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## *A message from CLIA*

The expedition sector has grown rapidly in recent years to become one of the most significant areas of cruising. Around a third of the new cruise ships scheduled for launch in 2020 are small or expedition vessels, which reflects the worldwide appetite for this style of cruising and the industry's confidence in future demand.

Expedition vessels are bringing a lot of the innovation that's happening in cruising right now, in areas like design and customised experiences. New features like helicopters and submersible exploration vessels are emerging, in addition to the inflatables and other landing craft that allow expedition guests to explore out-of-the-way locations. For travel agents, the expedition cruising sector is an especially lucrative area, not just for the higher value of bookings, but also for the significant repeat factor among high-end guests.

The COVID-19 outbreak has created unprecedented challenges for the cruise industry, including expedition cruise operators. The suspension of cruise operations has meant huge disruption and a great deal of disappointment for guests, but the health and safety of passengers and crew remains the industry's highest priority.

Despite these challenging times, we are confident the cruise industry has the resilience to overcome this situation in the longer term and we look forward to a resumption of cruise tourism in the near future. We will continue to work hard to protect our industry, and to support our travel agent members, industry stakeholders and the communities we visit.

*Joel Katz, managing director, CLIA Australasia*



# ABERCROMBIE & KENT

WITH A FOCUS ON LOW-IMPACT VOYAGES THAT UTILISE SOME OF THE BEST SHIPS IN THE INDUSTRY, AND A PEERLESS EXPEDITION TEAM, ABERCROMBIE & KENT IS ONE OF THE INDUSTRY'S PREMIER SMALL-SCALE CRUISE PROVIDERS.

### ***Unique value proposition***

Abercrombie & Kent's expedition team are the stars of every voyage it leads. Skilled at delivering dynamic experiences at sea, these charismatic explorers represent the best in their fields, including pioneer scientists, Polar Medal recipients, professors of art history, and cultural experts.

Every A&K cruise is exclusively chartered, meaning the company selects an ideal ship

for each of the destinations its ships visit. These are always among the most innovative mega-yachts on the market – exclusively from PONANT – each optimised to include a private balcony with every accommodation.

The company also limits its ships' guest capacities well below their maximum, while simultaneously bringing aboard a robust team that delivers one of the most intimate staff-to-guest ratios in the industry at 1:1.3.

### Destinations

Using exclusively PONANT-chartered vessels, A&K cruises across the world to remote destinations like Antarctica, the Arctic, Japan, Iceland, Greenland, Greece, Italy, and Australia's Kimberley.

The company also offers a Baltic cruise through Russia, Estonia, Finland, Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden, as well as bespoke, private and luxury small-group, land-based journeys to more than 100 destinations across the world. Over the next five years, A&K plans to have more departures to more diverse destinations.

### Shore excursions

On voyages to Japan, Italy, Greece and the Baltics, travellers can look forward to ample opportunities to design their days with a choice of unique, all-inclusive shore excursions in every port visited.

Curated to represent an exciting variety of interests, these rich learning experiences immerse travellers in everything from art, architecture, mythology, gastronomy, gardens, and nature. Every excursion is also joined by an exclusive member of A&K's expedition team and led by an expert local company guide who brings unique, authentic insights into to the destination.

### Accommodation

Limiting the guest capacity on voyages means premium accommodation for every A&K guest – either a stateroom or suite – complete with a private balcony.

Smart design and elegant comforts define A&K's accommodation offering on its expedition cruises, which feature bedding configurations ranging from a king-size bed to two single beds, and include flexible two-



room suites. Guests who reserve any category of suite also enjoy complimentary butler service throughout their voyage.

### Dining

International cuisines and French arts de la table are highlights of A&K expeditions' onboard menus. Travellers can expect to sample everything from fresh and convenient buffet entrées to lavishly-coursed meals, and carefully selected cheeses and delicate pastries that are baked fresh daily.

### Sustainability

A&K's philosophy is one based on the belief that it can have the greatest positive impact on the world by protecting areas of critical ecosystems and iconic species, and by focusing on communities on the edges of bio-rich environments.

*The company supports countless projects around the world, including in the polar regions.*

A&K's philanthropic arm, A&K Philanthropy (AKP), works with partner communities on 46 projects in 24 countries, based around four pillars: education, health care, conservation, and enterprise development.

### Cultural and social initiatives

Through AKP, the company supports countless projects around the world, including in the polar regions, which can be experienced on A&K's luxury expedition cruises. One of these can be enjoyed on the upcoming 'Antarctic Cruise Adventure: A Changing Landscape' in December 2021, which will see travellers journey to the southernmost continent of the world accompanied by Dr. James McClintock.

An endowed university professor and noted Antarctic research scientist, McClintock will

share insight on the power of environmental conservation along with a fascinating lecture series on climate change.

### Technology

Travellers will benefit from A&K's PONANT vessels' state-of-the-art stabilisation system that delivers on a smoother ride. Controlled by innovative nautical technology, this dual stabiliser system deploys to reduce movement, offering one of the most comfortable cruise experiences at sea, particularly in destinations like Antarctica.

Luxurious in every way, these expedition ships also employ the latest environmental practices and technology, including energy-efficient engines and computerised, dynamic positioning systems that reduce the need to anchor in fragile marine reserves.

## KEY FACTS

**Fleet size:** 6

**Number of guests:** 148-199 (depending on ship and departure)

**Number of crew:** 122-155 (depending on ship)

**Gross tonnage:** 9,900-10,992 (depending on ship)

**Ice class:** 1C (*Le Lyrial*)

#### Inclusions:

- Pre- and/or post-cruise stays at stylish, ideally-located hotels
- A&K-led city tours
- Airport meet-and-greet with transfers
- Private balcony with all onboard accommodation
- Butler service with every suite
- House drinks, afternoon tea and pastries, breakfast in bed, and 24/7 room service
- Complimentary expedition parka, backpack and water bottle (only on polar voyages)
- Hire of waterproof pants, boots and trekking poles (on polar voyages)
- Zodiac excursions led by expert naturalist driver-guides (polar and Kimberley voyages only)
- Opportunities to 'Design Your Day' with a choice of curated, all-inclusive shore excursions (cultural voyages only)
- Valet laundry service
- All gratuities, port charges and taxes
- Complimentary WiFi on board and in hotels
- Onboard service from English-speaking staff, including an accredited physician
- Daily blog updates and a commemorative journal
- 24/7 A&K on-call support

# Abercrombie & Kent Luxury Expedition Cruises

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15 days from \$24,160 pp twin



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24 days from \$47,750 pp twin



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31 Jul 2020  
48 days from AU\$82,290 pp twin



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25 Jun 2020; 6 May 2021  
13 days from \$15,753 pp twin



**NEW! Cruising the Baltic Sea: Copenhagen to St Petersburg**  
16 Jul 2020  
13 days from \$20,280 pp twin



**Italy Cruise: Hidden Treasures from Florence to Venice**  
22 Aug 2020  
13 days from \$18,835 pp twin



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23 Sep 2020  
10 days from \$16,660 pp twin

The prices shown here include early booking discounts on certain departures. Those discounts are subject to availability and may be withdrawn or reduced at any time. Please see our website for all voyages, up-to-date prices and terms and conditions.



# Coral EXPEDITIONS

IN 2020, CORAL EXPEDITIONS CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OFFERING INSPIRING PILGRIMAGE TRIPS FOR CONSCIOUS TRAVELLERS TO BUCKET-LIST DESTINATIONS. BUT WHAT MAKES THIS AUSTRALIAN CRUISE LINE SPECIAL?

### **Unique value proposition**

With a focus on quality, personalised service and warm Australian hospitality, Coral Expeditions specialises in voyages of exploration and discovery among adventurous travellers. If your clients are curious about the world around them and freedom from crowds is their idea of luxury, this expedition cruise line is the perfect choice for their next low-impact voyage.

