



Inside is a glimpse into just a few of our exciting adventures planned for **Summer Arctic 2024** and **Winter 2024-25 Antarctic** exploration, on land in small guided groups and on the water on-board delightful small ships operating the very best voyages in the polar regions. **In order to cut our carbon footprint, we have moved many trips to our website – so do take a look!**

Our overland expeditions focus on enjoying nature and scenery by walking, dog-sledging, skiing and camping in the Arctic, Antarctic, Arctic Norway, Greenland, Iceland, the Faroe Islands, more remote parts of Russia and the Canadian Arctic. At sea, we are agents for operators of breathtaking wildlife expedition voyages to Arctic Norway, Spitsbergen, Iceland, Greenland, the Faroe Islands, Arctic Russia, the Canadian Arctic, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, the Antarctic Peninsula and the Ross Sea region.

Inside you'll find a greatly simplified overview of what we offer – there's more detail in the way of itineraries, maps and client comments on our website. **Do call us for detailed dossiers on each trip**.

Look out too for a few late booking opportunities for voyages this coming winter 2023-24, and remember – come fair weather or foul, we are here to plan the trip you want and we are always ready and delighted to discuss any aspect of your plans, however far into the future you are planning. "

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Fiona Brijnath, Director

66 Our favourite aspect? A hard question. Everything to do with icebergs and wildlife but the fact that Plancius is a relatively small ship with brilliant, friendly and efficient crew and expedition team make for a wonderful time. As well as straightforward queries, there were lots of issues stemming from the pandemic, all dealt with by Fiona in a calm and extremely helpful manner.**

Mr and Mrs Greg Lyons, Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctica on Plancius, January 2023



Arcturus - Unique Polar Expeditions and the Best Voyages

About Us

Based on Dartmoor, Devon, **Arcturus** has evolved over 40 years from a small niche polar travel company to one of the foremost operators to remote polar regions. **Fiona Brijnath**, your main contact, has established a notable reputation in tailored travel over the past 30 years, and has both the knowledge and experience to navigate you through a marketplace full of often bewildering options. Our itineraries are based on years of local research and experience from past, often scientific, expeditions. You are unlikely to find anyone who gives more attention to personal service and detail than Fiona, which is why her clients return time and again.

Keeping Fiona up to date on polar matters and potential new destinations is **Dr. Lorraine Craig PhD** of **Imperial College**, London. Her impressive CV includes having been Head of Research and Higher Education at the **Royal Geographical Society**, Director of the **Cambridge Arctic Shelf Programme** and a past President of the **Arctic Club**.

Pricing

To give you the full picture, we cost in everything we can into our advertised prices here and on our website. This includes international economy flights from London, internal transport, transfers to your embarkation point (where this can be pre-booked) and accommodation in twin rooms with meals as specified in our detailed dossiers.

Our guide prices for **voyages** are based on twin cabins with private facilities. On request we will quote for single occupancy, triple, quadruple and superior cabins and suites (where available). Our **expeditions** are nearly all fully-guided, either from the UK or locally.

We include fuel surcharges known at the time of going to print, but please note that we are bound to pass on any subsequent surcharges.

Extending Your Trip

As bespoke travel specialists owned by Far Frontiers Travel, we can organise pre and post-tour elements to make yours a truly unique trip. So, for example, you could explore Chile, Argentina, Peru, Bolivia or Ecuador/The Galapagos as the opening or grand finale to your Antarctic voyage. Why not take in the glittering sights of Moscow and St. Petersburg or drive around Iceland before setting sail for Arctic waters? We can organise it all.

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We're always ready to discuss your travel plans however far ahead they may be



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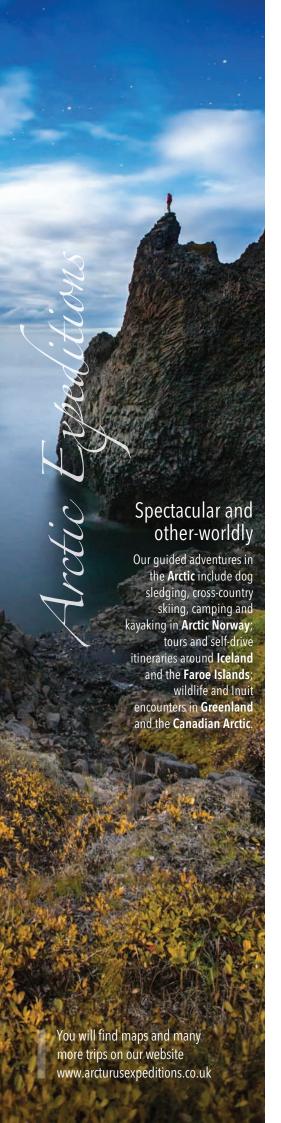
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Call it mushing, dog sledding or dog sledging – there's no more exhilarating way to explore!

Experience early spring in **Northern Norway** by dog-sledge on one of our thrilling small group expeditions in the mountains and high uplands. Led by our Norwegian friends, we can also arrange visits to the **Sami (Lapp)** people in their summer or winter camps by skidoo, **Summer Island**, the **Lofoten Islands** or a fascinating day out in **Tromsø**.

