



# ANNIVERSARY QUARK EXPEDITIONS ANNIVERSARY





# Beyond your wildest dreams.

After 30 years of incredible adventures in the Antarctic, we continue to discover yet more remote regions on the 7th Continent seldom visited by humankind—as our team conceives new life-changing off-ship adventures that stretch our imagination and yours! At Quark Expeditions, we're committed to taking you beyond the next horizon in polar adventure, ever deepening your profound connection to this pristine polar environment.

WE'LL TAKE YOU DEEPER INTO
THE POLAR REGIONS THAN
PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT POSSIBLE!



# Awards & Accolades

# WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS

- World's Leading Specialist Cruise Line 2020
- World's Leading Polar Expeditions
  Operator 2018

# USA TODAY 10 BEST READERS' CHOICE TRAVEL AWARD

) Best Adventure Cruise Line 2018

# SIGNATURE LUXURY TRAVEL & STYLE CRUISE AWARD

) Best-of-the-Best Luxury Cruise Awards Winner, Expedition 2018 Winner, Expedition 2017

# TRAVEL WEEKLY GOLD MAGELLAN AWARD

- ) Best Expedition Itinerary: Spitsbergen Explorer 2019 Northwest Passage 2018 North Pole 2018
- Best Small Ship Expedition 2019
- Marketing Promotional Video 2019: Face to Face With Iconic Arctic Wildlife

# TRAVEL WEEKLY SILVER MAGELLAN AWARD

- ) Best Expedition Itinerary: Essential Greenland 2019 Greenland Explorer 2018 West Greenland 2017
- Best Small Ship Expedition 2017
- ) Best Adventure Destination: Greenland 2017

# TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST AWARD

Small-Ship Ocean Cruise Line 2016

# FODOR'S TRAVEL GUIDES WORLD'S BEST CRUISES

) Kapitan Khlebnikov's Northwest Passage Expedition 2016



IAATO (the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators) advocates and promotes the practice of safe and environmentally responsible private-sector travel to the Antarctic.



# the Antarctic

# Going **Beyond** in Polar Adventure.

As the Leader in Polar Adventures, we're committed to taking our guests deeper into the Polar Regions than they ever thought possible. Breaking boundaries is part of our DNA—so, too, is innovation.

For the last 30 years we've pushed the limits of our own imagination to provide our guests with the most immersive—and imaginative -adventures in the Polar Regions. We have the most experienced team in the industry. We have the most diverse fleet, which allows guests to personalize their voyage. We offer the most off-ship adventure options -enabling guests to customize their expedition experience. Our fleet of small ships, including our newest vessel, *Ultramarine*, can take you places other larger ships cannot reach.

Our dream is to take you on the journey of a lifetime.



# Years of Exploration.

August 1991

had achieved.

August 1991

route across the top

December 1991

**Quark Expeditions charters** 

research vessels specially

converted for adventure

phase in polar exploration.

November 1992

Cape Town for the first

passenger voyage to the

of the continent.

Expediti

(1914-1917).

Far Side of Antarctica, the

most remote coastal region

November 1993

Quark Expeditions guests

retrace the voyage of

Sir Ernest Shackleton's

For the first time,

ship *Endurance*.

Quark Expeditions departs

travel, heralding a new

the first series of oceanographic

of the world.

Quark Expeditions takes the

first commercial passengers

to the North Pole—something

no other expedition company

Quark Expeditions celebrates the

first-ever passenger transit of the

Northeast Passage, the historic

circumnavigation of Antarctica for commercial passengers, the first-ever voyage of its kind.

# **July 1999**

Quark Expeditions completes its first passenger circumnavigation of the Arctic Ocean.

# November 2003

Quark Expeditions passengers in Antarctica.

021 voyages. 22 & 23

# November 2004

the Snow Hill Emperor colony.



# November 1996

Quark Expeditions begins a

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become the first humans to witness a Total Solar Eclipse

Quark Expeditions becomes the first operator to confirm the existence and location of



# March 2006

Quark Expeditions breaks Roald Amundsen's record set nearly 100 years ago, attaining the most southernly latitude of any vessel.

# **June 2008**

Quark Expeditions offers maiden voyage to the North Pole on nuclear icebreaker 50 Years of Victory, the most powerful icebreaker on the planet at the time.

# April 2011

Quark Expeditions' Three Arctic Islands voyage is voted one of National Geographic Traveler's "50 Tours of a Lifetime."

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER Tours

# **June 2012 Quark Expeditions**

becomes the first tour operator to successfully offer passenger hot-air ballooning

# February 2013

at the North Pole.

Quark Expeditions hosts Jonathan Shackleton (Ernest Shackleton's cousin) and Falcon Scott (Robert on page 13 Falcon Scott's grandson) as they walk, and camp, on the 7th continent together.

# November 2013

Quark Expeditions teams up with Hot Docs Canadian International Film Festival to offer the first-ever floating polar film festival onboard Sea Spirit.

# December 2013

**Quark Expeditions** is named World's Leading Polar Expedition Operator at the World Travel

World's Leading Polar

Awards in Lisbon.

# October 2017

Quark Expeditions launches Quark Academy training program for expedition on page 46 team members, the first training program of its kind in the industry.



. World's Leading Polar

**Ultramarine** 

# December 2018

**Quark Expeditions** is again named World's Leading Polar Expedition Operator at the World Travel Awards.

# January 2019

Quark Expeditions launches the construction of the gamechanging ship Ultramarine, the very first vessel purpose-built for polar exploration.

# **April 2019**

**Quark Expeditions** unveils Polar Promise, the most holistic sustainability policy in the polar expedition industry.





# December 2020

**Quark Expeditions** is named World's Leading Specialist Cruise Line at the



World's Leading World Travel Awards. Specialist Cruise Line

# **April 2021**

Quark Expeditions officially takes ownership of *Ultramarine* after successful sea trials in Croatia, marking one of our greatest polar milestones!





# Antarctica AT A GLANCE

While Antarctica's summer extends all the way from November to April, the month you visit determines what you'll see and do once you arrive. It's like three seasons within a season, each time period yielding different weather, wildlife sightings (and behaviors) and conditions on land. Knowing what you want to experience while you're there will help you work out the best time to visit, so you have a customized adventure that ticks all the right boxes.

WHALE-WATCHING WEATHER Enjoy fantastic whale-watching as

humpbacks arrive back in Antarctica MID-DECEMBER to MID-FEBRUARY when temperatures reach up to 40°F/5°C, and there are up to 22 hours of sunlight per day.

> **CROSSING THE** ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Journeying south of the equator to 66°33'45.9—the Antarctic Circle, also called the Polar Circle—is a

### **FALKLAND ISLANDS:** AN ORNITHOLOGIST'S DREAM

Penguins aren't the only winged species to see in the Falkland Islands. There are 63 breeding bird species and 23 annual migrants, including the inquisitive striated caracara, which are known to steal shiny objects.



# RETRACE DARWIN'S **FOOTSTEPS**

**ARGENTINA** 

ROMANCE Penguins begin their courtship rituals

(bowing and preening) from

**NOVEMBER to MID-DECEMBER** 

on the Antarctic Peninsula. Male

gentoo penguins sometimes woo

their favorite female by giving

her a well-chosen rock!

Explore Chile's spectacular network of fiords and channels to see the abundant wildlife species of Patagonia, as well as the glaciers of Tierra del Fuego.

### CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Crossing the infamous 1,300 km (800 mile) wide Drake Passage, between Argentina and Antarctica is a rite of passage for many polar travelers. Rough seas and high winds give it the name "Drake Shake." When it's calm, it's called "Drake Lake."

ALKLAND

ISLANDS

# NOV 1915-APR 1916

Shackleton and crew drift on ice, then row Elephant Island.

# PENGUIN CHICKS!

Vildlife-viewing is excellent in the Antarctic from

# MID-DECEMBER

to MID-FEBRUARY.

Especially eye-catching are the penguin chicks which hatch at this time in the sprawling rookeries.

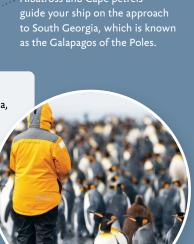
# **INCREDIBLE SNOWSCAPES**

The Antarctic Peninsula is at its most pristine from **NOVEMBER** to MID-DECEMBER. As the Antarctic wakes up from winter, pure white snowscapes seem to stretch beyond the horizons.



# KING PENGUINS

Salisbury Plain, South Georgia, is home to one of the largest king penguin colonies in the world: about 500,000 of the species gather here.



BIRDS OF SOUTH GEORGIA

Albatross and Cape petrels

# **APR-MAY 1916**

crewmen row back to South Georgia to find help for the sailors on Elephant Island.

# **BLUE-TINTED ICEBERGS**

Antarctic vistas sparkle during the mid-summer period of MID-DECEMBER to MID-FEBRUARY. Sun and salt water turn the icebergs into works of art in arious shades of blue.



glacier, in the late-summer period from MID-FEBRUARY to LATE MARCH.



# HONORING SHACKLETON

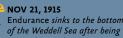
Endurance departs
Grytviken whaling station
on South Georgia.

