



ANTARCTICA



2025/2026 SEASON VOYAGES



Guests on a Zodiac cruise in the remote Antarctic.

The Antarctic like you never imagined.

Our unabashedly polar-obsessed team has focused exclusively on polar exploration for 34 years. Thanks to our team's passion for exploring off the beaten path, we became the first operator to visit the rarely-seen Emperor penguin colony at Snow Hill—an incredible adventure we're repeating in our Antarctic 2025/2026 season.

Get ready for a season of helicopters, Emperor penguins and whales.



Discover how Quark Expeditions can take you places no one else can. Scan the QR Code.



BEST FROM OUR AWARDS SHELF

AFAR

- › Vanguard Award 2024

VIRTUOSO

- › Best Expedition Cruise Line 2023 and 2024

FOOD & TRAVEL READER

- › Best Boutique Cruise 2023

CRUISE CRITIC EDITOR'S PICKS AWARDS

- › Best In Adventure (Expedition) 2022, 2023 and 2024

TRAVEL WEEKLY

GOLD MAGELLAN AWARD

- › Expeditions-Shore Excursion Cruise Line 2023 and 2024
- › Best Expedition Itinerary, 2017, 2018 and 2019
- › Best Expedition Small Ship 2019

WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS

- › World's Leading Specialist Cruise Line 2020, 2021 and 2022

SIGNATURE LUXURY TRAVEL & STYLE CRUISE AWARD

- › World's Best Four-Star Expedition Ships 2022 and 2023

USA TODAY 10 BEST READERS' CHOICE TRAVEL AWARD

- › Best Adventure Cruise Line 2018



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



A playful seal photographed with a telephoto lens.

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34 years of polar pride

Going Beyond in Polar Adventure

Our team is committed to taking guests deeper into the Polar Regions than they ever thought possible.

For the last 34 years, we've pushed the limits of our own imagination to provide our guests with the most immersive—and imaginative—itineraries. We have the most diverse fleet. We offer the most off-ship adventures. And our small polar vessels can take you places other larger ships cannot reach.

Get ready for the expedition of a lifetime.



August 1991

Quark Expeditions becomes the first polar operator to take commercial guests to the North Pole.

August 1991

Quark Expeditions celebrates the first-ever passenger transit of the Northeast Passage.

December 1991

Quark Expeditions charts the first series of oceanographic research vessels specially converted for adventure travel, heralding a new phase in polar exploration.

November 1993

For the first time, Quark Expeditions guests retrace the voyage of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship *Endurance*.



For itineraries that follow in the footsteps of Shackleton, see pages 24–26

November 1996

Quark Expeditions begins a circumnavigation of Antarctica for commercial passengers, the first-ever voyage of its kind.

CIRCUMNAVIGATION

Choose from 13 innovative Antarctic itineraries starting on page 14

July 1999

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

November 2003

Quark Expeditions passengers become the first humans to witness a Total Solar Eclipse in Antarctica.

November 2004

Quark Expeditions becomes the first operator to confirm the existence of the Snow Hill Emperor penguin colony.

Not one but two Snow Hill itineraries. See pages 16–17

March 2006

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

LEADER IN POLAR ADVENTURES





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."



June 2012

Quark Expeditions becomes the first tour operator to successfully offer passengers hot-air ballooning at the North Pole.



February 2013

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

Keen on a one-of-a-kind helicopter adventure? See page 22

October 2017

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

Meet our polar-obsessed team on page 8



January 2019

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

ULTRAMARINE

April 2019

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

Learn about our Polar Promise sustainability strategy on page 60

December 2021

Ultramarine sets sail at last. Fittingly, the ship's inaugural voyage is a celebration of the life of polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Why is Ultramarine so popular? See page 36

July 2022

For the first time ever, guests take to the polar skies in *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters.

Read about our unbeatable helicopter excursions on page 56



July 2022

We present the first Tundra to Table: Inuit Culinary Experience with local chefs on board *Ultramarine* during a voyage to Greenland.

November 2023

Quark Expeditions hosts two successful landings at the legendary Emperor penguin colony Snow Hill Island.



Fabulous amenities on Ultramarine. See page 38

August 2024

Quark expeditions wins Virtuoso Travel Award for "best expedition cruise line".

October 2024

Quark Expeditions expands Arctic portfolio to include Iceland.



November 2024

The state-of-the-art *Ocean Explorer* joins our fleet for the first time.



Our brand-new ship: Ocean Explorer. See page 40

January 2025

Quark Expeditions announces another new ship: *World Voyager*.



NEW SHIPS JOIN OUR FLEET

Our Team of Polar Experts

Behind every successful polar voyage is a dedicated team who stop at nothing to ensure you have the expedition of a lifetime. Our polar-obsessed team of Expedition Leaders, adventure guides, Polar Travel Advisors, helicopter operations specialists and other ship crew tap into their passion—and three decades of polar expertise—to ensure you have the expedition of a lifetime.



Hear what Antarctica means to them, directly from our guides. *Scan the QR Code.*



An expedition guide prepares for a Zodiac landing.

Polar Travel Advisors

Our passionate team of polar specialists is available to help you from the first email exchange, virtual chat inquiry or initial phone call to the friendly follow-up after your voyage. You can trust our team of Polar Travel Advisors to have the information you need to plan your life-changing Arctic journey.



Polar Experience

All of our Polar Travel Advisors have first-hand experience in the Polar Regions and are eager to share their expertise—and passion—for the regions we visit. Many have made multiple trips to the Arctic and Antarctic throughout their careers and can answer your questions about Arctic travel.



In-depth Knowledge

Our Polar Travel Advisors have comprehensive knowledge of the wildlife, geography, climate, history, botany and geology of the regions we visit—and can also answer your questions about the expedition experience, whether it pertains to ships, off-shore activities, airport/hotel transfers, the best season to visit, what to pack and what to expect.



Multilingual

Collectively, our Polar Travel Advisors are fluent in English, French, Spanish, Mandarin and Egyptian Arabic.

Your Expedition Leaders

Our Expedition Leaders are unapologetically polar-obsessed. They obsess over every minute detail of your voyage—from your onboard comfort to your off-ship adventures. Our Expedition Leaders spend their entire careers—it's a life calling, actually—feeding and sharing their passion for the Arctic and Antarctic. They're driven to ensure you experience polar moments no one else can offer.



Amalia Goodall

Home base: Ushuaia, Argentina

Years of polar experience: 9

Polar expeditions to date: 45+

Area of expertise: Bachelor's Degree in Tourism Management and Guiding, and Master's Degree in Environmental Management

Advice to polar travelers: "Every now and then put down your camera and take a moment to soak it all in. Experience this unique environment with all your senses: the sound of the ice crackling, the scent of the tundra, the vastness of the landscape, the texture of a feather or a piece of qiviut (muskox wool). These simple moments create powerful memories that cannot always be captured on film."



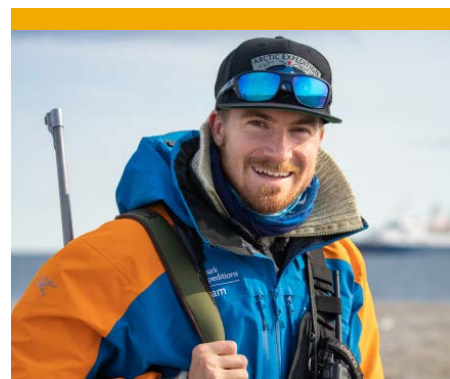
Colin Souness

Home base: South Africa

Years of polar experience: 22

Area of expertise: Having completed a PhD in glaciology, Colin frequently presents on geology, glaciology, as well as polar and Viking history. He's also a heli operations specialist.

Advice to polar travelers: "The challenges of reaching remote Arctic destinations fuel our passion for pushing the boundaries of polar exploration. Try to absorb the vast and unspoiled beauty of the place whilst knowing you're the only ones up there."



David Burton

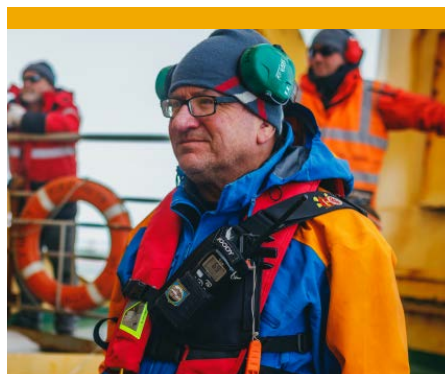
Home base: Shetland Islands, UK

Years of polar experience: 11

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, Australia

Years of polar experience: 21

Polar expeditions to date: 300

Areas of expertise: Woody has developed in-depth 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."



Ryan McDevitt

Home base: St. Petersburg, Florida, USA

Years of polar experience: 8

Polar expeditions to date: 75

Areas of expertise: Operations, logistics and helicopter operations

Advice to polar travelers: "Exploring these wild regions is a full sensory experience. Take time to breathe in deeply and absorb the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of the Polar Regions. If you pack one thing for your expedition, make it a good set of binoculars and spend time using them on the outer decks."



Guest Review: Hear Angelo rave about his Antarctic experience with the Quark Expeditions team. *Scan the QR Code.*





Jake Morrison

Home base: Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada

Years of polar experience: 13

Polar expeditions to date: 100

Areas of expertise: With a degree in operations management and after a lifetime on the water, Jake spent six years managing expedition operations from Quark Expeditions' Toronto office before returning to the field to fuel his love for the great outdoors. During his 12 years with Quark Expeditions, Jake has worked on over 10 different expedition vessels and explored nearly every polar destination where Quark Expeditions operates.

Advice to polar travelers: "Slow down, let your soul absorb every majestic moment, and spend plenty of time out on deck."



Meet Expedition Leader Jake Morrison. Scan the QR Code.



Michelle Sole

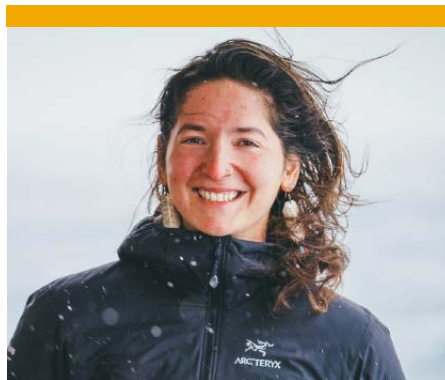
Home base: Oxford, England

Years of polar experience: 8

Polar expeditions to date: 85

Areas of expertise: Photography

Advice to polar travelers: "Bring binoculars. They're a great tool for spotting wildlife and getting closer views of the mountain tops. Spend as much time as possible on the outer decks and make sure you take a moment just for yourself."



Sarah Zaubi

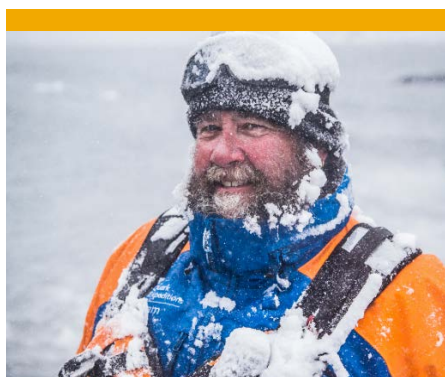
Home base: Montana, USA

Years of polar experience: 6

Polar expeditions to date: 60

Areas of expertise: Gender studies, certified kayak guide, helicopter operations specialist

Advice to polar travelers: "Everyone arrives in the Arctic with a vision for their trip, but the Polar Regions have a way of shaping the experience. The polar reality always prevails, and in the end, the unexpected journey becomes the best adventure."



Shane Evoy

Home base: Pointe au Baril, Ontario, Canada

Years of polar experience: 27

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."



NEIL SIERENS

Chief Pilot

Home base: Fair Oaks, UK

Years of helicopter experience: 20

Polar expeditions to date: 10

Areas of expertise: Helicopter operations around the globe; specialist in the safe transport of passengers to and from vessels.