Spitsbergen is the largest island in **Norway's Svalbard Archipelago**. We've exhilarating winter and spring adventures among its pointed mountains, deep fjords and the glorious sparkle of the Arctic. It's idyllic for summer visits too.

Explore Dividalen – Drive Your Own Dogs | 6 days

NORWAY

Stand on the runners whilst the dogs take the strain! Snow and weather conditions permitting, you will make daily trips through a beautiful snowscape. After a day on the trail, relax around a log fire while your hosts regale you from their fund of stories about life in the north. They are excellent cooks and their menus feature locally caught reindeer, elk and salmon. There's usually the chance to enjoy a sauna or hot tub too.

- » when « January March 2024, dates on request
- » guide price « £2,890 per person
- » leader « Local Norwegian leader
- » key info « Normal group size 4 minimum. Stay in simple accommodation south of Tromsø. No previous experience required
- » new « Ask about hut to hut sledging

WHAT TO EXPECT: The chance of stunning displays of the *Aurora Borealis* in the depths of winter.

TOP TIP: We provide superbly warm sledging suits and thick felt-lined boots so you'll never be cold.

DON'T MISS: Tromsø for its atmospheric Polar Museum and Northern Lights Planetarium.

See more on our website – including our Dog Sledge The Kings Way expedition from Norway's high peaks to the frozen lakes and plateaux of Sweden



Overnight in Comfort

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

Isfjord and Nordenskiöld Summer Hiking | 8 days

SPITSBERGEN

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

- » when « Weekly departures July to mid-September 2024
- » guide price « From £6,795 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » key info « Optional Isfjord hike is 10-16kms. All equipment provided, minimum 4 people

рнотоs: Paul Zizka, Visit Greenland; Aktivfilm; Basecamp Explorer





GREENLAND

Breathtaking fjords and enduring communities

Traditional Dog Sledging in Liverpool Land | 10 days

The Inuit still use the dog sledge to get around in winter, especially at **Greenland's** most isolated village, **Ittoqqortoormiit**, on the east coast. Join us for a traditional dog sledging trip on **Liverpool Land's** spectacular coast. Highlights include flights by Twin-Otter aircraft and helicopter, a few days in Ittoqqortoormiit village and four days' camping and travelling with dog sledges.

- » when « Weekly departures March May 2024
- » guide price « From £6,085 per person
- » leader « Local leader
- » Key info « Group size 4 minimum. Stay in guest houses and tents or hunter's huts

South and West Greenland by Traditional Ferry Boat | 14 days

Travel with the locals on the delightful **Sarfaq Ittuk** ferry and see **Greenland's** spectacular glaciers, icebergs, colourful Inuit settlements and Arctic wildlife. This journey along the coast between northerly **Ilulissat** (famed for its icebergs) and **Qaqortoq** in the south calls in at several ports and towns such as **Nuuk**, the smallest capital in the world.

- » when « To suit, June to September 2024
- » guide price « From £7,495 per person
- » leader « No quide, full briefing on arrival
- » Key info « Sarfaq Ittuk usually carries more local passengers than tourists. There's a communal café and great views from the upper decks.
- New « This year we include a 3 day trip to the spectacular **Eqi Glacier**

spring for dog sledging and

Aurora Borealis. Summer for wonderful hiking and cruising in iceberg filled waters.

READ: Sirius Patrol by Peter Schmidt Michelson.



Beguiling and captivating

ICELAND, with its long summer days, midnight sun and winter *Aurora Borealis*, is ideal for touring by car – we've splendid self-drive itineraries or can arrange a driver/guide if you prefer.

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

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

- » when « Weekly departures May September 2024
- » guide price « From £3,165 per person
- » key info « Driving yourself is easy and we give plenty of advice. There are lovely boutique hotels in **Reykjavik** that we can suggest as an upgrade

TO DO: Ride an Icelandic pony over black lava fields, walk inside a glacier or 'flightsee' by helicopter for a bird's eye view of a glacier or extinct volcano.

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



THE FAROE ISLANDS Enchanting and timeless isles

THE FAROES poke sharply out of the Atlantic Ocean between Norway and Iceland. These 18 islands of narrow straits and small harbour villages are home to less than 50,000 people and more than three million sea birds. The Faroese people have proudly preserved their own culture, traditions and language rooted in the Old Norse.

Faroe Islands Self Drive | 8 days

Driving is the ideal way to explore – with good roads and short distances between points of interest, you can see so much without having to change hotels every night. Visit the bird cliffs at **Vestmanna** and the tiny but picturesque village of **Gjogv**. Ferry hop between little islands in the north and end at **Torshavn**, the **Faroes**' capital, whose excellent restaurants showcase traditional Faroese cuisine.

- » when « May September 2024, tailor-made to suit
- » guide price « From £2,590 per person
- » key info « You can experience four seasons in one day. Average temperatures are 11°C in summer. Travel off season October-April for lower rates

TOP TIP: Faroes summers are short and hotels fill quickly so book early to avoid disappointment.
Ask us about private escorted tours with our lovely local guides.