DEC 5, 1914

Eminent polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, who died in 1922, is buried in the cemetery at the historic whaling station at Grytviken on South Georgia Island. Follow his historic journey.



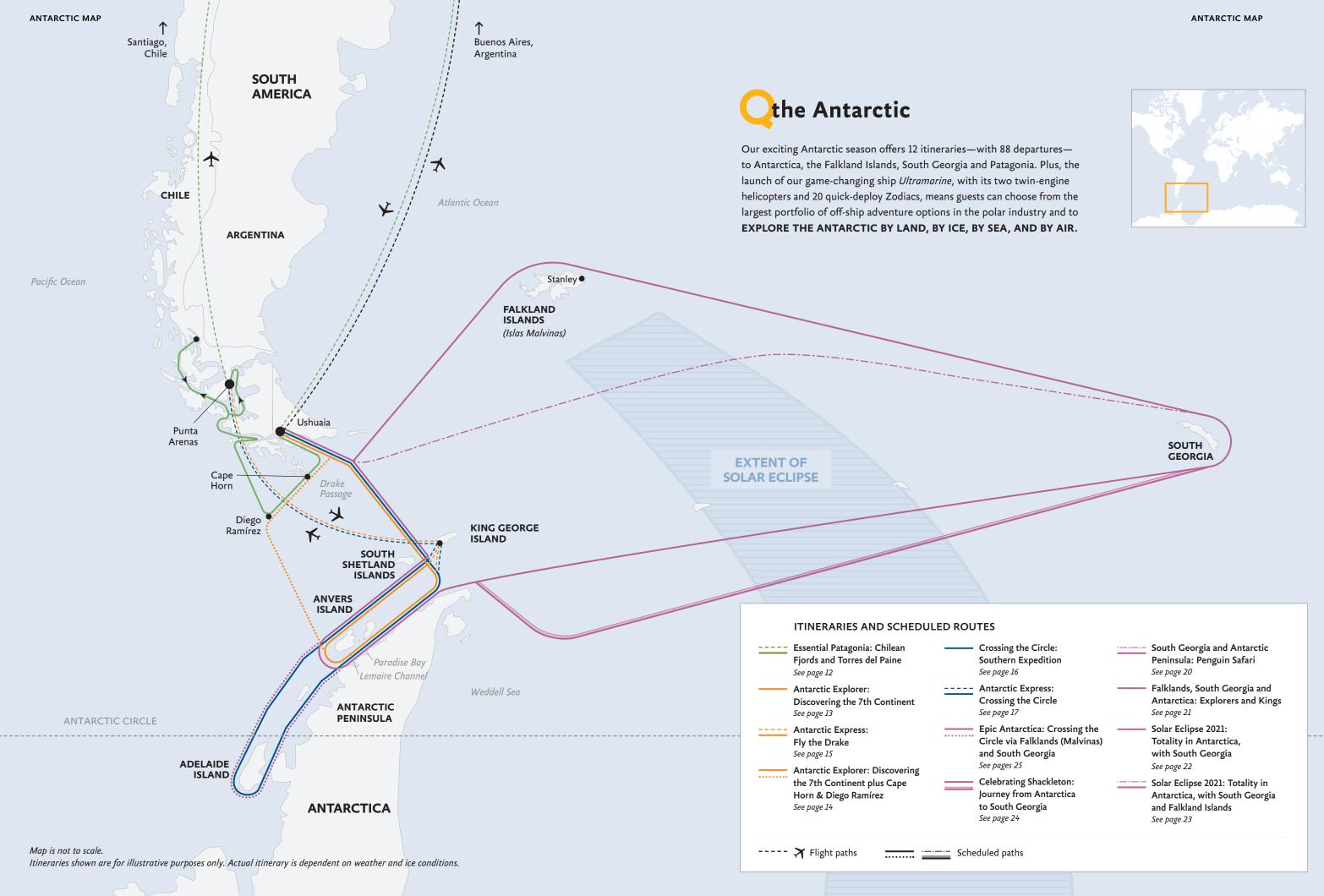
peninsula, wake up to the bray of a penguin, the ethereal call of the sea or the exhalation of a humpback whale. A night spent outdoors is an unforgettable experience. Temperatures are at their warmest (up to 40°F/5°C) MID-NOVEMBER to MID-IANUARY.



Now that you've explored the highlights of the Antarctic region, discover the wide range of itineraries **Quark Expeditions offers.** 

trapped in ice for over a year















Reveling in the breath-taking scenery of Patagonia; Lighthouse at Cape Horn; a Magellanic penguin.

Essential Patagonia:
Chilean Fjords and Torres del Paine

Retrace Charles Darwin's epic voyage to the 'edge of the world' on this 15-day journey into Chile's spectacular network of fjords and channels. *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs enable guests to witness some of the most remote and picturesque landscapes on Earth, as well as colonies of Magellanic penguins, seabirds, sea lions, elephant seals and gorgeous blue-toned glaciers.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your flights and trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected!

To Santiago

ARGENTINA

Alantic Ocean

Gel Paine

CHILE

Puerto
Natales

Alacalufes
National Park

Punta

Arenas

Admiralty
Sound

Strait of
Magellan

National Park

Pacific
Ocean

Diego Ramírez

Pacific
Ocean

2 departures | 15 days

March 2022 & 2023

**▼ Embarkation:** Ushuaia, Argentina

• Disembarkation: Punta Arenas, Chile

See Dates and Rates for details.

# Charter flight:

Between Santiago, Chile / Buenos Aires, Argentina (included in mandatory transfer package)

# Ship:

Ultramarine

# **Adventure Options:**

See pages 44-45 for more details



Gentoo penguins calling.

# Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent

Great for first-time explorers who've dreamed of setting foot on the 7th Continent, this classic 11-day expedition lets you revel in the highlights of the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula while traveling on *Ultramarine*, equipped with its two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs. Observe penguins, whales and seabirds and choose from a robust portfolio of helicopter-supported adventure options exclusive to guests traveling on *Ultramarine*.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected.

# 30 departures | 10, 11 & 12 days

October 2021 through March 2023

Embarkation/Disembarkation:
Ushuaia, Argentina
See Dates and Rates for details.

# Charter flight:

To/from Buenos Aires, Argentina (included in mandatory transfer package for Ultramarine only)

# Ship:

Ultramarine World Explorer Ocean Adventurer Ocean Diamond

# Adventure Options:

Flights for

South Shetland Islands

Varies according to ship.
See pages 44-45 for more details..



**ARGENTINA** 

Drake Passage



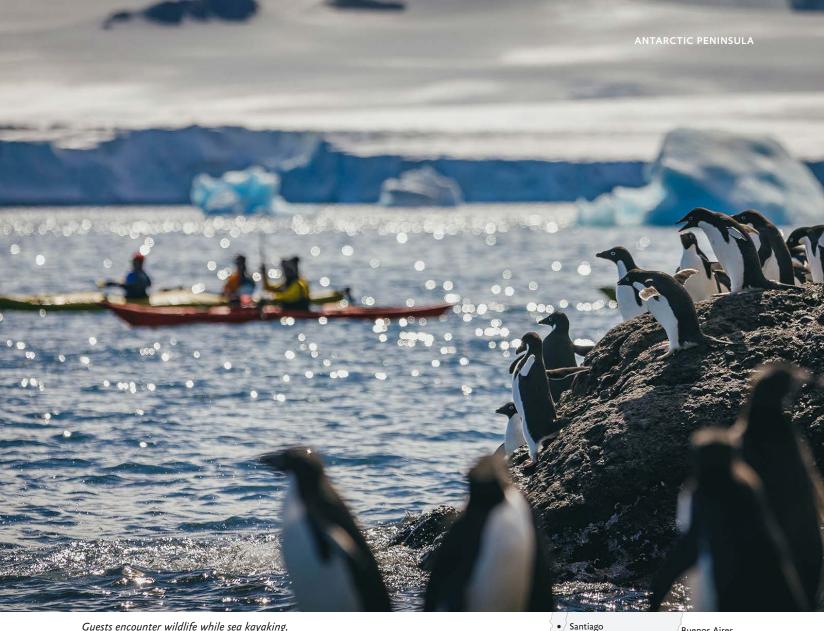




**Buenos Aires** 

South Shetland

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE



Zodiac cruise around icebergs; three curious chinstrap penguins; a helicopter soars above Cape Horn lighthouse, Chile.



# **Antarctic Explorer:**

# Discovering the 7th Continent plus Cape Horn and Diego Ramírez

Imagine yourself landing at historical Cape Horn, and potentially visiting albatross nesting grounds on the Diego Ramírez Islands, in addition to crossing the famed Drake Passage and setting foot on the 7th Continent. Explore majestic natural environments by Zodiac and during shore hikes while observing penguins, whales and other wildlife. Guests can immerse themselves in history, biology and glaciology during onboard presentations by polar experts.

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# 4 departures | 13 days

November 2021 through January 2023 **♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation: Ushuaia, Argentina See Dates and Rates for details.