### **Destinations**

In Australia, Coral Expeditions visits the vast wilderness area of Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory, Queensland's Great Barrier Reef and Cape York, Western

Australia's stunning Kimberley, and Tasmania. The coastal villages of Papua New Guinea, and New Zealand's sheltered sounds and glacial fiords, are also toured by the cruise line.

Further afield, Coral Expeditions visits Indonesia's Maluku Islands (Spice Islands), Raja Ampat and the islands of the South Pacific and Indian Ocean, including islands at the edge of Africa.

In late February, Coral took another step in expanding its repertoire with the launch of the 'Small Islands of the World' series, showcasing the South Pacific, Micronesia, New Guinea, Japan, and the Philippines.

*Journeys with Coral Expeditions are crafted to discover the hidden magic of the world, providing guests rewarding experiences offered only by a few true expedition companies globally.*

### **Shore excursions**

Coral Expeditions' staff and lecturers are at the heart of this cruise experience, with experts accompanying travellers ashore from dawn to dusk, bringing destinations to life and enthusiastically sharing their knowledge with practised interpretation. Shore excursions are also supported by briefings on board with expert qualified guest lecturers, while immersive experiences and shore visits are enabled by Coral's Xplorer tender vessels, Zodiacs, and the expertise of its expedition team.

### **Accommodation**

With only 120 guests on board *Coral Adventurer*, all of the ship's staterooms

are outside-facing and many have private balconies. Featuring large-framed photography from Coral Expeditions' adventures, the stateroom bedding is also available in twin single or junior king.

Two suites of 55.8 square metres take pride of place on the bridge deck, with spacious private verandas, allowing an unrestricted view of the passing coastlines, while spacious lounge areas, communal dining and open decks provide relaxation and the opportunity to spend time with old and new friends. In addition, *Coral Geographer* features six suites of 37.5 square metres and horizon bathtubs with a view.

### Dining

Where possible, Coral Expeditions uses local produce to showcase its chef-prepared cuisine. All itineraries are built around seasonality – with everything prepared fresh daily and only the right amount of fresh produce on board for each trip.

### Sustainability

As an accredited ecotourism cruise operator with EcoTourism Australia, Coral Expeditions provides authentic environmental education to its guests, creating advocates for conservation and sustainability. Coral's environmental footprint is small, as the cruise line carries a maximum of 120 passengers at a time.

Its unique tender vessels navigate into shallow bays, disembark onto remote islands, and visit small villages without overwhelming the environment or communities. Coral Expeditions also trains staff in ecological risks to become environmental ambassadors.

### Cultural and social initiatives

Coral Expeditions maintains genuine, and longstanding relationships with the indigenous communities in Australia, and across Indonesia and New Guinea by providing income through tours, offering classes, purchasing goods, and distributing relief supplies.

Across coastal areas of Papua New Guinea, the cruise line shares medical supplies and first aid with small communities.

While in Australia, Coral Expeditions has helped to drive local conservation through donations to support the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre.

### Technology

From its beginning offering eco-friendly cruises on the Great Barrier Reef, Coral Expeditions' fleet has expanded to four ships: *Coral Expeditions II*, *Coral Discoverer*, *Coral Adventurer*, and (coming soon) *Coral Geographer*, which sets sail on her maiden voyage in January 2021.

Every ship is purpose-built for expedition cruising, encompassing shallow draught, high manoeuvrability, and dynamic shore tender capabilities.

*Coral's environmental footprint is small, as the cruise line carries a maximum of 120 passengers at a time.*

### KEY FACTS

**Fleet size:** 3 (4th to be delivered in December 2020)

**Number of guests:** 46-120 (depending on ship)

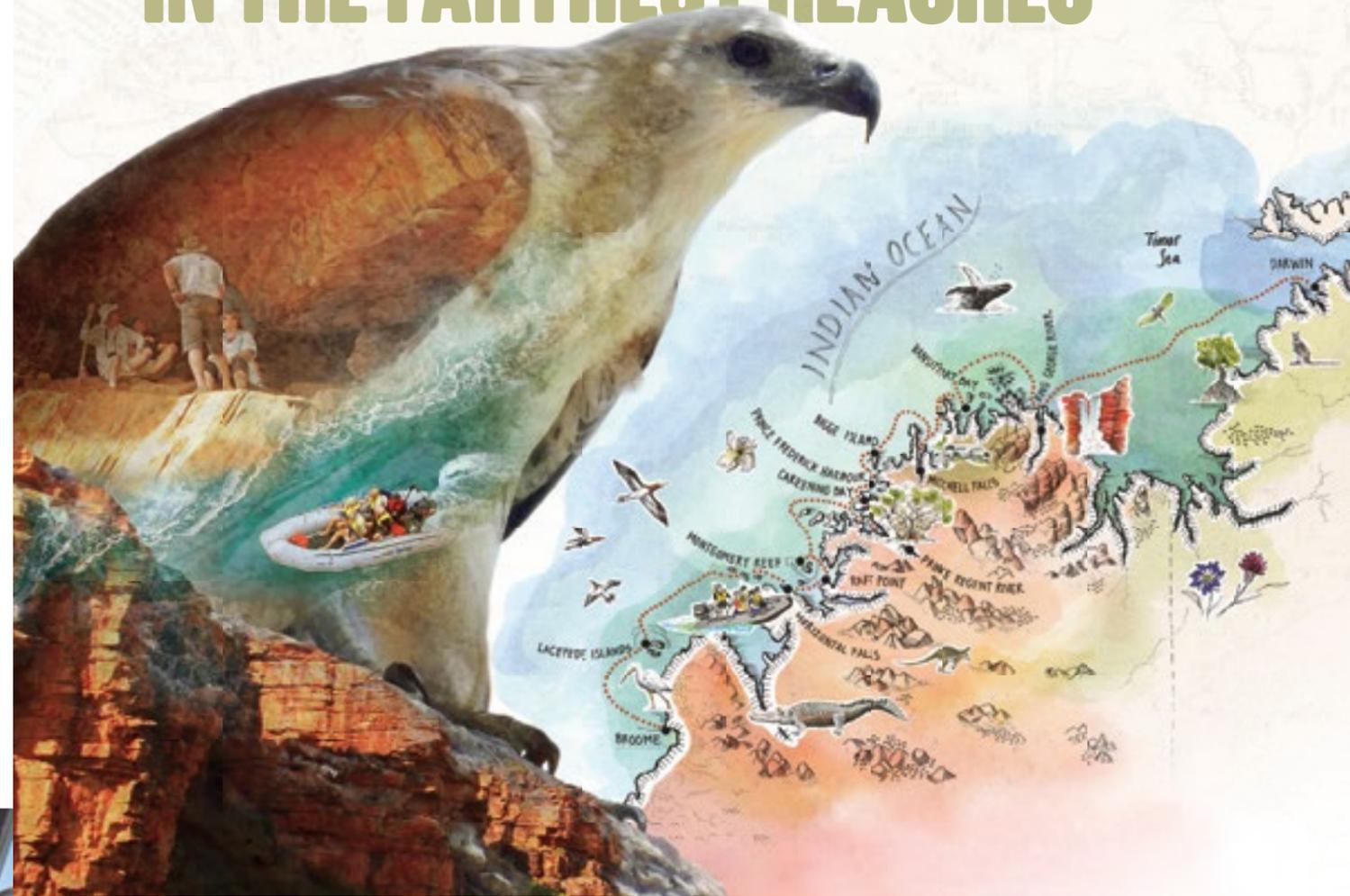
**Number of crew:** 24-48 (depending on ship)

**Gross tonnage:** 1,779-5,599 (depending on ship)

#### Inclusions:

- All shore excursions with Coral's experienced expedition team and lecturers (with the exception of special optional extras)
- Kayaking, snorkelling and glass-bottom boat tours
- All meals, chef-prepared, with morning and afternoon tea
- Selected package of wines, beers, spirits, and soft drinks or juice with lunch and dinner service
- Educational lectures, workshops and demonstrations with onboard specialists
- Daily room service
- Post cruise transfers in most ports
- All port fees, entrance fees and government charges
- Captain's welcome and farewell events
- Tipping and gratuities

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# CRYSTAL EXPEDITION CRUISES

AS NEWCOMERS TO THE EXPEDITION CRUISING SCENE, CRYSTAL EXPEDITION CRUISES MADE A GRAND ENTRANCE IN 2016, ANNOUNCING THE WORLD'S MOST SPACIOUS, PURPOSE-BUILT, LUXURY EXPEDITION YACHT: *CRYSTAL ENDEAVOR*.