On embracing helicopter adventures in the Polar Regions: "The view from above is like no other, but the helicopter flight provides more than just an elevated viewpoint. The landing sites we choose can only be accessed by helicopter. So, along with the great views, you can experience the thrill of possibly being the first person to have ever set foot in that area."

Our helicopter team: "Delivering an amazing helicopter experience involves a lot of highly-trained people. It's similar to a motor racing team which entails numerous experts working behind the scenes to ensure the process goes smoothly and safely. We are very selective in the pilots we hire to fly in the Polar Regions—and we're incredibly proud of our entire team. Guests are in very safe hands."

Advice to Polar Travelers: "Clearly you will want to take photos during your helicopter flight, but the lens cannot capture it all. Put down your camera occasionally and just look around. Secondly, on most flights you will be able to chat to the pilot. If you've got a question, there's a strong likelihood your fellow guests are also keen to hear the answer. If you don't get around to asking during the flight, you can always ask later when back on board *Ultramarine*."

Antarctica at a Glance

Summer in Antarctica (November to April) offers three distinct seasons, each with unique weather, wildlife, and land conditions. Insider tip: Decide what you'd like to experience first, then you'll know the best time to visit.

FALKLAND ISLANDS: AN ORNITHOLOGIST'S DREAM

Penguins aren't the only winged species here. There are 63 breeding bird species, including the inquisitive striated caracara, which likes to steal shiny objects.



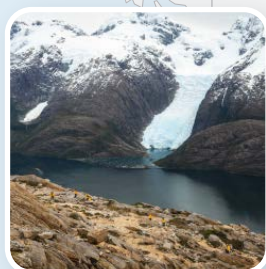
FALKLAND ISLANDS
(Islas Malvinas)

Stanley

Atlantic Ocean

ARGENTINA

CHILE



RETRACE DARWIN'S FOOTSTEPS

Explore Patagonia's spectacular network of fjords and channels, and the glaciers of Tierra del Fuego.

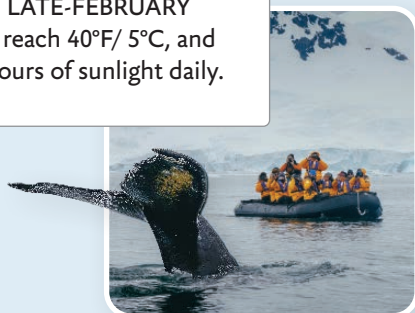
CROSSING THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Crossing the infamous 800-km Drake Passage is a polar rite of passage for many travelers. You can expect Drake Lake (calm waters) or Drake Shake (rough seas and high winds).



WHALE-WATCHING WEATHER

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



Drake Passage

NOV 1915-APR 1916
Shackleton and crew drift on ice, then row through rough ocean waters all the way to Elephant Island.

Weddell Sea

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

SUMMER ROMANCE

Penguins exhibit courtship rituals (bowing, preening) from NOVEMBER to MID-DECEMBER on the Antarctic Peninsula. Male gentoo penguins sometimes woo a female by giving her a well-chosen rock.



PENGUIN CHICKS

Wildlife-viewing is excellent in the Antarctic from MID-DECEMBER to MID-FEBRUARY. Especially eye-catching are the penguin chicks.

CROSSING THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

Sailing to 66°33—the Antarctic Circle—is a milestone few travelers reach.



INCREDIBLE SNOWSCAPES

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



BIRDS OF SOUTH GEORGIA

Albatross and Cape petrels guide your ship to South Georgia, also known as the Galapagos of the South Seas.



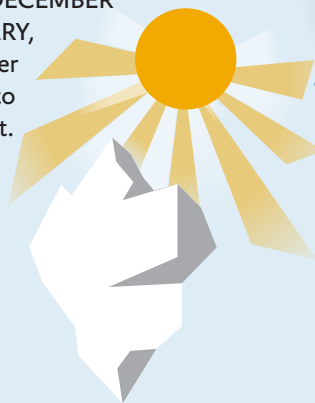
KING PENGUINS

Salisbury Plain, South Georgia, is home to 500,000 King penguins.



BLUE-TINTED ICEBERGS

During the mid-summer period of **MID-DECEMBER** to **MID-FEBRUARY**, sun and salt water turn icebergs into blue works of art.



APR-MAY 1916

Shackleton and five crewmen row to South Georgia to find help for the sailors left on Elephant Island.



CALVING GLACIERS.

Thunderous glacier-calving, when chunks of glaciers crash into the sea, is common **MID-FEBRUARY** to **LATE MARCH**.

SOUTH GEORGIA



DEC 5, 1914

Endurance departs Grytviken whaling station on South Georgia.

HONORING SHACKLETON

Heroic polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, who died in 1922, is buried in the cemetery at Grytviken on South Georgia Island.



OVERNIGHT CAMPING IN ANTARCTICA

Sleeping outdoors overnight in a bivy sac on the Peninsula is an unforgettable experience.

Temperatures are at their warmest (up to 40°F/ 5°C) **MID-NOVEMBER** to **MID-JANUARY**.



NOV 21, 1915

Endurance sinks to the bottom of the Weddell Sea after being trapped in ice for over a year.

ENDURANCE FOUND

A search team, using undersea drones, located Endurance at the bottom of the Weddell Sea in **MARCH 2022**.



Now that you've explored the highlights of the Antarctic region, discover the wide range of itineraries we offer.

ANTARCTIC MAP

↑
Santiago,
Chile

↑
Buenos Aires,
Argentina

SOUTH
AMERICA

CHILE

ARGENTINA

Atlantic Ocean

Pacific Ocean

FALKLAND
ISLANDS
(Islas Malvinas)

Stanley

Punta
Arenas

Ushuaia

Cape
Horn

Drake
Passage

KING GEORGE
ISLAND

SOUTH
SHETLAND
ISLANDS

ANVERS
ISLAND

Paradise Bay
Lemaire Channel

Weddell Sea

ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

ANTARCTIC
PENINSULA

ADELAIDE
ISLAND

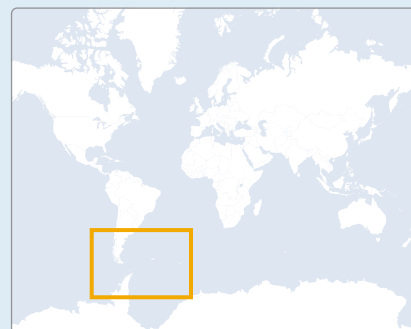
ANTARCTICA

Map is not to scale.

Itineraries shown are for illustrative purposes only. Actual itinerary is dependent on weather and ice conditions.

Where our team can take you.

Our exciting Antarctic season offers expeditions to Antarctica, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Patagonia and beyond the Antarctic Circle. Our diverse fleet of small ships can navigate places larger cruise ships can't: *Ultramarine*, with its two helicopters; our luxury, all-balcony *World Explorer*; and our newest ship, the state-of-the-art *Ocean Explorer*.



**SOUTH
GEORGIA**

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----- ✈ Flight paths

..... Scheduled paths

Innovative Antarctic Itineraries

Our Antarctic 2025/2026 season features over 40 departures—including a return to the Snow Hill, home of the legendary Emperor penguin colony, as well as the brand-new Antarctica by Helicopter itinerary. Guests can explore five fascinating regions in 2025/2026: the Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia, the Falkland Islands, Snow Hill Island and Patagonia.



Watch a preview of our
Antarctic 2025/2026 season.
Scan the QR Code.



Gentoo penguins congregate on floating ice.





VOYAGE HIGHLIGHT
Hands-on sessions with award-winning photographer Paul Goldstein.



Emperor penguins at Snow Hill; heli-flightseeing; guided hike to the Emperor colony.



Snow Hill to the Peninsula: Shackleton's Emperors

Not only will you visit the legendary colony of 8,000 Emperor penguins and their chicks at Snow Hill, but our 18-day “Snow Hill to the Peninsula” itinerary also delivers the traditional Western Antarctic Peninsula experience of glaciers, icebergs, snow-capped mountains, whales and seals—plus time on the east coast of the Peninsula, where few operators ever visit. Get ready for heli-flightseeing and Zodiac cruising for unique perspectives of Antarctica.

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

1 departure | 18 days

October 30, 2025

♥ Embarkation/Disembarkation:
Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈ Charter flight:

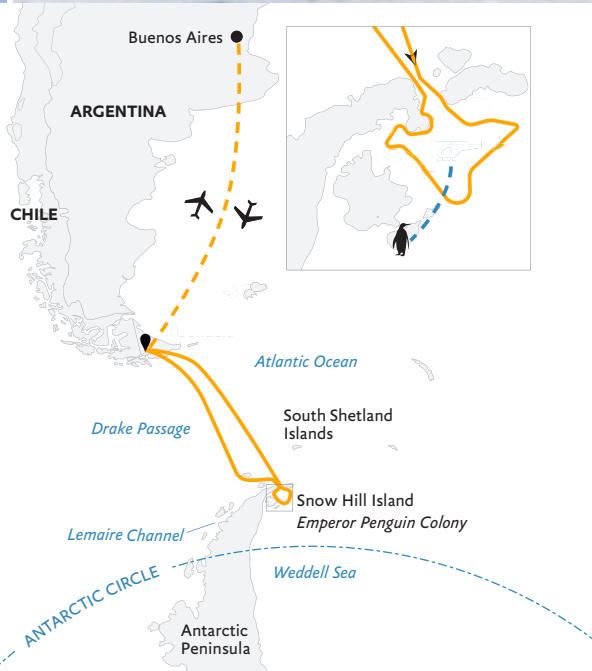
To/from Buenos Aires,
Argentina (included in the
Charter Flight & Hotel Package)

Ship:

Ultramarine

Adventure Options:

See pages 58–59 for more details.





A rookery of Emperor penguins and their young.

Emperor Penguin Quest: Expedition to Snow Hill

Embrace the expeditionary spirit as we journey to the legendary colony of 8,000 Emperor penguins at remote Snow Hill. On our 14-day "Emperor Penguin Quest" you'll spend up to five days in the vicinity of Snow Hill to maximize your Weddell Sea experience of witnessing this rarely-seen penguin colony. Enjoy helicopter sightseeing and Zodiac cruising during one of the most jaw-dropping wildlife experiences imaginable.

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1 departure | 14 days

November 15, 2025

📍 Embarkation/Disembarkation:
Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈️ Charter flight:

To/from Buenos Aires,
Argentina (included in the
Charter Flight & Hotel Package)

Ship:

Ultramarine

Adventure Options:

See pages 58-59 for more details.





Guests hike in remote Patagonia; Magellanic penguin; estancia (Patagonian ranch) visit.

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 in remote Patagonia. *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine helicopters enable guests to witness some of the most picturesque landscapes on Earth, as well as blue-toned glaciers, vast colonies of penguins and other wildlife.

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1 departure | 15 days

March 12, 2026

Embarkation: Ushuaia, Argentina

Disembarkation: Punta Arenas, Chile

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈ Charter flight:

Between Santiago, Chile /
Buenos Aires, Argentina
(included in the Charter Flight
& Hotel Package)

Ship:

Ultramarine

Adventure Options:

See pages 58-59 for more details.



Spectacular, pristine Patagonia.



Enjoy our
Patagonia video.
Scan the QR Code.



A guest is awestruck by the snow-covered peaks of Patagonia.

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com for detailed itineraries 19



Guest Review: Neha and Amit wanted to explore the raw, rugged terrain of Antarctica. Scan the QR Code.



Guests set foot on the legendary 7th Continent.

Antarctic Explorer: Discovering the 7th Continent

The classic 11-day expedition, which begins in Ushuaia, lets you revel in the best of the South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula, including opportunities to observe penguins, whales and seabirds. Guests on the 12-day itinerary (with added transfer out of Buenos Aires) travel on *Ultramarine*—which is equipped with two twin-engine helicopters.