# Charter flight:

To/from Buenos Aires, Argentina (included in mandatory transfer package for Ultramarine only)

# Ship:

Ultramarine

Santiago

**ARGENTINA** 

Cape Horn
Diego Ramirez

Drake Passage

# **Adventure Options:** See pages 44-45 for more details.

Antarctic

Island



# Guests encounter wildlife while sea kayaking.

# **Antarctic Express:** Fly the Drake

Our fastest option to Antarctica is ideal for first-timers, those short on time and others who prefer to skip sailing across the Drake Passage. Included flights between Punta Arenas, Chile, and King George Island take you over the Drake Passage, enabling you to start exploring right away. Enjoy spotting wildlife, learning polar history and embracing adventure options in just eight days.

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# 19 departures | 8-9 days

See Dates and Rates for details.

December 2021 through March 2023 **♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation: King George Island, Antarctica

# Charter flight:

To/From Punta Arenas, Chile (included)

# Ship:

World Explorer Ocean Adventurer

# **Adventure Options:**

Antarctic

Varies according to ship. See pages 44-45 for more details.

Buenos Aires

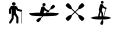
South Shetland

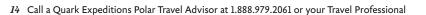
King George Island

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Islands

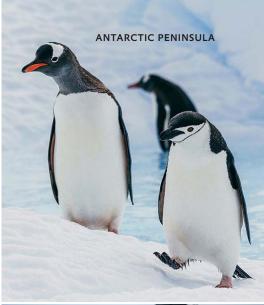
**ARGENTINA** 













Buenos Aires

Islands

King George Island

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Guests sail the Antarctic Peninsula on board one of our small polar vessels.

# Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition

This journey gives you a more in-depth exploration of the Antarctic Peninsula, taking you farther south and across the Antarctic Circle. You experience all the highlights of the western Peninsula, then become one of the select few to ever sail to 66°33' S. The monumental isolation is extraordinary. Follow the path of early pioneers with in-depth exploration of penguin colonies, glaciers, bays and historical sites, venturing off-ship by Zodiac, on foot and potentially by helicopter.

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9 departures | 14 days

January 2022 through February 2023 **♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation: Ushuaia, Argentina See Dates and Rates for details.

Charter flight:

To/from Buenos Aires, Argentina (included in mandatory transfer package for Ultramarine only)

Ship:

*Ultramarine* World Explorer Ocean Adventurer Ocean Diamond

**ARGENTINA** 

Anvers

Island

CHILE

Punta Arenas

# **Adventure Options:**

Antarctic Peninsula

Varies according to ship. See pages 44-45 for more details.

Buenos Aires

Flights for Ultramarine departures only

South Shetland

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE



A yawning leopard seal; curious penguins; guests celebrate the emotion-packed milestone of crossing the Antarctic Circle.

# **Antarctic Express:** Crossing the Circle

This adventure offers the incredible highlights of *Crossing the Circle: Southern* Expedition, but with flights across the Drake Passage. Eliminating the notorious waterway crossing shaves a few days off your journey. Don't worry, crossing the Antarctic Circle is just as monumental, and the experiences of encountering wildlife and being part of the environment and at one with the polar isolation is just as magical.

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# 2 departures | 11 days

See Dates and Rates for details.

February 2022 & 2023 **♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation: King George Island, Antarctica

Charter flight:

To/From Punta Arenas, Chile (included)

# Ship:

Ocean Adventurer

Punta Arenas

Drake Passage

• Santiago

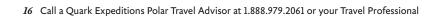
**ARGENTINA** 

**Adventure Options:** See pages 44-45 for more details.

Island

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THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Antarctic fur seals snooze at Deception Island.

# South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula:

# Penguin Safari

At 16 days, this is the fastest way to visit both the Antarctica Peninsula and South Georgia, the "Galapagos of the Southern Ocean." Expect albatross and Cape petrels to guide your ship toward South Georgia beaches teeming with king penguins and elephant seals. Explore polar history visiting the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton. On the Antarctic Peninsula and surrounding islands, you can view vast polar landscapes, visit penguin rookeries or explore by sea kayak or try a new off-ship adventure activity.

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# 11 departures | 16 days

December 2021 through February 2023

Embarkation/Disembarkation:

Ushuaia, Argentina
See Dates and Rates for details.

# Charter flight:

To/from Buenos Aires, Argentina (included in mandatory transfer package for Ultramarine only)

# Ship:

Ultramarine
World Explorer
Ocean Adventurer
Ocean Diamond

# : Adventure Options:

Drake Passage

**ARGENTINA** 

Varies according to ship. See pages 44-45 for more details.

Antarctic

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Flights for

Ultramarine

departures only

South Georgia

South Shetland

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

A keen birder observes an albatross rookery on West Point Island; Sir Ernest Shackleton's gravesite; guests hike on South Georgia Island.

# Falklands (Malvinas), South Georgia and Antarctica: Explorers and Kings

This rarely-offered itinerary lets you check the entire Antarctic region off your list. Wander the quaint British town of Stanley in the Falkland Islands, view the 30 bird species and four types of penguins in South Georgia and visit the grave of explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. You can then explore the 7th Continent by ship, Zodiac and on foot, enjoy exciting off-ship adventure options, and learn about geology, history and wildlife from onboard specialists.

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# 4 departures | 20 days

November 2021 through January 2023

**♥ Embarkation/Disembarkation:** Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.

# Ship:

World Explorer Ocean Adventurer Ocean Diamond

# Adventure Options:

Antarctic

Falkland Islands

South Shetland

South Georgia

Varies according to ship.
See pages 44-45 for more details.





Island

**ARGENTINA** 







Buenos Aires

Guests admire the remarkable Antarctic landscape.

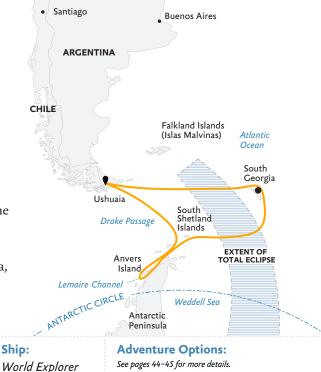


# Solar Eclipse 2021: Totality in Antarctica,

with South Georgia

Eclipse chasers, get ready! We're reuniting eclipse experts and team members who were part of our 2003 journey when Quark Expeditions guests became the first humans ever to witness a Total Solar Eclipse in Antarctica. In addition to getting the chance to experience the eclipse from the Southern Ocean, you'll see towering icebergs, mammoth glaciers, ice-covered mountains in Antarctica, and rookeries of penguins on South Georgia.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your flights and trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected!



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A solar eclipse; king penguins gather en masse.

# Solar Eclipse 2021:

Totality in Antarctica, with South Georgia and Falkland Islands

The ideal voyage for eclipse chasers who also want to visit South Georgia and the Falkland Islands! We're reuniting eclipse experts and team members who were part of our 2003 journey when Quark Expeditions guests became the first humans ever to witness a Total Solar Eclipse in Antarctica. In addition to the eclipse experience, highlights include the sub-Antarctic wildlife of South Georgia, where the beaches are blanketed in penguins, as well as an opportunity to explore the history of the Falkland Islands while visiting the quaint British town of Stanley.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will affect your flights and trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected!

# ARCENTINA CHILE Falkland Islands EXTENT OF Weddell Sea Antarctic **Adventure Options:**

1 departure | 20 days

November 25, 2021

**▼ Embarkation/Disembarkation:** Ushuaia, Argentina See Dates and Rates for details.

Ship: Ocean Diamond

See pages 44-45 for more details.



1 departure | 17 days

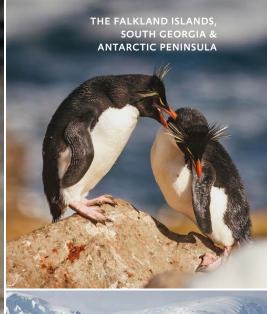
November 26, 2021

**▼ Embarkation/Disembarkation:** Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.









**Buenos Aires** 

Falkland Islands

Flights for

ARGENTINA

Punta Arenas

Drake Passage

Exploring Grytviken, South Georgia, the burial place of Sir Ernest Shackleton.

# **Celebrating Shackleton:** NEW Journey from Antarctica to South Georgia

This specially-curated 20-day voyage on *Ultramarine*—with its two helicopters celebrates the life of Sir Ernest Shackleton, whose passing on January 5, 1922 marked the end of the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. Guests will follow in the footsteps of Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914-1917), including Elephant Island and, ultimately, wildlife-rich South Georgia, where, if conditions allow, guests will pay homage to Shackleton at his grave at Grytviken.

Nature is the tour guide: Sea, ice, and weather conditions will determine your trip itinerary. Embrace the unexpected.

# 1 departure | 20 days

December 22, 2021 **♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation: Ushuaia, Argentina See Dates and Rates for details.

# Charter flight:

To/from Buenos Aires, Argentina (included in mandatory transfer package)

# Ship:

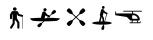
# Ultramarine

ARGENTINA

CHILE

Drake Passage

# **Adventure Options:** See pages 44-45 for more details.



Falkland Islands

A joyful guest arrives in Antarctica; crested penguins socializing; Zodiac excursion through the ice-laden waterways.

