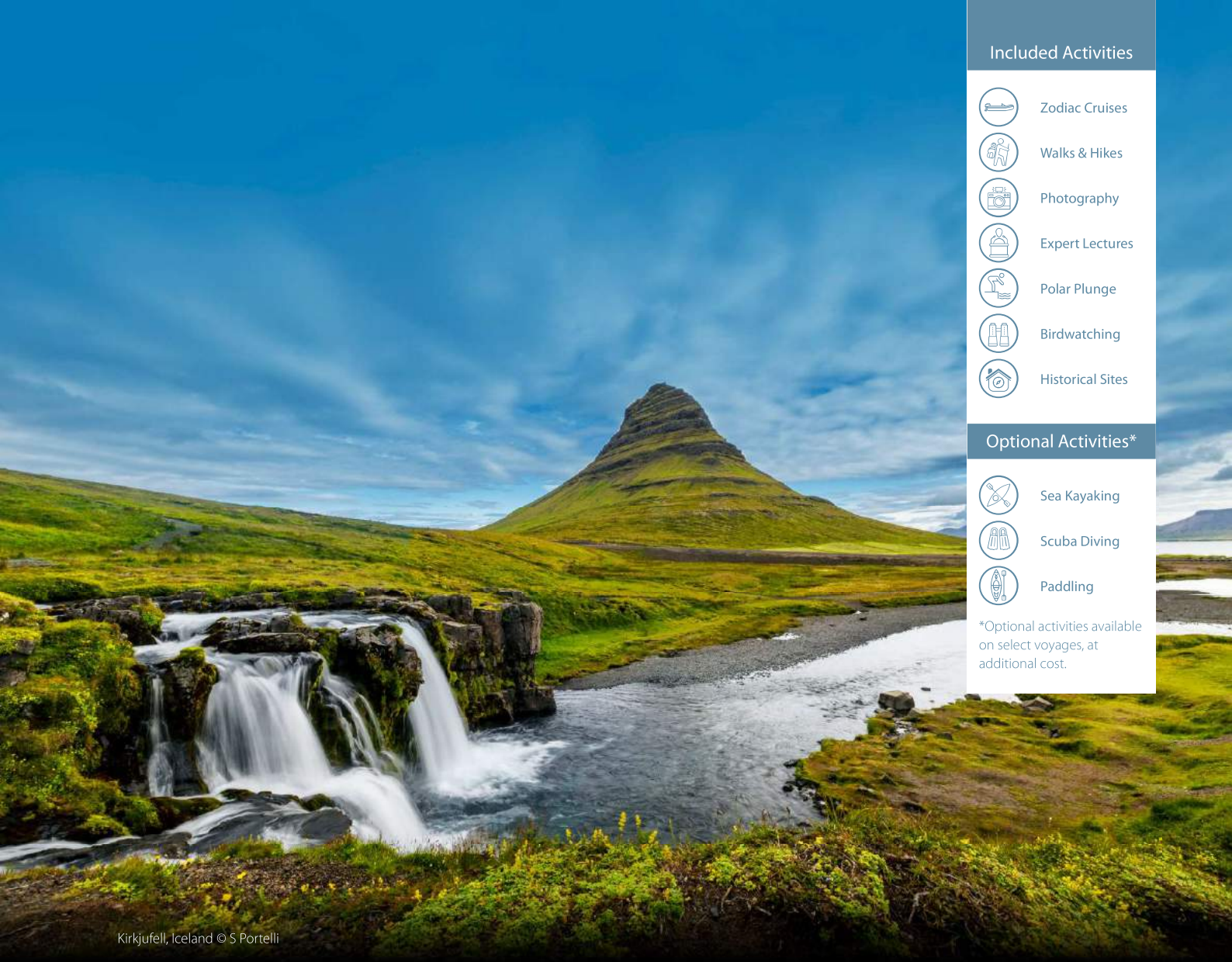
Iceland | 11 Days

Discover one of the most geologically active places on earth. Explore a land of mind-boggling diverse landscapes, where snow-capped peaks rise above glaciers, active volcanoes rumble and powerful waterfalls thunder. Sail into spectacular fjords, where we hope to spot whales in the bay and find charming fishing villages at the end of the fjord. Our team of onboard experts will reveal the Iceland below the surface – a land rich in wildlife, culture and fascinating human history.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Keep a close watch for tail flukes and the unmistakable spurts of blows as we look for whales throughout the voyage
- Cross the Arctic Circle to Grimsey Island, a haven for puffins and seabirds
- Hike or kayak (optional activity) to take in the breathtaking scenery of the Westfjords
- Discover Seydisfjörður, a hidden gem on the east coast





Kirkjufell, Iceland © S Portelli

Included Activities



Zodiac Cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Polar Plunge



Birdwatching



Historical Sites

Optional Activities*



Sea Kayaking



Scuba Diving



Paddling

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Reykjavik and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Embark in Reykjavik.

DAY 3 From Stykkishólmur, discover the impressive geology of the nearby Snæfellsjökull National Park. The area is crowned by Snæfellsjökull, a dormant, snow-capped volcano.

DAYS 4–6 Remote and removed from Iceland's more well-worn tourist destinations, the Westfjords is a region that is ideal for expedition cruising. Visit Europe's largest bird cliffs and sail deep into fjords where kayakers can paddle in complete serenity.

DAY 7 Enjoy a day of adventure in Hjalteyri, where you have the chance to snorkel*, and perhaps even see whales.

DAY 8 Cross the Arctic Circle to reach Grimsey Island, which is rich in birdlife, including the charismatic puffin.

DAY 9 Discover Seydisfjörður, a quiet, hidden gem featuring tumbling waterfalls and wonderful hikes.

DAY 10 Hear fascinating stories of volcanic destruction on Heimaey and sail along the coast of Surtsey Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 11 Disembark in Reykjavik.

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Dates

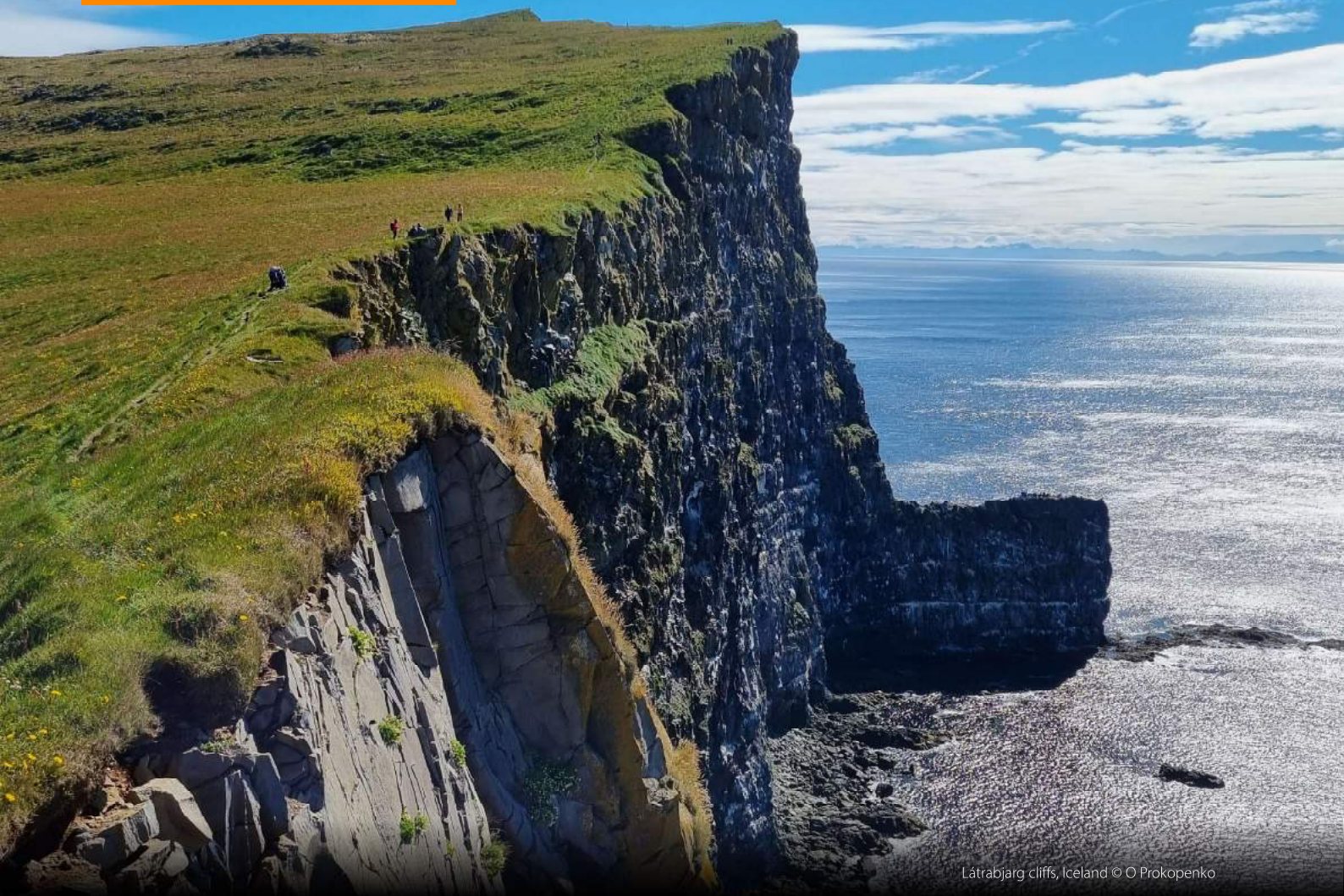
Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Reykjavik/Reykjavik	11 Days	04 Jun '23 – 14 Jun '23	ICE003S	Sail
Reykjavik/Reykjavik	11 Days	21 May '24 – 31 May '24	ICE004S	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Add a Taste of Reykjavik

Spend extra time discovering Reykjavik and its surroundings. Visit the sacred site of Þingvellir National Park, observing the thrilling force of nature at the Geysir geothermal area and thundering Gullfoss Falls. Treat yourself to a relaxing soak at the famous Blue Lagoon. [See page 95 for details.](#)



Látrabjarg cliffs, Iceland © O Prokopenko

Iceland, Jan Mayen, Svalbard

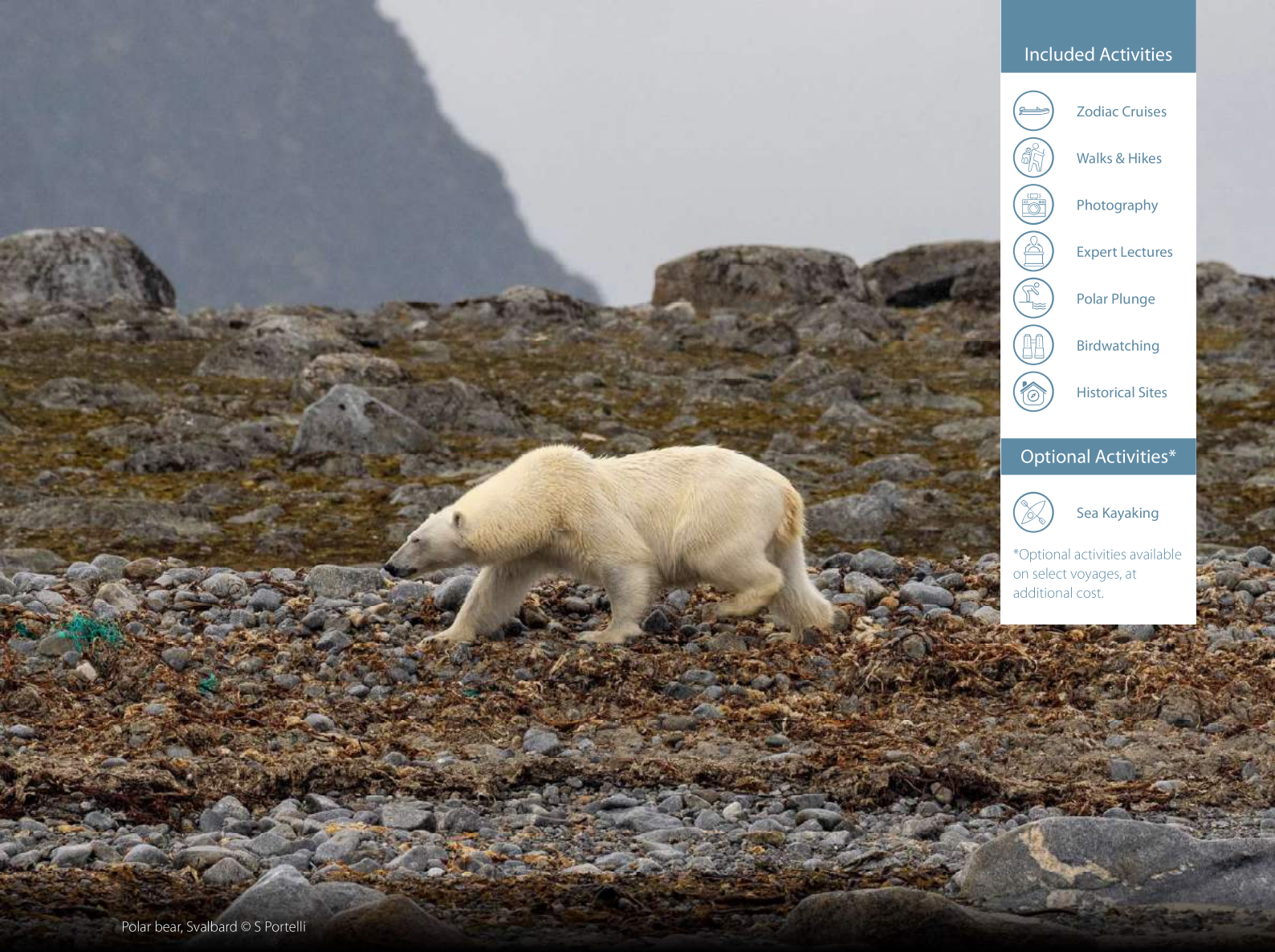
Iceland, Jan Mayen, Svalbard | From 13 Days

From the volcanic landscapes of Iceland and Jan Mayen, following the ice edge to the arctic wonderland of Svalbard, you will delight in the breathtaking contrasts as you sail across the Arctic Circle to the High Arctic, attempting to reach 80° north latitude. Keep a close watch for tail flukes as whales prepare to dive or a pronounced blow as they surface for breath. Our binoculars are constantly focused on the pack ice, looking for the majestic polar bears as thrilling Zodiac excursions reveal glacier-filled fjords and walrus hauls out on ice floes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In Iceland, experience one of the planet's youngest countries and marvel at its spectacular volcanic landscape
- Cross the Arctic Circle from Iceland to Jan Mayen as we head to magical Svalbard situated in the High Arctic
- Be one of few people to attempt to land on remote Jan Mayen, home to Mount Beerenberg, the northernmost active volcano in the world
- Explore Svalbard, where dazzling scenery, mesmerising wildlife and adventure awaits





Polar bear, Svalbard © S Portelli

Included Activities

- Zodiac Cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

- Sea Kayaking

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Reykjavik and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Embarkation day.

DAYS 3–5 Discover the staggeringly beautiful and remote Westfjords region of Iceland to explore deep fjords and enjoy hikes among breathtaking scenery. The region is home to Látrabjarg cliffs, one of the best places in Iceland to see puffins. We will also visit a village considered to be one of Iceland’s best kept secret spots for whale-watching.

DAY 6 Sail to Jan Mayen accompanied by seabirds while keeping a close watch for whales that frequent these waters, or perhaps browse our well-stocked library for a book on the region that we are visiting.

DAY 7 The approach to Jan Mayen is spectacular. We will attempt a landing to enjoy a hike on this remote, mist-shrouded and rarely visited volcanic island – the northernmost island on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. 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 8–9 Sail towards Svalbard, searching for the ice edge as we continue north. It is breeding season for harp seals and we hope to see them mating on the sea ice.

DAYS 10–14 Enjoy a world of near-endless daylight, where the

possibility of spotting polar bears quickens your pulse, guillemot cries echo from sea cliffs and beluga whales beguile those lucky enough to spot them. Hike across tundra adorned with colourful wildflowers, visit historical camps of explorers and hunters and push through pack ice to find walrus and bearded seals.

DAY 15 Disembark in Longyearbyen.

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Add Iceland Self Drive

Discover the stunning natural wonders of Iceland at your own pace. [See page 94 for details.](#)

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Reykjavik/ Longyearbyen	15 Days	13 Jun '23 – 27 Jun '23	IJS002S	Sail
Reykjavik/ Longyearbyen	13 Days	30 May '24 – 11 Jun '24	IJS003S	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



DISCOVERY

FOUNDER'S VOYAGE 2023

Idabreen, Svalbard © P Eastway

Across the Arctic Circle with Special Guests

Scotland, Norwegian Coast, Arctic Circle & Svalbard | 15 Days

Three distinctly unique worlds combine for one unforgettable journey. From Stone Age villages to Iron Age forts, the Orkney and Shetland Islands reveal a proud Scottish heritage. Vikings, fjords and fishing folk feature along the jaw-dropping beauty of the Norwegian coastline. Crossing the Arctic Circle to Svalbard, discover a land where trappers, miners and explorers have reigned supreme. We search for the mighty polar bear hunting on pack ice and witness giant walrus jostling for space on ice floes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **2023 Voyage:** Founder of Aurora Expeditions, **Greg Mortimer**, will be joining as Expedition Leader
- **2024 Voyage:** Australian Author, Science Communicator and Commentator, **Dr Karl**, will be joining as a Special Guest
- Encounter Neolithic sites dating back more than 5,000 years
- Sail across the imaginary line that marks the Arctic Circle



Founder's Voyage
Greg Mortimer 2023



Dr Karl
2024





Hiking in Svalbard © P Eastway

Included Activities

-  Zodiac Cruises
-  Walks & Hikes
-  Photography
-  Expert Lectures
-  Polar Plunge
-  Birdwatching
-  Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

-  Sea Kayaking
-  Scuba Diving

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Aberdeen and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Transfer to the port for embarkation.