### **Unique value proposition**

*Crystal Endeavor* is perfect for the discerning traveller seeking a true expedition experience that is engrained in luxury and comfort, even in the midst of extreme adventure.

The ship will accommodate just 200 guests when it makes its inaugural voyage on 10 August 2020 with elegantly casual, expansive public spaces; all-suite, butler-serviced guest rooms; Michelin-inspired dining options; full-service Crystal Life Salon & Spa; and a state-of-the-art fitness centre.

### **Destinations**

From August 2020, *Crystal Endeavor's* inaugural season will see her sail through the Asia-Pacific region, providing an opportunity for close-to-home expedition experiences. The ship's 10- to 28-night voyages will explore destinations legendary and unknown, remote and remarkable throughout Antarctica; Japan; the Russian Far East, Aleutian Islands and Alaska; Australia and New Zealand; Indonesia and the Indian Ocean; Norway and the United Kingdom; Western Europe; the Canary Islands and Atlantic; and South America. It will also sail the elusive Northeast Passage in 2021.

### **Shore excursions**

Each voyage is hosted by a dedicated expedition team – from marine biologists and ornithologists to Zodiac operators and helicopter pilots. Your clients will have access to a range of included shore expeditions. Think abandoned scientific bases in Antarctica and witnessing feeding time at orangutan and proboscis monkey sanctuaries in Borneo.

They can also take advantage of a range of optional and voluntourism experiences, from learning how to protect the world's smallest penguin on the Otago Peninsula, to flying across the water aboard a world-class racing yacht in Hobart.



### Accommodation

With 100 suites that are among the largest and most spacious in expedition cruising – the Owner's Suite is a staggering 105 square metres – *Crystal Endeavour's* accommodation features private verandas and European-trained butlers servicing every suite.

Luxury touches include king-sized beds, walk-in closets, heated storage for drying parkas, spa-like bathrooms with adjustable heated floors, dual vanities, anti-fog mirrors, and rain-showerheads. In addition, stylish design in each of Crystal's suites is matched by state-of-the-art technological amenities that enhance expedition experience like ambient lighting, interactive streaming TVs and bedside iPads.

### Dining

The dining experience aboard *Crystal Endeavor* will remain true to the diverse menus and standard of world-class cuisine offered on all Crystal ocean, yacht and river vessels. Specialty restaurants will include Prego, which serves traditional Italian fare, and will also host Crystal's signature Vintage Room winemaker's dinners; and Umi Uma, serving signature sushi and specialties from Master Chef Nobu Matsuhisa.

Additionally, the yacht will feature the elegant main dining venue, Waterside; Marketplace, located in the two-story solarium in the evenings; and the European-inspired Bistro Café, which will offer full-service breakfast and lunch, and will be a go-to spot for freshly brewed espresso and teas. Not to mention 24-hour in-suite dining, which your clients can enjoy at any time of the day or night.

### Sustainability

*Crystal Endeavor* will be outfitted with state-of-the-art technology and processes to navigate the oceans and waterways of the world in the most responsible manner possible. The ship will operate according to the standards of The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships featuring several water

treatment systems as well as providing guests with stainless steel/aluminium, reusable water bottles to prevent any plastics being taken ashore.

Exhaust emissions from the yacht will be cleaned by a selective catalytic reductant system, and dynamic positioning capabilities will enable the ship to remain in one place utilising GPS and its thrusters rather than dropping anchor, avoiding any potential damage to delicate reefs.

### Cultural and social initiatives

Crystal's voluntourism excursions are complimentary and offered on worldwide sailings, inviting both guests and crew members to give their time and energy to dozens of worthwhile causes around the world.

### Technology

Technology plays a big part in eliminating pain and pressure points for Crystal's guests and brings the guest experience to a whole new level. *Crystal Endeavor* will be equipped with PC6 designation that will enable her to operate in summer and autumn through medium first-year ice.

Plus, LED screens found in the Crystal Cove will be enabled to receive live footage filmed by the ship's remote operating vehicles, providing guests with the opportunity to be immersed in the surrounding environment without leaving the ship.

*\*Crystal Endeavor images are artist renderings and subject to change.*

## KEY FACTS

- Fleet size:** 1
- Number of guests:** 200
- Number of crew:** 206
- Gross tonnage:** approximately 20,000
- Polar class:** 6
- Inclusions:**
  - All-suite, all-verandah, butler-serviced accommodation with spacious bathrooms, walk-in closets and high-tech, in-suite amenities
  - Award-winning, Michelin-inspired cuisine served in up to five venues, including Nobu Matsuhisa's only sea-going restaurants; plus 24-hour in-suite dining
  - Crystal's acclaimed six-star service, with a one-to-one staff per guest ratio
  - All gratuities and unlimited select fine wines, champagnes and premium spirits
  - Expedition team aboard every voyage to provide expert insight and host small-group explorations
  - Included and optional adventures ashore, including cultural and active experiences, exploration by Zodiac, and unexpected wildlife opportunities
  - Complimentary water toys\* including kayaks, snorkelling gear, and stand-up paddle boards
  - Fitness facility, plus yoga and mat Pilates
  - Nightly entertainment

*\*Use of complimentary marina equipment is based on each destination's local rules and regulations and the discretion of the captain.*

# CRYSTAL ENDEAVOR'S NORTHEAST PASSAGE



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### THE NORTHEAST PASSAGE

**ANADYR TO TROMSØ | AUGUST 16, 2021**  
**28 NIGHTS PLUS 1-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE HOTEL & ONE-WAY AIR FROM ANCHORAGE TO ANADYR-**

Traverse the fabled Northeast passage exploring the coasts of the High Arctic on this elusive route navigating the realms of polar bears and rare bird species.

#### Destination Highlights

- UNESCO World Heritage Site Wrangel Island, one of the last known places on earth roamed by the woolly mammoth
- Franz Josef Land, home to polar bears and numerous other wildlife
- The New Siberian Islands, where archaeological discoveries include saber-tooth tiger bones and mammoth remains
- Severnaya Zemlya, the last charted archipelago on earth
- Cape Chelyuskin on the Taimyr Peninsula, the northernmost point on any continental mainland

**Fares from AU\$74,070pp\* (S2)**

### SIGNATURE HALLMARKS

- Acclaimed cuisine served in multiple venues\*
- Unlimited select fine wines, champagnes and premium spirits
- Gratuities for housekeeping, bar and dining staff
- Expedition Team providing expert insight
- Curated collection of included and optional Crystal Destination Discoveries ashore
- Earn Qantas Points†

\*Due to International Date Line crossing, hotel stay is on August 16 and flight departure on August 17 with arrival to Anadyr on August 18.



For more information, to book or to receive a brochure, contact Crystal.

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# G Adventures

WITH MORE THAN 130 CUMULATIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, G ADVENTURES HAS HOPPED ABOARD THE EXPEDITION CRUISE SCENE, OFFERING A GAMUT OF POLAR VOYAGES AT BOTH ENDS OF THE EARTH.