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

17 departures | 11 & 12 days

November 2025 through March 2026

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

✈️ Charter flight:

To/from Buenos Aires, Argentina (included in the Charter Flight & Hotel Package for *Ultramarine* only)

Ship:

Ultramarine
World Explorer
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options:

Varies according to ship.
See pages 58–59 for more details.





Anna and Jim's polar milestone:
Crossing the Antarctic Circle.
Scan the QR Code.



Guide and guest on a paddling excursion; gentoo penguins; a Garmin navigational device.

Crossing the Circle: Southern Expedition

Embrace true isolation as you journey south to cross the Antarctic Circle. Enjoy the highlights of the western Peninsula as you travel toward 66°33' S. Experience the same wonders (penguins, glaciers) witnessed by early adventurers as you explore by Zodiac, on foot and helicopter.

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

3 departures | 14 days

January and February 2026

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

✈ Charter flight:

To/from Buenos Aires,
Argentina (included in the
Charter Flight & Hotel Package
for Ultramarine only)

Ship:

*Ultramarine
Ocean Explorer*

Adventure Options:

Varies according to ship.
See pages 58-59 for more details.







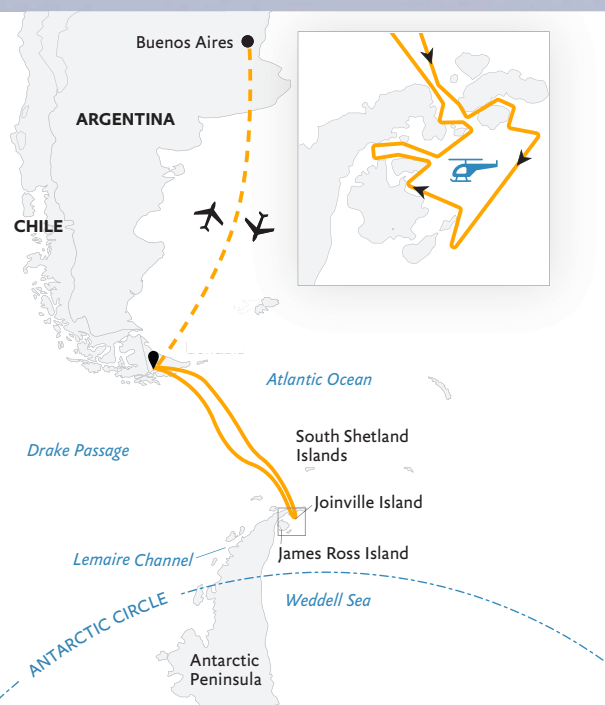
Learn about our new Antarctica by Helicopter: Icebergs, Mountains, and Remote Lands itinerary. Scan the QR Code.

Robust penguin colony with Ultramarine in the backdrop; lounging penguin; helicopter excursion; guests on Ultramarine's heli deck; twin-engine H145 helicopter.

NEW Antarctica By Helicopter: Icebergs, Mountains and Remote Lands

Our brand-new “Antarctica by Helicopter” itinerary offers helicopter adventures no one else can. Cutting-edge itinerary maximizes opportunities to explore the interior of the 7th Continent, as well as Erebus and Terror Gulf, Antarctic Sound and the great Weddell Sea. Bonus: Every guest experiences at least two heli-flightseeing excursions and one heli-landing amidst Antarctica’s vast mountain ranges—all included in the cost of the trip.

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



2 departures | 12 days
November and December 2025
 ♥ Embarkation/Disembarkation:
 Ushuaia, Argentina
See Dates and Rates for details.

✈ Charter flight:
 To/from Buenos Aires,
 Argentina
*(included in the Charter
 Flight & Hotel Package)*

Ship:
Ultramarine

Adventure Options:
See pages 58-59 for more details.



Guest Review: Patrick admired the way the expedition team fine-tuned his South Georgia adventure so it was all about discovery. *Scan the QR Code.*



King penguins waddle across a beach in Antarctica; guests overlook a remote fjord; a rock-hopper penguin.

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

Explore the entire Antarctic region. Wander the quaint British town of Stanley in the Falkland Islands, view 30 bird species and four types of penguins in South Georgia, and explore the 7th Continent by ship, Zodiac, kayak and on foot while learning from polar experts.

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

1 departure | 20 days

November 13, 2025

📍 Embarkation/Disembarkation: Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.

Ship:

Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options:

See pages 58-59 for more details.





Guest Review: "To see that many birds and penguins in one place was like a fantasy."
Vivian, South Georgia Voyage. Scan the QR Code.



A thousands-fold colony of King penguins in South Georgia.

South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula: Penguin Safari

This is the fastest way to explore the Antarctica Peninsula and South Georgia. Expect albatross and petrels to guide your ship toward South Georgia where you'll find beaches teeming with King penguins and seals. You can visit Sir Ernest Shackleton's grave at Grytviken. Then experience vast polar landscapes, penguin rookeries and off-ship adventures on the Peninsula.

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

2 departures | 18 days

January and February 2026

📍 Embarkation/Disembarkation: Ushuaia, Argentina

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Ship:

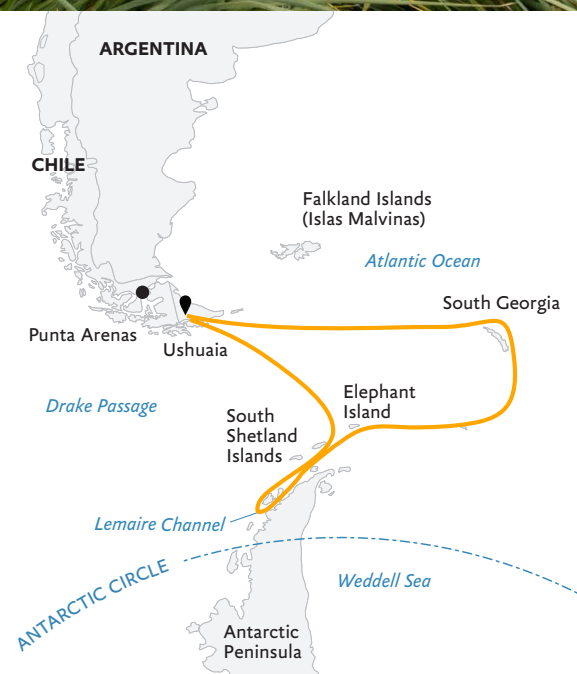
World Explorer

Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options:

Varies according to ship.

See pages 58-59 for more details.





Guest Review: Ian and Christine's South Georgia and Antarctic voyage included time out with penguins and a "brilliant" lecture program. *Scan the QR Code.*



Helicopter passenger photographs the Antarctic landscape; guest poses with the unofficial flag of Antarctica; wildlife sighting on South Georgia.

Epic Antarctica: Crossing the Circle via the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) and South Georgia

Experience every highlight of the Antarctic region. This 23-day in-depth voyage includes historic Falkland Islands (home to seals, dolphins and penguins), wildlife-rich South Georgia (known as the "Galapagos of the South Seas") and the iconic Antarctic Peninsula—plus a crossing of the Antarctic Circle.

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



1 departure | 23 days

January 18, 2026

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

✈ Charter flight:
To/from Buenos Aires,
Argentina
*(included in the Charter
Flight & Hotel Package)*

Ship:
Ultramarine

Adventure Options:
See pages 58-59 for more details.



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The trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The expedition crew were so knowledgeable and willing to speak with each guest individually to share their experiences. The sights were beautiful, from icebergs and penguins to seals and whales. I can't express enough how much I loved this trip.

—B.M., *Epic Antarctica: Crossing the Circle via the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) and South Georgia*



Adult penguins and their young inhabit the shoreline.



Fly/Cruise Express

For time-strapped travelers who really want to visit Antarctica—and perhaps don't want to use up all of their vacation time—Quark Expeditions offers the perfect solution: Our Fly/Cruise Express option.

Instead of spending two days crossing the 800-km Drake Passage, which is also known as the Drake Shake due to the sometimes rough waters, guests can fly from Punta Arenas, Chile, to King George Island, Antarctica, in a staggeringly short two hours.

Choose your Fly/Cruise Express voyage to explore Antarctica with the best expedition team in the industry.



Guests disembark after flying across the Drake Passage.

six reasons to fly across the Drake Passage

- 1 It's the fastest way to Antarctica. Shaving two days off your travel time means you can explore Antarctica on an 8-day voyage.
- 2 Enjoy aerial views of the Antarctic landscape during the crossing. Enjoy dramatic vistas as your plane descends on the South Shetland Islands.
- 3 Avoid the potentially choppy waters of the Drake Passage. Enjoy the comfort of flying.
- 4 Use the time you save to explore Punta Arenas. Savor the delights of this lively Chilean metropolis.
- 5 Be part of an intimate group. Our Fly/Cruise voyages are limited to 140 guests.
- 6 You won't forego your dream of a polar adventure. Time is a deal-breaker for many—but our time-efficient Fly/Cruise options can make your dream a reality.





Watch a preview of our
Fly/Cruise experience.
Scan the QR Code.



Penguins thrive on the expansive Antarctic ice.



Antarctic Express: Fly the Drake

Our fastest trip to Antarctica is ideal for first-timers and time-strapped travelers, and those who prefer not to sail the Drake Passage. Fly from Punta Arenas to King George Island to enjoy eight days of wildlife observation, polar history and off-ship adventures.

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

4 departures | 8 days

December 2025 through March 2026

📍 Embarkation/Disembarkation:

King George Island, Antarctica

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈️ **Charter flight:**

To/From Punta Arenas,
Chile (included)

Ship:

World Explorer
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options:

Varies according to ship.

See pages 58-59 for more details.





Guests raise a glass upon crossing the Antarctic Circle; Weddell seal; guests on a Zodiac cruise.



Antarctic Express: Crossing the Circle

Embrace true isolation as you journey south to cross the Antarctic Circle. Enjoy the highlights of the western Peninsula as you travel toward 66°33' S. Observe penguin colonies, glaciers, birds and other Antarctic wonders as you explore by Zodiac, ship and on foot.

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

2 departures | 11 days

January and February 2026

♥ Embarkation/Disembarkation:

King George Island, Antarctica

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈ **Charter flight:**

To/From Punta Arenas,
Chile (included)

Ship:

Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options:

See pages 58-59 for more details.





Guests spot a whale on a Zodiac cruise.



Antarctic Express: Fly South, Cruise North

Take the fastest route over the 800-km wide Drake Passage to Antarctica—a three-hour flight from Punta Arenas, Chile. Upon landing, continue your 10-day journey by ship as you witness the spellbinding polar wilderness of Antarctica—before you cross back across the Drake Passage by ship to Ushuaia, Argentina. Flying one way and sailing the other gives you the best of both worlds.

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

3 departures | 10 days

December 2025 through March 2026

📍 **Embarkation:** King George Island, Antarctica

📍 **Disembarkation:** Ushuaia, Argentina

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈️ **Charter flight:**

From Punta Arenas, Chile (included)

Ship:

World Explorer
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options:

Varies according to ship.

See pages 58–59 for more details.





Guide and guest on a paddling excursion; penguins play on the ice; excited guests on a Zodiac cruise.



Antarctic Express: Cruise South, Fly North

Revel in the excitement of crossing the famed 800-kilometer wide Drake Passage by ship to begin your adventure—then enjoy the speed and convenience of a northbound flight over the Drake on your return. This time-saving option means you'll have 10 full days to explore Antarctica: icebergs, glaciers, whales, penguins and more. Sailing one way and flying the other gives you the best of both worlds.

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

3 departures | 10 days

December 2025 through February 2026

Embarkation: Ushuaia, Argentina

Disembarkation: King George Island, Antarctica

See Dates and Rates for details.