DAYS 3–4 Explore the Orkney Islands archipelago – a rich tapestry of archaeology, history and wildlife awaits.

DAY 5 A visit to the Shetland Islands abounds with nature reserves and archaeological sites and also offers a taste of traditional island life.

DAY 6 At sea.

DAYS 7–10 Explore the superb Norwegian coastline with its delightful wooden houses as you cruise the intricate maze of seldom-visited inlets and outer islands, while searching for nesting kittiwakes and reclusive sea otters. Travelling north to Svalbard, we search for blue whales, humpbacks, orca, minke whales and dolphins.

DAYS 11–14 In the polar desert environment of Svalbard, you will experience deep, glacier-filled fjords surrounded by towering peaks as we look for polar bears hunting on pack ice. On Zodiac excursions we search for wildlife, including walrus, bearded seal, ringed seal, kittiwakes and guillemots.

DAY 15 Disembark in Longyearbyen.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Aberdeen/Longyearbyen	15 Days	16 May '23 – 30 May '23	SNS007G	Sail
Aberdeen/Longyearbyen	15 Days	06 Jun '24 – 20 Jun '24	SNS008G	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Add Scuba Diving

The experience of diving in the freezing waters of the Arctic and witnessing grounded icebergs and rare creatures is guaranteed to stir your soul. It offers unbeatable memories and stories to cherish and share.



Aurora borealis, Lofoten Islands, Norway

Northern Lights Explorer

Norwegian Coast, Jan Mayen, East Greenland, Iceland | From 19 Days

Staying close to the Arctic Circle, we skirt the Norwegian Sea and Greenland Sea, exploring remote islands and villages of the region. As night falls, we look skywards hoping to catch the magic of the northern lights. This spectacular natural phenomenon offers a dazzling lightshow of blue, green, pink and violet dancing across the night sky. Places located near the Arctic Circle, such as northern Norway, Iceland and Greenland, offer superb opportunities to witness this natural phenomenon.

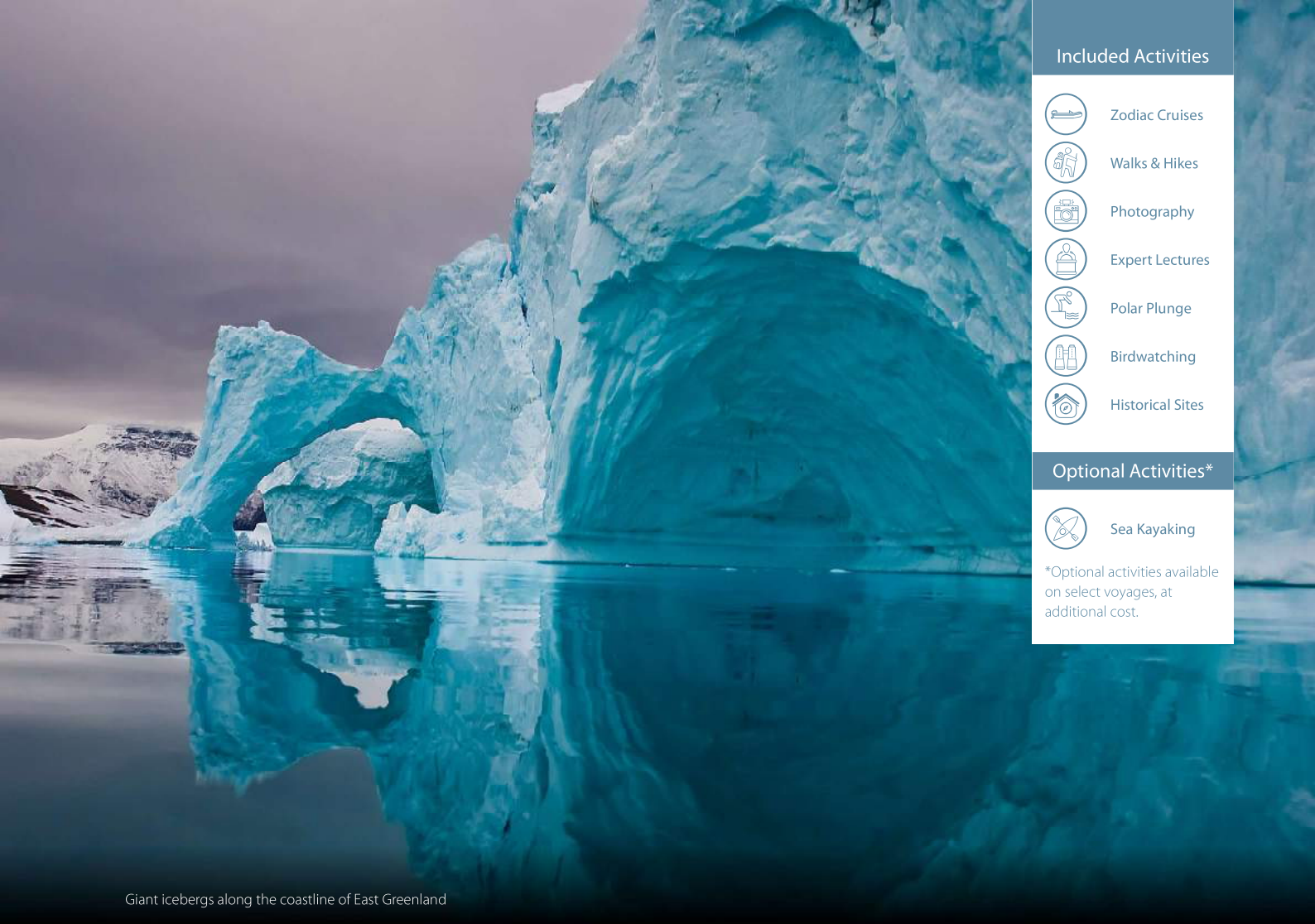


Bettina Oogaard
2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- **2023 Voyage:** Specialist in Greenland culture, **Bettina Oogaard** will be joining as a Special Guest
- Sail in the prime region to encounter the dazzling aurora borealis
- Discover Vega Island, an important center for the production of eider duck down and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Discover the world's largest fjord system in the world at Scoresbysund, a superb place to photograph icebergs
- Hike among the splendid scenery of Iceland's remote Westfjords, where you will rarely see another soul





Giant icebergs along the coastline of East Greenland

Included Activities

-  Zodiac Cruises
-  Walks & Hikes
-  Photography
-  Expert Lectures
-  Polar Plunge
-  Birdwatching
-  Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

-  Sea Kayaking

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Kirkenes and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Embark in Kirkenes.

DAY 3 Enjoy an afternoon hike at Skarsvåg village, where we hope to see spectacular views of North Cape, weather permitting.

DAY 4 After a day at sea, enjoy an afternoon sailing along the wonderfully narrow and impressive Trollfjord.

DAY 5 The Lofoten Islands offer some of Norway's most photogenic scenery, including jagged mountain peaks, deep fjords, colourful fishing villages and wildlife-rich waterways.

DAY 6 Explore UNESCO World Heritage-listed Vega Island and learn about its famous duck-down industry. Later, we stretch our legs on a hike at Mount Torghatten, famous for the hole through its centre.

DAY 7 At sea. In the darkness of the night sky, look up and you may glimpse the northern lights splashing across the sky.

DAY 8 At Jan Mayen, we hope to land on the northernmost active volcano in the world, Mount Beerenberg.

DAY 9 At sea. We hope for visions of the northern lights.

DAYS 10–13 In East Greenland we plan to visit Kaiser Franz Joseph and Kong Oscar fjords and aim to reach Scoresbysund, the world's largest fjord system and birthplace of hundreds of spectacular Greenland icebergs. We hope to visit the remote Inuit community of Ittoqqortoormiit. Wildlife sightings may include musk ox, arctic hare, seals, little auk, puffin, fulmar and ravens.

DAY 14 At sea. Savour every opportunity to glimpse the northern lights whenever you encounter a clear, dark sky.

DAYS 15–17 Iceland's remote Westfjords attracts nature lovers to its secluded bays and fjords to walk among its sublime scenery. Explore traditional fishing villages and meet friendly locals, and seek out wildlife as you Zodiac-cruise along deep fjords and hidden bays, where you would be lucky to see another soul.

DAY 18 At sea.

DAYS 19–20 The jaw-droppingly spectacular scenery of the Faroe Islands is sure to impress. Witness waterfalls tumbling from clifftops into the sea. See and hear thousands of raucous seabirds breeding in towering cliffs as you pass by below, and visit traditional villages with houses covered in sod roofs.

DAY 21 At sea.

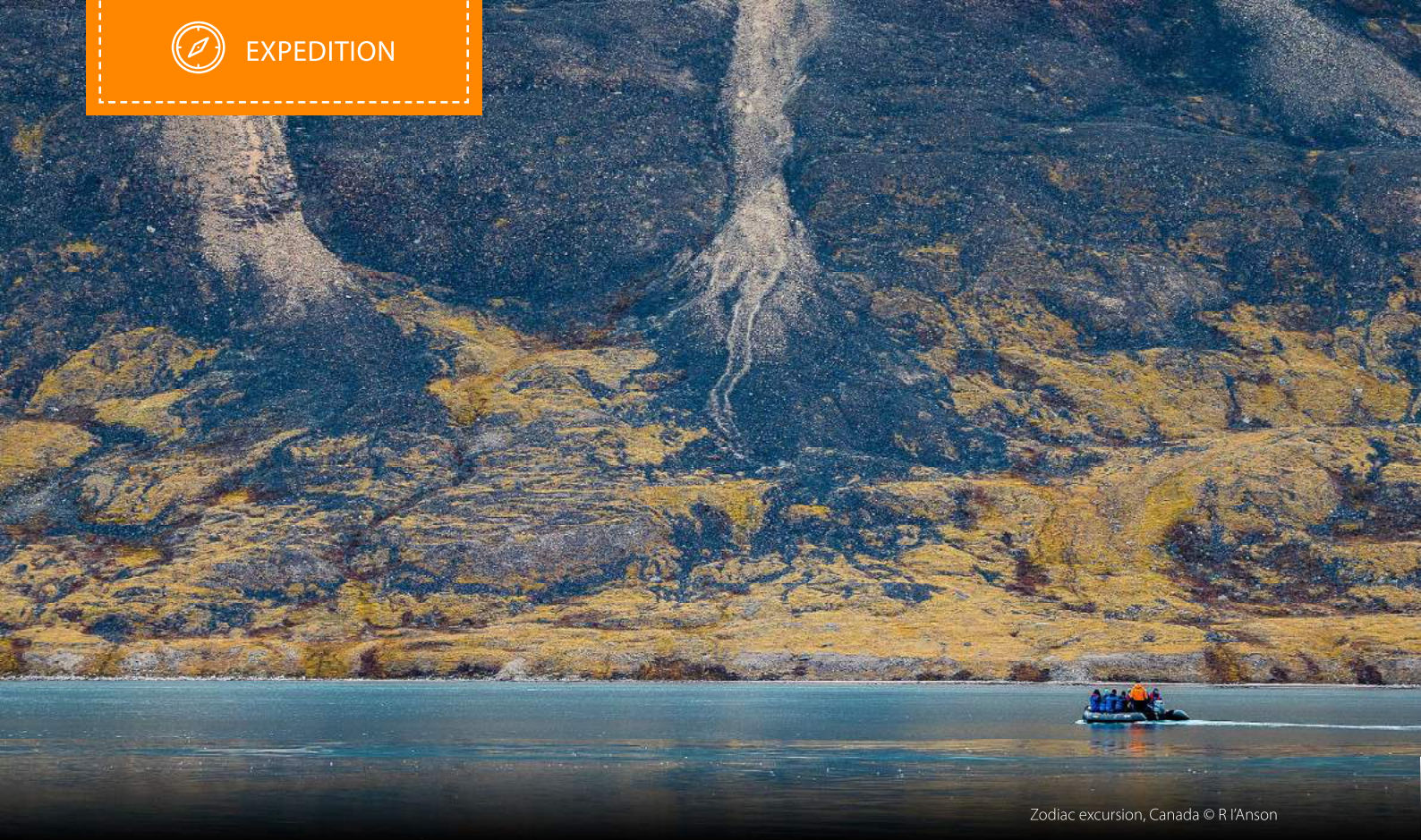
DAY 22 Disembark in Bergen.

The itinerary featured is for NLE001G. NLE002G is a 19-day itinerary. [You can view the full itinerary on our website.](#) In the genuine spirit of expedition travel, this itinerary is only a guide and is subject to change due to weather, sea and other conditions beyond our control.

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Kirkenes/Bergen	22 Days	01 Sep '23 – 22 Sep '23	NLE001G	Sail
Kirkenes/Reykjavik	19 Days	08 Sep '24 – 26 Sep '24	NLE002G	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Zodiac excursion, Canada © R l'Anson

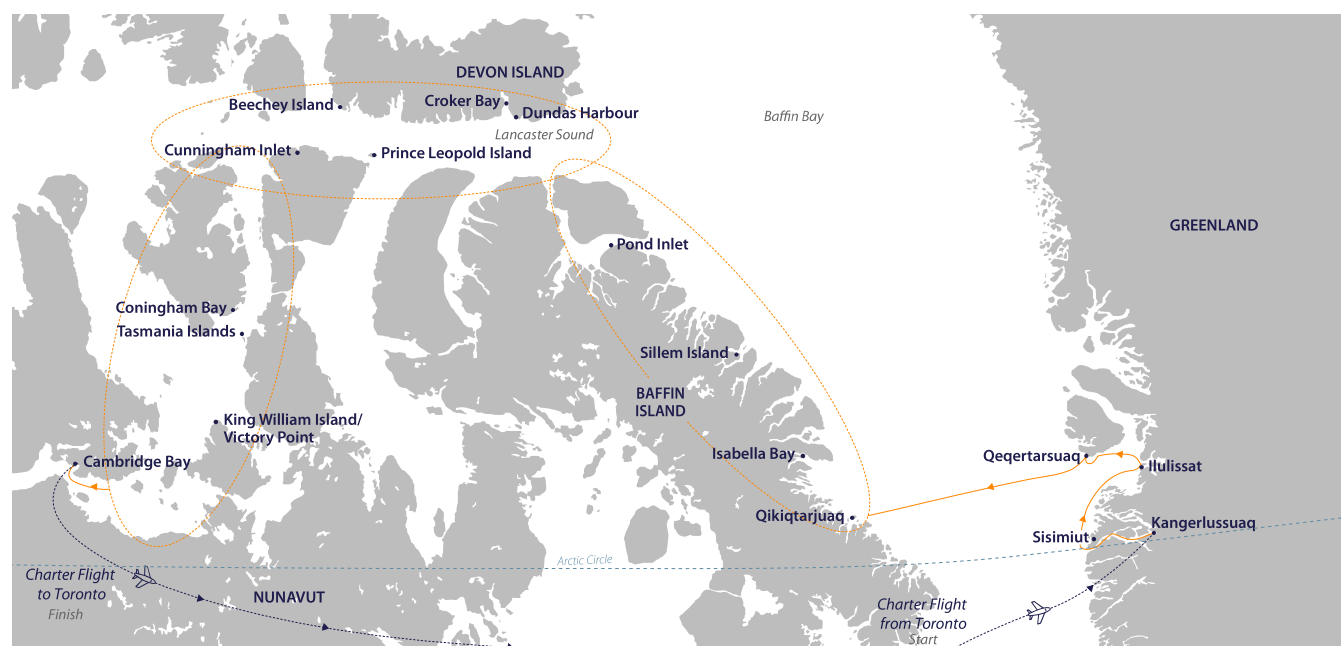
Northwest Passage

West Greenland, Nunavut (Arctic Canada) | 17 Days

Get a glimpse into the world that captivated early explorers such as Franklin, Amundsen and Larsen by exploring a portion of the fabled Northwest Passage. Visit the final resting places of a few explorers and experience Canada's High Arctic region. We plan to meet indigenous people who call this remote wilderness home, and encounter enigmatic arctic wildlife. Embark on an adventure through these other-worldly vistas full of history in genuine expedition style.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike on Devon Island, the world's largest uninhabited island, with stunning geology and glacial valleys to explore
- On Beechey Island, visit the graves of explorers from John Franklin's expedition
- We hope to spot iconic arctic wildlife, including musk oxen, polar bears, beluga whales, walrus and perhaps narwhal





Iceberg off Baffin Island at sunset, Canada © R I'Anson

Included Activities

- Zodiac Cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Polar Plunge
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

- Sea Kayaking

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Toronto for an overnight stay.

