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A message from JAMES

Dear Fellow Cruiser,

I'm delighted to introduce something very special in this edition of our **Founders** magazine: Panache Expeditions. An exciting new concept from Panache Cruises, created to bring you even closer to the most extraordinary corners of our planet.

Expedition cruising is one of the most dynamic and fast-growing areas of our industry. Purpose-built ships, state-of-the-art technology, world-class expedition teams and increasingly luxurious surroundings mean you truly can explore the edge of the map without sacrificing comfort. It's an area of cruising that is very much up and coming – and it's only getting better.

More and more travellers are seeking experiences that go beyond a classic cruise. Expedition cruises combine immersive exploration, remote destinations and wildlife encounters, and at Panache Expeditions, we partner with cruise lines who provide all of that adventure without compromising on luxury.

I've been fortunate enough to experience expedition cruising personally, but on a 'soft' scale – basically experiencing expedition ships and slightly more adventurous itineraries (for example to Alaska)

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without taking the plunge into the polar regions.

That all changes this year as I embark on an epic journey crossing the Arctic Circle aboard Scenic Eclipse this summer and a really exciting exploration of the Galapagos Islands later this year with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions. I love my luxury cruises and I can honestly say I've never been more excited about what lies ahead.

Panache Expeditions brings together our expertise, our trusted partnerships and our passion for exceptional service. This brochure will not only show you how we're evolving with the industry, but will give you insight into places and experiences you might not have previously thought about. We share our own firsthand experiences on some incredible voyages around the world and show you why we love this up-and-coming style of travel.

I truly hope you enjoy reading it.

James Cole
Founder & CEO
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Scenic Eclipse II



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Introduction to Panache Expeditions

At the heart of every great journey lies a desire to explore new places, new cultures, new tastes and so much more. If you're looking for a unique experience that is guaranteed to immerse you in the most intriguing and remote destinations in the world and pique your curiosity, Panache Expeditions is your one stop shop for adventure and exploration.

Born from the expertise of Panache Cruises – and the incredible team who have walked these paths, felt the polar winds and embraced the spirit of adventure firsthand – Panache Expeditions maintains close relationships with expedition operators to provide unique itineraries and the most exclusive prices. From the first enquiry to the final farewell, your expedition is tailored to your dreams, with a personal expert guiding you every step of the way.

Expect experiences that stir the soul. Navigate icy fjords in a Zodiac at sunrise, watch emperor penguins huddle on Antarctic shores, kayak beside ancient glaciers or spot a leopard seal's playful glide through crystal waters. You won't simply witness nature, you'll be immersed in it. These are journeys that challenge, inspire and redefine what it means to truly travel.

From the icy realms of the Arctic and Antarctica to the lush biodiversity of the Galápagos Islands and the rugged wilderness of Australia's Kimberley coast, Panache Expeditions is calling your name.

Are you ready to answer?



Seabourn Venture



Swan Hellenic in-suite dining

POLAR



Polar expeditions represent the peak of adventure travel, offering journeys into some of the most remote and extreme environments on Earth: Antarctica and the Arctic.

Whether exploring the vast icy peninsula of Antarctica or navigating the dramatic fjords of Svalbard, these voyages immerse travellers in raw wilderness defined by towering glaciers, drifting icebergs and extraordinary wildlife.

One thing is for sure; expedition cruises to the poles are not for the faint

hearted. It's not your regular cruise holiday that's for sure! Conditions in the polar regions are unpredictable and often challenging, with sub-zero temperatures, shifting weather patterns and sometimes choppy seas.

However, it is precisely this sense of rugged and raw adventure that defines a polar expedition. Keen travellers will have opportunities to see breaching whales, huge penguin colonies, glaciers calving into the ocean and (if they're lucky) polar bears roaming Arctic coastlines.

Polar expeditions are typically led by expert teams of naturalists, scientists and expedition leaders who interpret the landscape, wildlife and history of early explorers. Activities include Zodiac tours, guided hikes, photography sessions, kayaking, polar plunges (for the brave!) and visits to historic research stations.