✈ Charter flight:

To Punta Arenas,
Chile (included)

Ship:

World Explorer
Ocean Explorer

Adventure Options:

Varies according to ship.

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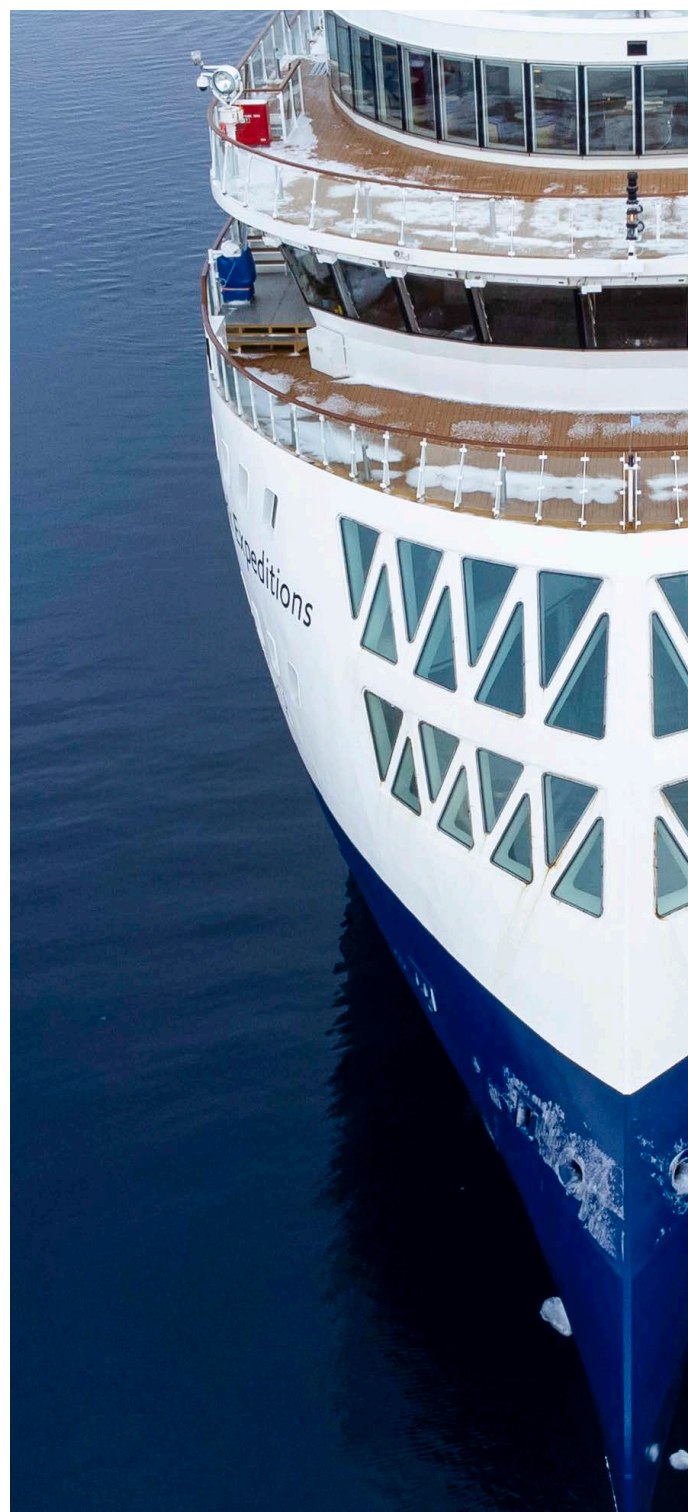


OUR SUPERIOR FLEET

The Greatest Fleet on the Frozen Seas

When it comes to polar expeditions, you're only as good as where your ships can take you. Our fleet of small polar vessels enables us to navigate hard-to-reach places that larger cruise ships can't reach.

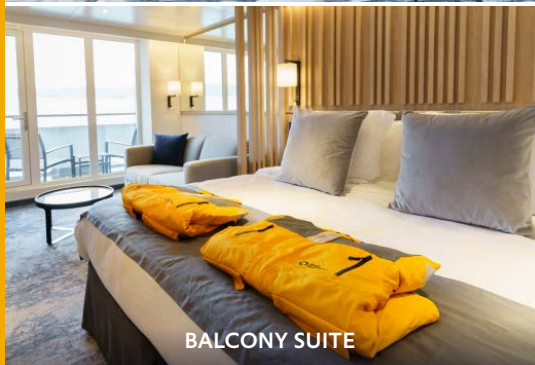
Each ship (guest capacity ranges from 138 to 199) delivers a unique experience of its own. *Ultramarine*, with two helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, offers the most off-ship excursions. The all-balcony suites *World Explorer* offers superior onboard comfort. State-of-the-art *Ocean Explorer*—the newest addition to our fleet—with its distinctive X-Bow design and remarkable two-story forward lounge, sets a striking stage for your expedition of a lifetime.



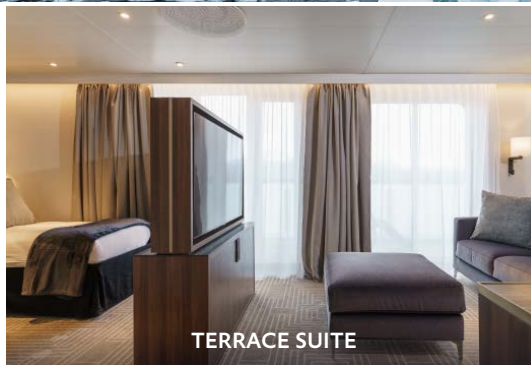




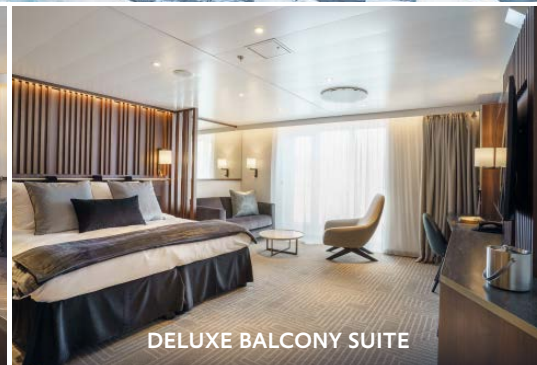
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BALCONY SUITE



TERRACE SUITE



DELUXE BALCONY SUITE

MEET THE SHIP

Ultramarine

The technologically-advanced *Ultramarine* is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to help you explore new places, and to immerse you in the best the Arctic has to offer. Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-deploy Zodiacs, *Ultramarine* offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, and features the category's most spacious suites, breathtaking public spaces, and superb on-board amenities including a spa, and sauna with floor-to-ceiling windows. *Ultramarine* is equipped with advanced sustainability features that exceed all industry standards.

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

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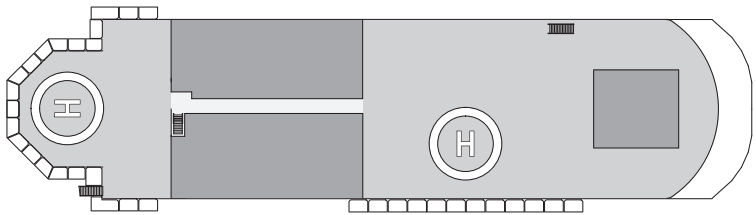
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-  Guests: 199
-  Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed
-  Ice Class: PC6



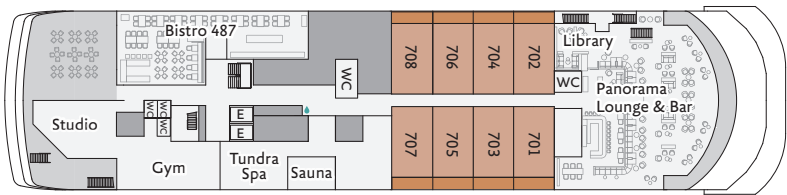
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Nine Tiers of Accommodation:

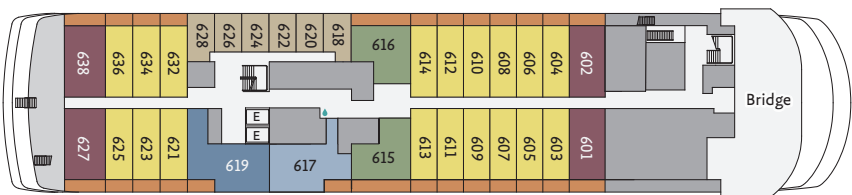
- Ultra Suite
- Owner's Suite
- Penthouse Suite
- Terrace Suite
- Deluxe Balcony Suite
- Balcony Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Explorer Triple
- Solo Panorama
- Balcony



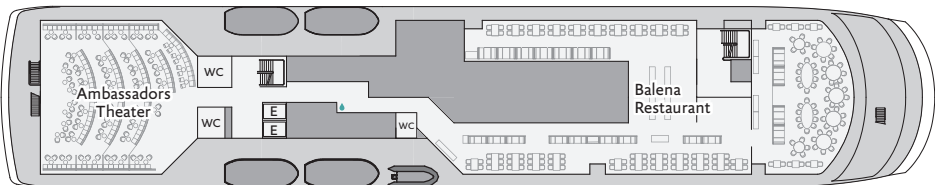
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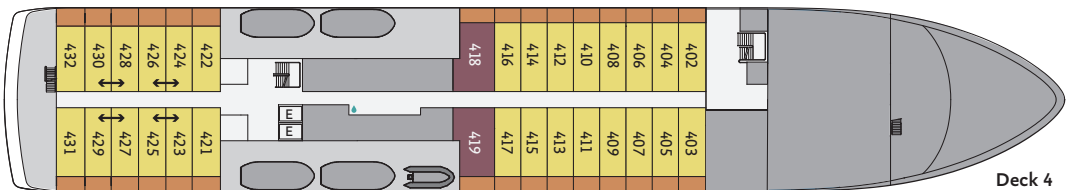
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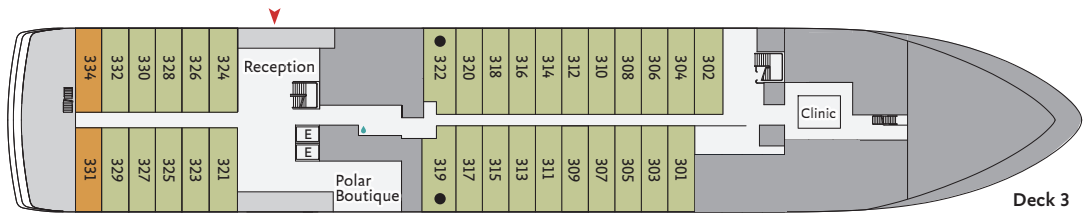
Deck 6



Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck 3



Deck 2



For all cabin details and descriptions of room amenities, scan QR Code.



ULTRAMARINE

Featured Amenities & Highlights



Balena Restaurant

Our main dining room, which has direct access to a wraparound deck, seats 2 to 10 at each table. Floor-to-ceiling windows allow every guest to enjoy a spectacular polar view.