DAY 2 Fly to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, for embarkation.

DAY 3 In Sisimiut, enjoy a sightseeing excursion and be treated to a unique kayak demonstration. The word kayak originated from the Greenlandic word *qajaq*.

DAY 4 Hike to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Icefjord at Ilulissat.

DAY 5 Zodiac-cruise in Disko Bay, which features fascinating geology. The bay is also a hotspot for marine life, including humpback, fin, minke and bowhead whales.

DAY 6 At sea.

DAYS 7–9 The east coast of Baffin Island features hidden bays that are feeding grounds for bowhead whales and where glaciers calve into the sea. Sail along inlets and fjords surrounded by towering mountains that feature impressive geology. Conditions permitting, we hope to go ashore at Pond Inlet and be treated to a warm welcome from the local community.

DAYS 10–11 We are now truly in the High Arctic. Devon Island is the largest uninhabited island on earth and features stunning geology. We hope to visit Dundas Harbour to enjoy walks on undulating tundra, and perhaps birdwatching. On Beechey Island, see the graves of three crew from Franklin's ill-fated expedition in 1845.

DAYS 12–15 Our itinerary for the following days is heavily dependent on the conditions. Some of the places we hope to visit include: Prince Leopold Island, Port Leopold, Cunningham Inlet, Fort Ross, Bellot Strait and Coningham Bay.

DAY 16 Disembark in Cambridge Bay and fly to Calgary.

DAY 17 Depart Calgary.

The featured itinerary and map are based on a westbound voyage. This voyage also operates in the reverse direction. [You can view the full itinerary on our website](#). In the genuine spirit of expedition travel, this itinerary is only a guide and is subject to change due to weather, sea and other conditions beyond our control.



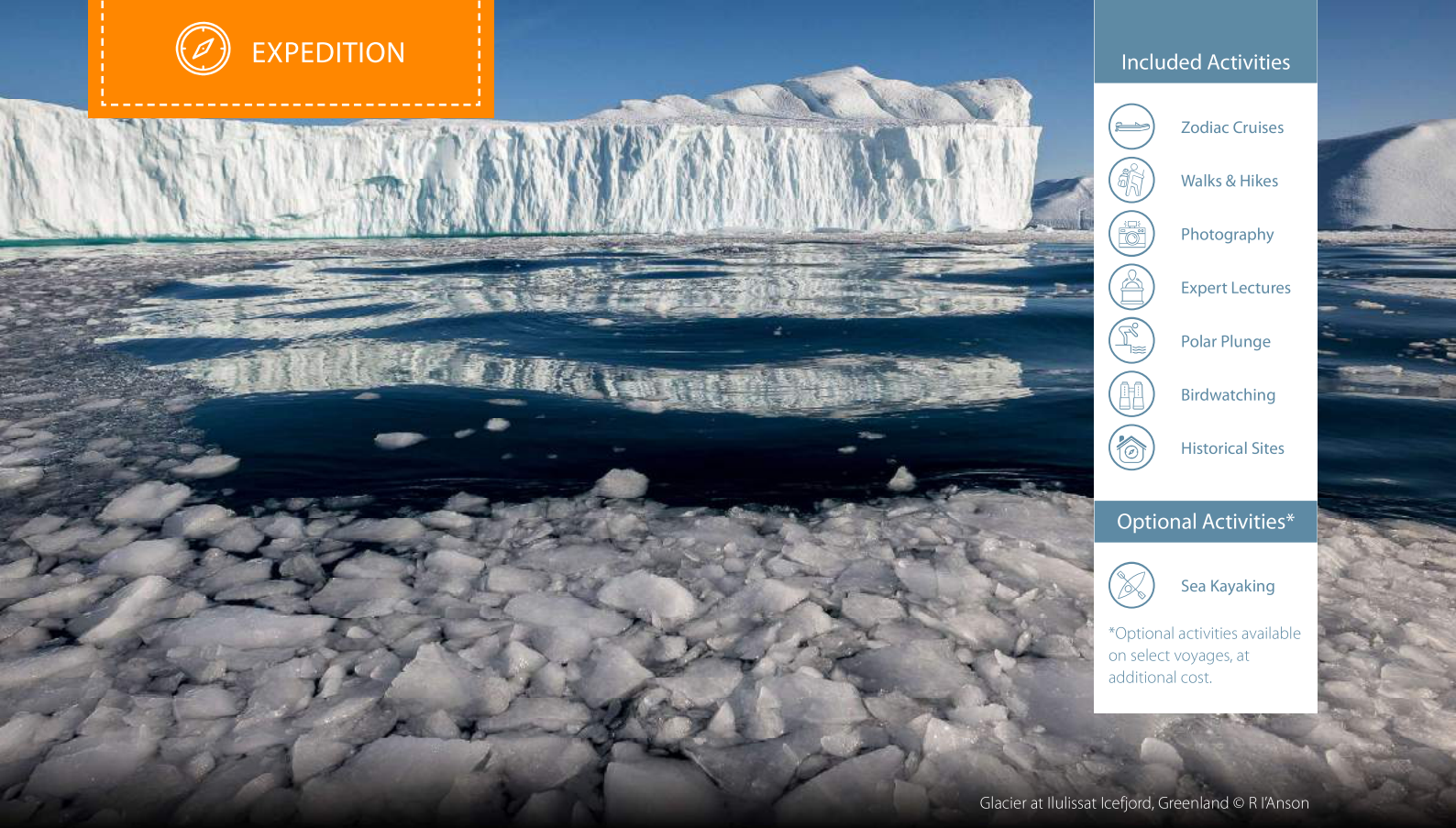
Add Eastern Canada land tour

Experience multicultural Toronto before visiting Niagara Falls to marvel at this natural spectacle. Soon you will be on your way through rural Ontario to see the charming province of Quebec and its historical heart, European flavour and distinct French Canadian character. [See page 97 for details.](#)

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Toronto/Calgary	17 Days	27 Jul '23 – 12 Aug '23	NWP003S	Fly/Fly
Calgary/Toronto	17 Days	10 Aug '23 – 26 Aug '23	NWP004S	Fly/Fly
Toronto/Calgary	17 Days	20 July '24 – 05 Aug '24	NWP005S	Fly/Fly
Calgary/Toronto	17 Days	03 Aug '24 – 19 Aug '24	NWP006S	Fly/Fly

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Glacier at Ilulissat Icefjord, Greenland © R'Anson

Included Activities



Zodiac Cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Polar Plunge



Birdwatching



Historical Sites

Optional Activities*



Sea Kayaking

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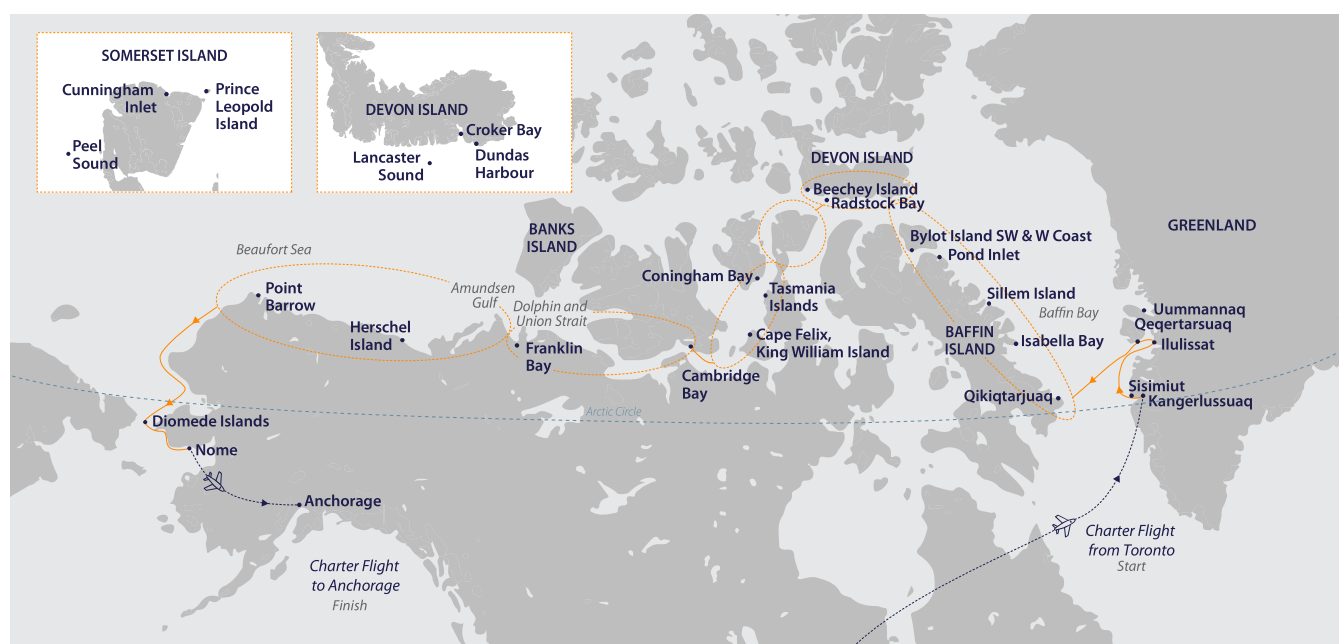
Complete Northwest Passage

West Greenland, Canada, USA | 30 Days

On this epic voyage inspired by Roald Amundsen's historic expedition, we attempt to sail the full length of the Northwest Passage, carving our way west through the labyrinthine maze of waterways that hug the fabled islands of Arctic Canada, until we reach the Beaufort Sea. Building on our classic Northwest Passage voyage, we visit historical sites explored by heroic adventurers, meet the incredible folk that call this region home, and search for enigmatic wildlife found in this unique corner of the world.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The sheer thrill and adventure of attempting a full transit of the Northwest from West Greenland to Nome
- Search for iconic arctic wildlife, including musk oxen, polar bears, beluga whales, walrus and perhaps narwhal
- Adventure awaits on a genuine expedition where nature determines where you go and what you see
- The sun barely sets as we sail above the Arctic Circle





Polar bear © R I'Anson

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Toronto for an overnight stay.

DAY 2 Fly to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, for embarkation.

DAY 3 In Sisimiut, be treated to a unique kayak demonstration.

DAY 4 Visit UNESCO World Heritage-listed Icefjord at Ilulissat and perhaps enjoy an optional scenic helicopter flight over the ice cap.

DAY 5 On a guided hike or Zodiac cruise at Qeqertarsuaq, Disko Island, we hope to see spectacular icebergs gleaming in the bay.

DAY 6 Cross the Davis Strait to Baffin Island, Canada.

DAYS 7–10 (Baffin Island) The east coast of Baffin Island features hidden bays that are feeding grounds for bowhead whales and where glaciers calve into the sea. Sail along inlets and fjords surrounded by towering mountains that feature impressive geology. We hope to go ashore at Pond Inlet and be treated to a warm welcome from the local community.

DAYS 11–12 We are now truly in the High Arctic. Devon Island is the largest uninhabited island on earth and features stunning geology. Outings may include walks on undulating tundra, visits to historical sites, and Zodiac excursions, perhaps in front of a glacier.

An important stop on the trip, Beechey Island, is the final resting place of three members of Franklin's unlucky expedition in 1845.

DAYS 13–17 (Expedition days) Our options for the following days are heavily dependent on the conditions. We may attempt to cross Bellot Strait if conditions allow, giving us the possibility to sail Prince Regent Sound and search for wildlife and to perhaps visit historical Fort Ross – an abandoned Hudson's Bay trading post. Other places we may visit include Prince Leopold Island, with its magnificent vertical cliffs, and Cunningham Inlet, where we may be lucky to see belugas shedding their skin on the sandy banks.

DAYS 18–22 (Coronation and Amundsen gulfs) Your experienced Expedition Team will create your day-by-day itineraries based on

weather conditions. Apart from Franklin, other heroic explorers, including Amundsen, explored this territory and we may visit the same places as these early explorers. We hope to meet the resilient locals who make the extreme far north their home. In our Zodiacs, we plan to explore the coastlines, bays and hidden estuaries of the region, and delight in the show of autumn colours during this season of change. Hold your breath as we near the geological wonder evocatively known as the 'Smoking Hills,' where the stench of sulphur rises from below the earth. Where it is possible to land, we stretch our legs on hikes to explore the dramatic landscapes of hills, valleys, cliffs and canyons of the region.

DAYS 23–25 (Beaufort Sea) Whether you are out on deck or in the comfort of one of the observation lounges, watch as the captain navigates our state-of-the-art vessel through these waterways, which are frozen for most of the year.

DAYS 26–28 (Chukchi Sea and Bering Strait) As we sail westwards to Nome, you can stay active in the gym, soak in the hot tubs, or keep watch for marine wildlife or seabirds following our ship.

DAY 29 Disembark in Nome and fly to Anchorage for the night.

DAY 30 Depart Anchorage.

Please note that this is an indicative itinerary only and is subject to change. Sea ice and weather conditions determine our route and Aurora Expeditions cannot guarantee the complete crossing of the Northwest Passage to the Beaufort Sea. However, we will certainly have an incredible adventure trying! [You can view the full itinerary on our website.](#)

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Toronto/Anchorage	30 Days	24 Aug '23 – 22 Sep '23	FNW001S	Fly/Fly
Toronto/Anchorage	30 Days	17 Aug '24 – 15 Sep '24	FNW002S	Fly/Fly

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle

British Isles

• Ireland • England • Scotland • Wales



"Had a lovely trip from Aberdeen to Longyearbyen with lots of interesting stops en route. The Captain was very accommodating and even turned the ship around so that we could see a pod of orca. We even got to visit Fair Isle where weather doesn't always allow landings. On another island, where they don't get many visitors, we were all personally welcomed ashore. The meals on board were excellent. The Expedition Crew were great. I got to see a herd of walrus for the first time!"

— **Mary Lou**





DISCOVERY



Close-up of bonding northern gannets on a cliff, UK

Jewels of Coastal UK

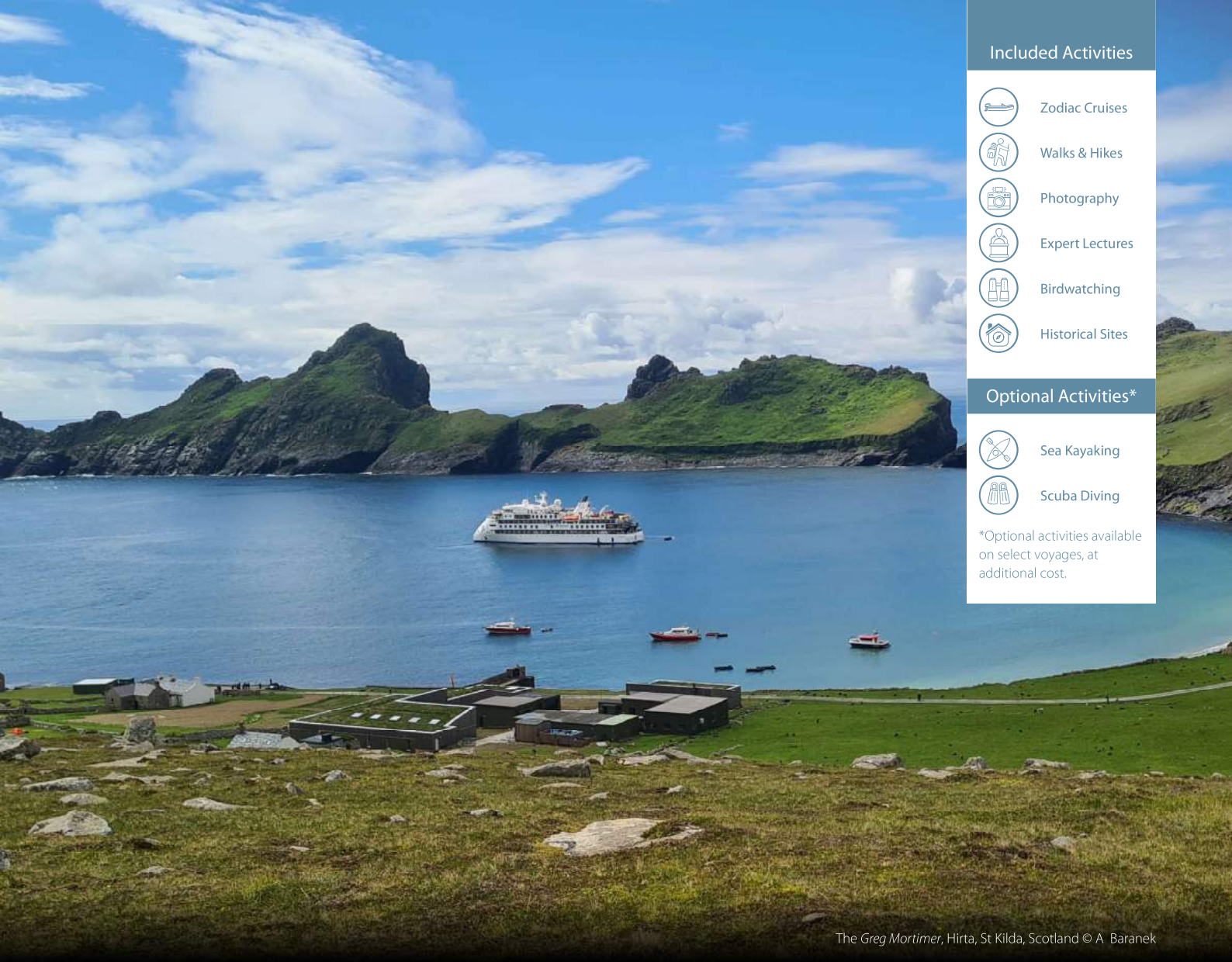
United Kingdom | 14 Days

Discover some of the UK's most historically significant and wildlife-rich destinations. Stroll through charming fishing villages, visit majestic castles, encounter magnificent archaeological sites, witness a dazzling array of birds and soak up the remarkable history of a land that has been continuously inhabited for over 5,000 years. With a rugged and picturesque coastline and numerous islands in the Atlantic Ocean, this area of the UK is ideal for exploration by ship.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **2023 Voyage:** Wildlife TV presenter, Zoologist and Conservationist, **Miranda Krestovnikoff**, will be joining as a Special Guest
- Be charmed by Cornwall's dazzling coastline, castles, legends and iconic harbors
- Experience some of the UK's most remarkable birdlife at Lundy Island and Pembrokeshire Islands
- Visit Britain's highest sea cliffs at the UNESCO World Heritage Site St Kilda