# **Epic Antarctica:**

# Crossing the Circle via the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) and South Georgia

Experience everything the Antarctic region has to offer. Our most in-depth voyage (23 days) takes you to historic Falkland Islands (home to seals, dolphins and five species of penguins), wildlife-rich South Georgia (known as the "Galapagos of the South Seas"), the iconic Antarctic Peninsula and ending with the ultimate milestone: crossing the Antarctic Circle.

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# 4 departures | 23 days

December 2021 through January 2023 **♥** Embarkation/Disembarkation: Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.

# Charter flight:

To/from Buenos Aires, Argentina (included in mandatory transfer

package for Ultramarine only)

# **Ultramarine** Ocean Diamond

Ship:

# **Adventure Options:**

Weddell Sea

Varies according to ship. See pages 44-45 for more details.



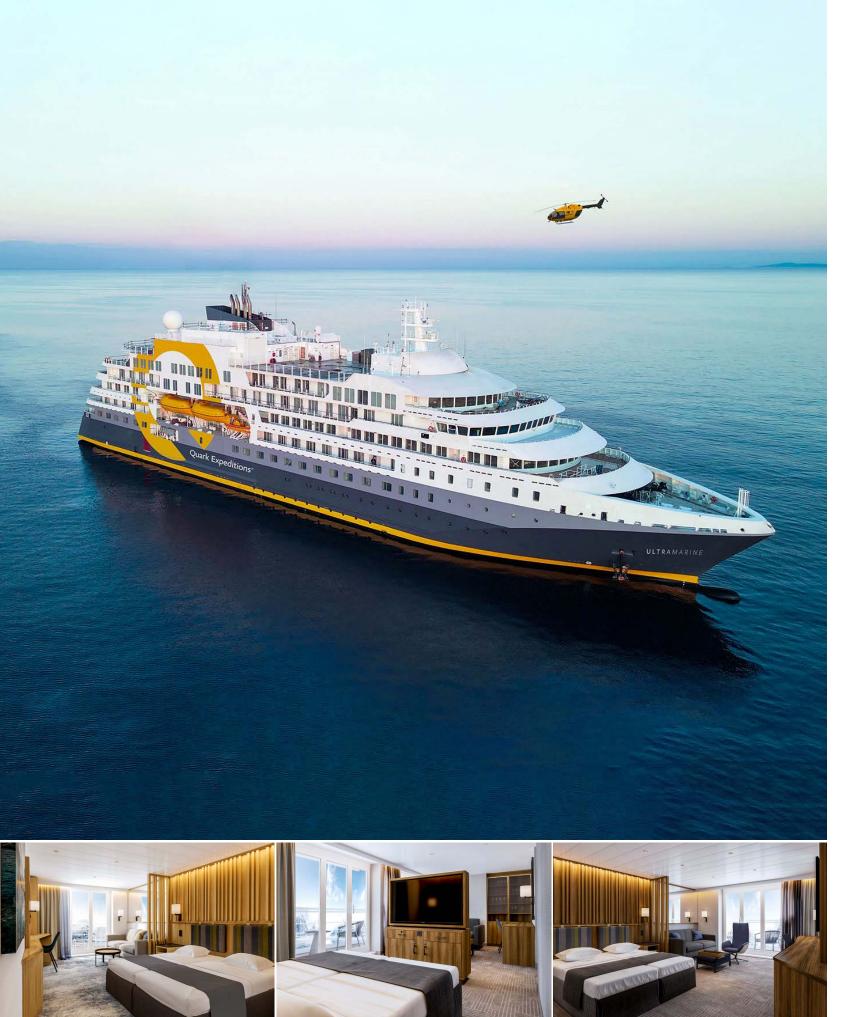


# Our superior fleet.

Quark Expeditions maintains the largest, most diverse fleet of small polar vessels in the industry, offering guests a wide range of choice based on the polar experience they'd like. The capacity of our ships ranges from 128 to 199 guests, which creates an intimate, relaxed onboard ambience. The small size of our vessels also means we're able to navigate hard-to-reach Antarctic destinations that are inaccessible to larger vessels.

Each ship delivers a unique experience of its own. You get to choose. For instance, *Ultramarine*, with its two helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, offers the most off-ship adventures in the Polar Regions. *World Explorer*, on the other hand, is the only ship in the world with a L'Occitane Spa. *Ocean Diamond*, thanks to its icestrengthened hull, is ideal for navigating ice-laden waters. And the classic touches of *Ocean Adventurer* make it a favorite with guests and crew alike.





BALCONY SUITE TERRACE SUITE DELUXE BALCONY SUITE

# **Ultramarine**

The newest ship in our fleet, *Ultramarine* is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer. Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters, *Ultramarine* offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, and features the category's most spacious suites, breathtaking public spaces, and more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than other expedition ships its size, complemented by an innovative mix of sustainability features that exceed all industry standards.

With all this and more, Ultramarine is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience

# **Ship Specifications:**

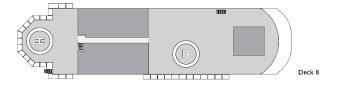
Staff & Crew: 140 Guests: 199

Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed

Ice Class: PC6

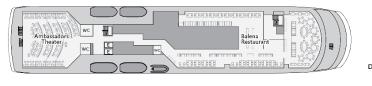
# Nine Tiers of Accommodation:

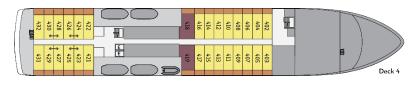
- ULTRA SUITE: One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, bedroom/walk-in closet, sitting area/additional walk-in closet, two separate living spaces, powder room, bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.
- OWNER'S SUITE: One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, bedroom/walk-in closet, sitting area/additional closet, two separate living spaces, powder room, bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.
- PENTHOUSE SUITE: One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.
- TERRACE SUITE: One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.
- DELUXE BALCONY SUITE: One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower, bathtub and heated floors.
- BALCONY SUITE: One double or two single beds, balcony, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors. Some cabins in this category offer interconnecting rooms.
- EXPLORER SUITE: One double or two single beds, picture window, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors.
- EXPLORER TRIPLE: Three single beds, two of which can be combined into a double bed, picture window, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors.
- SOLO PANORAMA: One single bed, floor-to-ceiling windows, refrigerator, safe, TV, and a private bathroom with shower and heated floors.

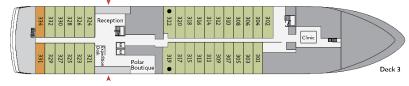














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# Unbeatable helicopter experience.

Quark Expeditions has the longest-running helicopter program in the Polar Regions—dating back to 1991. Today, our two bestin-class twin-engine helicopters on *Ultramarine* go further into the Polar Regions and get guests off the ship and enjoying their immersive polar excursions faster than any other operator.

# The largest portfolio of off-ship adventure options in the industry.

Our two twin-engine helicopters (and two helidecks) plus our fleet of 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs enable guests to enjoy off-ship adventures never before possible, making Quark Expeditions the Leader in Polar Helicopter Adventure. Our helicopter-supported activities—designed to take guests beyond the polar horizons—include:



Flightseeing



Alpine Heli-Trekking



**Exclusive Heli-Landings** 

See pages 44-45 for more details on all Adventure Options







# Advanced sustainability.

In keeping with our Polar Promise, our helicopters were selected for their:

- · Status as the most fuel-efficient aircrafts of their category
- · Small external footprint
- · Reduced noise pollution.

# Most experienced crew.

Our expedition team draws on 30 years of heli-expertise.

You'll fly with:

- · The best trained helicopter pilots in the polar industry
- · Pilots who are well-travelled and worldly
- · Guides who are personable, and always create an intimate and accessible flight experience.

# safest in their class.

Our state-of-the-art aircrafts are equipped with the latest technology

placing our helicopters among the

Industry leading polar safety.

Adventure meets luxury. You'll enjoy superior comfort in a sleek, best-in-class helicopter while

flying over the pristine polar landscape.

Highlighting your polar flight:

- · Best-in-class window sizes for viewing and photography opportunities
- · The layout gives everyone on board an excellent window view (7 out of 8 get a window seat)
- · Quiet flying experience
- · Designed for ultimate comfort.

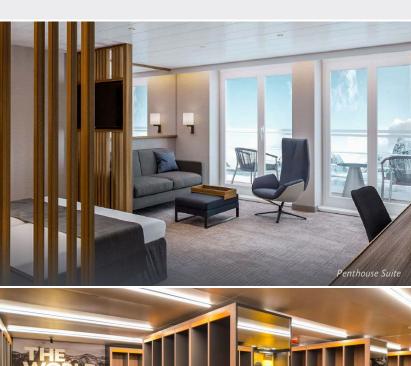
# **Ultramarine** Amenities

In addition to the game changing off ship experiences, Ultramarine will provide you with an exceptional onboard experience. Ultramarine features 102 suites across nine categories, including six solo suites with floor-to-ceiling windows and the largest entry-level twin suites of its class. Each suite has been meticulously designed to keep guests inspired by, and connected to, the breathtaking polar landscapes outside. Learn all about what these cabins have to offer.