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

CANADIAN ARCTIC

The Inuit people of the **CANADIAN ARCTIC** are an essential part of **Canada's** national and cultural identity. **Nunavut's** vast tundraclad islands with their remote villages and archaeological sites are accessible only by plane or boat. Iconic narwhal and beluga whale thrive in its waters. **Baffin Island** and **Hudson Bay** offer exceptional chances to get close to polar bear.

Thrilling experiences where eagles soar and caribou roam





Narwhal and Polar Bear Safari | 11 days

Experience the classic spring floe edge and view polar bears, narwhal and icebergs under the midnight sun at the northern reaches of **Baffin Island**. Fly in and stay at a tented safari camp on an Arctic beach with views of **Bylot Island**, close to **Lancaster Sound**. Guided by Inuit you'll aim to spot narwhal, polar bears, beluga and bowhead whales.

- » when « Four departures May/June 2024
- » guide price « From £17,095 per person
- » leader « Local quide
- » Key info « Group size 8-16. One of the best places to combine narwhal and polar bear encounters

Arctic Watch Lodge Discovery Experience | 11 days

Home to polar bears, muskoxen, arctic foxes and a world-class beluga whale nursery, **Arctic Watch** is an unparalleled destination for the adventurous. The Weber family have skied, kayaked, hiked and explored right across **Canada's** far north. Join them at this most northerly fly-in lodge on earth. Fully-guided excursions range from wildlife photography to 'fat biking' the frozen **Arctic Ocean** and sea kayaking alongside beluga whales.

- » when « Numerous trips June/August 2023 and 2024
- » guide price « From £12,745 per person
- » leader « Local guide
- » Key info « Add on an optional overflight of the Northwest Passage landing on Beechey Island. Observe narwhal and bowhead whales en route





High Arctic Muskoxen and Polar Bear Photography | 11 days

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

- » when « 10-20 August 2023, 9-19 August 2024
- » guide price « From £13,995 per person
- » key info « Group size 9 maximum. Expertly led adventure. You'll see muskox (up to 35 animals) in full rut. Includes helicopter assisted hiking.

» OPTIONS «

Ask about our **Beluga Whale Photography** tour 13-22 July 2024

BEST TIME TO GO: There's plenty to see and do any time between May and November.

READ: Dead Reckoning: The untold story of the Northwest Passage by Ken McGoogan.



NEW

Journey deep into the **Arctic**. Your purpose built bike is your expedition cockpit and **Arctic Watch Lodge** is your basecamp. This human powered adventure will explore the frozen landscapes of the **Northwest Passage** floe edge as polar bears hunt seals and summer begins to grasp the polar landscapes. Bike the tundra in search of muskoxen as the Arctic flora begins to bloom and life takes hold on the summer landscapes of **Somerset Island**.

- » when « 29 June 9 July 2023, ask for 2024/5
- » guide price « From £12,215 per person
- » leader « Local guide
- » key info « Group size 6 maximum. Daily excursions by electric bike are fully guided. Nights are in an off-the-grid basecamp in en-suite cabins with locally sourced Canadian cuisine. Normal daytime temperatures range from 6° – 14°C. Warm days can reach 21°C.

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



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





Traditions, folklore, whales and seabirds

The British Isles | 13 days

NEW

Back by popular demand! Embark in Portsmouth and sail west to Tresco in the Scilly Isles, onto Ireland's Dunmore East and the Saltee Islands and Llandudno on the north coast of Wales. You'll recross the Irish Sea to Northern Ireland for the world renowned Giants Causeway. The inner and outer Hebrides including remote and storm ravaged St Kilda are also on the agenda as well as the Orkneys, Fair Isle and Bass Rock awash with northern gannets.

- Sea Spirit » ship « 8-20 May 2024
- » guide price « From £6,115 per person with early booking offer

» OPTIONS «

- Sea Spirit's consecutive Wild Islands and Lands of Legends voyage in and out of Edinburgh 19-30 May 2024 visits the Orkneys, Fair Isle, **Shetlands** and the **Faroes**. Guide prices from £5,520 per person.
- Greg Mortimer's 12 day Wild Scotland voyage in May 2024 sails Edinburgh to Aberdeen via the Hebrides, the Shetland Islands and Orkneys. Ask for details.
- SH Vega's unusual voyage routes Portsmouth to Dublin via Stornaway in April 2024.

Northern Lights Explorer via Greenland | 19 days

NEW

On this unusual voyage we stay close to the coastlines of the Arctic Circle, skirting around the Norwegian and Greenland seas, and exploring remote islands and villages, hoping to catch the magical northern lights as night falls. Just south of the Arctic Circle, explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Vega Island. We'll attempt to land on Jan Mayen, home to Mount **Beerenberg**, the northernmost active volcanic in the world and discover dazzling icebergs of the world's largest fjord system at Greenland's Scoresbysund, ending in Iceland's remote Westfjords for remote hikes among splendid scenery.