The Greg Mortimer, Hirta, St Kilda, Scotland © A. Baranek

Included Activities



Zodiac Cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Birdwatching



Historical Sites

Optional Activities*



Sea Kayaking



Scuba Diving

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Itinerary Overview

- DAY 1** Arrive in London and transfer to hotel.
- DAY 2** Transfer to Portsmouth for a tour before embarkation.
- DAY 3** Impressive gardens and stately homes await in Fowey.
- DAY 4** World-renowned St Michael's Mount is a Penzance highlight.
- DAY 5** Visit the superb Treco Abbey Gardens in the Isles of Scilly.
- DAY 6** Lundy Island dazzles with its rich wildlife and great walks.
- DAY 7** Pembrokeshire Islands in Wales are celebrated for their exceptional wildlife, including a thriving puffin colony.
- DAY 8** Delight in the stunning scenery and ancient castles of northern Wales.
- DAY 9** On Isle of Man, enjoy beautiful walks, stunning coastal scenery, birdlife and archaeological sites.
- DAY 10** Known as Queen of the Hebrides, Islay is famous for its whisky and is an important location for migrating birds.
- DAY 11** Experience Fingal's Cave on the Isle of Staffa and aim to land on tiny Iona, regarded as the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland.
- DAY 12** Aim to land on the archipelago of remote St Kilda, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- DAY 13** See Neolithic sites in Papa Westray and birds at Fair Isle.
- DAY 14** Disembark in Aberdeen.

[You can view the full itinerary on our website.](#) In the genuine spirit of expedition travel, this itinerary is only a guide and is subject to change due to weather, sea and other conditions beyond our control.

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
London/Aberdeen	14 Days	04 May '23 – 17 May '23	UKC001G	Sail

Voyage Codes: G = Greg Mortimer | S = Sylvia Earle



Miranda Krestovnikoff

Special guest Miranda Krestovnikoff, wildlife TV presenter, zoologist, author and conservationist, will lecture on the extraordinary bird life we will see and will also be joining the diving program.



Standing Stones, Orkney Islands, Scotland © D Abras

Wild Scotland

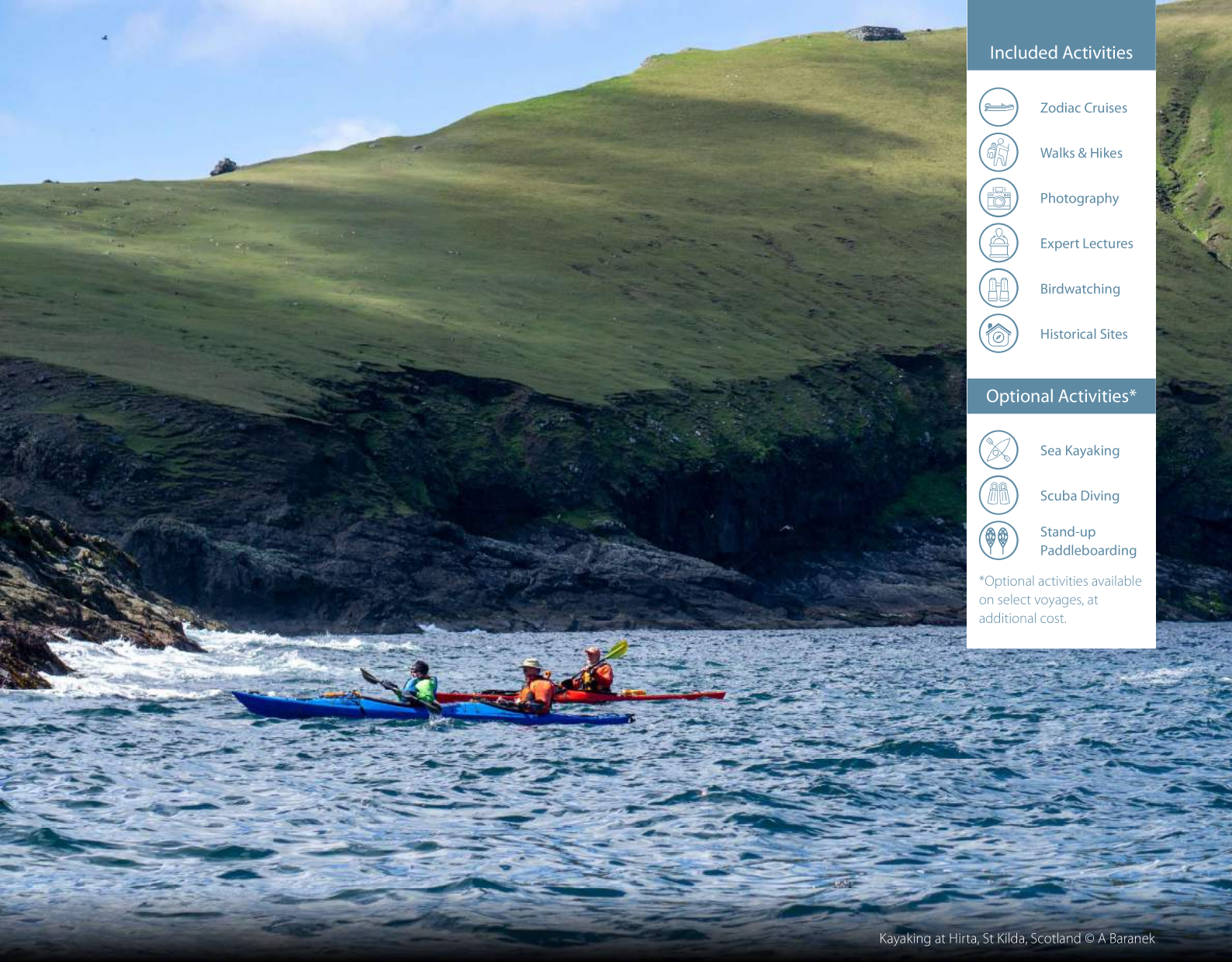
Hebrides, Orkney & Shetland Islands | 12 Days

Discover the wild isles of Scotland, from the windswept Hebrides, inhabited for over 8,000 years, to the verdant Orkney Islands, where ancient Neolithic and Viking sites conjure images of civilisations long gone. Zodiac-cruise past sea-sculpted coastlines, keeping watch for dolphins, seals and basking sharks. Photograph seabirds at one of Europe's largest seabird colonies. Visit charming villages, meet friendly locals and perhaps sample a wee dram of Scotland's finest whisky.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Britain's highest sea cliffs at World Heritage Site St Kilda
- Zodiac-cruise to Staffa's world-famous Fingal's Cave
- Discover the Shetland Islands and its fascinating history
- Keep watch for otters, dolphins, seals and basking sharks
- Discover some of Scotland's far-flung and rugged islands, where only adventurous souls dare visit





Included Activities

-  Zodiac Cruises
-  Walks & Hikes
-  Photography
-  Expert Lectures
-  Birdwatching
-  Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

-  Sea Kayaking
-  Scuba Diving
-  Stand-up Paddleboarding

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Kayaking at Hirta, St Kilda, Scotland © A Baranek

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Edinburgh and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2 Transfer to Troon for embarkation.

DAYS 3–4 Explore archaeological wonders of the Inner Hebrides, with its wild landscapes and hardy wildlife, including puffins. At the Isle of Skye, hear tales of the Vikings who once sought refuge on this enchanting island.

DAYS 5–7 Discover the rich history and rugged wildlife of the Outer Hebrides. The St Kilda archipelago is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with the Standing Stones of Calanais dating back to 3,000 BCE. A nearby reconstruction of a traditional Iron Age dwelling provides a unique insight into daily life in the eighth century BCE.

DAYS 8–9 At Shetland Islands, experience some of Britain's best sea caves, see some of the most diverse bird colonies in Europe and visit beautifully preserved archaeological sites.

DAYS 10–11 In the Orkneys, visit Fair Isle, famous for its knitwear, impressive cliffs and migrating birds. In Kirkwall, Skara Brae, a semi-subterranean village dating back about 5,000 years, will impress.

DAY 12 Disembark in Aberdeen.

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Edinburgh/Aberdeen	12 Days	27 May '24 – 07 Jun '24	SCO017G	Sail

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Add Scotland small group trekking

From the majesty of Royal Deeside (home to the Scottish residence of the royal family) to Strathspey, where the high plateau rises above the charming villages flanked by some of Scotland's oldest forests, Cairngorms National Park delights at every turn. [See page 80 for more details.](#)



Giant's Causeway, County Antrim, Northern Ireland

Ireland & Scotland Discovery

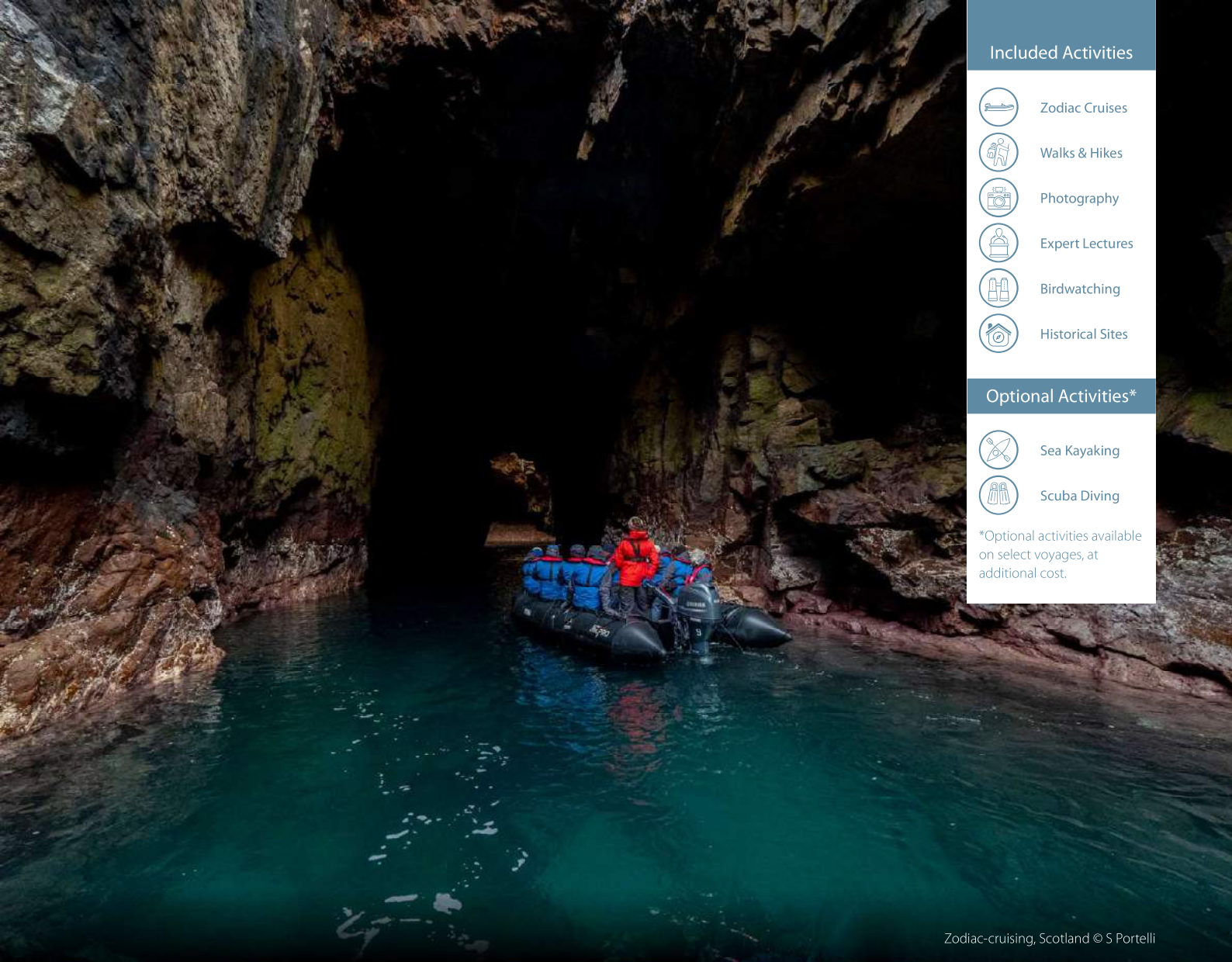
West Coast Ireland, Hebrides, Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands | 17 Days

Explore the rugged west coast of Ireland, journeying through hundreds of islands and enchanting peninsulas to discover unique flora and fauna. Visit the Skelligs and enjoy a ship cruise around the two enchanting rocky islands. In Scotland's equally wild and wind-ravaged islands along the west coast, we marvel at striking basalt columns at Fingal's Cave, revel in remarkable archaeological treasures and encounter some of the largest breeding colonies of northern gannets in the world.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Along the west coast of Scotland, sail through the Argyll Coast and Islands, a Mission Blue Hope Spot
- Discover an abundance of UNESCO World Heritage Sites of both natural and cultural significance
- Hike among some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in Europe
- Aim to encounter one of the world's largest colonies of breeding gannets at Bass Rock





Included Activities

- Zodiac Cruises
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

- Sea Kayaking
- Scuba Diving

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Zodiac-cruising, Scotland © S Portelli

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Dublin and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Embarkation day.

DAY 3 At sea.

DAY 4 Cruise the Skellig Islands, which feature an enormous gannet colony and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 5 At Inishmore, explore Dún Aonghasa, a celebrated ancient fort overlooking the mighty Atlantic Ocean.

DAYS 6–7 Dubbed a place of ‘savage beauty’ by Oscar Wilde, the Connemara lets you experience the Irish landscape at its most dramatic. This part of Galway also offers superb hiking.

DAY 8 Mullaghmore offers the dazzling landscape of jagged mountain peaks that inspired the work of Nobel Prize-winning poet William Butler Yeats.

DAY 9 At Malin Head experience the island’s most northerly point. Nearby, is the Giant’s Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 10 Sail among the staggering beauty of the Argyll Islands, a Mission Blue Hope Spot in Scotland’s south-west.

DAY 11 See the famous basalt columns on the Isle of Staffa and visit Iona, said to be the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland.

DAY 12 We hope to make landings at St Kilda, home to towering sea-stacks and an enormous gannet colony.

DAY 13 Stock up on world-renowned knitwear in Fair Isle.

DAY 14 Be mesmerised by seabirds on the Isle of Noss and visit an Iron Age broch on Mousa.

DAY 15 Experience the World Heritage ancient sites of Kirkwall, including Skara Brae, Stones of Stenness and Ring of Brodgar.

DAY 16 Bass Rock features the world’s largest gannet colony.

DAY 17 Disembark in Aberdeen

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Dates

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Dublin/Aberdeen	17 Days	17 May '23 – 02 Jun '23	ISC001S	Sail

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Cairngorms National Park, Scottish Highlands

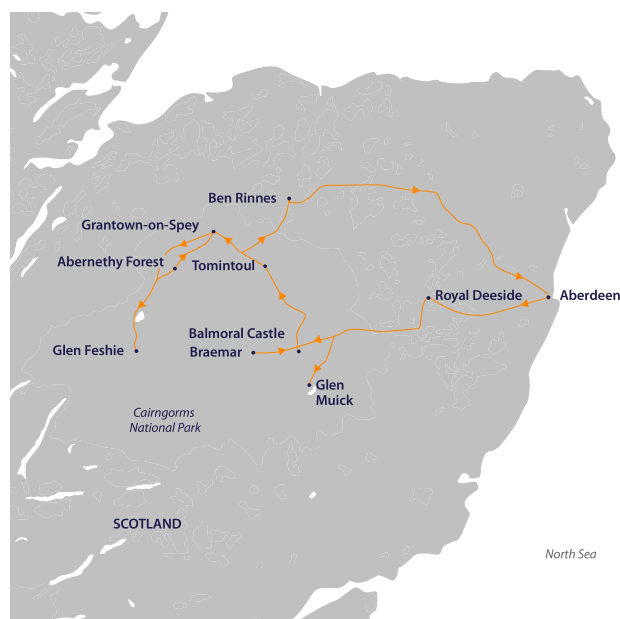
Cairngorms National Park Explorer

Scotland | 8 Days

Hiking in the Cairngorms National Park is a special experience, graced with lush forests, serene woodlands, charming villages, and a rich history and heritage. From the majesty of Royal Deeside to Strathspey, the Cairngorms National Park delights at every turn. Enjoy some of the best easy hikes in the national park under the leadership of your expert guide. There is a huge area to explore, but wherever you venture, you are guaranteed to enjoy fantastic scenery, a true sense of wilderness and fascinating history.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike through glorious mountain scenery on the Royal Highland Estate of Balmoral
- Discover the majesty of deep glens, clear rivers and wild lochs, on expertly guided walks
- Sample Scotch whisky in its geographical home





Walking through Cairngorms National Park, Scottish Highlands

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in Aberdeen and transfer to Royal Deeside.