	Solo Panorama	Explorer Triple	Explorer Suite	Balcony Suite	Deluxe Balcony Suite	Terrace Suite	Penthouse Suite	Owner's Suite	Ultra Suite
Number of Cabins available	6	2	30	46	6	2	8	1	1
Balcony Size	-	-	-	52 ft² (4.8 m²)	70 ft² (6.5 m²)	100 ft <sup>2</sup> (9.3 m <sup>2</sup> )	67 ft <sup>2</sup> (6.2 m <sup>2</sup> )	46 ft² (4.3 m²)	46 ft² (4.3 m²)
Cabin Size	132 ft² (12 m²)	285 ft² (26.5 m²)	285 ft² (26.5 m²)	226 ft² (21 m²)	299 ft² (28 m²)	350 ft² (32.5 m²)	369 ft² (34 m²)	446 ft² (41 m²)	563 ft² (52 m²)
CABIN FEATURES									
Climate control	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Fridge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
In-cabin safe	✓	✓	<b>~</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Individual cabin storage space	✓	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Heated bathroom floors	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Separating beds	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sofa bed	-	-	Select Suites	Select Suites	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dedicated living area	-	-	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓
Bathtub	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
Enclosed toilet	-	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
Powder room	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
Private bedroom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
Walk-in closet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
EXTERIOR VIEWS									
Picture windows	-	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	_	-
Floor to ceiling windows	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	<b>✓</b>
Walk out balcony	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AMENITIES									
Quark Expeditions parka	✓	✓	<b>~</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
Reusable water bottle	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Muck Boots, on loan for duration of voyage	✓	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>
Dedicated locker in Ready Room	✓	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	~	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Shampoo, conditioner and shower gel	✓	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Bathrobes and slippers	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hair dryer	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Upgraded bedding	-	-	-	-	-	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓
In suite coffee	-	-	-	-	-	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
Binoculars, on loan for duration of voyage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>
ENTERTAINMENT/TEC	HNOLOGY								
USB charging station	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
43" TV	✓	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓
55" TV	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Onboard WiFi credit	-	-	-	-	-	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
OCCUPANCY OPTIONS									
Interconnecting cabins	-	-	-	<b>✓</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Solo Request Share Cabins	-	✓	<b>~</b>	-	-	-	-	_	_
SERVICES									
Access to fitness facilities	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>
Laundry service (for a fee)	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Laundry service (free of charge)	-	-	-	-	-	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Light menu bistro service available in between meals	✓	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
In suite dining (during restaurant hours)	-	-	-	-	-	<b>✓</b>	~	~	<b>✓</b>
One hour spa treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Arrival transfers, where applicable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	<b>✓</b>
Upgraded pre/post-expedition									

# A day onboard ULTRAMARINE

Relax, explore, learn, reflect, and so much more!







# Wake up in your spa-inspired suite.

Every guest on *Ultramarine* wakes up to a view of the polar landscape. Private bathrooms with heated floors add to your morning comfort. Other possible amenities, depending on your suite: a picture window and/or balcony, a walk-in closet and sitting area, among other extra touches.

# Join the early birds in Bistro 487.

Consider a quiet walk on the deck and then enjoy a morning cup of java with other early risers before breakfast.

# Enjoy breakfast with a view.

Feel free to remain in Bistro 487 for your breakfast, or choose a table in our sleek, modern dining-room, Balena, which is designed with window views in every direction.

# Get ready to explore the polar environment.

Get suited up for an off-ship excursion in *Ultramarine's* specially-designed Ready Rooms, complete with individual lockers to store and dry personal items and expedition gear while you enjoy your Zodiac cruise through the polar waters.

# Keep your ears open for morning announcements.

Your Expedition Leader will announce any updates to the daily program and share weather announcements over the PA system to help you plan your day.

# Enjoy wildlife views from the ship.

*Ultramarine* has more open deck space for viewing wildlife than any other ship of its size. Watch for whales, polar bears and other wildlife from the comfort of the ship.

# Lunch.

Enjoy a delicious lunch while swapping stories and expedition experiences with fellow guests in our Balena Restaurant or Bistro 487.

# Relax in the *Ultramarine* library.

Lose yourself in one of the many books on a wide array of polar subjects in the comfortable library.

# Enjoy an unforgettable off-ship Adventure Option.

Choose from *Ultramarine*'s robust portfolio of off-ship adventure options, such as sea kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding, or sign up for one of our helicopter-supported adventure options such as flightseeing or alpine heli-trekking.

# Relax and rejuvenate back on the ship.

Consider a soothing massage or visit the steam room in Tundra, *Ultramarine*'s beautifully designed spa. Or practice yoga in the Studio. Then perhaps experience our sauna with floor-to-ceiling windows that allow you to stay connected to the polar landscape while relaxing indoors.

# Attend an expert presentation.

Join fellow guests in *Ultramarine's* Ambassadors Theater to learn from knowledgeable experts who present on various polar subjects. The schedule of these presentations will be determined by the day's activities.





# Pre-dinner cocktails.

Enjoy a cocktail with fellow guests while your Expedition Leader enthusiastically shares the daily recap and outlines the plan for the following day.

# Dinner is served.

Sit down to a gourmet meal—inspired by cuisines from around the world—in the Balena Restaurant, which features outstanding views from every seat, full access to the 360-degree wraparound deck, and a variety of seating configurations to comfortably accommodate all guests and expedition staff. You also have the option of dining in the more casual and intimate Bistro 487.

# Call it a day.

Wrap up your day with a drink in the Panorama Lounge with your new friends, or head out onto the deck to take in the calm, low-light at the end of the day. Then it's back to your spa-inspired cabin to rest up for tomorrow—another life-changing day on *Ultramarine*.



# From wilderness to wellness.

Guests traveling on *Ultramarine* have plenty of opportunities to rejuvenate and relax back onboard the ship after a day spent exploring the polar wilderness. Tundra, our state-of-the-art spa on Deck 7, is the onboard space where our guests can fully relax and unwind before their next off-ship adventure.

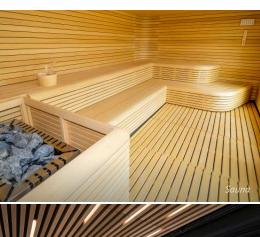


# **Tundra Spa**

Inspired by the calming and serene polar landscapes, our Tundra spa, in collaboration with VOYA of Ireland, is the core of our wellness offering onboard *Ultramarine*. Guests can enjoy thoughtfully selected wellness treatments and luxurious organic products designed to nourish the body and relax the mind.

### Amenities include:

- Two dedicated treatment rooms with luxurious heated massage beds, as well as shower facilities, hair treatment studio, and a post-treatment relaxation room with ocean views.
- An array of massages, body scrubs and wraps, including our signature Tundra Hot Stone Massage Journey.
- All treatments feature VOYA organic skincare products, based on organic hand-harvested seaweed oils.





The beautifully-designed co-ed sauna on *Ultramarine* features floor-to-ceiling windows, which enable guests to relax back on the ship while still remaining connected to the icy waters and pristine polar landscape outside.

# Steam Room

The steam room is available for you to relax and rejuvenate after a hike or a workout.

### Fitness Center and Studio

Our onboard fitness center is fully equipped with state-of-the-art equipment by Technogym, allowing guests to maintain their fitness regimen while traveling. The Studio also features mats and balls for stretching or informal yoga classes.

### Nutritious Meals

With two onboard restaurants, our culinary team delivers contemporary meals with lighter options at every service. Please notify us of any dietary preferences at the time of booking.

# Clean Air

In addition to the fresh air in the wide open spaces of the remote Polar Regions, guests also benefit from *Ultramarine's* advanced air filtration system. We want you to breathe easy on board and off-ship.



Food is an integral element of the expedition experience on *Ultramarine*. In addition to enjoying fine dining inspired by cuisines from around the world, meal times are excellent opportunities to share the day's highlights with fellow guests and engage with members of the expedition team and onboard polar experts.

Our internationally-trained chefs work with local experts across our far-flung destinations to source local items that provide an authentic flavor accent to selected food and beverage offerings. (*Please inform our team of dietary restrictions when you book your voyage.*)

Desserts are fabulous! Afternoon tea, with pastries or cookies, is provided about 4 pm every day. Fresh pastries arrive warm from the oven for early birds about 6 am. Guests on *Ultramarine* can choose from two restaurants, as well as two additional bars.

### Balena

Balena is our finer dining restaurant on *Ultramarine*, serving contemporary cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner with capacity to seat all guests and the entire expedition team at the same time. Expect globally-inspired dishes and regional specialties that feature locally sourced and sustainable ingredients. Savor house wines and beers at

lunch and dinner, or select from our in-restaurant beverage menu, featuring fine regional and global wines, as well as spirits (at an additional cost). Balena is designed so that every seat has a good view and there are four exits directly onto the wraparound deck, ensuring guests have easy access to the sometimes fleeting wonders of nature outside.