- **Greg Mortimer** » ship «
- 8-26 September 2024 » when «
- » guide price « From £13,295 per person with early booking offer

Iceland Circumnavigation | 11 days

Explore the 'Land of Ice and Fire' where snow-capped peaks rise above glaciers and active volcanoes rumble. Walk along a black sand beach strewn with glittering bergy bits and discover geysers, fumaroles and bubbling mud pools, or explore spectacular fjords and impressive waterfalls, in one of the most geologically active places on earth. Keep watch for tail flukes as we whale watch in Húsavík, explore Látrabjarg bird cliffs, the largest in Europe and visit Vatnajökull National Park.

- » ship « Sylvia Earle
- 21-31 May 2024 » when «
- » guide price « From £7,995 per person with early booking offer

» OPTIONS «

■ Try SH Vega's Iceland In Depth 6-14 August 2023 from **£3,885** per person

Fair Isle, Jan Mayen to Spitsbergen, Birding | 10 days

NEW

On this Aberdeen to Longyearbyen expedition you'll search for birds and other Arctic wildlife and explore the stark volcanic Norwegian island of Jan Mayen, 300 nautical miles northeast of Iceland, crowned by the snow-capped summit of 2300m Mt. Beerenberg. Here we aim to visit the weather station and hike to the remains of a 17th-century Dutch whaling station. We'll scour the East **Greenland** ice edge north of **Spitsbergen** in search for whales before coming into port.

- **Plancius** » ship «
- » when « 28 May - 6 June 2024
- » quide price « From £3,835 per person

- Greg Mortimer sails Aberdeen to Longyearbyen Across the Arctic Circle 6-20 June 2024 via the Norwegian Coast, Lofotens and Bear Island.
- Sea Spirit's voyage Edinburgh to Longyearbyen 29 May - 10 June 2024 includes a flight back to Oslo.

РНОТО: Poseidon Expeditions; AE Expeditions



In the footsteps of fabled explorers

North/Around Spitsbergen | 9-11 days

These popular voyages are ideal for the first time visitor to the **Arctic** with numerous Zodiac shore landings amid walrus, seals, whales and sea birds, and of course, the ever powerful and magnificent polar bear. Itineraries vary according to the ice conditions but generally early season voyages cover the west side of **Spitsbergen** whilst July/August trips aim for a full circumnavigation.

- » ships « Hondius, Ortelius, Plancius
- » when « Numerous departures May August 2024
- » guide price « From ${\bf £5,895}$ per person

» OPTIONS «

- Ortelius has a Basecamp voyage 24 June 2 July 2024 with hiking and free kayaking.
- **Hondius** goes looking for Bowhead whales and polar bears 9-17 June 2024.
- June voyages are designated as polar bear and pack ice specials.
- Look out for three August voyages one per ship extending as far as Kvitøya.
- Sea Spirit has Svalbard Circumnavigation with Kvitøya – two in depth explorations in the land of the polar bear 15-18 July and 27 July – 9 August 2024. Guide price from £11,460 per person with early booking discount.

Arctic Complete - Svalbard, Greenland, Iceland | 24 days

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

- » ship « Greg Mortimer
- » when « 20 July 12 August 2024
- » guide price « From £18,635 per person

East Spitsbergen and Summer Solstice | 9 days

Experience the high **Arctic** summer solstice with an unusual expedition to **East Spitsbergen**. Our goal is to take you to amazing glaciers, fascinating historical sites, bountiful seabird colonies and sprawling fjord systems. Here is a good chance of spotting whales, seals, and possibly even polar bears. In addition, bear witness to the **2024 summer solstice** in **Longyearbyen** which falls on **21 June**.

- » ship « Hondius
- » when « 16-24 June 2024
- » guide price « From £5,895 per person

» OPTIONS «

■ For a longer voyage combine with the preceding North Spitsbergen voyage 9-24 June 2024 on Hondius or 12-27 June 2024 on Plancius. Guide price £8,765 per person.

Extended North and East Spitsbergen and Bear Island | 17 days

Why not combine **East Spitsbergen** (great for polar bears and pack ice) with a **North Spitsbergen**

NEW

Basecamp voyage (multiple free activities) to make one epic trip. Basecamp voyages focus on land and near-shore activities with minimal disturbance to local populations while looking for wildlife opportunities whenever possible. Hikers embark on vigorous walks, photographers capture the dramatic surroundings, and kayakers explore waterways

where the ship cannot sail. At the same time, we welcome you to help us in cleaning the shores of **Spitsbergen**.

- » ship « Ortelius
- » when « 24 June 10 July June 2024
- » guide price « From £9,320 per person



SAILING VOYAGES Spitsbergen

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

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

Sail North/Around Spitsbergen -

12-16 day voyages out of **Longyearbyen**. Numerous departures May – August 2024. Join 17-28 June 2024 for Summer Solstice. Late July voyages circumnavigate. Guide price range from £6,150 – £8,190 per person.

Alpine Peaks of Spitsbergen -Hike, Ski and Sail | 9 days

NEW

Calling all experienced ski mountaineers who have mastered ski techniques both for ascent and descent in challenging snow-covered alpine terrain. Your typical day will involve ski climbs on mountaintops averaging heights of 700–850 meters and downhill skiing from those points. In combination with sailing an historic ship – and on shore hiking, it will make for a memorable adventure.