A polar expedition is not simply a trip but an opportunity to step far beyond your comfort zone and explore the most incredible and remote destinations on the planet.

Warm water

Warm water expeditions offer the spirit of exploration alongside more favourable conditions. Often described as 'soft' expeditions, these voyages combine immersive discovery with more amiable climates in less extreme destinations than the poles, making them ideal for travellers seeking adventure without committing to the more rugged and remote polar regions.

They're a fantastic gateway to the world of expedition cruising and appeal to a wider range of travellers, often those who haven't experienced an expedition

before and want to ease themselves in gently. On a warm water expedition, travellers can expect to visit places like French Polynesia, the Kimberley, Seychelles, the Caribbean and Central America, and even as close to home as the Mediterranean!

What retains the 'expedition' element of these voyages is the level of in-depth exploration involved. Much like polar voyages, guests will have opportunities to enjoy Zodiac tours, guided hikes, cultural encounters with local communities and more.

Wildlife encounters will be slightly different – think turtles, reef sharks and tropical birds rather than penguins and polar bears! Plus more opportunities are available to take part in water-based activities such as paddleboarding, snorkelling and scuba diving.

We're here to help you discover expedition cruising. What – or where – will it be?

Antarctica

The land of extremes, Antarctica is where endless ice, jagged mountains and crystal-clear waters create a landscape unlike anywhere else on Earth.

Capture the breathtaking beauty of the region and step onto pristine shores, glide through sparkling channels dotted with majestic icebergs in a Zodiac, or trek across vast frozen landscapes. Get up close with fascinating wildlife and watch penguins waddle playfully across the ice, seals resting peacefully and whales break the icy surface next to the ship.

Each day reveals a new wonder, exploring this untouched continent by cruise lets you experience its raw, unspoiled grandeur from unique viewing points, creating memories that stay with you forever.

Exploring Antarctica is an extraordinary journey that belongs on every bucket list.



Arctic

The Arctic is a place that feels both powerful and peaceful, where vast landscapes and quiet moments stay with you long after you leave. Exploring this remote region on a luxury expedition cruise offers a front-row seat to its ever-changing scenery, from towering glaciers and drifting icebergs to wide-open seas glowing under the midnight sun.

Daily excursions bring the Arctic to life, whether you're stepping ashore to discover untouched corners of the world, gliding by Zodiac through icy channels, or kayaking alongside sculpted ice. Wildlife encounters are unforgettable and often unexpectedly close, with polar bears roaming the shoreline, whales surfacing beside the ship and seabirds filling the sky.

Travelling this inspiring region by cruise allows you to reach places few ever see, all while enjoying comfort, expert guidance and breathtaking views. It's a magical way to experience one of the world's last great wildernesses.



Galápagos

An expedition cruise through the Galápagos feels less like a holiday and more like stepping into a living classroom, one alive with wildlife, nature and history. Adventure begins the moment you step aboard. With expert guides on hand, immersive lectures introduce you to this extraordinary environment and deepen your understanding of the journey unfolding ahead. You're given the rare chance to observe unique wildlife up close: blue-footed boobies nesting just feet away, sea lions gliding past as you snorkel and vast lava fields stretching beneath an unforgiving sun. Trekking across each island being guided by experienced naturalists who bring the landscape to life and help you truly appreciate this awe-inspiring destination.

The pace is deliberate and designed for maximum adventure. Days are filled with hiking, kayaking or exploring by Zodiac and diving into clear waters for unforgettable snorkelling excursions.



Kimberley

Defined by towering sandstone cliffs, deep gorges, majestic waterfalls and rugged landscapes, the Kimberley is one of the ultimate expedition cruise destinations.

Journey through this remote region and lose yourself in the vast emptiness of the savannah, shaped by shifting tides and dominated by the thunder of the King George Falls pouring into the calm secluded shoreline.

Expect to explore by small boat through winding waterways, hike along rugged trails that reveal hidden rock art and watch the sun set in a way you've never seen before. Wildlife reveals itself in brief and enchanting moments – crocodiles gliding silently through the water, eccentric species of birds calling across spectacular cliffs and wallabies pacing in the distant. The Kimberley region awakens the senses at every turn whilst each experience plays a part in a story you'll carry forever.