# Bistro 487

Bistro 487 is the more casual restaurant on Deck 7, serving extended breakfast, lunch and dinner to accommodate those who rise early or late or simply want a change of scenery. The Bistro 487 menu features quicker meals and offers "grab and go" staples between meal times. With access to outdoor seating on the aft deck, Bistro 487 hosts the ever-popular Quark Expeditions barbecues and serves as an ideal location for those who relish the opportunity to enjoy a coffee or cocktail in the great outdoors.

# Ambassadors

Ambassadors is the main theater/lounge on *Ultramarine*, where guests enjoy informative talks and presentations from a variety of expedition staff, polar experts and special guests. The Ambassadors bar will be open during presentation hours and for special events.

# Panorama Lounge

The Panorama Lounge on Deck 7 is the main bar on *Ultramarine* and features spectacular forward views, a variety of comfortable seating and a convivial bar atmosphere offering an array of specialty cocktails, 24-hour coffee and tea, plus a well-stocked polar library.





# VERANDA SUITE VERANDA SUITE PRIVATE BATHROOM

ALL-BALCONY SHIP

# **World Explorer**

World Explorer has been designed for superior comfort, with the beauty of Antarctica right at your doorstep: each cabin is a suite with a private balcony. This is one of the first expedition ships in the world to operate on low-emission, sustainable hybrid technology from Rolls-Royce. Facilities include a glass-domed Observation Lounge, Explorer Lounge and Bar, dining room, auditorium, outdoor running track, gym, sauna, the first ever L'Occitane Sea Spa, heated outdoor pool and Polar Boutique.

# **Ship Specifications:**

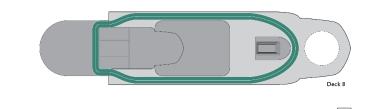
Staff & Crew: 125 Guests: 172

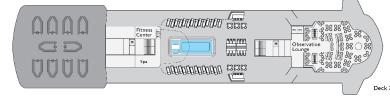
Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed

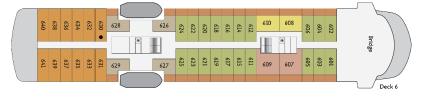
Ice Class: 1B

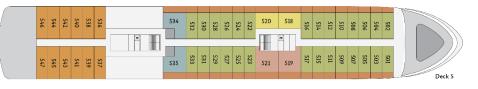
# Six Tiers of Accommodation:

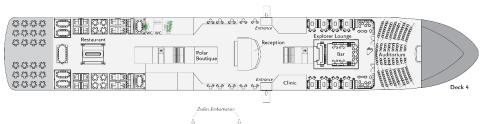
- OWNER'S SUITE: One double or two single beds, private bathroom with double vanity and bathtub, walk-out balcony and separate sitting area
- DELUXE SUITE: One double or two single beds, private bathroom, double closets, walkout balcony and separate sitting area
- SUPERIOR SUITE: One double or two single beds, private bathroom, walk-in closet, walk-out balcony and separate sitting area
- VERANDA SUITE: One double or two single beds, private bathroom, sitting area and walk-out balcony
- INFINITY SUITE: One double or two single beds, private bathroom, sitting area and a floor-to-ceiling glass Juliet balcony
- TRIPLE: One double or two single beds and a sofa bed, private bathroom, sitting area and walk-out balcony

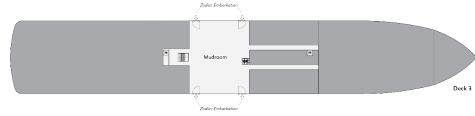












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# OCEAN ADVENTURER





**OWNER'S SUITE** 

MAIN DECK TWIN WINDOW DELUXE

# Ocean Adventurer

A guests favorite, *Ocean Adventurer* underwent a multi-million-dollar renovation several years ago. The ship's traditional mahogany and brass décor has been complemented by a completely refreshed lounge and dining room, as well as new bathrooms in public spaces and all cabins, updated Suites, and the addition of six Deluxe and three Owner's Suites. Technical improvements feature two new Rolls-Royce engines that increase fuel efficiency and minimize the ship's carbon footprint. Facilities include a dining room, multipurpose lounge and bar, gym, Polar Library and Polar Boutique.

# **Ship Specifications:**

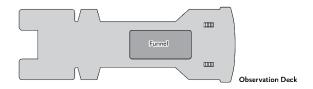
Staff & Crew: 87 Guests: 128

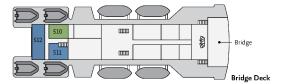
Lifeboats: 4, partially enclosed

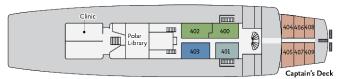
Ice Class: 1A

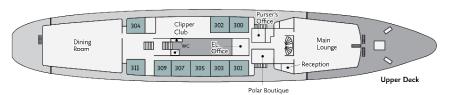
# **Eight Tiers of Accommodation:**

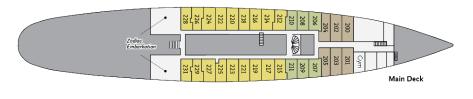
- OWNER'S SUITE: Double bed, private sitting area, private bathroom, multiple windows with exterior views.
- SUITE: Double bed, private bathroom
  (Cabin 403 has bathtub, others have showers),
  windows with exterior views.
- **DELUXE:** Two lower beds, private bathroom, windows with exterior views.
- SUPERIOR: Two lower beds, private bathroom, windows with exterior views.
- MAIN DECK TWIN WINDOW: Two lower beds, private bathroom and window with exterior view.
- MAIN DECK PORTHOLE: Two lower beds, private bathroom, porthole with exterior views.
- LOWER DECK TWIN: Two lower beds, private bathroom, porthole with exterior views.
- TRIPLE: Two lower beds and one upper bed, private bathroom, porthole with exterior views.

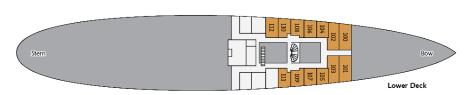












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SINGLE PORTHOLE **BALCONY SUITE BALCONY SUITE** 

# Ocean Diamond

A favorite vessel among our staff and past guests, Ocean Diamond inspires a friendly onboard community with a variety of lounges, bars and lecture rooms where like-minded explorers can gather to share their thoughts on the day. Ocean Diamond carries fewer than 200 guests, providing plenty of space to be social, join onboard activities or enjoy quiet time in the well-stocked Polar Library. With powerful stabilizers and an ice-strengthened hull, Ocean Diamond makes the ride smooth on challenging expeditions. All rooms have exterior views, ensuite facilities and flat screen TVs and DVD players. Some suites feature private balconies.

# **Ship Specifications:**

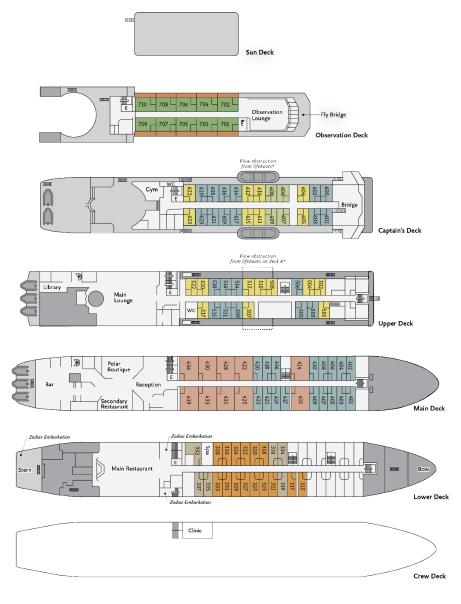
Staff & Crew: 108 Guests: 189

Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed

Ice Class: 1D

# Seven Tiers of Accommodation:

- BALCONY SUITE: One double bed or two twin beds, private bathroom and a sliding glass door that leads to a private deck with chairs
- SUITE: One double bed or two twin beds, two private bathrooms, two picture windows with exterior views and a separate sitting area
- TWIN WINDOW: One double bed or two twin beds, private bathroom and a picture window with exterior views
- TWIN OBSTRUCTED VIEW: One double bed or two twin beds, private bathroom and a picture window (obstructed view)
- SINGLE OBSTRUCTED VIEW: Double bed, private bathroom and a picture window (obstructed view)
- SINGLE PORTHOLE: Double bed, private bathroom and two porthole with exterior views
- TRIPLE: Two lower beds and one upper bed, private bathroom, two portholes with exterior views



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# the On-Ship Experience

Quark Expeditions' fleet provides guests with many options to engage, relax, learn and stay connected to the polar environment even when they're onboard the ship.

# Your life onboard.



# Onboard enrichment

Daily presentations by experts in glaciology, penguinology, history, ornithology, marine biology, history and other polar-related subjects deepen your expedition experience.



# Daily briefings and recaps

Guests can expect updates each morning on the day's highlights, weather changes and itinerary along with daily summaries in the afternoon/evening.



# Opportunities to connect

Connect with fellow guests and expedition team members. Guests frequently interact with expedition team members in the dining room and on outer decks.