## Unique value proposition

With only 134 guests, 53 crew and 14 expedition staff on board its exclusive expedition ship, the *G Expedition*, wholesaler G Adventures hosts one of the highest ratios of expedition team members to guests at 10 to one. This allows G Adventures to maintain the spirit of expedition, offer bespoke daily lectures and educational segments with naturalists, and focus on the expedition side of the experience for its clients.

What's more, travellers can rest easy knowing all G Adventures expeditions do not charge single supplements, and solo travellers will be paired with a same-sex roommate.

## Destinations

Whether it's the Arctic or Antarctica, an eight-day dip or 21-day odyssey, or a quest in search of penguins or polar bears, there's a G Adventures expedition cruise that's right for your clients.

Sailing on the tour company's sole ship, *G Expedition*, travellers have the option to visit Greenland and Spitsbergen off the Norwegian Coast, along with the Arctic circle and Antarctica.

Sailings to Norway and the Arctic occur between May and September, while Antarctic expeditions run from October

*Travellers can rest easy knowing all G Adventures expeditions do not charge single supplements.*

through to March – each period bringing ample opportunities to see polar bears, penguins and the rugged majesty of the polar regions. Previous repositioning cruises have also included West Africa, and South and Central America, including the Panama Canal.

## Shore excursions

Zodiac tours, light to moderate onshore hiking, kayaking, and camping are among the experiences guests aboard *G Expedition* can expect to take part in, with additional activities added to satisfy client demands and interests. These include camping on the ice and kayaking on select Antarctica

trips, and included excursions and hikes for all fitness levels in Norway. There's also the opportunity to explore Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Daily briefings, lectures and Q&As with naturalists and scientists are also offered courtesy of G Adventures, including conservationist and *Blue Planet II* star Jonathon R Green, ornithologist Dr Marcelo Flores and expedition leader Dr Alex Cowan. In addition, an onboard photographer-in-residence captures all the fun and life-changing memories during your clients' voyages, so that nothing is left forgotten.



### Accommodation

G Adventures offers 62 cabins across six categories onboard *G Expedition*, ranging from quad share to double suite, with all rooms – except the larger category five rooms – 15 square metres in size.

All cabins are spacious and have a private ensuite, with either ocean-facing windows or portholes to gaze out at the beauty of the Arctic, Antarctica, Norway, or Greenland. The larger category five rooms additionally feature living and sleeping areas with two-seater couches, armchairs, coffee tables, and desks. Bedrooms contain double beds and vanity areas.

### Dining

All meals are included on board the *G Expedition*, with buffet breakfast, lunch and an a la carte evening meal of international cuisine offered in the Albatross Dining Room. Two bars and live entertainment on selected nights are also hosted on board, with the addition of optional outdoor dining at the sundeck barbeque area available, weather permitting.

### Sustainability

As a member of the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators and the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators, G Adventures treads lightly wherever it travels. Highlighting this commitment to sustainability are the people who lead by example, like expedition operations manager Susan Adie. In 2016, the Royal Geographical

Society immortalised Adie's contribution to developing industry best practice for safe and responsible travel to Antarctica by naming an Antarctic cove in her honour. Additionally, G Adventures continues to address climate change and ocean health issues, supports innovative environmental projects, encourages travellers to participate in ocean clean-ups, and limits its use of single-use plastics in operations.

### Cultural and social initiatives

On board *G Expedition*, travellers can participate in citizen science projects by collecting data for organisations like Happy Whale and the Norsk Polar Institute. Climate data is collected with CastAway Ocean Science equipment as part of global initiative Coral Reef Early Warning System (CREWS), which uses local information about weather and marine conditions across the Caribbean and worldwide.

In addition, expedition staff have committed to collect data from Antarctica and the Arctic, and sponsored fundraising efforts on board. Thus far, G Adventures has generated more than CAD\$560,000 towards the Ocean Health Fund, supporting science research, habitat restoration and species survival.

### Technology

Following a 2009 refit and 2015 engine upgrade, *G Expedition* boasts state-of-the-art technology. It is an ice-strengthened vessel and is uniquely equipped to meet the demands of polar cruising.

## KEY FACTS

- Fleet size:** 1
- Number of passengers:** 134
- Number of crew:** 55 (plus 14 expedition staff)
- Gross tonnage:** 6,334
- Ice class:** 1B
- Inclusions:**
  - Regular Zodiac excursions (weather permitting)
  - Included excursions and hikes for all fitness levels in Norway
  - Daily briefings, lectures and Q&As with naturalists, scientists and photographers
  - Onboard photographer in residence
  - Complimentary *G Expedition* parka and reusable water bottle
  - Rubber boot hire
  - Chance for passengers to participate in citizen science research projects
  - All meals included on board
  - Two bars
  - Option to dine at the sundeck barbecue area (weather permitting)
  - Live entertainment on selected nights



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# Hurtigruten

A WORLD LEADER IN SUSTAINABLE CRUISING, HURTIGRUTEN'S FLEET INCLUDES TWO HYBRID-POWERED SHIPS, AND IT WAS THE FIRST TRAVEL COMPANY TO BAN SINGLE-USE PLASTICS. THE CONSCIOUS CRUISE LINE IS ALSO A LEADER IN EXPERIENCES.



## **Unique value proposition**

Hurtigruten was first established in 1893. The cruise line is based in Oslo, Norway, and has expanded with offices in Europe, the UK, China, Japan, the US, and Australia. Hurtigruten's fleet of small expedition ships includes two hybrid-powered vessels – widely considered the industry's most sustainable.

Add to that a premium onboard experience and Hurtigruten's focus on immersive learning experiences, and you have a very competitive, low-impact cruise line.

## **Destinations**

The name Hurtigruten means 'express route' in Norwegian, and refers to the original journey the cruise line undertook travelling to ports up and down the Norwegian coast, delivering freight, post and people to cities, towns and remote communities. The Original Coastal Voyage continues to sail this route, visiting 34 ports along the Norwegian coast. One of the many highlights of this voyage is visiting the North Cape, which is the northernmost point on the European mainland. With 16 ships and another hybrid vessel planned for 2021, Hurtigruten sails to Alaska and Canada, Antarctica, the Americas, Europe, Greenland, Iceland, the Northwest Passage, Norway, and Svalbard.

One of the cruise line's most popular trips is its 'Follow the Lights' small-group escorted tour which departs Oslo, Norway to Finland and Estonia, and offers multiple opportunities to see the spectacular Northern Lights.

## **Shore excursions**

Hurtigruten allows travellers to delve deeper into the destinations it visits with a broad range of shore excursions, including more than 90 on its Original Coastal Voyage alone.

These include everything from excursions with a cultural, historical and outdoor focus, to kayaking, hiking, museum visits, and concerts.

### KEY FACTS

**Number of expedition vessels:** 8\*

**Number of guests:** 530 (500 in Antarctica)\*\*

**Gross tonnage:** 20,889

**Polar class:** 6

**Inclusions:**

- Complimentary expedition jacket
- Reusable aluminium water bottle
- Program of included activities
- Loan of trekking poles and all equipment needed for included and optional activities
- Complimentary coffee and tea
- Full board (including beverages at lunch and dinner), plus early riser and afternoon treats
- Three restaurant concepts
- In-depth lectures
- Science program
- Introductory photo lecture
- Destination-focused onboard library
- Free WiFi
- Live streaming in cabin
- Farewell event

*\*Plus 8 ships used for the Original Coastal Voyage*

*\*\*Information based on the new MS Roald Amundsen and MS Fridtjof Nansen ships*



**Accommodation**  
On board Hurtigruten's *MS Roald Amundsen* and *MS Fridtjof Nansen*, interior design is focused on premium comfort – Scandinavian materials, including granite, oak, birch and wool, create relaxed and stylish spaces – with 50 per cent of all cabins fitted with private balconies. The addition of expedition suites and an Arctic Superior class further extend Hurtigruten's lodging quality.