Bistro 487

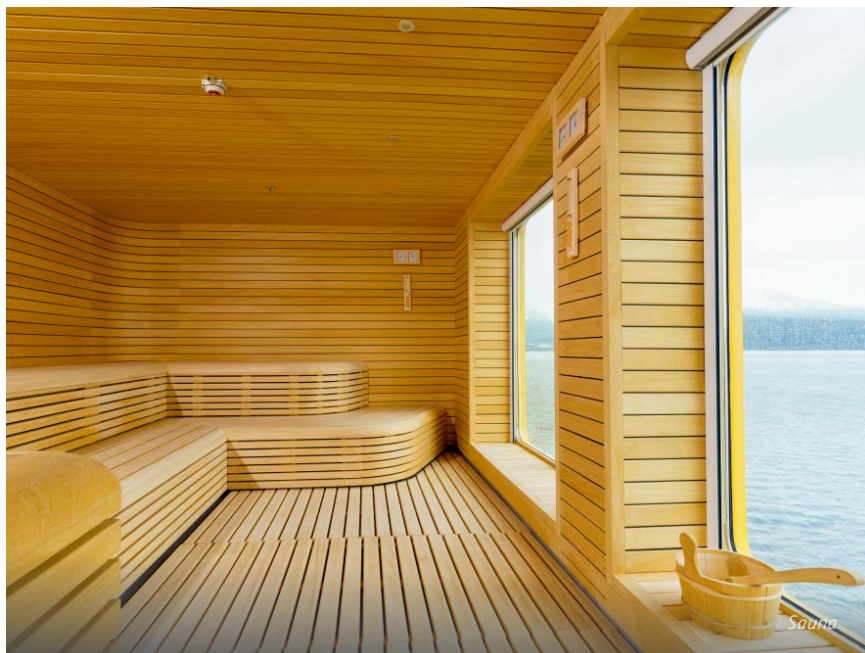
Guests can enjoy a meal in the Bistro, which offers an indoor/outdoor dining experience. Perfect for enjoying the polar landscapes.

Ambassador Theater

A state-of-the-art, high-resolution LED screen wall in the main theater ensures high-definition viewing of expert polar presentations from any angle.

Panorama Lounge and Bar

The glass-enclosed Panorama Lounge and Bar is a cozy gathering point where guests can sip a glass of wine, play a board game, socialize at the bar or bust a move on the dance floor.



Tundra Spa

Offering a variety of exclusive treatments, the spa facilities—with adjacent steam room and sauna—allow guests to fully relax and unwind between off-ship adventures.

Sauna

The sauna's floor-to-ceiling windows ensure guests stay connected to their polar surroundings while relaxing on ship.

Smart Technology

High-definition, large-screen projectors, real-time translation services, and enhanced connectivity ensure guests get the most out of their polar expedition.

Two Twin-Engine Helicopters

Ultramarine's two helicopters transport guests to new destinations only accessible by air, and offer helicopter-supported excursions exclusive to Quark Expeditions.

Water-Level Zodiac Hangar

A water-level Zodiac hangar allows our team to quickly deploy our fleet of 20 Zodiacs to get guests off the ship for both scheduled and spontaneous adventures.

Ready Rooms

Our two ready rooms, with assigned lockers, allow guests to quickly change in and out of their expedition gear.

Fitness Center

The fully-equipped fitness center features a separate yoga space with views of the polar landscape.

Wraparound Deck

The wraparound deck on Deck 5 offers generous outdoor viewing opportunities of the polar wilderness.



See what a day onboard *Ultramarine* really looks like. Scan the QR Code.





Watch a sneak peek
of Ocean Explorer.
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STUDIO SINGLE



VERANDA SUITE



JUNIOR SUITE

MEET THE SHIP

Ocean Explorer

The 138-passenger *Ocean Explorer*, the newest addition to our fleet, is modern, elegant and purpose-built for polar exploration. The innovative ULSTEIN X-BOW® ensures a comfortable and smooth sailing experience. Spacious cabins feature a bespoke Scandinavian design and almost all have verandas. Guests can relax in Tundra Spa, the gym, sauna with large windows, and two outdoor Jacuzzis. Located at the bow is the light-filled Discovery Library, which introduces a welcome airiness to the expedition ship.

Ocean Explorer offers abundant observation areas on Decks 7, 8 and especially on Deck 9, which offers 360-degree panoramic views from the very top of the vessel.

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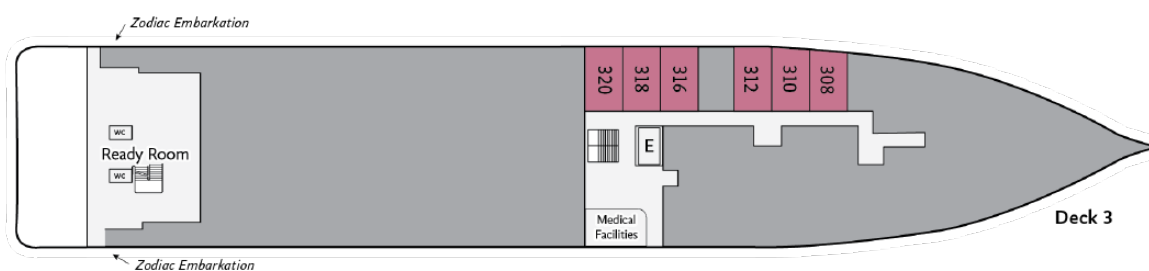
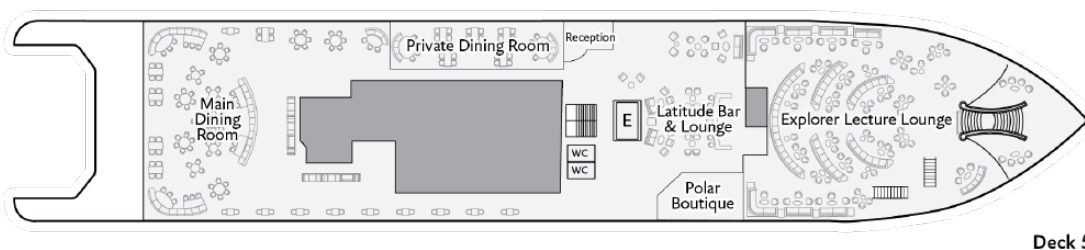
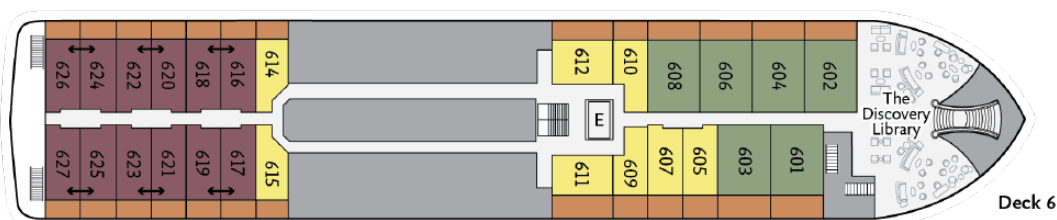
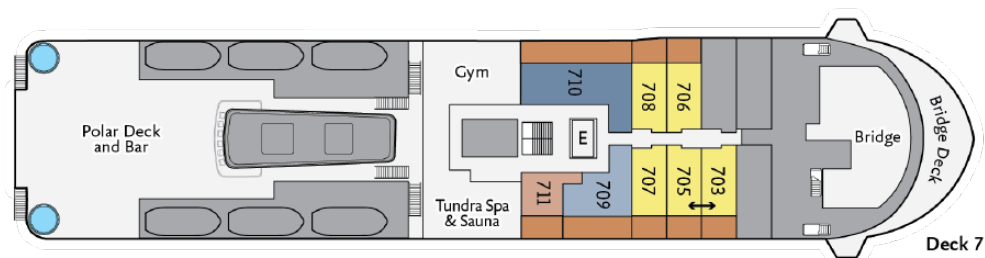
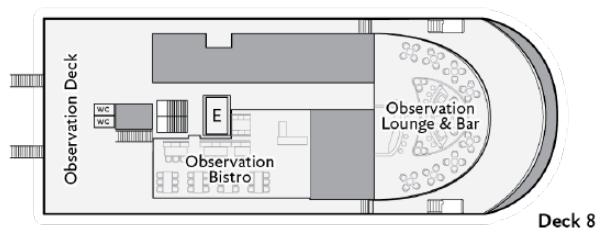
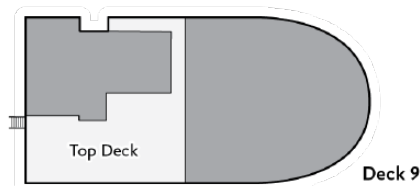
-  Staff & Crew: 105
-  Guests: 138
-  Lifeboats: 2
-  Ice Class: 1A, PC6



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Eight Tiers of Accommodation:

- Owner's Suite
- Penthouse Suite
- Studio Veranda Single
- Junior Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Veranda Stateroom
- Deluxe Veranda Fwd
- Studio Single
- Balcony
- Jacuzzi

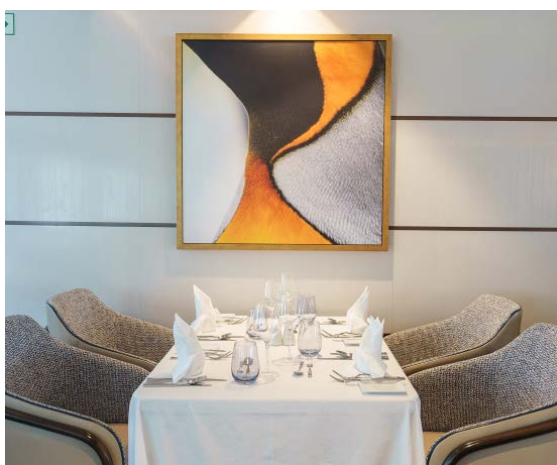


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OCEAN EXPLORER

Featured Amenities & Highlights



Dining

Ocean Explorer guests have multiple dining options.

The Observation Bistro—with its marine blue and off-white colors—is your go-to spot for lighter fare and grab-and-go snacks. This relaxed eatery seats up to 44 guests, who can take in full views of their polar surroundings while enjoying a light bite. Contemporary meets cozy in the modern Main Dining Room with its stylish lighting and contemporary art. Located on Deck 5, the Main Dining Room seats 144 people—more than enough for the 138 guests—and features expansive floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the spectacular polar wilderness.

Lounges

Guests have two options to enjoy a drink and socialize on Ocean Explorer.

The stylish Observation Lounge & Bar at the top of the ship guarantees incredible views and seats 63. Guests also frequent this spacious lookout on Deck 8 to enjoy cocktails and conversation with fellow travelers. The popular, beautifully-lit Latitude Bar & Lounge—with its lush sofas and faux marble-topped end tables—on Deck 5 is large enough to seat 46 and is ideal for enjoying a quiet drink on your own or hanging out with friends.



Observation Lounge

The Discovery Library

The light-filled interior library at the top of the gorgeous atrium staircase allows up to 47 guests to sit and relax while taking in the surrounding polar landscapes through the floor-to-ceiling glass. The library collection includes books in multiple languages covering wildlife, history, marine biology, ecology and geology.

Explorer Lecture Lounge

Located on Deck 5, the Explorer Lecture Lounge—where all expert polar presentations and daily recaps take place—can seat all guests and features the best in A/V equipment, including state-of-the-art systems for on-board presentations.

Gym

In addition to the exercise you'll get during off-ship excursions, you can also take advantage of the well-appointed fitness facilities on Deck 7.

Tundra Spa

Guests can enjoy a variety of massage, body and facial treatments in our signature Tundra Spa on Deck 7. We have partnered with VOYA, an industry leader in organic wellness and beauty products. All products are made from hand-harvested seaweed.

Dry Sauna and Jacuzzis

Guests can also head to the Dry Sauna on Deck 7 to relax while gazing at the polar wilderness through the large windows. Two outdoor Jacuzzis on Deck 7, at the ship's stern, mean you can relax alfresco while soaking up the polar views.

Outdoor Observation Areas

Observation areas on Decks 7 and 8 allow for higher, longer-view landscape photography while contending with less sea spray.



Dry Sauna



Jacuzzi



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VERANDA SUITE



VERANDA SUITE PRIVATE BATHROOM



ALL-BALCONY SHIP

MEET THE SHIP

World Explorer

Distinct and comfortable, refined and roomy, *World Explorer* is our all-balcony, all-suites expedition ship with exceptional personal space. The 172-guest ship offers six tiers of deluxe accommodation. Every suite has either a private walk-out or French balcony offering direct ocean views. Guests have their pick of public areas to unwind after a day of polar adventures, including the quiet of the glass-domed Observation Lounge. *World Explorer* has two state-of-the-art Rolls Royce hybrid-electric engines that significantly reduce the vessel's carbon footprint.