DAY 2 (Hike – Glen Muick) Meander through ancient pine forest, beneath towering cliffs and past one of Queen Victoria's hunting lodges as we circumnavigate Loch Muick.

DAY 3 (Hike – Royal Deeside) Follow a trail north to the edge of the Cairngorm Plateau, home to some of Scotland's tallest peaks, rising from the deep glens. The wilderness is striking and the beauty is all around.

DAY 4 (Balmoral Estate and Tomintoul) Hike through ancient woodlands, home to Balmoral Castle.

DAY 5 (Hike – Glen Feshie) Follow the banks of the bubbling River Feshie through ancient pines to an old mountain hut.

DAY 6 (Hike – Abernethy Forest) Enjoy a circuit walk around the Abernethy Forest, thought by many to be the most beautiful in Scotland, with picturesque lochs surrounded by ancient Scots pine trees and framed by views of the high mountains.

DAY 7 (Hike – Ben Rinnes) Hike up a broad, heather-clad ridge to a beautiful summit, where granite tors hint at a glacial past. The 360-degree summit vista is a great way to reflect on the trip before we descend back into the valley.

DAY 8 Depart Aberdeen.

Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Trek Code
Aberdeen/Aberdeen	8 Days	09 May '23 – 16 May '23	CNP02
Aberdeen/Aberdeen	8 Days	17 May '23 – 24 May '23	CNP03
Aberdeen/Aberdeen	8 Days	30 May '23 – 6 Jun '23	CNP04
Aberdeen/Aberdeen	8 Days	07 Jun '23 – 14 Jun '23	CNP05

Trek Grade



Relatively flat terrain. Few long hikes, usually a series of shorter hikes. No hiking experience necessary; however, good health and fitness are strongly advised.



Extend your adventure

Book the picturesque Cairngorms National Park Explorer trek in conjunction with one of these voyages:

- Across the Arctic Circle
- Jewels of Coastal UK
- Wild Scotland

Islands of the Atlantic

• Cape Verde • Canary Islands • Azores





Flowers at Lagoa Funda das Lajes on Flores Island, Azores

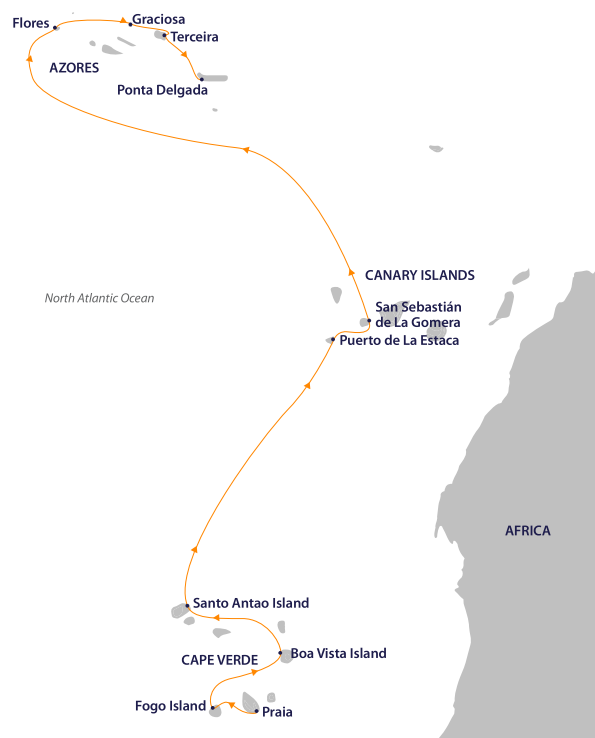
Cape Verde, Canary Islands & Azores

Cape Verde, Canary Islands, Azores | 15 Days

Volcanic activity throughout the north-eastern Atlantic Ocean has shaped the dramatic features of Cape Verde, the Canary Islands and the Azores, which are renowned for their exceptional biodiversity. Experience extraordinary birdlife, revel in striking coastal and mountain scenery, keep a close watch for encounters with elegant marine wildlife, and hear stories of the fascinating history of the local people and their culture with its rich African and European heritage.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In the Azores, the opportunity to experience some of the best whale-watching in Europe
- Hike among dramatic landscapes shaped by millennia of volcanic activity
- Enjoy UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites in Cape Verde, the Canary Islands and the Azores
- Explore Tenerife-La Gomera Hope Spot in the Canary Islands





Women in Boa Vista, Cape Verde

Included Activities

- Shore Excursions
- Walks & Hikes
- Photography
- Expert Lectures
- Birdwatching
- Historical Sites

Optional Activities*

- Sea Kayaking
- Scuba Diving

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Itinerary Overview

- DAY 1** Arrive in Lisbon and transfer to your hotel.
- DAY 2** Board a charter flight to Praia and enjoy the main attractions of Cape Verde’s capital before embarkation in the late afternoon.
- DAY 3** Fogo Island charms with its cobbled streets in São Filipe town but Pico do Fogo volcano is the island’s star attraction.
- DAY 4** Boa Vista offers some of Cape Verde’s most pristine beaches on which to relax and unwind, or perhaps explore nearby reefs and dunes.
- DAY 5** Santo Antao offers rugged mountain scenery that is ideal for hiking. You might want to try the freshly roasted local coffee too.
- DAYS 6–7** At sea.
- DAYS 8–9** In the Canary Islands, discover UNESCO World Heritage Sites at El Hierro and La Gomera.
- DAYS 10–11** At sea.
- DAYS 12–14** Numerous UNESCO Biosphere Reserves await over the coming days in the Azores. Flores features stunning walks, Graciosa is renowned for whale-watching and Angra do Heroísmo is a UNESCO World Heritage-listed city, the only one in the Azores.
- DAY 15** Disembark in Ponta Delgada for a charter flight to Lisbon.

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Dates

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Lisbon/Lisbon	15 Days	16 Apr '23 – 30 Apr '23	CAP001G	Sail

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Featuring UNESCO sites

Throughout this voyage, we visit several locations recognised by UNESCO for their natural, cultural or historical value. Our Expedition Team includes experts in various fields, ensuring you will not only be visually captivated by your surroundings but educated as well. A truly enriching and complete experience.

A vibrant underwater photograph of a coral reef. In the foreground, there is a large, rounded coral structure with many small, cup-like openings, colored in shades of red and orange. To its right and extending into the background are several tall, thin, branching coral structures that appear dark blue or black. The water is a clear, deep blue, and it is filled with numerous small, dark fish swimming in various directions. A few larger fish, including a prominent dark fish near the top center, are also visible.

Latin America

• Panama • Costa Rica • Patagonia



"All destinations had 'wow' factor on many levels – excitement, scenic beauty, prolific wildlife, diverse ecosystems, some non-strenuous physical activity, cultural discovery and historical interest! To be a part of the inaugural Greg Mortimer Panama Canal crossing was momentous and awe-inspiring – such a feat of engineering and so special. Having such a small passenger number was so intimate and meant very personalised interactions and activities."

— **B Stephenson**

Colourful coral reef full of fish in the Sea of Cortez



Paddling in Costa Rica © C Weston

Costa Rica and Panama Canal

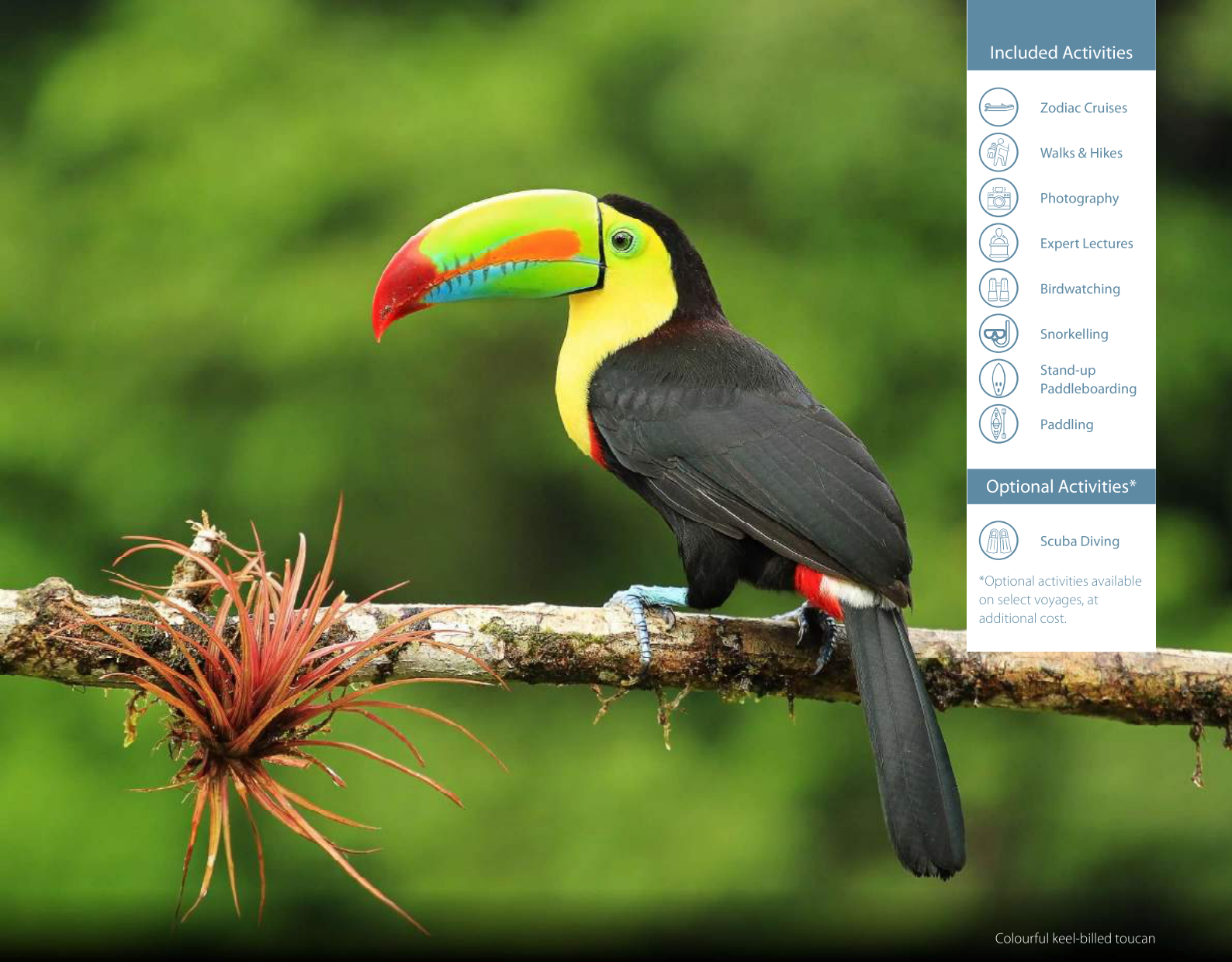
Costa Rica, Panama & Colombia | 15 Days

Immerse yourself in the remarkable coastlines of Costa Rica and Panama. Costa Rica is one of the most biodiverse regions on earth. Explore the lush tropical rainforest and inviting turquoise waters. Marvel at the outstanding variety of wildlife, flamboyant birds and colourful flora. In Panama, discover pristine coral reefs, meet an indigenous Emberá community and enjoy a guaranteed daytime crossing of the historical Panama Canal.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike in some of the most biodiverse rainforests on the planet, where we hope to encounter shy sloths
- Traverse the Panama Canal on a guaranteed daylight crossing
- Discover the riches within the waters surrounding magical Coiba Island in Panama – a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Be welcomed by a friendly Emberá tribes, one of the indigenous communities living in Panama and Colombia





Included Activities



Zodiac Cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Birdwatching



Snorkelling



Stand-up Paddleboarding



Paddling

Optional Activities*



Scuba Diving

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Colourful keel-billed toucan

Itinerary Overview

DAY 1 Arrive in San José and transfer to our group hotel.

DAY 2 Transfer to Puntarenas for embarkation.

DAY 3 Hike the trails at Curú National Wildlife Refuge.

DAY 4 Manuel Antonio may be the smallest national park in Costa Rica but its incredible wildlife makes it one of the most visited.

DAY 5 Explore Rio Claro National Wildlife Refuge on the Osa Peninsula, considered one of the most biologically intense places on earth.

DAY 6 Rainforest hikes and ancient coral reefs await in Golfo Dulce, where spinner dolphins are often spotted in the bay.

DAYS 7–8 Discover Coiba Island National Park. Once home to a penal colony, it is now a UNESCO-protected marine reserve known for diverse marine life and forest mammals.

DAY 9 Enjoy more water activities and birdlife in the Pearl Islands.

DAYS 10–11 Near Panama City, be warmly welcomed by an Emberá indigenous community and discover its culture and customs. Learn about the Panama Canal and behold this feat of engineering in action at Miraflores locks. Explore the forested banks of Gatun Lake and wander the cobblestone streets of Casco Viejo, the UNESCO World Heritage-listed old town.

DAY 12 Witness the engineering marvel of the Panama Canal

during a guaranteed daylight crossing.

DAY 13 Enjoy the only sea day on this voyage.

DAY 14 Disembark in Cartagena de Indias and explore the stunning colonial old town and ancient fort – UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites.

DAY 15 Transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

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Dates

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San José/Cartagena	15 Days	20 Apr '23 – 04 May '23	CRP003S	Sail
San José/Cartagena	15 Days	19 Apr '24 – 03 May '24	CRP004G	Sail

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Guanacos grazing, Patagonia © L Cataldi

Patagonia & Chilean Fjords

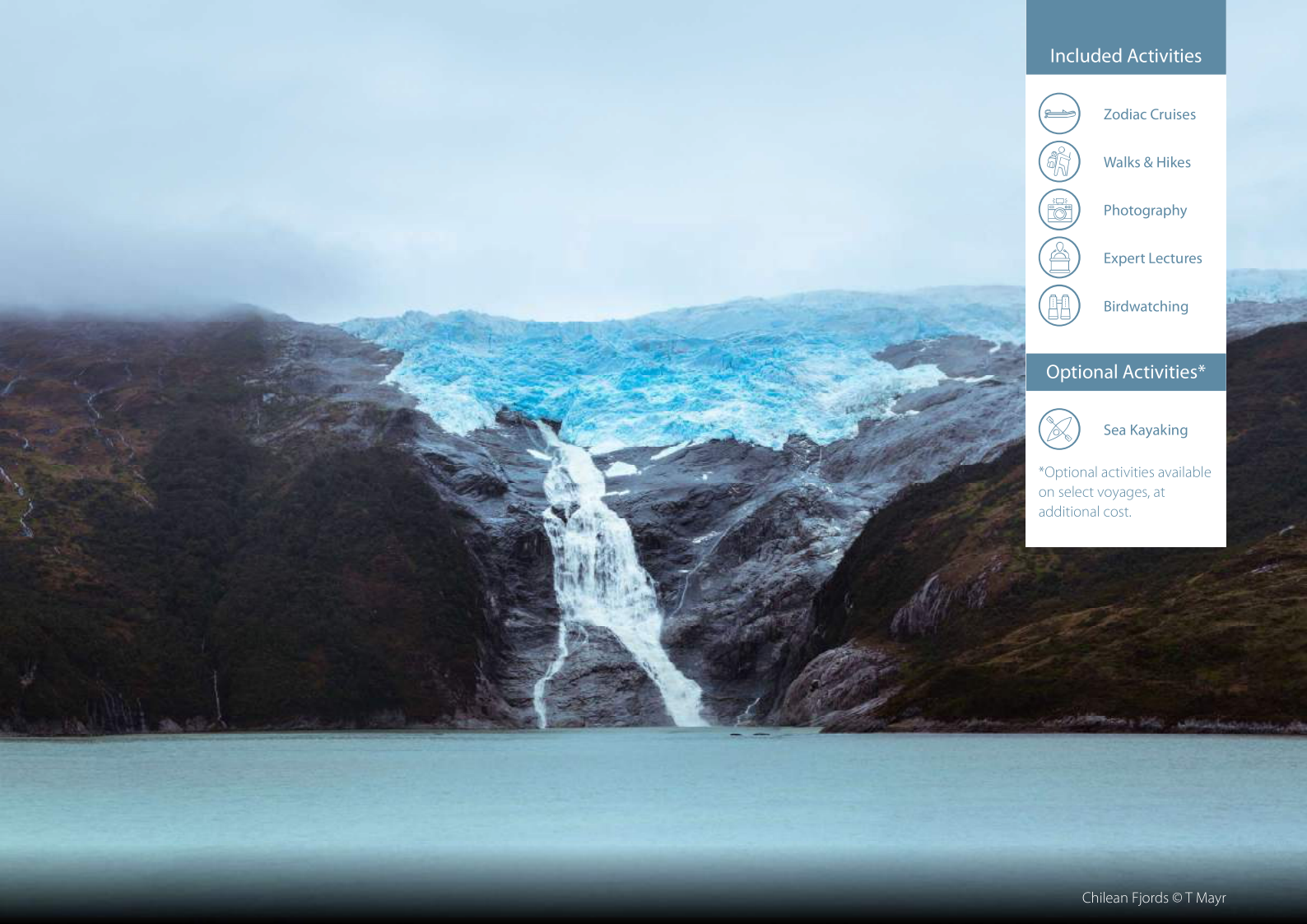
Patagonia & Southern Chile | 15 Days

Head south to legendary Cape Horn before sailing the Beagle Channel and hear tales of early European exploration of the region. Marvel at the snow-covered Andean peaks of rugged Patagonia, enjoy Zodiac excursions through fjords flanked by glaciers and watch as the captain skilfully navigates narrow channels. Keep watch for the tail flukes or blows of humpbacks and blue whales that pass through the area, and spend two full days trekking in magnificent Torres del Paine National Park.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Search for marine wildlife in and around the waters of Francisco Coloane Marine Park, declared in 2003 as Chile's first marine park
- Marvel in the dramatic landscape along a dazzling stretch of the famous Beagle Channel, called Glacier Alley
- Enjoy two days hiking and exploring Torres del Paine National Park, renowned for its majestic granite towers and jaw-dropping landscapes





Chilean Fjords © T Mayr

Included Activities



Zodiac Cruises



Walks & Hikes



Photography



Expert Lectures



Birdwatching

Optional Activities*



Sea Kayaking

*Optional activities available on select voyages, at additional cost.