» when « Four departures May 2024 » guide price « From £4,625 per person



Brand new luxury hybrid icebreaker
Le Commandant Charcot sails from
Spitsbergen to The Geographic
North Pole July/August 2023 and
2024 in 16 days. Ask for details.



Spitsbergen and North East Greenland | 16 days

These adventurous voyages provide a rare opportunity to see the remote north-east coast of **Greenland**. Crossing from **Spitsbergen**, we keep watch for fin, humpback and minke whales and approach **East Greenland**, landing at **Myggebugten**. We hope to encounter narwhal and should see musk oxen from the ship. Moving south to **Scoresby Sund** we land near a glacier and encounter huge icebergs before disembarking finally in **Akureyri** in north **Iceland** for the journey home. On clear dark nights we might be able to see the *Aurora Borealis*.

» ships « Ortelius, Plancius

» when « 17 August – 1 September,

28 August - 12 September 2024

» guide price « From £11,965 per person

» OPTIONS «

- Try Plancius' extended Around Spitsbergen & Northeast Greenland - Aurora Borealis voyage 8 August - 1 September 2024. Guide price from £15,530 per person.
- Ocean Adventurer has Three Arctic Islands Iceland, Greenland and Spitsbergen sailing between Reykjavik and Helsinki 25 August – 8 September 2024.
- Greg Mortimer and Sylvia Earle's Jewels of the Arctic three voyages in June, July and August 2024 discover Svalbard's northwest coast and the east coast of Greenland before concluding in Iceland.



Greenland Odyssey | 17 days

NFW

Experience the enormity of Greenland on this comprehensive voyage from Sermilik Fjord and Tasiilaq on Greenland's east coast, south to Skjoldungen Island, Hvalsey and Tasermiut Fjord. Discover ancient rocks at Skaergaard Peninsula dating back some 55 million years. Sail Prince Christian Sound, flanked by imposing mountains. Hike across the arctic tundra in search of arctic fox, reindeer and muskok. Zodiac-cruise along spectacular sounds where ringed, harp and hooded seals laze on the sea ice and humpback and minke whales feed in the nutrient-rich waters. Weaving through fjords and channels, enter West Greenland, sailing from Paamiut to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ilulissat Icefjord.

» ship « Sylvia Earle

» when « 6-22 July 2024

» guide price « From £13,235 per person with early booking offer

WHAT TO WEAR: Dress in layers with a wind and waterproof outer layer. Fleeces are great underneath. It can still be cold sailing in the middle of summer so a hat, scarf and gloves are sensible if you feel the cold.

BRING WITH YOU: Insect repellent and antihistamine for mosquito protection in summer.

All our prices include flights and overnight accommodation en route to the ship. Prices are based on twin cabins with private facilities. Russian Arctic Voyages are currently suspended due to the Ukraine war – check back next year.

East Greenland | 11 days

This memorable voyage starts and finishes in Reykjavík, Iceland. We cross the Denmark Strait to explore the wilderness of East Greenland's stunning Scoresby Sund fjord complex. We'll discover historic sites and a contemporary Inuit village and encounter massive icebergs.

On our return journey we explore **Iceland's Westfjords**. Each night brings another excellent chance to experience the mesmerising *Northern Lights*.

» ship « Sea Spirit

» when « 1-11 September, 10-20 September 2024

» guide price « From £7,795 per person with early booking offer

» OPTIONS «

Plancius has a Scoresby Sund voyage, out of Akureyri which crosses the Arctic Circle into the home waters of multiple species of whale. Spot huge icebergs as you journey into the world's deepest fjord system 30 August – 9 September 2024.

Gems of West Greenland | 12 days

NEW

Immerse yourself in the dramatic coast of West Greenland, exploring deep into fjords and stunning islands. You'll visit Sisimiut, Manitsoq and Uummannaq, venture into Qilakitsoq (the site of the Greenland Mummies) and explore Store Glacier and its immense discharge zone. Find massive glaciers and dipinto Equip Sermia or Torsukatak Fjords, located in the northeast corner of Disko Bay. At the peak of summer, enjoy sunny days, clear vistas, and longer opportunities to see wildlife.

» ship « Ultramarine

» when « 14-25 July, 23 July – 3 August 2024

» guide price « From £9,595 per person with early booking offer

OPTIONS «

Helicopter flightseeing, tundra to table culinary, Mountain biking, Kayaking.





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

This rare itinerary is intent on reaching Canada's most northerly islands, Axel Heiberg Island and rarely visited Ellesmere Island, transiting Hells Gate. We hope to fly up to explore the Devon Ice Cap, one of Canada's largest. History buffs may pay their respects to the ill-fated 1845–46 Franklin expedition gravesites on Beechey Island. You may see sea mammals, polar bears, muskox, and even the elusive Arctic wolf.

» ship « Ultramarine

» when « 15-27 August 2024,

24 August - 5 September 2024

guide price « £14,235 per person with early booking offer

High Arctic Explorer | 17 days

Journey in comfort from **Resolute Bay** to **Kangerlussuaq**, **Greenland** at the height of Arctic summer! Explore the **Tallurutiup Imanga** marine protected area, visit the **Franklin** graves on **Beechey Island** and enjoy an Inuit welcome in **Mittimatalik** (Pond Inlet). Across **Baffin Bay** lies the sublime **Greenland** coast. **Ilulissat** offers great hiking and the **Icefjord** – home to the fastest-moving glacier in the world.