Canada

Whilst Canada may not be the first place you consider when you think 'expedition cruise', any traveller worth their salt would do well to add it to their must-visit list. Framed by limestone cliffs, sweeping national parks, fjords, mountains and clusters of indigenous settlements, this vast Arctic gateway truly offers the best of all worlds.

Indeed, this frozen paradise is home to a thriving animal kingdom where opportunities for up-close wildlife encounters are innumerable. Land excursions carve a path through the domain of Arctic foxes, caribou and polar bears, whilst you'll have beluga whales, narwhals, auklets and kittiwakes as constant companions sailing the ink-black Canadian waters.

Yet, so much of this region's wealth lies in its communities, in sheltered fishing villages studding the landscape, in the famously warm Canadian hospitality. Here, you will be welcomed with open arms and taken on a journey through the folklore, cuisine and traditions at the beating heart of the land. From echoes of Franklin's lost expedition to Viking ruins and abandoned WWII defences sitting side by side, history runs through the very veins of Canada.



Alaska

Undiscovered treasures abound in Alaska, a land so vast, rugged and riddled with natural beauty that it's hard to believe it really exists in tandem with the modern world.

A land frozen in time, Alaska's heritage is firmly rooted in a complex tapestry of indigenous culture, with Sitka's totem poles and the famed Petroglyph Beach at Wrangell remaining popular activities.

Yet Alaska's pièce de résistance lies in its network of national parks, mirror-like fjords and soaring opalite glaciers all framed by clear skies and a chain of secluded inlets and coves. As tightly woven into the land as its topography is of course Alaska's wildlife. From the screech of a bald eagle swooping overhead and the splash of orcas below to lumbering bears on the hunt for their catch of the day, you'll struggle to know where to point your camera!

With storied history and awe-inspiring natural wonder in equal measure, little imagination is required to conjure visions of the Ice Age, in a land that must be seen to be believed.



Tropics

A tropical climate, endless sun-drenched days spent traversing jewel-like archipelagos and cerulean seas...is there a better backdrop than the tropics for once-in-a-lifetime exploration? We don't think so. Yet, to lump these slices of paradise together is to do them a disservice. From the lush rainforest-swathed enigmas of Papua New Guinea to the breezy romance of Mauritius and the Seychelles, each destination boasts its own unique charm.

This is truly a journey down the road less travelled, a road paved with gently smouldering volcanoes, rainbow-casting waterfalls and palm trees swaying in the breeze. Beaches in Bali, mountains in Moorea, jungles in Java—no two days look the same.

A dip beneath the waves transports you to a dynamic marine metropolis, flitting amidst vibrant coral reefs whilst up on dry land, indigenous communities are waiting to immerse you in ancient traditions and fabled myth.

Who said you had to choose between bold adventure and a balmy beach holiday? The best of both worlds can be yours with an expedition cruise to the tropics!



Europe

When you think 'Europe' you probably think leisurely strolls through blue-tiled towns. Markets in sun-drenched plazas. Aperol Spritz on the beach. You probably don't think 'expedition'.

Yet, whether you're visiting for the first time or wish to rediscover this region from a new perspective, you'll find an expedition is the way to go. Accompanied throughout by a team of experts, the history, traditions and natural wonders of Europe will spring to life in a way that is simply not comparable to an ocean cruise. No big-umbrella-in-the-air-walking-tours here—Zodiacs and kayaks make for the perfect vantage point from which to explore these tiny, off-the-beaten track ports. Here, active excursions are perfectly counter-balanced by quieter, culture-focused pursuits.

You may snorkel in azure waters one day and wander through a museum the next. You may close the curtains on a day of hiking around canyons and waterfalls and wake, ready for a private wine tasting or artisan craft workshop.

At its heart, Europe is a land of contrasts—an expedition cruise highlights this dichotomy better than anything else.