Itinerary Overview

DAYS 1–2 Arrive in Ushuaia and transfer to our group hotel. Enjoy a city tour before embarkation in the late afternoon.

DAY 3 Sail to Cape Horn, and perhaps enjoy a landing.

DAYS 4–5 Slow-cruise the legendary Beagle Channel, soaking in breathtaking scenery along Glacier Alley and in hidden fjords.

DAY 6 Zodiac-cruise the wildlife-rich waters of Francisco Coloane Marine Park, enjoying the scenery while keeping watch for marine birds, dolphins and hopefully, whales.

DAY 7 Be out on deck to watch the captain skilfully navigate Kirke Narrows to reach Puerto Natales.

DAYS 8–9 Spend two days exploring and hiking in Torres del Paine National Park, renowned for its majestic granite towers, jaw-dropping landscape and unique wildlife. Enjoy an overnight hotel stay away from the ship.

DAYS 10–11 Your experienced captain continues to navigate our vessel through more channels during periods of slack water. We sail to a number of glaciers, including Pío XI, one of the most spectacular, and also, one of the only glaciers in Patagonia that is advancing rather than receding. We call into a number of tiny coastal hamlets to meet locals who otherwise live an isolated existence from the rest of Chile. Stroll along wooden walkways that connect local communities and perhaps purchase some local handicrafts.

DAY 12 From the comfort of your private balcony or on one of the

many observation areas on board, enjoy the spectacular scenery as we sail through the fjords and channels of northern Patagonia before reaching Moraleda Channel with views of the Melimoyu volcano looming on the horizon.

DAY 13 Spend time exploring the coastline of Tic-Toc Bay, an area renowned for the seasonal presence of blue whales and other species of cetaceans, marine mammals and seabirds.

DAY 14 Discover the charms of Castro, the capital of Chiloé Province, before visiting the World Heritage churches of the region.

DAY 15 Disembark in Puerto Montt, capital of Chile’s Lake District, surrounded by volcanoes, where you can extend your stay, or continue your onward journey with a transfer to the airport.

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Dates

Start/Finish	Duration	Dates	Voyage Code	Type of Voyage
Ushuaia/Puerto Montt	15 Days	5 Apr '24 – 19 Apr '24	PCF002S	Sail

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Extend Your Adventure

Our diverse range of extension packages allows you to really immerse yourself in the culture of your destination and provides more time to explore the local sights and sounds. Available in every region, they are the perfect opportunity to extend your adventure. Visit historical ruins, dine on irresistible local delicacies, stroll cobblestone streets, and take in the magnificent vistas and picturesque landscapes around you.







Extend Your Adventure in Europe

From vibrant cities to charming towns, add more to your arctic adventure with a selection of city stays. Discover the staggering beauty of Norway's countless mountains and fjords and enjoy unique Nordic culture and cuisine. In Iceland, choose self-drive options or experience a guided tour, visiting hot springs, waterfalls and volcanic areas. Our Scotland self-drive reveals lush pastures and remote wilderness scenery.



Iceland Self-Drive

+ 10 Days, 9 Nights

Discover Iceland on a self-drive journey taking in breathtaking fjords, lakes, glaciers, waterfalls and icebergs while enjoying overnight stays in typical Icelandic villages.

From AU \$2,930 | GBP £1,580 | EUR €1,800 | US \$2,095
pp twin share



Iceland Complete

+ 10 Days/9 Nights

Uncover the birthplace of icebergs: Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and Skaftafell in Vatnajökull National Park. See the world's largest lava mass in Cross Eldhraun and visit an important part of Icelandic history, Þingvellir National Park, not to mention some of Iceland's famous waterfalls!

From AU \$5,505 | GBP £3,150 | EUR €3,480 | US \$3,490
pp twin share



Norway in a Nutshell

+ 6 Days, 5 Nights

Discover Norway's cultural and historical wonders, its rolling green hills and spectacular fjords on this iconic journey. Ascend Flam Valley by electric train, hike to panoramic lookouts and ride a ferry through Nærøfjord. Discover why this is one of our most popular extension options.

From AU \$2,025 | GBP £1,125 | EUR €1,245 | US \$1,450
pp twin share



Taste of Reykjavik

+ 3 Days, 2 Nights

You will not regret spending time exploring Reykjavik and its surrounds. From Reykjavik, one of the world's northernmost capitals, explore the sacred site of Þingvellir National Park, observing the thrilling force of nature at the Geysir geothermal area and thundering Gullfoss Falls. Treat yourself to a relaxing soak at the famous Blue Lagoon.

From AU \$1,015 | GBP £565 | EUR €625 | US \$725 pp twin share



Taste of Oslo

+ 3 Days, 2 Nights

Discover cosmopolitan Oslo, either before or after a voyage to Svalbard. With its exceptional collection of artworks, its rooftop terraces and green squares and, of course, the fjord located right in the city centre, a sunny day in Oslo is one to savour.

From AU \$1,535 | GBP £855 | EUR €940 | US \$1,100 pp twin share



Taste of Copenhagen

+ 3 Days, 2 Nights

The buzzing city of Copenhagen is steeped in royal history while offering innovative, modern architecture. Spend the morning discovering the capital by bicycle, before driving along the scenic coastal road into the picturesque countryside to visit Frederiksborg Castle and Kronborg Castle.

From AU \$2,195 | GBP £1,215 | EUR €1,345 | US \$1,570
pp twin share



Taste of Dublin

+ 3 Days, 2 Nights

The city of Dublin is full of charm and character... and characters! From Vikings and Normans, to writers and rebels, discover Dublin's fascinating history and culture. Experience the city's magnificent Anglo-Norman churches, admire the elegant Georgian architecture, stop for lunch in a traditional Irish pub and visit the Jameson Whiskey Distillery.

From AU \$1,690 | GBP £940 | EUR €1,035 | US \$1,210
pp twin share



Taste of Edinburgh

+ 3 Days, 2 Nights

Experience the vibrant city of Edinburgh before or after your voyage. Jump the queue at the remarkable Edinburgh Castle, perched high above the city and dominating the skyline. Stroll the cobblestone streets of the old town, learning about its rich history on a guided walk. With some time at your leisure, perhaps sample some fine Scotch whisky.

From AU \$1,100 | GBP £575 | EUR €695 | US \$715
pp twin share

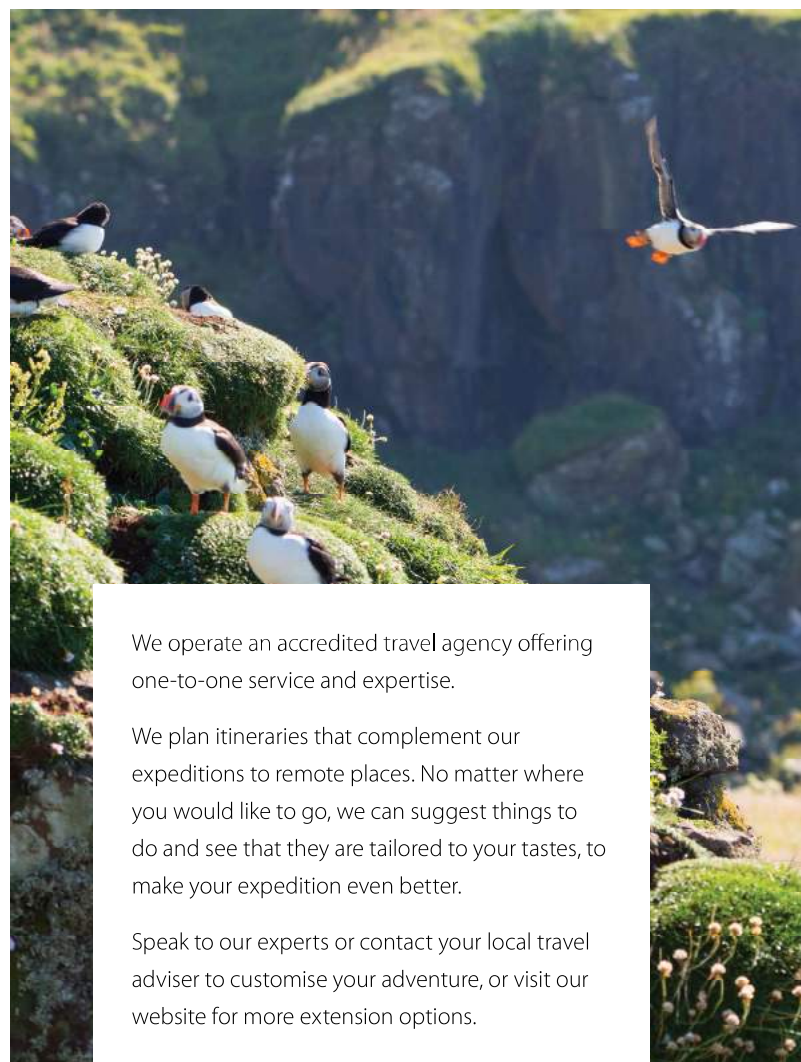


Scotland Self-Drive

+ 7 Days, 6 Nights

Complement your voyage to Scotland's remote corners, many of which are only accessible by ship, on a self-drive tour discovering the country's rugged coastline, ancient castles and picturesque lochs. Hear fascinating stories of Scotland's history, experience stunning wilderness and hike with local experts.

From AU \$5,065 | GBP £2,655 | EUR €3,200 | US \$3,625
pp twin share



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Extend Your Adventure in North America

From coast to coast, Canada and Alaska offer a large range of adventure opportunities and city stays. Combine one of our voyages with the grand Canadian Rockies, or perhaps a stay at a wilderness lodge, spotting bears in the Canadian rainforest. Eastern Canada offers a mix of European heritage found in Quebec, bustling cities like Toronto and the thundering Niagara Falls. From Anchorage, perhaps take the Alaska Railroad to Denali, the highest peak in the United States.



Canadian Rockies

+ 9 Days, 8 Nights

Travel from the cosmopolitan city of Vancouver by train to the iconic Canadian Rockies. Breathe in the fresh mountain air as you explore the striking alpine towns of Jasper and Banff. Drive the famous Icefields Parkway and stroll the shores of picturesque Lake Louise. Continue on to Calgary to start your voyage arrangements (also available in reverse).

From AU \$5,280 | GBP £3,025 | EUR €3,445 | US \$3,385
pp twin share



Eastern Canada

+ 8 Days, 7 Nights

There are a range of contrasting landscapes across the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Toronto is a major city, buzzing with activity. Nearby Niagara Falls is a sight (and sound!) to behold. The nation's capital, Ottawa, is a visual delight. Montreal and Quebec City are charming, offering a fascinating mix of old and new towns and delicious cuisine.

From AU \$3,310 | GBP £1,895 | EUR €2,155 | US \$2,120
pp twin share



Alaska's Interior

+ 6 Days, 5 Nights

Travel from Anchorage to Denali via Talkeetna. During your time in Denali National Park, watch for wildlife such as moose, caribou and bear and, weather permitting, catch a glimpse of North America's tallest mountain – Denali. Return by scenic rail to Anchorage.

From AU \$3,885 | GBP £2,220 | EUR €2,530 | US \$2,390
pp twin share



Knight Inlet Lodge

– Bear Viewing

+ 5 Days, 4 Nights

Knight Inlet is located in a wild and remote area of the Great Bear Rainforest and is home to one of the largest concentrations of grizzly bears in Canada. With a few days at the lodge, guided by local experts, observe these beautiful creatures in their natural environment.

From AU \$5,590 | GBP £3,205 | EUR €3,650 | US \$3,855
pp twin share



Taste of Anchorage

+ 3 Days, 2 Nights

Alaska's largest city and its major gateway, Anchorage offers a variety of experiences for visitors to enjoy. The city is bordered to the east by the peaks of the Chugach State Park and to the south by the waters of the Cook Inlet and Turnagain Arm waterway. Watch for the 'local residents' though; the city is teeming with wildlife!

From AU \$940 | GBP £540 | EUR €610 | US \$580 pp twin share



Sonora Resort Adventure

+ 3 Days, 2 Nights

Nestled in a Pacific archipelago in British Columbia, Sonora Resort perfectly combines nature with luxury. Watch wildlife frolic in front of the resort, savour award-winning gastronomic delights, or explore your surroundings with a number of adventurous activities on offer.

From AU \$2,420 | GBP £1,385 | EUR €1,580 | US \$1,550
pp twin share



Taste of Vancouver

+ 3 Days, 2 Nights

A cosmopolitan city on the edge of nature, Vancouver makes it easy to combine an urban getaway with outdoor adventure. Discover its neighbourhoods from historical Gastown to trendy Yaletown, iconic attractions like Stanley Park and Granville Island, or take a trip to the top of the Harbour Centre Tower (admission included) for incredible views.

From AU \$840 | GBP £480 | EUR €545 | US \$540 pp twin share



Taste of Calgary

+ 3 Days, 2 Nights

As the major gateway to the Canadian Rockies and hosting The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth, the Calgary Stampede, Calgary can be enjoyed throughout the year. Visit various sites in Calgary's modern urban centre, including Stampede Park, Canada Olympic Park and Lougheed House.

From AU \$675 | GBP £385 | EUR €440 | US \$430 pp twin share



Toronto & Niagara Falls Explorer

+ 5 Days, 4 Nights

Combining the bustling metropolis of Toronto with the roar of Niagara Falls, enjoy this stopover before or after your voyage. Toronto is a lively city with much to see and do, particularly when it comes to sport and the arts. Niagara Falls is a natural wonder of the world and there are many ways to get closer to the action!

From AU \$1,260 | GBP £725 | EUR €820 | US \$810 pp twin share





Extend Your Adventure in Latin America

From the vibrant cities of Santiago and Buenos Aires to the spectacular natural wonders of Iguazu Falls and the Galápagos Islands, Latin America offers something for everyone. Dazzling natural beauty, diverse cultures, rich traditions, fascinating colonial history and tantalising cuisine are only a few of the many experiences you will encounter in this region.



Buenos Aires & Iguazu Falls Explorer

+ 6 Days, 5 Nights

Combining metropolitan culture with dazzling nature, this is an ideal stopover before or after your Antarctic voyage. Argentina's capital is synonymous with tango, football fever, world-class cuisine, and political passion. Iguazu Falls is an extraordinary natural wonder that you must experience.

From AU \$1,570 | GBP £900 | EUR €1,020 | US \$965 pp twin share



Santiago & Valparaíso Explorer

+ 6 Days, 5 Nights

In a valley surrounded by the Andes, Santiago is an easy stopover that offers superb scenery and local cuisine. In Valparaíso, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, explore the vineyards and behold the creative energy of vibrant street art and panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean.

From AU \$1,950 | GBP £1,115 | EUR €1,270 | US \$1,200 pp twin share



Patagonia Eco Camp

+ 5 Days, 4 Nights

Uniquely Patagonian, a stay at Cascada EcoCamp offers an environmentally-friendly way to experience nature in comfort. Spend your days exploring Torres del Paine National Park through various short walks or a drive through the park, showcasing views of Lake Nordenskjöld and Lake Pehoe, and take a delightful evening cruise across glacial Grey Lake.