Ship Specifications:

-  Staff & Crew: 125
-  Guests: 172
-  Lifeboats: 2, fully enclosed
-  Ice Class: 1B



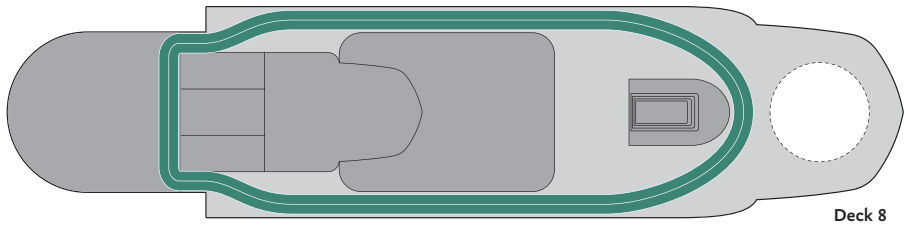
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Six Tiers of Accommodation:

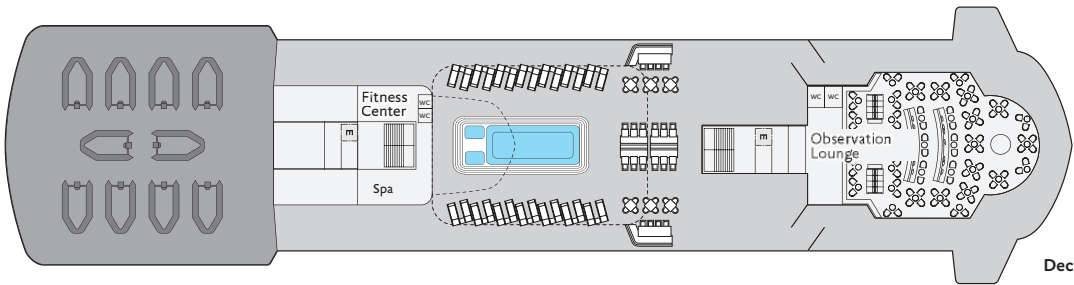
- Owner's Suite
- Deluxe Suite
- Superior Suite
- Veranda Suite:
- Infinity Suite:
- Triple
- Balcony



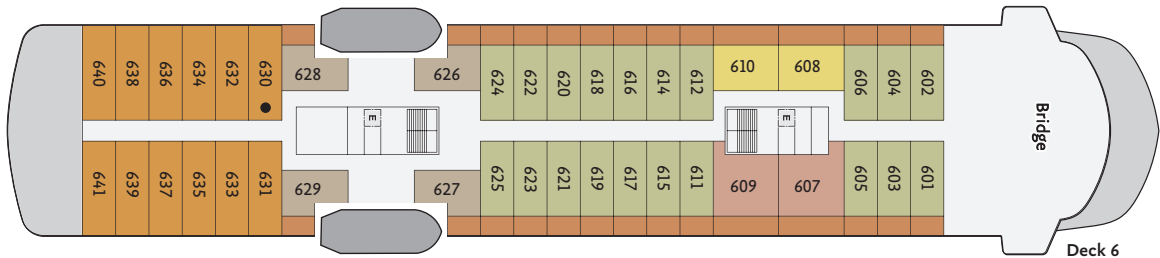
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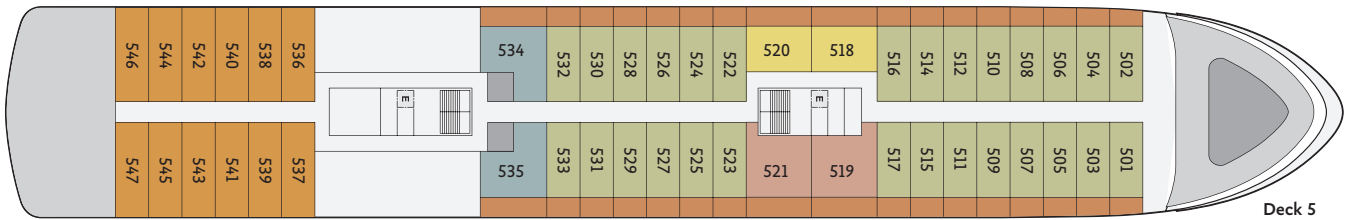
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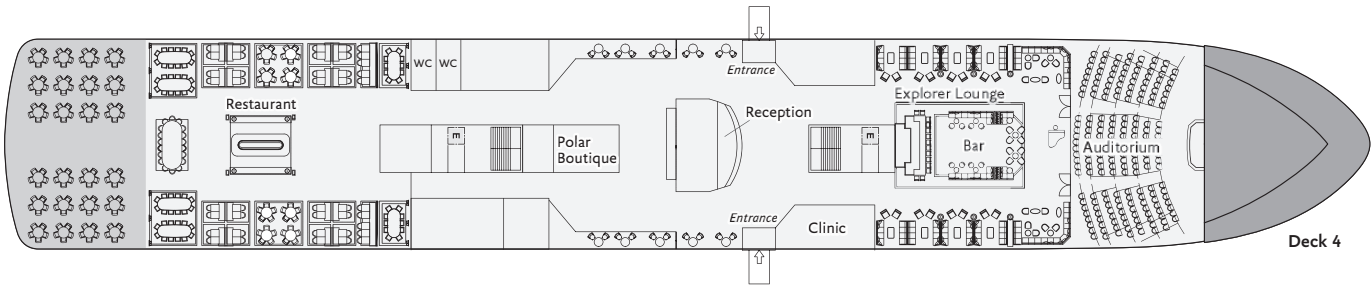
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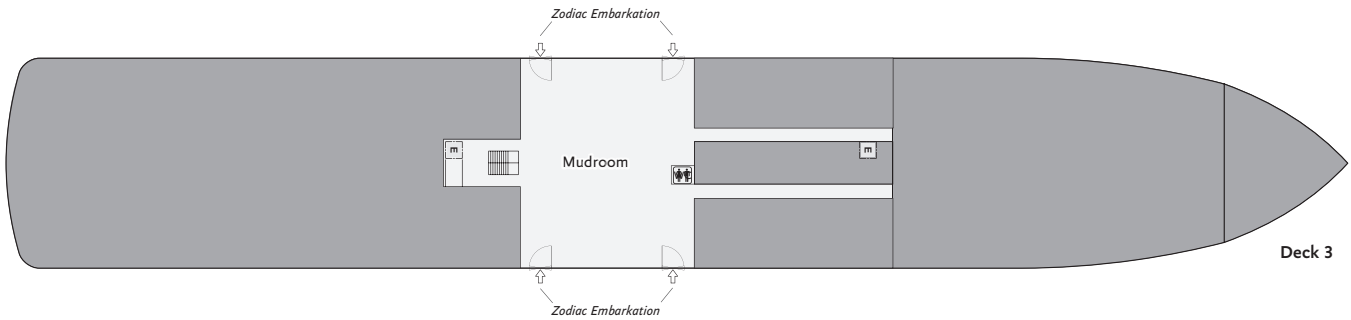
Deck 6



Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck 3



WORLD EXPLORER

Featured Amenities & Highlights



Restaurant

All 172 guests can dine together in one sitting in the Deck 4 dining room. Table options allow you to dine as a large group, or choose a smaller table for a more intimate meal.

Observation Lounge

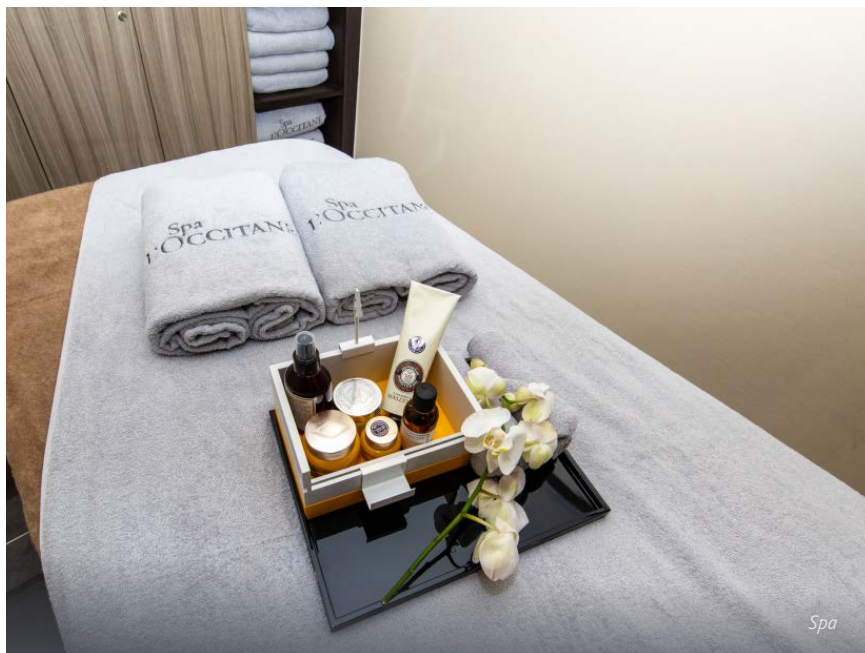
The glass-domed Observation Lounge on Deck 7 offers a front-row seat to the surrounding polar wilderness. Guests can unwind in comfort—or reach for their binoculars.

Explorer Lounge

The Explorer Lounge is ideal for special functions and events, or as a spot to simply grab a cup of complimentary coffee or tea and chat with fellow travelers.

Lecture Theatre

This theater-style auditorium accommodates everyone onboard, and is the main hall for expert presentations and video screenings.



Library

Located in the Observation Lounge on Deck 7, the Library offers a curated collection of field guides, picture books, and polar reference materials.

Phytomer Spa

This expertly designed spa offers a selection of massages, facials, and hand and foot treatments. Guests can relax afterward in the nearby sauna.

Sauna

Guests love to relax in the sauna, located on Deck 7, after exploring off-ship.

Heated Outdoor Pool

The large heated outdoor pool is surrounded by ample deck space and flanked by two Jacuzzis.

Fitness Center

Located on Deck 7, fitness facilities are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wraparound Deck

Guests can enjoy panoramic polar views—and heated seats—on the wrap-around deck.

Outdoor Track

Guests can simultaneously exercise and enjoy the polar wilderness on the outdoor track on Deck 8.

Mudroom

Guests can comfortably prepare for their off-ship excursions in the spacious Mudroom on Deck 3, conveniently located adjacent to the two Zodiac embarkation points.



FOOD & DRINK

Fine dining is an integral part of the expedition experience. Our internationally trained chefs, inspired by global cuisines, strive to accommodate all dietary requests—which must be indicated upon booking. Vegan and vegetarian options are always available. Cookies and snacks are offered at coffee stations, while fresh pastries are served warm from the oven starting around 6 a.m. Guests can enjoy complimentary wine, beer and select spirits in the bars and lounges on each ship.

ULTRAMARINE

Ambassadors Theater

Ambassadors is the main presentation spaces on *Ultramarine*, where guests enjoy informative talks and presentations from expedition staff, polar experts, and special guests. The Ambassadors bar is open during presentation hours and special events.

Panorama Lounge

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

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. Globally inspired dishes and regional specialties often feature locally sourced and sustainable ingredients. Balena, designed so that every seat has a good view, provides direct access onto the wraparound deck.

Bistro 487

Bistro 487 is the more casual restaurant serving extended breakfast, lunch, and dinner to accommodate those who rise early or late or simply want a change of scenery. Bistro 487 serves quicker meals and afternoon snacks. With access to outdoor seating on the aft deck, Bistro 487 is ideal for guests who like to enjoy a coffee or cocktail outdoors.