# Superb dining

Our internationally-trained chefs oversee a menu that changes daily. Our culinary team strives to satisfy dietary preferences and tastes. Breakfast and lunch feature a buffet while dinner is a plated service. Afternoon tea (with pastries or cookies) is provided late afternoon, and fresh pastries are available for early birds before breakfast.



# Exercise and wellness

Amenities vary from ship to ship and can include outdoor walking tracks, gyms, saunas, spas with change rooms, showers and lockers. Ultramarine offers a sauna with floor-toceiling windows and fitness studio, while World Explorer has the polar industry's only on-ship L'Occitane spa.



# Wildlife viewing

Every ship has easy-access spots to observe wildlife while onboard. Our newest ship, Ultramarine, has more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than other expedition ships its size.



# Lounge and bar

Each ship offers a lounge and bar(s) for guests to gather together to enjoy coffee and afternoon snacks, socialize over drinks and for staff presentations.

# Additional activities

# All of our Adventure Options are weather-permitting. Activity offerings vary by itinerary. See individual itineraries for specific details.

# the Adventure

Adventure options.

When it's time to leave the comfort of the ship, Quark Expeditions offers the largest number of off-ship activities in the Polar Regions. Some are included in your expedition package, while others cost extra and need to be booked in advance.

All of our Adventure Options are weatherpermitting. Activity offerings vary by itinerary. See individual itineraries for specific details.

# **Included activities**





These rugged, reinforced rubber skiffs whisk you safely from the ship to the remote shorelines and back, taking you into the shallow waters the ship can't reach. Touring around by Zodiac on the look-out for wildlife is an intimate and relaxing way to see the icy bays and inlets.



Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our expert staff, who set out a perimeter at each landing site within which you are free to explore. Walking poles are provided at each landing for your convenience. As there are a limited number of poles available, please bring your own if you require them on every landing, as some landing sites will offer more demanding options than others.





Enjoying a birds-eye view of the Antarctic—icebergs, glaciers, snow-capped peaks, wildlife, vast ocean expanses—from the seat of a helicopter provides an incredible perspective of the polar landscape. Looking down onto the polar environment is to truly appreciate the breadth of this magnificent wilderness. \*On Ultramarine voyages only.

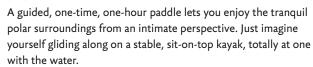


# Polar Plunge

As madcap as it looks, this activity sees willing participants jumping into the bone-chilling ocean waters. It's a polar rite of passage—and the photo ops are priceless. Dare yourself to take the plunge!



# Paddling Excursion



\*No experience required.



# Sea Kayaking

Kayaking along the rugged coastlines and through the calm bays with an experienced guide is one of the most inspiring ways to explore pristine Antarctica. Guests in the sea kayaking program typically paddle multiple times during their expedition. \*Some experience required.



# Stand-Up Paddleboarding

Part surfing, part paddling, this water sport is an intimate way to experience Antarctica from the unique vantage point of the water. Not only is it a great way to breathe in the fresh sea air, it is also a great core workout.

\*On Ultramarine and World Explorer voyages only. \*No experience required.



# Camping

It may sound unbelievable, but camping overnight on the 7th Continent is absolutely wonderful—snug in your warm, waterresistant and breathable bivy under the dim glow of a polar sky with an intimate group of campers.

\*No experience required.



# Exclusive Heli-Landing

With a small group of fellow guests and expert guides, you'll board one of *Ultramarine*'s two twin-engine helicopters to soar off to an exclusive polar site where no ships can navigate. You'll have time to relax and quietly reflect on the beauty of your polar surroundings, after which you'll be picked up by the helicopters in the same location and returned to the ship. \*On Ultramarine voyages only.



# Alpine Heli-Trekking

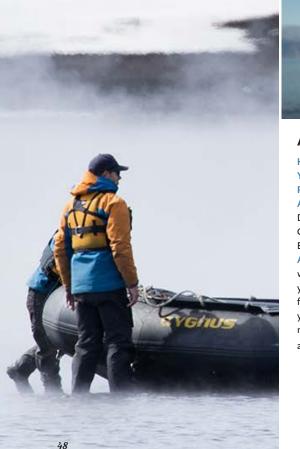
You'll be part of an intimate group of adventurers to board one of Ultramarine's two twin-engine helicopters for a trekking excursion in an area only safely accessed by air. On land, during an invigorating walk, hike or snowshoe trek, you'll be able to marvel at the overwhelming beauty of the Antarctic.

\*On Ultramarine voyages only.



# Your Expedition Leaders.

Our Expedition Leaders are the most experienced in the industry. They possess an incredible range of skills: strong communications; the ability to navigate unexpected itinerary changes; a commitment to safety; and and an excellence in coordinating, supporting and leading a diverse Expedition Team to meet and exceed your expectations. All of our Expedition Leaders undergo rigorous training at our very own polar training institute, Quark Academy. In addition, our teams are fully versed in the regulations and guidelines set by the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), which serves to protect the Antarctic region.





# **Abbey Weisbrot**

Home base: Haida Gwaii, British Columbia Years of polar experience: 7 Polar expeditions to date: 70 Areas of expertise: Bachelor of Tourism Management with a major in Adventure Studies. Certified Level 3 Lead Sea Kayak Guide with Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of British Columbia.

Advice to polar travelers: "Consciously slow down and soak up the incredible beauty around you, both big and small. Be present, take opportunities as they arise, and spend as much time out on the outer decks as possible."



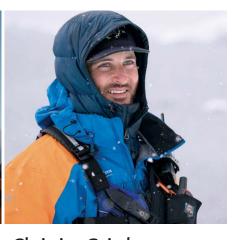
# **Alison Gordon**

Home base: Canberra, Australia Years of polar experience: 7 Polar expeditions to date: 100 Areas of expertise: Alison, who speaks Mandarin, has studied geopolitics and founded a company that tackles the issues of food waste and sustainable protein. She's an avid skier, scuba diver, cyclist, runner and conservationist. Advice to polar travelers: "Be open to what it feels like to fall in love (again) with our planet and the beauty it contains."



# Andrea Machacek

Home base: Salzburg and Vienna, Austria Years of polar experience: 11 Polar expeditions to date: 85 Areas of expertise: Quark Expeditions Destination Consultant for North Atlantic and Greenland. Andrea is multilingual: German, English, French, Spanish and "Survival Russian" Advice to polar travelers: "A true engagement with nature requires you to bring all of yourself, body and soul, your attention and focus—as opposed to living your life through your viewfinder or camera lens. Live in the moment, let your senses and horizon expand, and you will feel the magic happen."



# Christian Geissler

Home base: Cumberland, BC Years of polar experience: 15 Polar expeditions to date: 130 Areas of expertise: Christian has developed an expertise in marine mammals and orcas, most recently supporting scientific observations in the Canadian Arctic. Christian is also a skilled artist, creating paintings depicting the wildlife and seascapes of the West Coast of Canada, the Arctic and Antarctica.

Advice to polar travelers: "Being an explorer can be subjective and a personal experience and you're never too old to start."



# **David Burton**

Home base: Shetland Islands, UK Years of polar experience: 10 Polar expeditions to date: 90 Areas of expertise: History and glaciology Advice to polar travelers: "Head to the outer decks after dinner to take an evening constitutional. There's no better place than the Polar Regions to take some time and reflect on the serene beauty you've witnessed that day, as well as contemplate the life-changing moments you're experiencing. You never know what you might catch sight of—the majesty of the northern lights or a sighting of some wildlife!"



# David (Woody) Wood

Home base: Melbourne, AU Years of polar experience: 20 Polar expeditions to date: 300 Areas of expertise: Woody has developed indepth knowledge of numerous aspects of polar wilderness throughout two decades of polar expedition.

Advice to polar travelers: "Polar voyages touch people in different ways. The polar environment has a power which sets people thinking about their place in our world. Get prepared with gear and have the time of your life! Travel with eyes wide open, with no fixed ideas and be open to the beauty, wonder, tranquility and fury of the polar environment."



# Laurie Di Vincenzo

Home base: Toronto, ON Years of polar experience: 8 Polar expeditions to date: 100 Areas of expertise: Marine logistics and

operations management are Laurie's specialties. Laurie has also been appointed as the first-ever Expedition Leader of *Ultramarine*.

Advice to polar travelers: "Find a quiet moment, sit still, put down your camera, and fully immerse yourself in your polar surroundings. Don't let your mind drift to anything else other than that moment, and just give yourself space and time to absorb the landscape (and perhaps the wildlife!) around you."



# **Shane Evoy**

Home base: Pointe au Baril, Ontario Years of polar experience: 26 Polar expeditions to date: 250 What guests are apt to learn on a polar voyage: "I hope guests will learn a lot about the areas we go into so they can protect what they love. There's a quote from environmentalist Baba Dioum that I live by when I'm on an expedition: 'In the end, we will conserve only what we love: we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught." Advice to polar travelers: "Sit, look, listen, and feel what is around you and take it all in."