- » ship « Ocean Endeavour
- » when « 1-17 August, 13-29 August 2024
- » guide price « £14,585 per person with early booking offer

Greenland and Wild Labrador | 19 days

Follow the 2,200 nautical mile route of Leif Erikson via coastal Labrador from Sondre Stromfjord, Greenland to historic St. John's, capital of Newfoundland and Labrador. Highlights include Greenland's capital Nuuk, Canada's pristine Torngat Mountains National Park, searching for polar and black bear along Northern Labrador's coastline and L'Anse aux Meadows, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- » ship « Ocean Endeavour
- » when « 26 September 14 October 2024
- » guide price « £12,650 per person with early booking offer



The Northwest Passage | 21 days

The Northwest Passage represents the pinnacle of Arctic exploration. On this trip, like the explorers before us, we'll experience the quaint villages, dramatic fjords, and calving glaciers of Greenland. Then, crossing Davis Strait, we'll visit Nunavut, pay respects at the Franklin Expedition graves at Beechey Island and spot Peary caribou, polar bear, walrus, and musk oxen on Devon Island. The recent findings of Franklin's ships, HMS Erebus and HMS Terror remind us that we sail into history, legend, and myth that continue today. Our epic journey's end is at Kugluktuk, Canada.

The first voyage sails from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Kugluktuk via Pond Inlet, Baffin and the second trip operates in reverse, but heads further north to Grisefjord and Smith Sound.

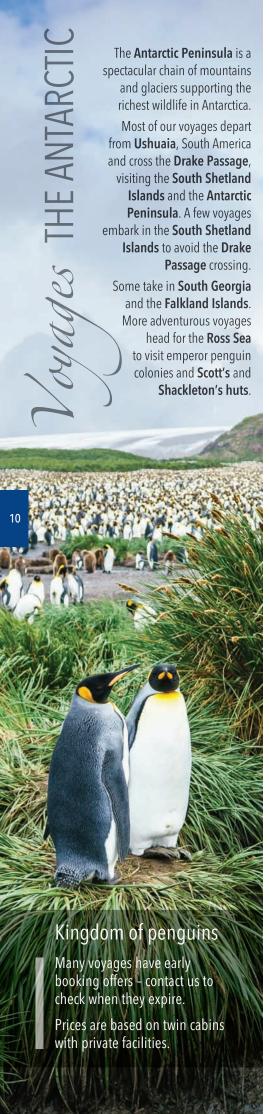
- » ship « Ocean Endeavour
- when « Into the Northwest Passage 25 August 14 September 2024 Out of the Northwest Passage 10-30 September 2024
- » guide price « £18,995 per person with early booking offer



» OPTIONS «

- Sylvia Earle has two back to back 18 day
 Northwest Passage voyages in July/August 2024
 using Calgary and Toronto as gateways for charter
 flights to the ship. She hugs Baffin's East Coast
 and has landings at Devon, Beechey and Prince
 Leopold Islands. Guide price from £16,630 per
 person with early booking offer.
- NEW For the trip of a lifetime try her 31 day Complete Northwest Passage from Kangerlussuaq to Nome 17 August – 16 September 2024 at the discounted guide price of £26,385 per person with early booking offer.
- Ultramarine's Northwest Passage in the Footsteps of Franklin voyage, 1-18 August 2024 routes from Greenland along the length of Baffin Island to Resolute. Guide prices start at £18,135 per person with early booking offer.
- Arctic Express Canada, the Heart of the Northwest Passage for those interested in the region but short of time. Spend five days covering Resolute, Beechey Island, Port Leopold and NW Baffin and making good use of Ultramarine's onboard helicopters, 2-11 September 2024. Guide prices start at £10,195 per person with early booking offer.

See the website for more, including our **Newfoundland Circumnavigation** and **Heart of the Arctic** itineraries!





Classic Antarctic Peninsula with South Shetlands | 14-16 days

These voyages offer the best introduction to the White Continent. Beginning in Ushuaia, ships cross the Drake Passage directly to the Peninsula to explore its wildlife and scenery. Some also include the South Shetland Islands and its abandoned whaling station on Deception Island. Return through the Gerlache Strait, home to leopard seals and blue-eyed shags. Zodiac cruises and numerous landings enable viewing of all species of penguins, seals, whales and other wildlife as well as historic sites and operational research bases.

- » ships « Sea Spirit, Seaventure, SH Vega
- » when « Numerous voyages Nov 2023 Mar 2024 and Nov 2024 – Mar 2025
- » guide price « From £12,195 per person with early booking offer

» OPTIONS «

- Hondius, Plancius and Ortelius operate
 Discovery and Learning voyages with interactive in-field and on-board workshops, November 2023 February 2024 and again the following year.
- Seaventure has new All Access voyages with free adventure options including kayaking and camping November and December 2024 with ten nights on board.
- Seaventure's Christmas departures include two nights ashore in Ushuaia pre-voyage.