Guests enjoy complimentary house beer, wine and select cocktails in the evenings as part of our Raise a Glass and Stay Connected Free program.



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Main Dining Room

Contemporary meets cozy in this modern dining room with its stylish lighting and contemporary art. Located on Deck 5, the Main Dining Room seats 138 guests, and features expansive floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the spectacular polar wilderness.

Latitude Bar & Lounge

This popular social hub is located on Deck 5. The beautifully lit bar, with its lush sofas and faux marble-topped end tables, is large enough to seat 46, and is ideal for enjoying a quiet drink on your own or hanging out with friends.

Observation Bistro

With its marine blue and off-white colors, the Observation Bistro is your go-to spot for lighter fare—and unparalleled polar views. This relaxed eatery seats up to 44 guests.

Observation Lounge & Bar

Guests frequent this stylish lookout at the top of the ship to witness the stunning vistas, and enjoy cocktails and conversation with fellow travelers. Seats 63.

Explorer Lecture Lounge

Guests convene in this Deck 5 lounge to attend presentations by polar experts and have a drink to discuss the day's polar adventures.

WORLD EXPLORER

Restaurant

All 172 guests can enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner together in one sitting in the Deck 4 dining room. Table options allow you dine as a large group, or choose a smaller table for a more intimate meal. The restaurant also features an outdoor terrace, which functions as an alfresco dining venue when weather cooperates.

Explorer Lounge

The Explorer Lounge is ideal for special functions and events, or as a spot to simply grab a cup of complimentary coffee or tea and chat with fellow travelers. Fresh-baked cookies and pastries are offered in the afternoons, while hot and cold snacks are available during the evening cocktail hour (activities permitting) and special occasion events. The bar in the Explorer Lounge is staffed by professional bartenders serving a selection of liquors, spirits, premium beers, wines

and champagnes—most of which are complimentary thanks to our Raise A Glass and Stay Connected offering. Soft drinks, juices, water, coffee and tea are also complimentary.

Observation Lounge

The glass-domed Observation Lounge on Deck 7 offers a front-row seat to the surrounding polar wilderness. Guests can unwind in comfort—or reach for their binoculars—while enjoying their favorite cocktail, glass of wine, or late-afternoon cup of tea.

FROM WILDERNESS TO WELLNESS

Guests on *Ultramarine*, *World Explorer* and *Ocean Explorer* can choose from a variety of spa and fitness amenities after a day in the polar wilderness.

ULTRAMARINE

Tundra Spa

In collaboration with VOYA of Ireland, Tundra Spa is the core of our wellness offering on *Ultramarine*. Amenities include: two dedicated treatment rooms with 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, made with hand-harvested seaweed oils.

Sauna

The sauna on *Ultramarine* features floor-to-ceiling windows, which enable guests to stay connected to the polar landscape outside.

Steam Room

The steam room is the perfect amenity for guests to relax and rejuvenate after exploring off-ship.

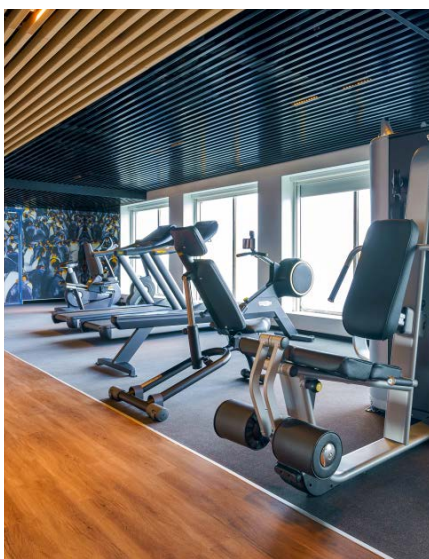
Fitness Center and Studio

Our fitness center is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment by Technogym, and the Studio is equipped with mats and balls for stretching or informal yoga.

Outer Deck Track

A morning walk on the top deck could very well include some wildlife sightings.





OCEAN EXPLORER

Gym

In addition to the exercise you'll get during off-ship excursions, you can also take advantage of the well-appointed fitness facilities on Deck 7.

Dry Sauna

Guests can also head to the Dry Sauna on Deck 7 to relax while gazing at the polar wilderness through the large windows.

Tundra Spa

Guests can enjoy a variety of massage, body and facial treatments in our signature Tundra Spa on Deck 7. We have partnered with VOYA, an industry leader in organic wellness and beauty products. All products are made from hand-harvested seaweed.

Outdoor Jacuzzis

Two outdoor Jacuzzis on Deck 7, at the ship's stern, mean you can relax alfresco while soaking up the polar views.

WORLD EXPLORER

Phytomer Spa

This expertly designed spa offers a selection of massages, facials, and hand and foot treatments.

Sauna

After exploring off-ship, guests love to relax in the sauna, located near Phytomer Spa on Deck 7.

Heated Outdoor Pool

The large heated outdoor pool is surrounded by ample deck space and flanked by two Jacuzzis.

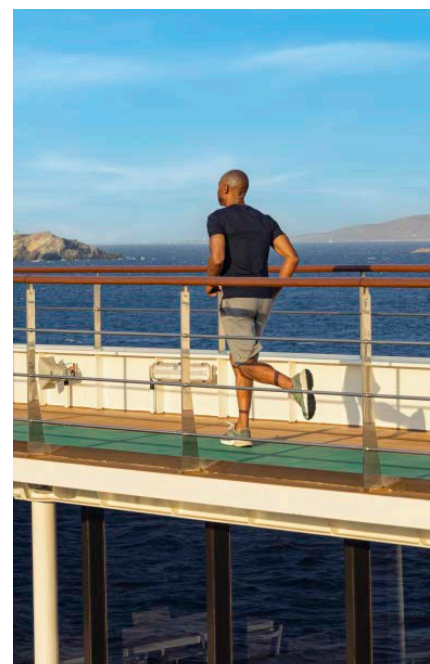
Fitness Center

Located on Deck 7, fitness facilities are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wraparound Deck

Guests can enjoy panoramic polar views—and heated seats—on the wrap-around outdoor track on Deck 8.

Learn more about our diverse fleet of small ships on pages 34-27



MORNING TO MIDNIGHT

Daily Life Onboard



Penthouse Suite



Ready Room



Dining experience

Wake up in your stylishly modern suite

Every guest on *Ultramarine*, *Ocean Explorer* and *World Explorer* wakes up to a view of the polar landscape from their private balcony or through a large picture window.

Join the early birds

Kickstart your day with a quiet walk on the outer decks followed by a cup of java with other early risers.

Enjoy breakfast with a view

All guests on *Ocean Explorer*, *Ultramarine* and *World Explorer* have excellent views of the polar wilderness while enjoying their first meal of the day.

Get ready to explore the polar environment

Get suited up for an off-ship excursion in the Ready Rooms, complete with dedicated lockers to store and dry personal items while you enjoy your Zodiac cruise or off-ship excursion.

Listen 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

All ships offer multiple observation spaces on the outer decks where you can watch for—or photograph—whales, birds, and other polar wildlife.

Lunch

Buffet-style lunch provides guests with a mid-day opportunity to share their morning adventures.

Unplug in the onboard library

Lose yourself in *Ocean Explorer*'s light-filled Discovery Library, or in the book-filled libraries on *Ultramarine* and *World Explorer*.



Enjoy an unforgettable off-ship Adventure Option

Choose from our robust portfolio of off-ship activities, such as sea kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding. *Ultramarine* guests can enjoy helicopter-supported excursions.

Relax and rejuvenate back on the ship

Guests on *Ultramarine* and *Ocean Explorer* can enjoy soothing treatments in Quark Expeditions' signature Tundra Spa & Sauna, while *World Explorer* guests can rejuvenate in Phytomer Spa and the heated swimming pool. Some ships feature outdoor Jacuzzis.

Attend an expert presentation

Guests on all ships can attend daily presentations by polar experts in respective theatres and presentation spaces.

Pre-dinner cocktails

Enjoy a cocktail with fellow guests while your Expedition Leader recaps the day's activities 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 main dining areas on each ship.

For details, see "Food & Drink" on page 48

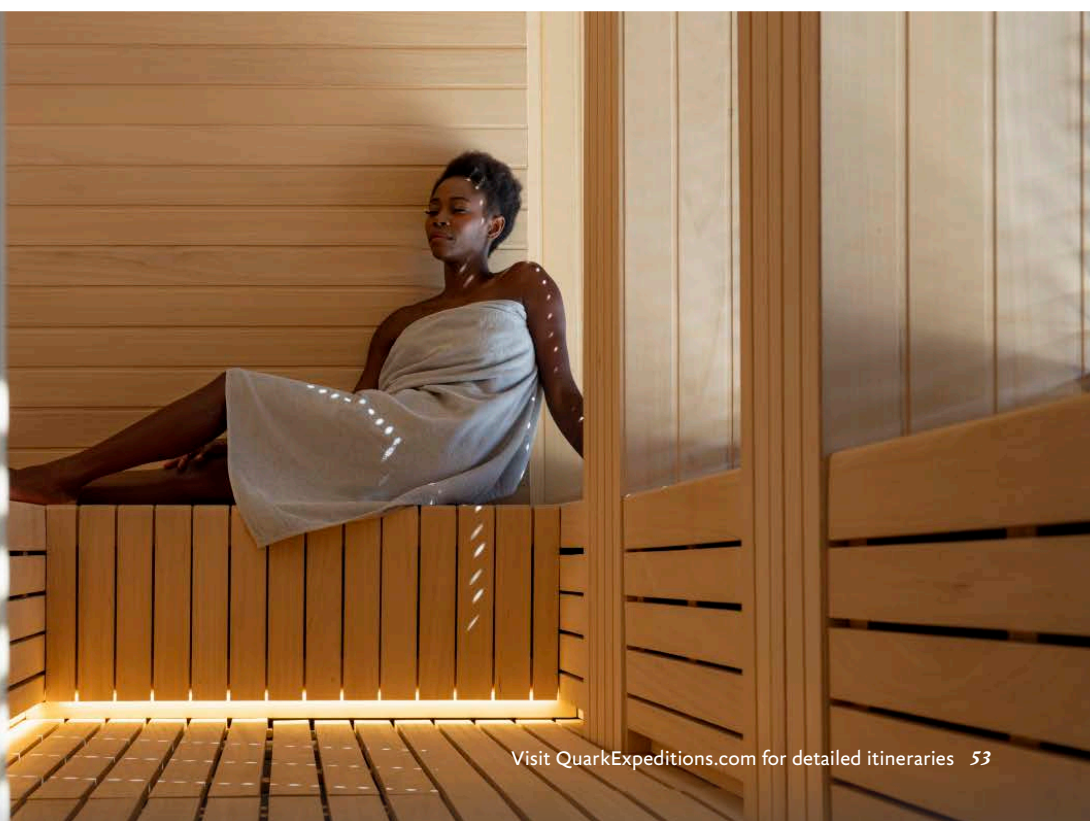


Call it a day

Wrap up your day with a drink in the one of the lounges or bars, or take in the calm, low-light at the end of the day on the outer decks.



Sauna



Sail and soar where few ever will.

Quark Expeditions maintains the most robust portfolio of adventure options in the industry—offering guests the opportunity to experience the Antarctic landscape in ways never before imagined. *Ultramarine*—with its two twin-engine helicopters and 20 quick-launching Zodiacs—is a game changer in polar adventure. Guests choose from exclusive heli-landing and Zodiac cruising to flightseeing and kayaking and more.





An expedition guide leads guests on a shore hike.



Unbeatable Helicopter Experience

We're proud to be recognized as the Leader of Heli Adventures in the Polar Regions. In fact, we have the longest-running helicopter program in the Arctic—dating back to 1991. Thanks to our innovative team, our Arctic 2025 itineraries provide guests with multiple options to enjoy helicopter-supported adventures thanks to *Ultramarine's* two twin-engine H145 helicopters which allow our team to take travelers deeper in the Arctic landscape than any other operator.