In expedition suites, travellers can expect large, well-appointed cabins that are exclusively in upper- and mid-deck locations with expansive windows. Most also have balconies and some have private outdoor hot tubs. Arctic Superior class cabins offer similar features, as well as tea and coffee facilities, and can accommodate two to four passengers.

**Dining**  
Hurtigruten focuses on local produce sourced from the destinations where it sails. On board, cuisine is served at three international restaurants with a strong

Scandinavian focus: the ship's main dining room, Aune; Fredheim, which serves international fare with a twist; and the upscale Lindstrøm.

**Sustainability**  
Sustainability is a part of everything that Hurtigruten does, from reducing waste to investing in state-of-the-art, hybrid-powered vessels and new technologies to reduce carbon emissions, testing biofuels, and using electric snowmobiles and catamarans. In 2019, Hurtigruten added the first hybrid-powered ship to its fleet, the *MS Roald Amundsen*, with the *MS Fridtjof Nansen* launched in March 2020.

The vessels aim to show the world that hybrid propulsion on large ships is possible, and a third hybrid ship will be added to Hurtigruten's fleet in 2021. Emissions are cut by sailing with electrical propulsion, while innovative sustainable technology reduces fuel consumption and CO2 emissions on the ships by up to 20 per cent.

**Cultural and social initiatives**  
By trading locally, buying services such as excursions and sourcing ingredients from local suppliers, Hurtigruten contributes to the livelihoods and welfare of small coastal communities. Hurtigruten also respects and supports indigenous communities, values culture and traditions, and maintains close cooperation with the people that make an immense effort to welcome its guests – wherever the cruise line's ships visit.

**Technology**  
Technology has played a significant role in reducing Hurtigruten's environmental footprint. A major part of this has been transitioning from traditional diesel engines to hybrid power – combining liquified natural gas, biogas and battery packs – and incorporating shore power. Hurtigruten now sails with state-of-the-art, hybrid-powered ships which incorporate more than 30 different innovations designed to reduce waste, energy and carbon emissions.

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## Unique value proposition

PONANT takes travellers on authentic and luxurious journeys to discover exceptional destinations, on board one of the world's youngest and most sustainable fleets.

With ship capacities limited to 264 passengers (200 in Antarctica) on each of PONANT's voyage, travellers can enjoy adventure with total peace of mind – most experiences on a PONANT luxury expedition are complimentary.

## Destinations

Whether your clients are attracted to the tropics or the polar regions, PONANT's 20 years of expertise in luxury expedition cruises means they're in for an unparalleled change of scenery. Furthermore, the smaller size of the cruise line's ships makes it possible to reach remote destinations, giving travellers the chance to discover some of the world's hidden gems, including Antarctica and the Arctic.

On board the soon-to-arrive hybrid vessel *Le Commandant Charcot*, guests will be invited to explore the North Pole on the ultimate luxury polar expedition. In addition, PONANT tours the untouched landscapes of the Kimberley coast, visits the islands of the Indian Ocean, explores Papua New Guinea and the Maluku islands of Indonesia, and traverses Central America. While in Europe, the cruise line sails to wild and remote islands in the Norwegian Sea and the Greenland Sea, including the largest and only permanently populated island of the Svalbard archipelago, Spitsbergen.

## Shore excursions

During expedition voyages, PONANT's fleet of Zodiac inflatable boats make landing ashore in remote and rarely-visited destinations safe and enjoyable, enabling guests to get as

close as possible to ice, coral reefs, waterfalls and wildlife. A new era of polar exploration excursions awaits those set to cruise PONANT's revolutionary *Le Commandant Charcot*, with incredible activities like dog sledding, hot air ballooning, kayaking among ice floes, and more on offer.

## Accommodation

PONANT's smaller-capacity ships boast 32 to 132 elegantly designed staterooms and spacious suites, 95 per cent of which have a private balcony. Offering French-designed interiors and ambiance, guests can enjoy luxury amenities, superior comfort and personalised service – the feeling of being on board one's own personal yacht. Free 24-hour room service is offered, with a laundry service available at an additional cost.

In 2021, PONANT will welcome the world's first hybrid luxury polar exploration vessel, *Le Commandant Charcot*. With just 135 cabins, including 68 suites with private balconies, this ship remains true to the cruise line's philosophy of providing every guest with a relaxed ambience never seen before at the very top or bottom of the globe, and offering guests true polar odysseys.

## Dining

As a French cruise line at heart, PONANT is passionate about spreading its country's way of life to travellers, meaning excellent cuisine and gastronomy are central to its ethos. With PONANT's commitment to sustainable and responsible tourism practices, the cruise line sources food directly from the places it visits, and monitors the origins of its meats and ingredients. These products are found on board at the Gastronomic Restaurant, which serves a la carte meals; and the Grill Restaurant, which provides a casual dining experience with a buffet-style menu.



ONE OF PONANT'S EXPLORERS IN THE KIMBERLEY (© PONANT, NICK RAINS)

**Sustainability**

PONANT is among the world's most eco-friendly cruise lines, with sustainability embedded into the heart of all operations, and more credentials in this space than can be listed. Among them, however, is its extraordinary achievement of becoming the first company in the world to replace heavy fuel oil in favour of low sulphur marine gas oil with 0.1 per cent sulphur content.

Likewise, the cruise line has eliminated single-use plastics from operations, pays attention to animal welfare when dealing with supply chains, and utilises chemical-free desalination and wastewater processing. Turning to the future, PONANT will in 2021 welcome the world's first luxury hybrid-electric exploration ship, *Le Commandant Charcot*.

**Cultural and social initiatives**

At the heart of PONANT's credentials as a sustainable cruise line is its philanthropic arm, The PONANT Foundation, which supports marine conservation, accompanies the acquisition of scientific knowledge in the polar regions, and encourages exchange and collaboration with indigenous peoples.

**Technology**

PONANT offers guests unique experiences through advanced technology, including the multisensory Blue Eye Lounge, where guests can view sea life below sea level.

PONANT's vessels incorporate an LED and fibre-optic-based, low-energy and low-heat-generating lighting system, and a dynamic positioning system that enables the cruise line's ships to be kept in a static position without the need to drop anchor, preserving the seabed.

**KEY FACTS**

- Fleet size:** 4 Sisterships, 6 Explorers (*Le Commandant Charcot* to be added in 2021)
- Number of guests:** 184 to 270-200 max in Antarctica
- Number of crew:** 112-190
- Gross tonnage:** 9,976-31,757
- Polar class:** PC 1 (Sisterships and Explorers) PC 2 (*Le Commandant Charcot*)
- Inclusions:**
  - Itineraries to iconic sites, remote locations and lesser-known ports
  - Staterooms with sea views (95 per cent with private balcony)
  - All meals
  - Open bar (conditions apply)
  - Free and unlimited WiFi
  - 24-hour room service
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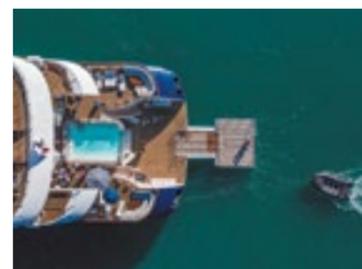


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# QUARK EXPEDITIONS



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**Unique value proposition**  
Since its founding nearly 30 years ago, Quark Expeditions has been a trailblazer in polar adventure travel, having achieved several world firsts, including becoming the first cruise line to make a passenger transit of the popular Northeast Passage.

Quark Expeditions is also the first cruise line to conduct a commercial circumnavigation of Antarctica, and presently the first to build a passenger ship designed specifically for the polar regions. Adding to that is the guarantee your clients will be more than just a number on board.

Not only does Quark carry fewer than 200 passengers on expedition voyages, but it also boasts the most experienced expedition team in the poles, with a host of scientists, professors, accomplished adventurers and cultural guides to ensure guests are fully immersed in the incredible environment they are visiting.