 18 December 2023 2 January 2024 and

 17 December 2024 1 January 2025.

 Guide price from £13,245 per person.
- X-Bow Scandi-design sister ships SH Vega and Minerva operate numerous voyages to the Peninsula – ask for details.
- Ask about Hondius, Plancius, and Ortelius'
 Antarctic Peninsula Basecamp voyages where adventure activities are free.

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



MUST DO: Camp overnight on the **Peninsula** to experience Antarctic weather close up. It might seem tough at the time but you won't regret it! It's popular so you'll need to pre-book.

PHOTOS: Deitmar Denger, Oceanwide

Antarctica Beyond the Polar Circle Wilkins Ice Shelf | 20 days

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

» ship « Hondius, Ortelius

» when « 11-30 March 2024, 19 March – 7 April 2025

» guide price « From £14,195 per person

» OPTIONS «

- Ortelius has Polar Circle Deep South Discovery voyage 14-31 March 2024 with free Swarovski binoculars, and 8-23 March 2025. Guide price from £13,356 per person.
- Plancius with her superb observation lounge has a Polar Circle voyage focussing on whales 19 March 3 April 2024 and 21 March 5 April 2025. Guide price from £10,785 per person. Her previous voyage includes Elephant Island and the Weddell Sea.
- Celebrate Christmas going Across the Antarctic Circle with Greg Mortimer 13-30 December 2023 and 20 December 2024 – 5 January 2025. Guide price from £16,950 per person. Also Greg Mortimer and Sylvia Earle go Across the Circle in January/February 2024 and 2025.

Antarctic Explorer Featuring the Chilean Fjords | 16-17 days

NEW

Starting in **Punta Arenas**, **Chile**, combine **Chilean Fjords** with channels flanked by majestic mountains, thrilling **Cape Horn** and the unimaginable beauty of **Antarctica**. One voyage overflys the **Drake**, the other ends in **Ushuaia**.

» ship « Sylvia Earle

» when « 28 February – 16 March 2025,

12-27 March 2025

» guide price « From £16,375 per person

» OPTIONS «

Fly the Drake in both directions – Antarctic
 Peninsula Express 8 day voyage on Ocean
 Adventurer or World Explorer November 2023 –
 March 2024 from £10,950 person.



FALKLAND ISLANDS, **SOUTH GEORGIA** AND ANTARCTIC **PENINSULA**

Wildlife and polar history in a pristine panorama

South Georgia Explorer | 19 days

Few places compare with South Georgia and the Falkland Islands in terms of exotic wildlife and jaw-dropping scenery. On this exploratory voyage enjoy both, touring the world's largest black-browed albatross colony and some of the biggest breeding spots for king penguins and elephant seals on earth. Seven days are spent in and around South Georgia.

- **Plancius**
- 7-25 November 2023
- » guide price « From £13,425 per person

Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula | 24-27 days

These longer voyages visit Port Stanley, Falklands then head for South Georgia spotting numerous seabirds as we cross the Convergence. Three days are spent in South Georgia visiting historic sites and encountering fur and elephant seals, albatross and petrels. Your final three days will include Orcadas Station in the South Orkneys, the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands.

- Hondius, Ortelius, Plancius, Sea Spirit
- October 2023 February 2024 and again in 2024/25
- » guide price « From £16,195 per person

- First voyages of the season embark in Puerto Madryn.
- Greg Mortimer's Antarctica Complete combines a polar circle crossing with the Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula. 26 December 2023 - 20 January 2024. **Sylvia Earle** sails same route January 2024. Guide price: £27,840 per person.
- Hondius' 27 day voyage in February 2024 and 2025 includes Elephant Island and a polar circle crossing - good value at £20,545 per person.

РНОТОS: AE Expeditions; Julien Fabro, Ponant

ANTARCTIC, WEDDELL SEA, ROSS SEA AND SUB ANTARCTIC

In the footsteps of fabled explorers



Weddell Sea in Search of Emperors with Helicopters | 15 days

A tremendous sense of excitement spreads through the ship as we enter the **Weddell Sea** on this voyage to the Antarctic Peninsula's wild side. Our goal is the famed emperor penguin rookery at Snow Hill Island with around 4,000 breeding pairs. The area is known for unpredictable conditions – as we are unlikely to reach through the ice as far as the emperor penguin rookery south of Snow Hill Island we aim to situate ourselves in or between the Antarctic Sound and James Ross Island, close to the ice-edge where we can observe the penguins on their way to the open water. We will make scenic flights and landings in places otherwise inaccessible this early in the season. However, if ice-conditions favour us, we will reschedule to offer ship-to-shore helicopter transfers, landing around 45 minutes' walking distance from the rookery.

- Ortelius » ship «
- 8-22 November 2023, 18 November -» when « 2 December 2023, similar dates in 2024
- » guide price « From £15,395 per person
- » activities « On-board helicopters
- » key info « Successful landings made 2017-2019 and 2022

» OPTIONS «

■ Luxury hybrid icebreaker **Le Commandant** Charcot cuts through thick ice to reach Snow Hill Island itself - two voyages November 2023. Ask for details.