# Solan Jensen

Home base: Juneau, AK Years of polar experience: 15 Polar expeditions to date: 134 Areas of expertise: Solan's roles have included wilderness ranger, expedition leader, kayak guide, boat builder and marine mammal emergency responder.

Advice to polar travelers: "Bring a receptivity to continuously absorb the experience, every gust of wind, wild shoreline and mountain, every creature that calls the polar regions home—and the ice that is home. Bring binoculars everywhere. Go on every off-ship excursion and spend as much time as you can on the outer decks of the ship. Come with curiosity and a heightened awareness because the polar regions are as huge and magnificent as they are subtle and intricate."



WHY QUARK EXPEDITIONS
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# Why travel with us?

We've been exploring the Polar Regions for three decades, which means we've been taking guests on life-changing journeys to the Arctic and Antarctic longer than anyone else. As the Leader in Polar Adventures, we're committed to taking travelers beyond the ordinary, outside the predictable and expected. We were the first expedition company to take commercial guests to the North Pole-back in 1991. We led the first-ever passenger transit of the Northeast Passage.

We were the first to offer hot-air ballooning at the North Pole. We've always been driven to discover what's out there—and we're committed to taking you places no one else can.

# Here are 11 more reasons why Quark Expeditions should be your first choice for your polar expedition:

# WE ONLY DO POLAR.

Exclusively! We're not a cruise company that dabbles in the Arctic and Antarctic. Polar is all we've been doing for the last three decades. You can have absolute trust in the expedition team that knows the Arctic and Antarctic inside out.

# WE HAVE THE MOST EXPERIENCED TEAM IN THE POLAR REGIONS.

After 30 years of polar adventure, our seasoned expedition team and polar specialists have endless passion and unparalleled knowledge to share with guests. Our high ratio of expedition staff-to-guests means a more personal experience.

# WE BELIEVE IN BEING ENGAGED TRAVELERS—NOT PASSIVE OBSERVERS.

Quark Expeditions invites guests to experience the Polar Regions by land, sea, air and ice—not merely just see it through a window.

# WE OFFER MORE OFF-SHIP ADVENTURE OPTIONS THAN ANYONE ELSE.

We We offer more ways to experience the polar environments than any other expedition company: flightseeing, sea kayaking, hiking, alpine heli-trekking, stand-up paddleboarding and more. Our robust portfolio of adventure options means guests can truly personalize their polar experience.

### WE IMMERSE YOU IN NATURE

Our expert guides, innovative itineraries and quick-deploy Zodiacs enable spontaneous, wildlife encounters never before imagined!

# WE DELIVER THE MOST INNOVATIVE ITINERARIES.

Quark Expeditions constantly pushes the boundaries of discovery. This year we offer our two Solar Eclipse voyages in Antarctica, as well as first-time explorations of Patagonia.

### WE'RE AN INDUSTRY LEADER IN HEALTH & SAFETY.

Quark Expeditions has an externally-accredited safety program (British Standard BS8848). In addition, every member of our expedition team undergoes in-depth safety training at Quark Academy, our proprietary polar training institute.

# WE ENGAGE AND EDUCATE OUR GUESTS THROUGH ONBOARD PRESENTATIONS.

Our onboard experts (in glaciology, history, biology, history and other subjects) share their in-depth knowledge with guests throughout the entire voyage.

# WE TAKE GUESTS DEEPER INTO THE POLAR REGIONS THAN ANYONE ELSE.

Our two twin-engine helicopters enable guests to experience the most remote destinations in the Polar Regions.

# WE USE THE RIGHT SHIPS FOR THE JOB.

Quark Expeditions maintains the largest, most diverse polar fleet in the industry, offering guests a wide range of choice. Our polar ships carry fewer than 200 guests and are small enough to allow guests access to hard-to-reach areas. Our ship sizes allow for customized and more personalized experiences.

# WE HAVE THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY IN THE POLAR REGIONS.

Our Polar Promise is the most holistic sustainability strategy of its kind. Since 2010, we've decreased emissions from our fleet by 28%. In 2017, we eliminated single use plastics. By 2025, we aim to reduce carbon emissions by 10%, ensuring we can protect the areas we visit for generations to come.







# Recommended extras

Here are a few more suggested items to ensure that you are protected and comfortable on your polar expedition.



# We've got your polar needs covered.

Every ship in Quark Expeditions' fleet has a shop for expedition essentials (in case you forget anything), as well as souvenirs and keepsakes to mark your special journey to the Antarctic.

Visit our online Polar Boutique and get ready for your trip.

Shop.QuarkExpeditions.com

# Sustainability

In April 2019, we reinforced our commitment to the polar regions with the unveiling of POLAR PROMISE—the most comprehensive and holistic sustainability strategy in place in the polar regions. In Polar Promise, Quark Expeditions identifies measurable goals to be reached by 2025.

# This infographic reflects **OUARK EXPEDITIONS'**

sustainability successes and goalscelebrating our past while...

> PLANNING FOR THE **FUTURE!**

# **REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTICS**

Quark Expeditions continues to drastically reduce single-use plastics on board our ships. In 2019, we eliminated:



320.000

Single use bottles. Our guests receive their own reusable water bottles!



14.000 Individual yogurt containers.



Now in bundles

verus individual

plastic bags.

By working with our hotel provider, we've replaced individually wrapped items like butter, sugar, jam, honey, and yogurt with

We've installed water fountains on our vessels so that guests can refill their own reusable Quark Expeditions water bottle

Cabins have been outfitted with soap and shampoo dispensers to reduce waste, and we provide straws, paper napkins, and receipts only on request.

# **OFFSHIP INITIATIVES**

\$500,000

Our annual goal to support



Quark Expeditions provides free berths to conservation and scientific organizations, giving scientists access to remote regions to further their research. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from our onboard auctions are directed to these organizations.

\$169,924

Auction proceeds supporting South Georgia Heritage Trust and Friends of South Georgia.



The funds, raised since 2014, support the Habitat Restoration project, whose goal was to restore the sub-Antarctic island to its original status as one of the world's most important seabird sites. Funds were used for baiting during the eradication phase and to support rodentdetecting dogs for the current monitoring and maintenance phase.

# TRAINING THROUGH **NALUNAIQSIJIIT:**

THE INUIT CRUISE TRAINING INITIATIVE



Through Nalunaiqsijiit—The Inuit Cruise Training Initiative (ICTI), Quark Expeditions hired two interns on Ocean Adventurer voyages to Nunavut during the Arctic 2019 season, both of which were hired as staff during the 2019/20 Antarctic season. The goal of this Government of Nunavut program is to equip Nunavummiut with the qualifications and certifications needed to pursue opportunities in the expedition cruise industry.

# **EVERY PESO COUNTS**

Quark Expeditions participated in SeaGreen recycling initiative during our 2018/19 Antarctic season. Proceeds from the sale of our recyclables raised 120,000 PESOS to assist Argentinians living with a disability.



# **GREEN TECHNOLOGIES FOR OUR VESSELS**

# ULTRAMARINE

like the recently-launched World Explorer, will be equipped with a Micro Auto Gasification System that thermally breaks down waste, reducing its volume by

# **UP TO 95%**



These advanced waste systems mean the technologically-40 DAYS advanced vessel can operate for 40 DAYS and WASTE discharge no solid waste! Ultramarine has sufficient effluent storage to operate at full capacity with 340 PEOPLE (guests and crew) for 5 DAYS, eliminating the need for any discharge in particularly sensitive areas.



Ultramarine's LED lighting can potentially use 50% LESS energy than standard fluorescent lighting.



Fuel-efficient *Ultramarine* We expect the average daily fuel consumption of *Ultramarine* to be approximately half the consumption of older chartered vessels of similar size.

# WINNING THE CARBON EMISSIONS CHALLENGE! —



**Reduction in Carbon Emissions** Quark Expeditions' historical analysis confirms that we have decreased emissions from vessels by 28% from 2010 levels.

# OUR GOAL BY 2025 Quark Expeditions will reduce carbon emissions by:



# Our Polar Promise



Embedding responsible practices throughout our business, whether it's in polar wilderness or in the places we work each day.

Goal: By 2025, our goal is to work exclusively with suppliers, vendors and external partners who share our commitment to preserving the polar regions.



# **PLANET**

Reducing our footprint and building resilience through best practices and advanced sustainability technologies. Goal: By 2025, Quark Expeditions will reduce carbon emissions per passenger by 10%, and Quark Expeditions-owned fleet will have a plan for all waste brought on board.



### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Making a positive impact on the people, environment, and communities we visit through outreach, collaboration, and innovation.

Goal: By 2025, Quark Expeditions will continue to lead change through community engagement and by supporting scientific, conservation and sustainable development in polar communities.



### **POSITIVE IMPACT**

Inspiring and empowering our guests to make changes that create positive impacts, wherever they live.

Goal: By 2025, the positive benefit of bringing people to the polar regions will far outweigh any impact of taking people there.

Our sustainability strategy is an ongoing journey. Join us on our voyage to preserve the polar regions for generations to come! For more on our comprehensive Polar Promise strategy, visit: QUARKEXPEDITIONS.COM/SUSTAINABILITY



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