Helicopter Activities

We offer the largest portfolio of off-ship adventure options in the industry. Our helicopter-supported activities—designed to take guests beyond the polar horizons—include:



FLIGHTSEEING



**EXCLUSIVE
HELI-LANDING**

For more information on these activities, see pages 58-59



Adventure Meets Luxury

You'll enjoy superior comfort while flying over the pristine polar landscape.

- › Best-in-class window sizes for viewing and photography
- › Five out of seven guests get a window seat
- › Quiet flying experience
- › Designed for ultimate comfort.

Most Experienced Crew

Our team draws on 34 years of heli-expertise. You'll fly with:

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



Industry Leading Polar Safety

Our state-of-the-art aircrafts are equipped with the latest technology that places our helicopters among the safest in their class.

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.



Enjoy this video of off-ship adventures awaiting guests traveling on *Ultramarine*.



Choose your Off-Ship Adventure

Some off-ship activities are included in your expedition package, while others (Adventure Options) cost extra and need to be booked in advance.

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

Included Activities



Zodiac Cruising

These reinforced rubber skiffs whisk you safely from ship to shoreline and back, taking you into shallow waters the ship can't reach. Touring by Zodiac on the look-out for wildlife is an intimate and relaxing way to explore.



Walking/Hiking

Hiking in Antarctica is free-form and supervised by our staff, who set out a perimeter at each landing site within which you are free to explore. Some walking poles are available upon request; bring your own if you require them on every landing.



**On Ultramarine voyages only*



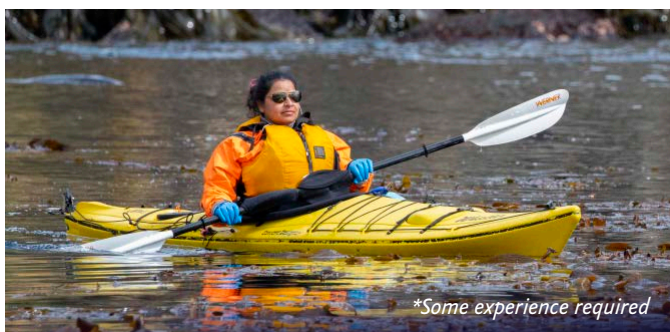
Flightseeing

Enjoying a bird's-eye view of the Antarctic—icebergs, glaciers, snow-capped peaks, ocean expanses—from the seat of a helicopter provides a unique perspective of the polar wilderness.



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.



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.



Paddling Excursion

A guided, one-time, one-hour paddle lets you enjoy the tranquil polar surroundings from an intimate perspective. Just imagine yourself gliding along on a stable, sit-on-top kayak, totally at one with the water.



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.



Camping

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



Exclusive Heli-Landing

A small group of guests (with guides) will be transported by helicopter to a polar site where you'll have time to relax and enjoy your polar surroundings, after which the helicopters will pick up guests in the same spot and return to the ship.



Guest Review: Feel Angelo's excitement as he recalls seeing the Antarctic from the sea, the land—and the sky. *Scan the QR Code.*



Sustainability Matters

Good explorers respect their environment. Great ones protect it.

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

This infographic reflects
QUARK EXPEDITIONS'
sustainability successes and goals—
celebrating our past while...

**PLANNING
FOR THE
FUTURE.**

REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Quark Expeditions continues to reduce single-use plastics on board our ships. Annually, we eliminate approximately:



320,000

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



14,000

Individual yogurt containers.



7,600

Parka bags.
Now in bundles versus individual plastic bags.

**FUN
FACTS**

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

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

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

OFF-SHIP INITIATIVES

\$500,000 USD

Our annual goal to support Polar Research and Conservation.



Quark Expeditions provides free berths to conservation and scientific organizations, giving scientists access to remote regions to further their research. In addition, our guests contribute to these organizations through our onboard auctions.

\$270,425 USD

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



From 2014 to 2018, Quark Expeditions' guests supported the Habitat Restoration project and, in 2018, South Georgia was declared rodent free. Since then, proceeds from on-board auctions have been directed to the Biosecurity Dog Programme, which is vital to the recovering of bird populations.

TRAINING THROUGH NALUNAIQSIJIT:

THE INUIT CRUISE TRAINING INITIATIVE



Through Nalunaiqsijit: The Inuit Cruise Training Initiative, Quark Expeditions hires interns to work and learn on Arctic voyages to Nunavut. Many of these participants are subsequently hired as expedition guides in the Arctic and Antarctic. The goal of this Government of Nunavut program is to equip Nunavummiut with the qualifications and certifications necessary to pursue careers in the expedition cruise industry.

BLUE MARINE FOUNDATION

Quark Expeditions, in partnership with our sister brands at Travelopia, is proud to partner with Blue Marine Foundation. This partnership focuses on preserving coastlines and marine life that restore essential ocean ecosystems critical for fighting climate change. These "blue carbon ecosystems" are vital for removing and storing carbon, protecting diverse marine life, and supporting local communities through training and employment in marine conservation.



GREEN TECHNOLOGIES FOR OUR VESSELS

BOTH SHIPS

Ultramarine and *Ocean Explorer*, are equipped with a Micro Auto Gasification System that thermally breaks down waste, reducing its volume by

UP TO 95%



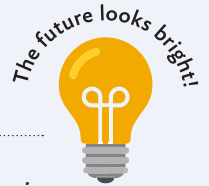
**40 DAYS
ZERO
WASTE**

These advanced waste systems mean the technologically-advanced vessel can operate for **40 DAYS** and 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*

Ultramarine is equipped with a state-of-the-art heat recovery wheel that reclaims between 70% and 80% of the energy contained in the exhaust air, significantly reducing energy consumption and enhancing overall efficiency.

REDUCING OUR CARBON EMISSIONS.

OUR GOAL

By 2025, we aim to reduce our carbon emissions by:

20%



PER PASSENGER
PER DAY

Our Polar Promise.



See what inspires
our **Polar Promise**.
Scan the QR Code.



PRINCIPLES

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

Goal: By 2025, Quark Expeditions will establish sustainable governance practices informed by leading impact assessments.



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 be zero waste to landfill. Update: as of spring 2024, we reduced emissions by 20% per passenger.



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, 5% of guests join the Polar Ambassador program, which seeks to further activate impactful environmental action following their return home.

*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*

Why travel with us?

We go to the ends of the earth to chart new adventures, so you can set foot where few ever will. As true polar pioneers, we're committed to taking you beyond the ordinary.



Guest Review: Judy loved exploring the remote Antarctic destinations with an expert team. *Scan the QR Code.*



Ultramarine navigates where larger cruise ships simply can't.



Polar is all we do

We have a deep passion and love for these regions. And with 30 years specializing in polar-only travel, we have built the best team in the business, with the deepest knowledge and know-how.



Pioneering spirit

We were the first to do it. And, even today, our team continuously strives to push the boundaries of polar travel, with industry-first innovations, the most innovative itineraries and beyond.



More exploring, on-ship and off

Whether on one of our expedition ships, in a helicopter, on a zodiac, kayak or bike, camping, hiking or immersing in a local cuisine or culture, our guides will get you closer, get you off-ship more and make your polar adventure unforgettable.



We flex for the best experiences

We want you to leave the polar regions with stories to last a lifetime. The experience of our team and our unrivaled guide-to-guest ratio means we're able to remain agile, so each day you have more unforgettable moments.

Traveling solo on a Quark Expeditions voyage.

Our voyages are especially popular with solo travelers for a variety of reasons.



Cost-savings for solo travelers

Solo travelers can take advantage of Quark Expeditions' Request-Share program, which pairs you with a cabin mate of the same gender. Neither pays the single supplement.



Intimate atmosphere and instant camaraderie

The camaraderie on our small ships is almost immediate. Our adventure guides and expert presenters are approachable, and always eager to talk about their polar expertise.



Communal spaces throughout the ship

Our small vessels are designed with comfortable public spaces to meet and mingle. Lounges, presentation theaters (some with small tables and chairs), bars, library, and viewing spaces on the deck nurture spontaneous conversations.



Off-ship adventure options

Off-ship activities are perfectly suited for connecting and "becoming best buddies" with fellow guests.



Small group ambience

With a maximum of 199 guests, you'll be on first-name basis with fellow guests and staff in no time at all.



Meals together

There is no assigned seating. Our restaurants and dining-rooms include tables for two, four, eight and larger groups. Solo travelers are always welcomed to join other guests.



Polar passion is a great connector

It's impossible to observe majestic wildlife and not turn to the guest next to you to share your excitement. The joy of being with like-minded travelers is one of the best perks for the guests.



From time to time we feature special offers for solo travelers.

Subscribe to our [newsletter](#) to find out about these special promotions, as well as updates on new products and itineraries.



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THE *Shackleton* CLUB

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- Exclusive offers and promotions
- Invitations to exclusive on-ship events
- Immediate transfer of benefits when referring a new member
- Opportunity to book your next voyage while onboard for 5% below in-market pricing
- AND MORE

Take advantage of The Shackleton Club membership benefits now.



What's included in your trip?

We're here to make your trip planning as easy and stress-free as possible so you can pack less, leave local flight bookings to us, purchase less gear in advance—and not have to worry about extra Wi-Fi or alcohol charges.

Trip Inclusions:

- › The Quark Parka, yours to keep. (See next page)
- › Access to the best people in the polar travel industry, the most experienced polar experts
- › The best educational programming led by the top specialists in their fields
- › Zodiac cruising and shore landings
- › Three delicious meals each day, plus snacks
- › Complimentary select beer, wines and select cocktails during bar service hours and dinner
- › Complimentary coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock



Inclusions continued:

- › Complimentary Wi-Fi service permitting basic Internet browsing, email, posting on social media and voice applications. (Premium packages are available for more data-intensive applications. **World Explorer* guests will receive a free 1GB data card for limited Wi-Fi access. Additional data can be purchased on the ship.)
- › The loan of waterproof neoprene muck boots—one less thing to pack
- › Taxes and port charges
- › Online photo journal post-voyage
- › Included hotels
- › Port transfers to and from vessel
- › All entrance fees to national parks, UNESCO World Heritage and other historic sites.





A Polar-Perfect Parka

(yours to keep!)

REMOVABLE,
ADJUSTABLE HOOD

3-IN-1 HOODED PARKA

Water resistant shell with removable insulating layer can be worn as a stand-alone piece for warmer polar days or your journey home.

REFLECTIVE
PATCHES

5 OUTER AND
2 INNER POCKETS
for carrying
camera accessories
and extra gear.

DROP TAIL

For added protection
when seated outdoors.

NOTES

Join us at the other end of the earth.

Once you've experienced life-changing adventures in the Antarctic, perhaps you'll want to consider equally immersive voyages in the other Polar Region, the remote Arctic. For decades, we've explored multiple Arctic destinations: Svalbard, the Wildlife Capital of the Arctic; Greenland, the domain of icebergs, polar bears, muskoxen and Viking history; and the remote, ruggedly beautiful Canadian High Arctic known for its beautiful landscapes, wildlife and Inuit culture. We recently launched voyages to Iceland and Atlantic Canada, primarily Newfoundland and Labrador.

For details on Arctic voyages, visit www.QuarkExpeditions.com



Let us tell you about the
Arctic in just 60 seconds.
Scan the QR Code.



Polar bear taking in the Arctic air.

Ways to Save



SHACKLETON CLUB LOYALTY PROGRAM

The Shackleton Club rewards all returning passengers with early access privileges, enhanced onboard experiences, and exclusive offers on future voyages.



FEATURED DEALS

Visit [QuarkExpeditions.com/Offer](https://www.QuarkExpeditions.com/Offer) for the latest in-market offers and special promotions.



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