**Destinations**

While touring the Arctic and Antarctic polar regions, Quark works alongside governing organisations like the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO) and is a founding member of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators, to help establish and enforce regulations that reduce the impact of tourism in the polar regions.

Furthermore, the cruise line's fleet of small expedition ships carrying fewer than 200 passengers allow for unfettered exploration of fjords and other areas larger ships can't reach, exploring the polar regions like no other.

**Shore excursions**

With Quark Expeditions' new expedition ship, *Ultramarine*, setting sail in 2021, travellers will head deeper into the polar regions than ever before, and in new ways.

The ship's two helicopters will allow more passengers to experience new destinations accessible only by air with adventure activities such as heli-hiking, heli-skiing and flightseeing. This is in addition to its wide range of water adventure options which currently include kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding and Zodiac cruising.

### Accommodation

The Quark Expeditions fleet ranges in accommodation from 3.5 stars to four stars, with a jump to 4.5-star luxury following the launch of *Ultramarine* in 2021. With two helicopters, and a host of outdoor wildlife viewing spaces, this all-suites-custom-built polar expedition vessel will deliver an unmatched experience. The *World Explorer*, which set sail in 2019, features all suites with balconies, and lots of public spaces for shared experiences.

*Ocean Adventurer* is a guest and expedition team favourite, accommodating just 128 passengers for an intimate expedition experience. An important aspect of Quark Expeditions' value proposition is the solo traveller share option. Single travellers have the option to opt out of the single supplement charge by sharing with another solo guest of the same gender.

### Dining

Quark Expeditions prides itself on the meals it serves aboard its ships, with the cruise line's internationally-trained chefs changing up the menu every day. Breakfast and lunch are buffet-style, while dinner is plated service with a choice of dishes, and most dietary requirements can be catered for. Morning and afternoon tea, with pastries or cookies, is available between meals to accompany a hot drink, and fresh pastries arrive warm from the oven for early birds at about 6am.

### Sustainability

Quark Expeditions is constantly seeking ways to make environmental improvements both

large and small on its ships and in operations. In 2017, Quark became the first operator in this space to all but eliminate single-use plastics on board its ships. But the crowning achievement of the cruise line's sustainability credentials is highlighted by its 'Polar Promise' strategy, established and launched in 2019 to improve journeys in the polar regions. The strategy contains four key pillars and includes specific goals to be met by 2025.

### Cultural and social initiatives

Quark Expeditions supports several ongoing initiatives and organisations, including Polar Bears International – the only organisation dedicated solely to wild polar bears in the world. Additionally, the cruise line works with Penguin Watch and Seabird Watch. Quark also participates in various ecological programs, which include Clean Up Svalbard, a Norway-based waste-removal program overseen in concert with AECO.

### Technology

Quark Expeditions' technology credentials are best underpinned by its soon-to-arrive vessel, *Ultramarine*, which has been purpose-built to meet the specific demands of the polar regions. Not a single feature has been compromised to accommodate warmer destinations, either.

This marks a major expansion in the type of product Quark Expeditions offers, with two dual-engine helicopters, a sea-level Zodiac embarkation hangar with ready-rooms, and innovative sustainability features such as waste management technology to reduce waste produced by up to 95 per cent.

## KEY FACTS

**Fleet size:** 5 (*Ultramarine* to be added in 2021)

**Number of guests:** 128-199 (depending on ship)

**Number of crew:** 87-140 (depending on ship)

**Gross tonnage:** under 15,000

**Polar class:** 6

**Ice class:** 1A+

**Inclusions:**

- Leadership throughout the voyage by an experienced expedition leader, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout the voyage
- Beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock
- All shore landings included in daily program
- Formal and informal educational presentations by the expedition team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings
- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep
- Toiletries, towels, a hair dryer and bathrobes in each cabin
- Comprehensive onboard materials, including a map and an informative Antarctic Reader
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
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# Silversea EXPEDITIONS



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### **Unique value proposition**

Regardless of where your clients sail, they'll enjoy a uniquely immersive experience with Silversea, expanding their global perspective and prompting them to re-evaluate what really matters. Moreover, no creature comforts (or creature sightings) are spared on an expedition cruise with Silversea.

Representing the height of luxury expedition sailing, Silversea's all-inclusive fares include fine food from around the world in up to four restaurants on board, complimentary beverages in-suite and throughout the ship, and butler service for each suite. Complimentary premium wines, spirits, champagne, beers, specialty coffees, bottled water, juices, and soft drinks are served throughout the ship, as well as an in-suite bar stocked with guests' preferences, on top of a complimentary in-suite dining service and complimentary WiFi.

### **Destinations**

Silversea's expedition vessels explore the likes of Africa and the Indian Ocean, the American West Coast, Antarctica, the New Zealand Sub-Antarctic, the Arctic and Greenland, Australia and New Zealand, the Galapagos Islands, the Russian Far East, the South Pacific Islands, and South America. Silversea currently operates three expedition vessels: *Silver Explorer*, *Silver Galapagos* and *Silver Cloud*. In July 2020, *Silver Galapagos* will be replaced by the all-suite, 100-guest *Silver Origin*, which has been designed entirely with the Galapagos Islands in mind. In late 2020, *Silver Wind* will undergo a transformation to rejoin the expedition fleet as an ice-class vessel.

### **Shore excursions**

Silversea Expeditions offers a wide variety of shore excursions, from included day excursions or private arrangements, to mid-voyage land adventures, which take guests to the heart of the action with up-close, highly-immersive and authentic experiences to excite intrepid travellers. Guests also have the added option of including a pre- or post-cruise extension.



**Accommodation**

Silversea offers a range of spacious, elegantly appointed ocean-view suites, most with a private veranda and all with butler service. It's fair to say the suites are your clients' home away from home.

For a truly personal experience, guests can customise their suite with an abundance of optional amenities, from toiletries and personalised stationery to a bar with their favourite wines and spirits. Your clients can even enjoy dinner in-suite served by their butler, and have a choice of nine different pillow types.

**Dining**

Silversea's all-inclusive fares include gourmet food from around the world in up to four onboard restaurants for its expedition fleet. From fine French cuisine and delicate Asian options to relaxed Italian family-style meals, the creativity of Silversea's talented chefs knows no limits. Gastronomic excellence is also a given with the luxury cruise line, thanks to recipes that reflect its Italian heritage and revamp tradition.

**Sustainability**

Silversea is a proud member of the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) and follows its strict safety and environmental standards, which go beyond minimum regulatory compliance. With a team passionate about the planet, Silversea has also invested in state-of-the-art technology with the environment in mind.

Upon its first sailing, *Silver Origin* will meet the highest standards of energy efficiency in the segment, featuring a dynamic positioning system to prevent damage to the seabed. Guests will also use in-suite freshwater purification systems to dramatically reduce the use of single-use plastic on board.

**Cultural and social initiatives**

Silversea is a member of the Association of Arctic Cruise Operators (AECO), an association with the aim of ensuring cruise tourism to the Arctic is carried out in consideration of the natural environment and local cultures. In an organised effort to better

engage communities in Nunavut, Canada, AECO recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Government of Nunavut to form the Nalunaiqsijit Inuit Cruise Training Initiative.

As part of this initiative, which aims to foster closer working relationships between operators and Nunavut stakeholders, Silversea has been granted an opportunity to participate in 2020 by hosting two Nalunaiqsijit interns in shared accommodation for one Arctic voyage.

**Technology**

On board Silversea's expedition vessels, new technologies play a key role in operations and in delivering iconic experiences. Drones and bear scouting safety are used in the Arctic when Silversea's scouting party (bear monitors) first go ashore.

Automatic identification systems (AIS) and GPSs are installed in all of Silversea's Zodiacs. The information provided by AIS equipment provides Silversea's bridge officers with information on their identification, position, course, and speed while in the water. Silversea is also currently trialling an application that can be used by field staff to assist with risk assessment in the Arctic.