From AU \$4,135 | GBP £2,365 | EUR €2,690 | US \$2,545
pp twin share



Atacama Desert Adventure

+ 4 Days, 3 Nights

The Atacama Desert is the driest desert in the world. Customise your itinerary from a selection of activities that best suit your needs. From Valle de la Luna (Moon Valley) to salt flats where flamingos roam, or a geothermal field of steaming geysers, the choice is yours.

From AU \$2,335 | GBP £1,315 | EUR €1,555 | US \$1,595
pp twin share



Discovering the Incas

+ 6 Days, 5 Nights

Begin in Lima, the capital of Peru. Though its colonial centre is preserved, Lima is a bustling modern metropolis and one of Latin America's largest cities. Fly to Cusco, gateway to Machu Picchu, once capital of the Inca Empire and now known for its archaeological remains and Spanish colonial architecture. Follow the trail of the Incas to the Sacred Valley and breathtaking Machu Picchu.

From AU \$3,305 | GBP £1,890 | EUR €2,150 | US \$2,035
pp twin share



Peru Uncovered

+ 8 Days, 7 Nights

Peru is a mecca for archaeologists and researchers who continue to uncover over 20,000 years of Peruvian history. Peru is one of the most geo-diverse locations on the planet and a place where the locals transform produce into gastronomic masterpieces for you to enjoy. Sample the delights in Lima and Cusco before discovering Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas.

From AU \$3,220 | GBP £1,840 | EUR €2,095 | US \$1,980 pp
twin share



Ecuador's Galápagos Islands

+ 7 Days, 6 Nights aboard La Pinta

Picture yourself snorkelling or kayaking among sea lions, spotting a giant tortoise or trekking across ancient lava flows dotted with iguanas. On a small-ship Galápagos Island tour, explore one of the planet's unique places and home to wildlife found nowhere else on earth.

From AU \$10,815 | GBP £6,185 | EUR €7,040 | US \$6,655
pp twin share



Amazon Cruise

+ 5 Days, 4 Nights aboard Delfin

Aboard a boutique Delfin vessel, discover the rich rainforest ecosystem of the Amazon. Spanning more than two million hectares, the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve is the largest protected flooded forest in the world. Spot incredible wildlife from the comfort of your vessel or explore ashore on a number of soft adventure excursions.

From AU \$5,535 | GBP £3,165 | EUR €3,605 | US \$3,405
pp twin share



Easter Island

+ 4 Days, 3 Nights

Discover the monumental stone statues and an array of natural attractions on the most remote island on earth. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and national park, Easter Island is famed for its remarkable archaeological relics.

From AU \$1,585 | GBP £905 | EUR €1,035 | US \$975 pp twin share



Monteverde and Arenal

+ 6 Days, 5 Nights

Look for quetzals in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, one of the most biodiverse tropical cloud forests in the world. On a garden walk, encounter colourful butterflies, or take a boat ride on Lake Arenal, which offers incredible views of Arenal Volcano, and afterwards soak your weary muscles in natural hot springs.

From AUD \$2,810 | GBP £1,610 | EUR €1,830 | US \$1,730
pp twin share



Taste of Buenos Aires

+ 4 Days, 3 Nights

Located on the banks of the Rio de la Plata, Buenos Aires is one of the largest cosmopolitan cities in Latin America, a major world port and Argentina's commercial and social centre. Buenos Aires is graced with elegant European architecture and a renowned cultural scene, including world-class street art, iconic tango and superb wine and cuisine.

From AU \$1,360 | GBP £775 | EUR €885 | US \$835 pp twin share



Taste of San José

+ 3 Days, 2 Nights

Costa Rica, meaning 'rich coast' is blessed with abundant nature, pristine beaches, immense biodiversity and welcoming people. When booking this city stay add-on, we give you a range of options to explore San José. Choose from walking tours to bike tours, visits to the historical towns of Cartago or Grecia, and opportunities to sample tasty food and coffee!

From AU \$550 | GBP £315 | EUR €360 | US \$340 pp twin share



Taste of Santiago

+ 4 Days, 3 Nights

A major gateway to South America and popular stopover city, Chile's capital offers spectacular views of the high Andean peaks to the east. Visit the main attractions and important cultural, cosmopolitan and artistic sights on a full-day guided cultural tour. Sample some of the culinary delights and specialties the region has to offer.

From AU \$955 | GBP £545 | EUR €620 | US \$585 pp twin share



Ushuaia City Stay

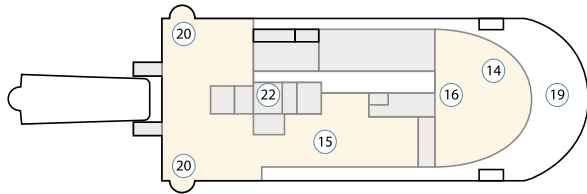
+ 2 Days, 1 Night

The most southerly city in the world and the main gateway to the Antarctic, Ushuaia is an ideal place to extend your stay. Visit Tierra del Fuego National Park, where lakes, lagoons and rivers flow into the Beagle Channel. Hike from Roca Lake to Lapataia Bay with views of Cónдор Mountain along the way.

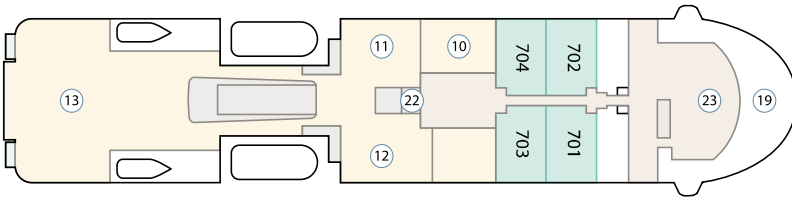
From AU \$860 | GBP £490 | EUR €560 | US \$530 pp twin share

The Greg Mortimer Deck Plan

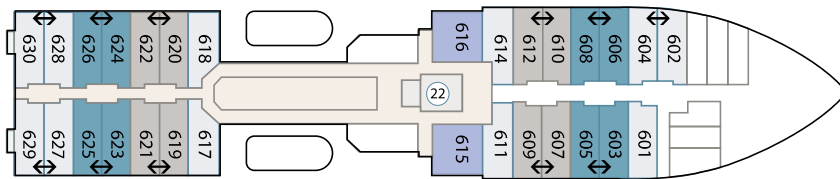
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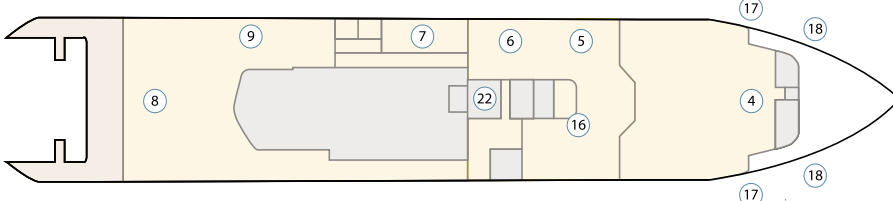
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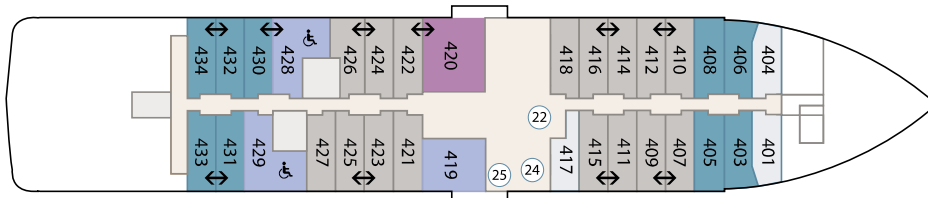
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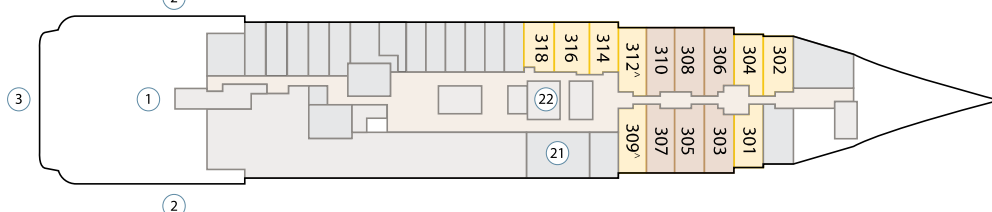
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Stateroom Category

- Aurora Stateroom Triple
- Aurora Stateroom Twin
- Balcony Stateroom – C
- Balcony Stateroom – B
- Balcony Stateroom – A
- Balcony Stateroom Superior (formerly Balcony Suite)
- Junior Suite
- Captain's Suite

Ship Features

- ① Change room/mudroom
- ② Zodiac-loading platforms
- ③ Activity launching platform
- ④ Lecture room & lounge
- ⑤ Assembly station
- ⑥ Reception
- ⑦ Ship shop
- ⑧ Dining room
- ⑨ Optional private dining room#
- ⑩ Library
- ⑪ Gym
- ⑫ Wellness centre/sauna
- ⑬ Sun deck
- ⑭ Observation lounge
- ⑮ Top deck
- ⑯ Bars
- ⑰ Viewing platforms
- ⑱ Hydraulic viewing platforms
- ⑲ Observation decks
- ⑳ Jacuzzis/plunge pools
- ㉑ Medical clinic
- ㉒ Elevator
- ㉓ Bridge
- ㉔ Main entrance
- ㉕ Expedition desk
- ♿ Disability accessible rooms

↔ Connecting staterooms and suites

^ Expedition Team staterooms on selected voyages

Open at the discretion of the Hotel Manager on selected voyages

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Staterooms & Suites Layout

— *Greg Mortimer*



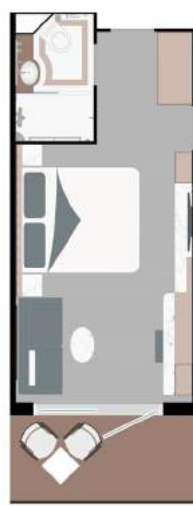
Aurora Stateroom Triple

Stateroom 21.4m²–22.8m²
(230.34ft²–245.41ft²)
porthole and bathroom.



Aurora Stateroom Twin

Stateroom 15.8m²–22.8m²
(170ft²–245.41ft²) porthole
and bathroom.



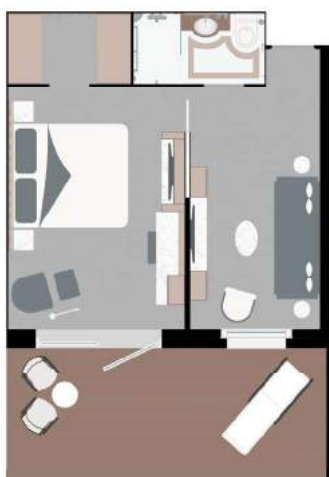
Balcony Stateroom

Stateroom and balcony
combined size 20.9m²–
31.3m² (224.96ft²–301.39ft²)
private balcony and
bathroom. For stateroom
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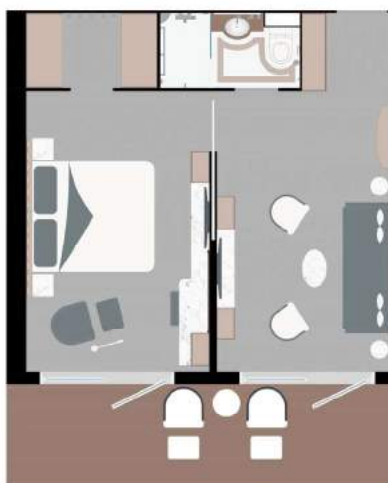
Balcony Stateroom Superior (Formerly Balcony Suite)

Stateroom and balcony
combined size 30.5m²–
40.2m² (303.54ft²– 432.70ft²)
private balcony and
bathroom.



Junior Suite

Stateroom and balcony
combined size 38.9m²
(418.71ft²) private balcony,
bathroom and lounge.



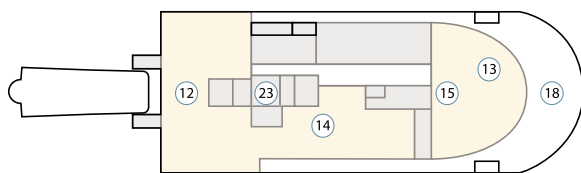
Captain's Suite

Stateroom and balcony
combined size 44.5m²
(478.99ft²), private balcony,
bathroom and lounge.

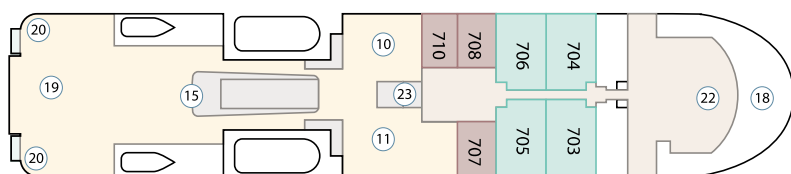


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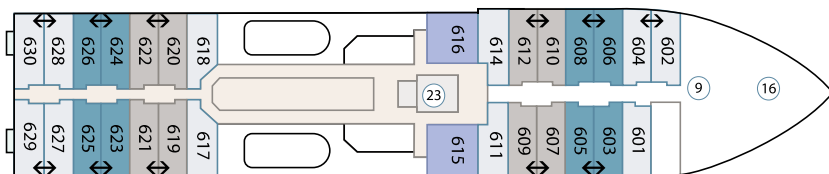
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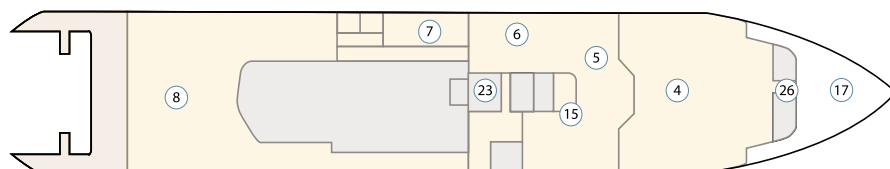
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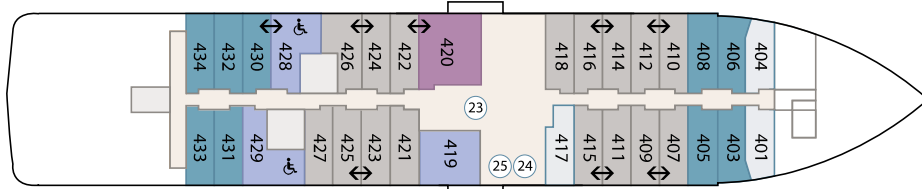
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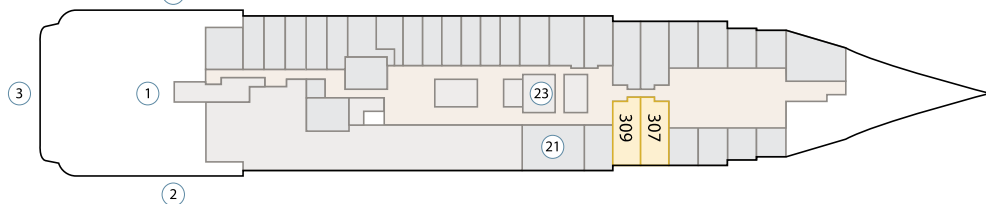
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- ⑫ Seating area
- ⑬ Observation lounge
- ⑭ Top deck restaurant
- ⑮ Bar
- ⑯ Upper glass atrium lounge
- ⑰ Lower glass atrium lounge
- ⑱ Observation decks
- ⑲ Swimming pool and sun deck
- ⑳ Jacuzzis/plunge pools
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Staterooms & Suites Layout

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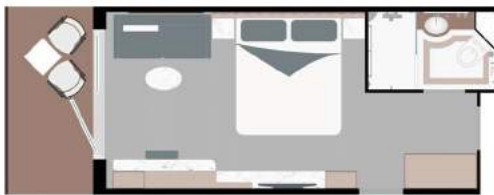
Aurora Stateroom Triple

Stateroom 22.67m² (244ft²), porthole and bathroom.



Aurora Stateroom Superior

Stateroom up to 19.9m² – 20.8m² (214.2ft² – 223.9ft²), French balcony and bathroom.



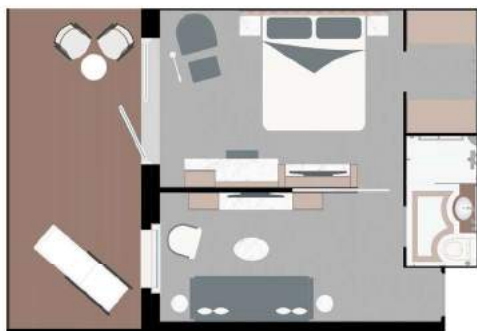
Balcony Stateroom

Stateroom and balcony combined size 16.8m² – 28m² (209.9ft² – 308.9ft²), private balcony and bathroom. For stateroom sizes of categories A, B, and C please contact us.