Remote Weddell Sea Explorer | 31 days

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

- Ortelius
- 9 February 11 March 2025 » when «
- » guide price « From £29,670 per person

In the Wake of Scott and Shackleton | 31-33 days

The Ross Sea is only accessible for two months a year when the ice thaws. This remote region drew many of the most famous explorers and adventurers including Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen and we aim to visit five historic huts to learn more of the explorers' achievements.

The region is the breeding ground for millions of adelie and emperor penguins. We have permits for landing in the sub-Antarctic islands Auckland, Campbell and Macquarie.

- » ship « **Heritage Adventurer**
- » when « 6 January - 7 February, 1 February - 4 March 2024, ask for 2025
- » guide price « From £27,625 per person

» OPTIONS «

■ Try SH Minerva's epic 32 night Western **Antarctica Semi-Circumnavigation** from Ushuaia to Dunedin, NZ starting 15 February 2024.

Subantarctic Islands - Birding Down Under 22 days

Explore the 'Albatross Latitudes' and the most remote Subantarctic Islands including The Snares, Bounty, Antipodes, Auckland, Campbell, Macquarie and Chatham islands on this comprehensive wildlife and history expedition out of New Zealand.

- **Heritage Adventurer** » ship «
- 2-23 December 2023, ask for 2024 dates » when «
- » guide price « £15,120 per person

» OPTIONS «

■ Heritage Adventurer also operates a shorter Subantarctic Islands: Forgotten Islands of the South Pacific voyage to Campbell Island, Auckland Islands and the Snares 17-29 December 2023. Guide price £7,120 per person.

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



DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Our guide prices are based on twin cabins usually with private facilities, but many vessels offer a variety of single or shared cabins and suites which we can quote for on request. More information, deck layouts and photographs at www.arcturusexpeditions.co.uk/ships.



50 Years of Victory

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

- » passengers « 124 in en-suite cabins of five categories, all with ocean views
- » itineraries « currently suspended. Check back in 2024.
- » operator « Poseidon Expeditions



Le Commandant Charcot

World's first luxury hybrid electric/LNG PC2 Class Icebreaker. Epitome of responsible and sustainable, low impact sailing. All Balcony suites, fine dining, pool, sauna, snow room, hot tub.

- » passengers « 200
- » itineraries « North Pole, Weddell Sea, Semi Circumnavigation of Antarctica
- » operator « Ponant



Rembrandt Van Rijn

Reinforced bow and good open deck viewing areas.

- » passengers « 34 in mainly en-suite cabins
- » itineraries « Spitsbergen,
- » operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



SH Vega

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

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



Greg Mortimer

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

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



Ocean Adventurer

1A ice class expedition vessel in ocean liner style. Multi-million dollar renovation in June 2017.

- » passengers « 128
- » itineraries « Scottish Islands, Arctic, Antarctic
- » operator « Quark Expeditions



Sea Spirit

Ice-class 1D vessel and very comfortable. All cabins have private facilities, views and TV.

» passengers « 114

World Explorer

» passengers « 172 » itineraries « Antarctica

Ice Class 1B, all-balcony, all-suites

expedition ship. Six tiers of deluxe

observation lounge and numerous

wellness and adventure options.

» operator « Quark Expeditions

accommodation, glass-domed

- » itineraries « Arctic, British/Scottish Isles, Antarctic
- » operator « Poseidon Expeditions

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Heritage Adventurer

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

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



Ocean Endeavour

1B ice-class vessel with 20 Zodiacs and a top deck observation room. Big on local community visits.

» passengers « 198

Seaventure

» passengers « 139

» itineraries « Antarctica

» operator « Polar Latitudes

- » itineraries « Canadian Arctic, Iceland, Greenland, Scotland
- » operator « Adventure Canada

SUPER ICE CLASS 1-A RATING

Refurbished Spring 2021 with highest

ice class for passenger vessels. Sauna,

bespoke citizen science lab and

heated saltwater pool. Kayaking,

snowshoeing, and camping options.



Hondius

Commenced operation June 2019. World's first-registered polar class 6 cruise ship. An observation lounge covers one entire deck. All cabins have private facilities.

- » passengers « 170
- » itineraries « Arctic, Antarctic
- » operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



Ortelius

Highest ice-class notation to navigate solid sea ice and loose pack ice.
11 Zodiacs and helicopter.

- » passengers « 108
- » itineraries « Arctic, Antarctic,
- Ross Sea
- » operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



Janssonius

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

- » passengers « 170
- » itineraries « Arctic, Antarctic
- » operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



Plancius

Comfortable, ice-strengthened and well suited to exploratory voyages. Double gangway for speedy zodiac loading.

- » passengers « 108
- » itineraries « Arctic, Antarctic
- » operator « Oceanwide Expeditions



Sylvia Earle

Launched October 2021 with a unique glass atrium lounge inside the bow, heated saltwater pool and jacuzzis, four dedicated sea level Zodiac launch platforms and array of adventure options.

- » passengers « 132
- » itineraries « Antarctica, Norway, Canadian Arctic
- » operator « Aurora Expeditions



Ultramarine

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

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

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



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