**KEY FACTS**

- Fleet size:** 3 (*Silver Origin* to replace *Silver Galapagos* in July 2020, *Silver Wind* to become ice-class vessel in late 2020)
- Number of guests:** 100-254 (depending on ship)
- Number of crew:** 90-212 (depending on ship)
- Gross tonnage:** 4,077-17,400 (depending on ship)
- Polar class:** 1A (*Silver Explorer*), 1C (*Silver Cloud* & *Silver Wind*)
- Inclusions:**
  - Complimentary field expeditions, Zodiac tours and activities
  - Highly-qualified expedition team
  - Intimate, purpose-built expedition ships
  - Staff to guest ratio of nearly 1:1
  - Spacious, elegantly appointed ocean-view suites, all with butler service
  - Open seating, diverse cuisine and up to four onboard restaurants
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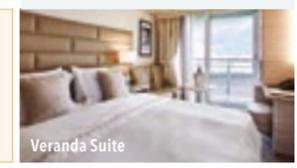
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# VIKING EXPEDITIONS



*With river, ocean, and now expedition cruising in Viking's product portfolio, the small-ship cruise line's sailings cover all corners of the globe.*

FIRST, VIKING INVENTED MODERN RIVER CRUISING. NEXT, IT REDEFINED OCEAN CRUISING. NOW, IT IS BREAKING THE BOUNDARIES OF EXPEDITION CRUISING. HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE COMPANY'S NEW SMALL-SCALE OFFERING.

### **Unique value proposition**

For consumers, Viking offers an inclusive product. This means guests have a cruise experience without 'bill shock' at the end.

The small-ship cruise line also includes unique features on its new expedition product, including the use of submarines and the opportunity for travellers to get involved in scientific research during sailings in polar regions. For agents, Viking offers no non-commissionable fees, meaning they receive commission on every aspect of the cruise fare.

### **Destinations**

After 23 years cruising the rivers of the world, and five years of ocean cruising, Viking's expedition cruise product was announced in January 2020 with the launch of two ships expected in 2022.

Each ship will be home to 260 specially-trained crew and will begin journeys across the Arctic and Antarctic. *Viking Octantis* debuts in January 2022, cruising Antarctic itineraries, while *Viking Polaris* will debut in August 2022, cruising Arctic itineraries. The ships will also sail itineraries in the

Great Lakes of North America, as well as repositioning cruises. Likewise, travellers will be able to discover the magic of the Galapagos Islands with Viking from 20 February, with the launch of chartered cruises to the sought-after region.

### **Shore excursions**

Viking offers a wide range of shore excursions, with an included excursion in every port or landing when cruising the polar regions. In this respect, Viking Expeditions' polar itineraries will have excursions created to maximise the polar experience, including

searching for polar bears, sea kayaking on custom built kayaks, rigid inflatable boat (RIB) excursions, and use of onboard submarines.

### **Accommodation**

Guests can choose from six stateroom categories that range from 222 square feet to 1,223 square feet. All staterooms feature a Nordic Balcony – a game-changer for maximising both space and views – as well as a king-size bed and large bathroom with a spacious glass-enclosed shower, heated bathroom floor and anti-fog mirror. Every

stateroom is also equipped with a unique floor-to-ceiling drying closet that circulates warm air to dry and store clothing and expedition gear.

### **Dining**

Viking Expeditions is set to offer six dining options with a wide range of cuisine types on *Viking Octantis* and *Viking Polaris*. These range from Italian staples in Manfredi's restaurant, traditional Norwegian fare in Mamsens, and everyday classics in The Restaurant. Other internationally-inspired dishes will be available in the World Café.



### KEY FACTS

**Fleet size:** 2 (expected in 2022)

**Number of guests:** 378

**Number of crew:** 260

**Gross tonnage:** 30,150

**Polar class:** 6

**Inclusions:**

- Nordic Balcony stateroom with floor-to-ceiling views and king-size bed
- Complimentary onshore excursions; from two six-seater yellow submarines to a fleet of military pro zodiacs
- Enriching onboard expedition programs with the world-class Viking Expedition Team and Viking Resident Scientists
- Excursion gear, boots and expedition kit for guests to use on land and sea excursions
- Nordic spa facilities including sauna and hydrotherapy pool
- All meals with a choice of six dining options, and no extra charge for specialty dining
- Complimentary beverages; including wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Unlimited WiFi
- 24-hour room service as well as complimentary coffee, teas and bottled water
- A complimentary Viking Expedition Jacket for guests to keep (on polar itineraries)
- All onboard tipping and gratuities
- Internal flights, port charges and government taxes
- No credit card surcharges

### Sustainability

Compliant to all guidelines and regulatory requirements from AECO, IAATO, the Antarctic Treaty System and the Governor of Svalbard, Viking's expedition ships will minimise their environmental impact and meet the most stringent emissions and biosecurity standards.

Additionally, the straight-bow design of its ships reduces fuel consumption, and a dynamic positioning system enables the vessels to hover over the seabed without anchoring – allowing access to pristine environments without damaging them.

### Cultural and social initiatives

To develop its new expedition voyages, Viking has partnered with some of the world's most prestigious scientific institutions.

The small-ship cruise line's lead partner is the University of Cambridge's Scott Polar Research Institute. This relationship underpinned by a major Viking endowment for scientific research into the polar regions, The Viking Chair of Polar Marine Geoscience – a Cambridge University full professorship based at the Scott Polar Research Institute – as well as a sponsorship fund supporting the institute's

graduate students. Viking has also partnered with The Cornell Lab of Ornithology, a globally recognised bird research facility, whose ornithologists will regularly be on board the expedition ships, providing guest advice and interaction.

### Technology

Designed by the same experienced nautical architects and engineers that devised its ocean ships, Viking's new vessels are optimally sized and built for expeditions – small enough to navigate remote polar regions and the St Lawrence River, while large enough to provide superior handling and stability in the roughest seas. Straight bows, longer hulls and state-of-the-art fin stabilisers will allow the ships to glide over waves for the calmest possible journey.

While ice-strengthened, Polar Class 6 hulls will provide the safest way to explore, and U-tank stabilisers will significantly decrease rolling by up to 50 per cent when the ships are stationary.

An industry first, 'The Hangar' on Viking's expedition ships will bring true comfort to expedition cruising. This enclosed, in-ship marina allows the launch of small excursion craft through the ship's multiple shell doors.