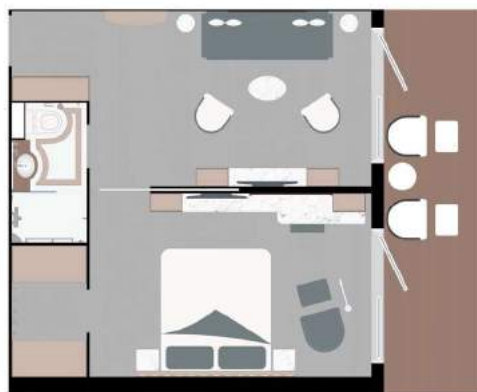
Balcony Stateroom Superior

Stateroom and balcony combined size 29.2m² – 35.2m² (314.3ft² – 378.9ft²), private balcony and bathroom.



Junior Suite

Stateroom and balcony combined size up to 41.6m² (447.8ft²), private balcony, bathroom and lounge.



Captain's Suite

Stateroom and balcony combined size 43.8m² (471.5ft²), private balcony, bathroom and lounge.

The Arctic Expeditions (AUD)

— Svalbard, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Canada, Alaska & Jan Mayen

YEAR	EXPEDITIONS	SHIP	CODE	DAYS	DATES	START	—	FINISH	AURORA STATEROOM TRIPLE	AURORA STATEROOM TWIN
2023	Across the Arctic Circle	Greg Mortimer	SNS007G	15	16 May — 30 May	ABZ	—	LYR	A\$20,495	A\$21,095
2023	Svalbard Odyssey	Greg Mortimer	SVL058G	12	29 May — 09 Jun	LYR	—	LYR	A\$17,495	A\$17,995
2023	Iceland Circumnavigation	Sylvia Earle	ICE003S	11	04 Jun — 14 Jun	RKV	—	RKV	A\$14,995	N/A
2023	Svalbard Odyssey	Greg Mortimer	SVL059G	12	08 Jun — 19 Jun	LYR	—	LYR	A\$17,495	A\$17,995
2023	Iceland, Jan Mayen, Svalbard	Sylvia Earle	IJS002S	15	13 Jun — 27 Jun	RKV	—	LYR	A\$19,495	N/A
2023	Jewels of the Arctic	Greg Mortimer	GRN040G	15	18 Jun — 02 Jul	LYR	—	RKV	A\$21,895	A\$22,495
2023	Svalbard in Depth	Sylvia Earle	SVD001S	15	26 Jun — 10 Jul	LYR	—	LYR	A\$21,895	N/A
2023	Arctic Complete	Greg Mortimer	ACC007G	24	01 Jul — 24 Jul	RKV	—	LYR	A\$34,095	A\$35,095
2023	Jewels of the Arctic	Sylvia Earle	GRN041S	15	09 Jul — 23 Jul	LYR	—	RKV	A\$21,895	N/A
2023	Svalbard Odyssey	Greg Mortimer	SVL060G	12	23 Jul — 03 Aug	LYR	—	LYR	A\$17,495	A\$17,995
2023	Northwest Passage	Sylvia Earle	NWP003S	17	27 Jul — 12 Aug	TOR	—	CAL	A\$27,695	N/A
2023	Jewels of the Arctic	Greg Mortimer	GRN042G	15	02 Aug — 16 Aug	LYR	—	RKV	A\$21,895	A\$22,495
2023	Northwest Passage	Sylvia Earle	NWP004S	17	10 Aug — 26 Aug	CAL	—	TOR	A\$27,695	N/A
2023	East Greenland Explorer	Greg Mortimer	EGL001G	14	15 Aug — 28 Aug	RKV	—	RKV	A\$20,195	A\$20,795
2023	Complete Northwest Passage	Sylvia Earle	FNW001S	30	24 Aug — 22 Sep	TOR	—	ANC	A\$51,695	N/A
2023	Northern Lights Explorer	Greg Mortimer	NLE001G	22	01 Sep — 22 Sep	KKN	—	BGO	A\$32,195	A\$33,195
2024	Iceland Circumnavigation	Sylvia Earle	ICE004S	11	21 May — 31 May	RKV	—	RKV	A\$16,095	N/A
2024	Iceland, Jan Mayen, Svalbard	Sylvia Earle	IJS003S	13	30 May — 11 Jun	RKV	—	LYR	A\$17,195	N/A
2024	Across the Arctic Circle	Greg Mortimer	SNS008G	15	06 Jun — 20 Jun	ABZ	—	LYR	A\$20,895	A\$21,495
2024	Svalbard in Depth	Sylvia Earle	SVD002S	15	10 Jun — 24 Jun	LYR	—	LYR	A\$22,795	N/A
2024	Svalbard Odyssey	Greg Mortimer	SVL061G	12	19 Jun — 30 Jun	LYR	—	LYR	A\$19,695	A\$20,295
2024	Jewels of the Arctic	Sylvia Earle	GRN043S	15	23 Jun — 7 Jul	LYR	—	RKV	A\$23,895	N/A
2024	Greenland Odyssey	Sylvia Earle	GOD002S	17	06 Jul — 22 Jul	RKV	—	TOR	A\$26,195	N/A
2024	Jewels of the Arctic	Greg Mortimer	GRN044G	15	07 Jul — 21 Jul	LYR	—	RKV	A\$23,895	A\$24,595
2024	Northwest Passage	Sylvia Earle	NWP005S	17	20 Jul — 5 Aug	TOR	—	CAL	A\$31,095	N/A
2024	Arctic Complete	Greg Mortimer	ACC008G	24	20 Jul — 12 Aug	RKV	—	LYR	A\$37,795	A\$38,895
2024	Northwest Passage	Sylvia Earle	NWP006S	17	3 Aug — 19 Aug	CAL	—	TOR	A\$31,095	N/A

KEY: LYR - Longyearbyen, Svalbard, RKV - Reykjavik, Iceland, KKN - Kirkenes, Norway, BGO - Bergen, Norway, ABZ - Aberdeen, Scotland, ANC - Anchorage, Alaska,

	AURORA STATEROOM SUPERIOR	BALCONY STATEROOM C	BALCONY STATEROOM B	BALCONY STATEROOM A	BALCONY STATEROOM SUPERIOR	JUNIOR SUITE	CAPTAIN'S SUITE	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES
	N/A	A\$22,895	A\$24,095	A\$25,895	A\$28,395	A\$35,595	A\$42,195	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,250, Scuba Diving - A\$1,300
	N/A	A\$19,495	A\$20,595	A\$22,095	A\$24,195	A\$30,295	A\$35,995	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350, Scuba Diving - A\$1,400
	A\$16,295	A\$16,695	A\$17,595	A\$18,895	A\$20,695	A\$25,995	A\$30,795	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,250
	N/A	A\$19,495	A\$20,595	A\$22,095	A\$24,195	A\$30,295	A\$35,995	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350, Scuba Diving - A\$1,400
	A\$21,195	A\$21,795	A\$22,995	A\$24,695	A\$26,995	A\$33,795	A\$40,095	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,250
	N/A	A\$24,395	A\$25,695	A\$27,595	A\$30,195	A\$37,895	A\$44,895	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350, Scuba Diving - A\$1,400, Rock Climbing - A\$1,300
	A\$23,795	A\$24,395	A\$25,695	A\$27,595	A\$30,195	A\$37,895	A\$44,995	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,650
	N/A	A\$38,095	A\$40,095	A\$43,095	A\$47,095	A\$59,195	A\$70,195	Sea Kayaking - A\$2,300, Scuba Diving - A\$2,400, Rock Climbing - A\$1,300
	A\$23,795	A\$24,395	A\$25,695	A\$27,595	A\$30,195	A\$37,895	A\$44,895	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350
	N/A	A\$19,495	A\$20,595	A\$22,095	A\$24,195	A\$30,295	A\$35,995	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350
	A\$30,195	A\$30,995	A\$32,595	A\$34,995	A\$38,295	A\$48,095	A\$56,995	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350
	N/A	A\$24,395	A\$25,695	A\$27,595	A\$30,195	A\$37,895	A\$44,895	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350, Rock Climbing - A\$1,300
	A\$30,195	A\$30,995	A\$32,595	A\$34,995	A\$38,295	A\$48,095	A\$56,995	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350
	N/A	A\$22,595	A\$23,795	A\$25,495	A\$27,895	A\$34,995	A\$ 41,495	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350, Rock Climbing - A\$1,300
	A\$56,295	A\$57,795	A\$60,895	A\$65,395	A\$71,495	A\$89,695	A\$106,495	Sea Kayaking - A\$2,300
	N/A	A\$35,995	A\$37,895	A\$40,695	A\$44,495	A\$55,895	A\$66,295	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,650
	A\$17,495	A\$17,995	A\$18,895	A\$20,295	A\$22,195	A\$27,795	A\$32,995	Sea kayaking - A\$850, Scuba Diving - A\$1,300
	A\$18,695	A\$19,295	A\$20,195	A\$21,795	A\$23,695	A\$29,695	A\$35,295	Sea Kayaking - A\$850
	N/A	A\$23,295	A\$24,595	A\$26,395	A\$28,895	A\$36,195	A\$42,795	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,250, Scuba Diving - A\$1,300
	A\$24,695	A\$25,495	A\$26,795	A\$28,895	A\$31,495	A\$39,495	A\$46,795	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,650
	N/A	A\$21,995	A\$23,095	A\$24,895	A\$27,195	A\$34,195	A\$40,495	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350
	A\$25,895	A\$26,695	A\$27,995	A\$29,995	A\$32,795	A\$41,195	A\$48,995	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350, Rock Climbing - A\$1,300
	A\$28,395	A\$29,195	A\$30,795	A\$32,995	A\$36,095	A\$45,295	A\$53,695	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350, Rock Climbing - A\$1,300
	N/A	A\$26,695	A\$27,995	A\$30,195	A\$32,995	A\$41,195	A\$48,995	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350, Scuba Diving - A\$1,400
	A\$33,695	A\$34,595	A\$36,495	A\$39,195	A\$42,795	A\$53,695	A\$63,695	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,650
	N/A	A\$42,195	A\$44,495	A\$47,695	A\$52,195	A\$65,495	A\$77,695	Sea Kayaking - A\$2,300, Scuba Diving - A\$1,400
	A\$33,695	A\$34,595	A\$36,495	A\$39,195	A\$42,795	A\$53,695	A\$63,695	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,650

TOR - Toronto, Canada, CAL - Calgary, Canada

Cont. The Arctic Expeditions (AUD)

— Svalbard, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Canada, Alaska & Jan Mayen

YEAR	EXPEDITIONS	SHIP	CODE	DAYS	DATES	START	—	FINISH	AURORA STATEROOM TRIPLE	AURORA STATEROOM TWIN
2024	Svalbard Odyssey	Greg Mortimer	SVL063G	12	11 Aug – 22 Aug	LYR	—	LYR	A\$18,695	A\$19,295
2024	Complete Northwest Passage	Sylvia Earle	FNW002S	30	17 Aug – 15 Sep	TOR	—	ANC	A\$52,695	N/A
2024	Jewels of the Arctic	Greg Mortimer	GRN045G	15	21 Aug – 4 Sep	LYR	—	RKV	A\$23,895	A\$24,595
2024	Northern Lights Explorer	Greg Mortimer	NLE002G	19	08 Sep – 26 Sep	KKN	—	RKV	A\$28,295	A\$29,195

KEY: LYR - Longyearbyen, Svalbard, RKV - Reykjavik, Iceland, KKN - Kirkenes, Norway, BGO - Bergen, Norway, ABZ - Aberdeen, Scotland, ANC - Anchorage, Alaska,

British Isles Expeditions (AUD)

— Ireland, England, Scotland & Wales

YEAR	EXPEDITIONS	SHIP	CODE	DAYS	DATES	START	—	FINISH	AURORA STATEROOM TRIPLE	AURORA STATEROOM TWIN
2023	Jewels of Coastal UK	Greg Mortimer	UKC001G	14	04 May – 17 May	LON	—	ABZ	A\$17,795	A\$18,295
2023	Ireland & Scotland Discovery	Sylvia Earle	ISC001S	17	17 May – 02 Jun	DUB	—	ABZ	A\$21,495	N/A
2024	Wild Scotland	Greg Mortimer	SCO017G	12	27 May – 07 Jun	EDI	—	ABZ	A\$14,895	A\$15,295

KEY: LON - London, England, ABZ - Aberdeen, Scotland, DUB - Dublin, Ireland, EDI - Edinburgh, Scotland

Islands of the Atlantic Expeditions (AUD)

— Cape Verde, Canary Islands & The Azores

YEAR	EXPEDITIONS	SHIP	CODE	DAYS	DATES	START	—	FINISH	AURORA STATEROOM TRIPLE	AURORA STATEROOM TWIN
2023	Cape Verde, Canary Islands & The Azores	Greg Mortimer	CAP001G	15	16 Apr – 30 Apr	LIS	—	LIS	A\$16,595	A\$17,095

KEY: LIS - Lisbon, Portugal

Latin America Expeditions (AUD)

— Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia & Patagonia

YEAR	EXPEDITIONS	SHIP	CODE	DAYS	DATES	START	—	FINISH	AURORA STATEROOM TRIPLE	AURORA STATEROOM TWIN
2023	Costa Rica & the Panama Canal	Sylvia Earle	CRP003S	15	20 Apr – 04 May	SJO	—	CTG	A\$19,195	N/A
2024	Patagonia and Chilean Fjords 	Sylvia Earle	PCF002S	15	5 Apr – 19 Apr	USH	—	PMC	A\$18,895	N/A
2024	Costa Rica & the Panama Canal	Greg Mortimer	CRP004G	15	19 Apr – 03 May	SJO	—	CTG	A\$19,695	A\$20,295

KEY: SJO - San Jose, Costa Rica, CTG - Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, USH - Ushuaia, Argentina, PMC - Puerto Montt, Chile

Scotland Treks (AUD)

YEAR	EXPEDITIONS	CODE	DAYS	DATES	START	—	FINISH
2023	Cairngorms National Park Explorer	CNP02	8	09 May	—	16 May	ABZ — ABZ
2023	Cairngorms National Park Explorer	CNP03	8	17 May	—	24 May	ABZ — ABZ
2024	Cairngorms National Park Explorer	CNP04	8	30 May	—	6 Jun	ABZ — ABZ
2024	Cairngorms National Park Explorer	CNP05	8	7 Jun	—	14 Jun	ABZ — ABZ

KEY: ABZ - Aberdeen, Scotland ^ Indicates voyage is before the trek. * Indicates voyage is after the trek. All trek departures are subject to minimum capacity.

AURORA STATEROOM SUPERIOR	BALCONY STATEROOM C	BALCONY STATEROOM B	BALCONY STATEROOM A	BALCONY STATEROOM SUPERIOR	JUNIOR SUITE	CAPTAIN'S SUITE	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES
N/A	A\$20,895	A\$21,995	A\$23,595	A\$25,795	A\$32,395	A\$38,395	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350
A\$57,195	A\$58,895	A\$61,995	A\$66,495	A\$72,695	A\$91,195	A\$108,295	Sea Kayaking - A\$2,300
N/A	A\$26,695	A\$27,995	A\$29,995	A\$32,795	A\$41,195	A\$48,995	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350
N/A	A\$31,695	A\$33,295	A\$35,795	A\$38,995	A\$48,995	A\$58,095	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,650

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AURORA STATEROOM SUPERIOR	BALCONY STATEROOM C	BALCONY STATEROOM B	BALCONY STATEROOM A	BALCONY STATEROOM SUPERIOR	JUNIOR SUITE	CAPTAIN'S SUITE	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES
N/A	A\$19,895	A\$20,895	A\$22,495	A\$24,595	A\$30,795	A\$36,595	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,250, Scuba Diving - A\$1,300
A\$23,395	A\$23,995	A\$25,295	A\$27,195	A\$29,695	A\$37,295	A\$44,195	Sea Kayaking - A\$85
N/A	A\$16,695	A\$17,495	A\$18,895	A\$20,595	A\$25,795	A\$30,595	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,250, Scuba Diving - A\$1,300, Paddling - A\$800

AURORA STATEROOM SUPERIOR	BALCONY STATEROOM C	BALCONY STATEROOM B	BALCONY STATEROOM A	BALCONY STATEROOM SUPERIOR	JUNIOR SUITE	CAPTAIN'S SUITE	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES
N/A	A\$18,595	A\$19,595	A\$20,995	A\$22,995	A\$28,795	A\$34,195	Sea Kayaking - A\$650

AURORA STATEROOM SUPERIOR	BALCONY STATEROOM C	BALCONY STATEROOM B	BALCONY STATEROOM A	BALCONY STATEROOM SUPERIOR	JUNIOR SUITE	CAPTAIN'S SUITE	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES
A\$20,895	A\$21,395	A\$22,495	A\$24,195	A\$26,495	A\$33,195	A\$39,395	Scuba Diving - A\$900, Paddling - FOC, Snorkelling - FOC, Stand-up Paddleboarding - FOC
A\$20,595	A\$21,095	A\$22,195	A\$23,895	A\$26,095	A\$32,795	A\$38,895	Sea Kayaking - A\$1,350
N/A	A\$22,095	A\$23,295	A\$24,995	A\$27,395	A\$34,295	A\$40,595	Scuba Diving - A\$900, Paddling - FOC, Snorkelling - FOC, Stand-up Paddleboarding - FOC

PRICE	CONNECTING VOYAGE
A\$5,445	SNS007G*
A\$5,445	UKC001G^
A\$5,545	SNS008G*
A\$5,545	SCO017G^