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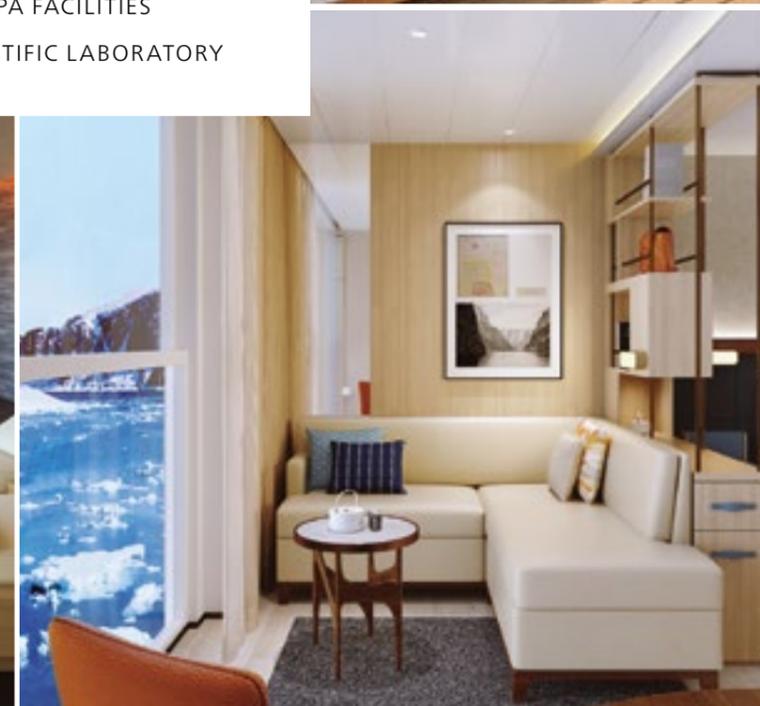
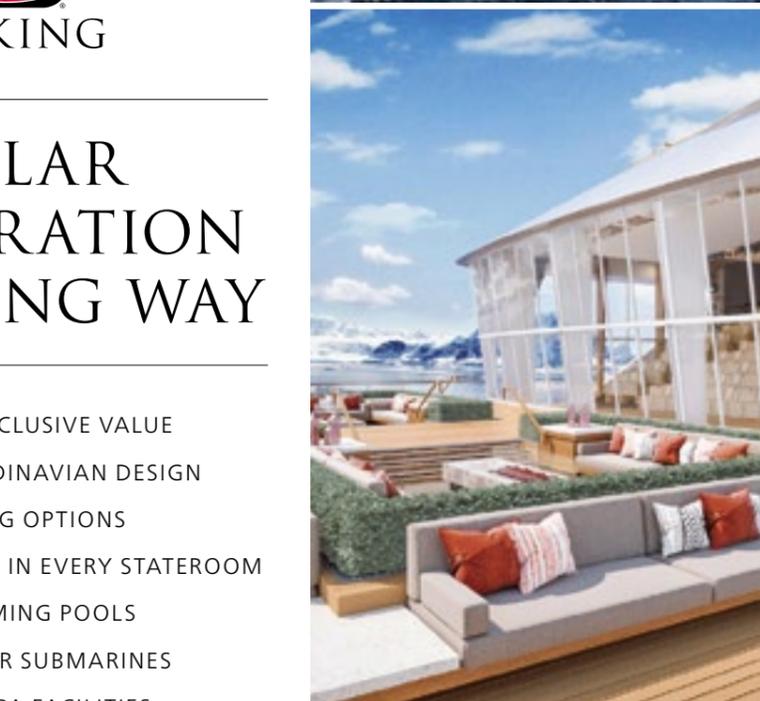
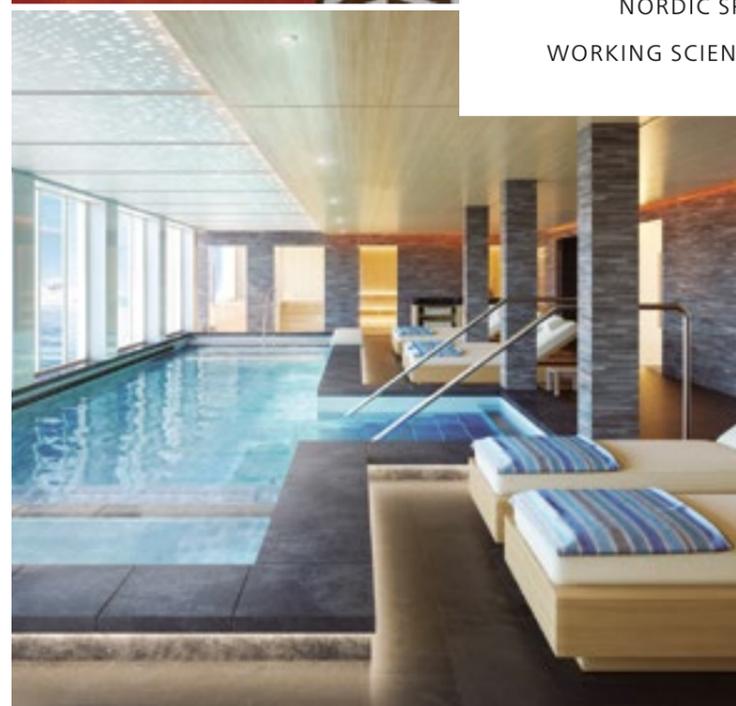
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- VIKING'S INCLUSIVE VALUE
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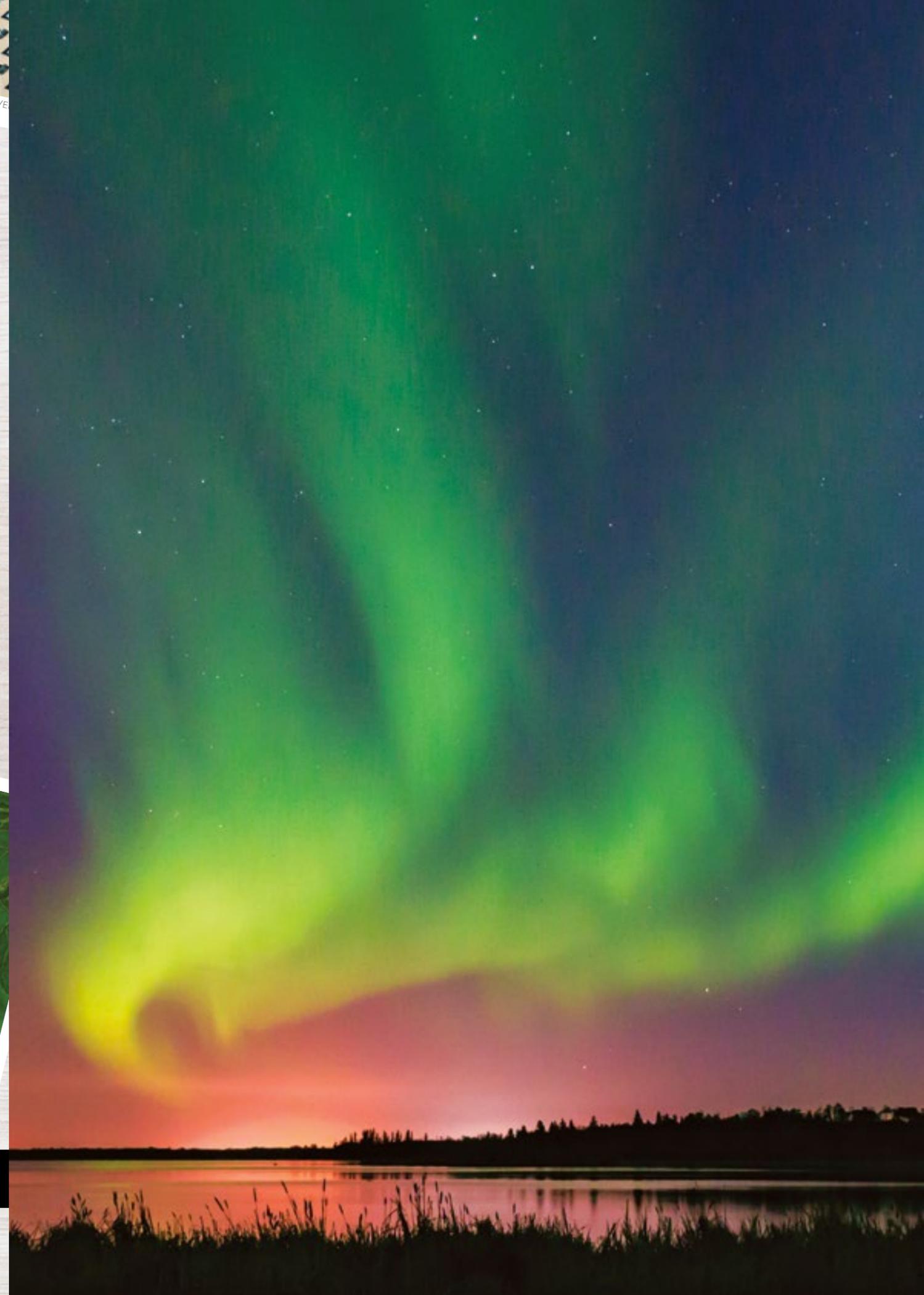


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