Traversing the planet's most isolated frontiers all whilst ensconced in premium comfort and style... it may sound like an unattainable cruising fantasy, but it's all in a day's work for Silversea. With fewer than 200 passengers and boasting the cutting-edge amenities, spacious suites and diverse range of eateries you'd normally find in a boutique hotel, the onboard atmosphere is the epitome of elegant, all-inclusive luxury.

Yes, with Silversea, you can leave your wallet behind. Everything is included, from butler service to dining and drinks to excursions—and with a team of world-class specialists and itineraries packed with bucket-list activities, the latter is certainly something to get excited about.

With the might of a brand globally famous for its immersive, luxurious journeys behind it, Silversea Expeditions is the perfect choice for travellers seeking that once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Applying their impressive expertise on all things small-ship luxury to the vast world of expedition cruising, an expedition with Seabourn is more than just a cruise. It's an all-inclusive, ultra-luxury safari at sea.

As you set sail aboard either Seabourn Pursuit or Seabourn Venture (each accommodating a maximum of 264 passengers), you'll be following in the footsteps of history's famed explorers. Just think of the ship as your own personal base camp—albeit a different experience than that faced by Shackleton and Franklin. Spacious accommodation, a yacht-like atmosphere, extensive spa facilities and delectable fine dining may have been out of their reach, but it's yours for the taking with Seabourn Expeditions.

Overseen by a team of knowledgeable experts, every detail has been handcrafted in pursuit of the ultimate immersive experience. From unique speciality experiences to enlightening 'Seabourn Conversations', Seabourn have hit on the winning blend of intrepid adventure and ultra-luxury.



Sleek, stylish, well-appointed and accommodating a maximum of 228 passengers (and just 200 in the polar regions) Scenic's 'Discovery Yachts' are like nothing you've seen before.

You'll wake in your spacious suite, greeting the day from your private verandah, where your butler will bring you coffee, exactly how you like it. Then, it's an unforgettable day of exploring the distant corners of the earth alongside an expert team of naturalists, historians, photographers and more before wrapping things up in your choice of world-class restaurants, recounting the day's highlights over mouthwatering cuisine with your new friends. If you have time, you may relax in the jacuzzi or try a yoga class. After all, it's all included.

Feeling intrepid? Why not explore from 9,500ft above or 65m below with an add-on submarine or helicopter? With Scenic, 'Discovery' is the name of the game.



From the Antarctic Peninsula to the North Pole, Ponant infuses every journey, suite, excursion and Michelin-star mealtime with their trademark French charm.

But they're more than just a pretty face. Ponant are leading experts in expedition cruising, boasting over three decades of polar cruising experience, a fleet which often exceeds strict environmental standards and the first (and only) luxury icebreaker on earth, Le Commandant Charcot. Indeed, Ponant take the 'discovery' part of their job very seriously, through partnerships with the Smithsonian and scientific research departments as well as local communities to get to the heart of the culture, cuisine, environment and history of each unique destination.

For highly inclusive adventure, unparalleled luxury and a tantalising je ne sais quoi, it has to be Ponant.



"Polar Obsessed Since 1991".

It's a simple motto, but one that perfectly encapsulates Quark Expeditions. In fact, they love the polar regions so much, it's the only place they go. With Quark, you can be sure of a totally immersive experience, with an array of varied excursions and more time spent ashore than any other expedition line. Zodiac safaris, kayaking, hikes, paddleboarding, bike tours, even helicopter rides when sailing aboard the purpose-built Ultramarine...if you can dream it, Quark can make it happen. A capacity of between 138 and 199 passengers, depending on the vessel, and one of the largest Expedition Teams at sea means there's no need to pick and choose—you can do as much or a little as you like.

Those taking the solo plunge are in luck, with single-occupancy cabins and an innovative 'solo matching' programme making a solo odyssey to the poles more accessible than ever.

Striking the balance between all-inclusive boutique luxury, education and adventure is no mean feat, but Swan Hellenic have nailed it.

Their innovative fleet is purpose-designed to sail where others cannot, sustainably navigating ecologically sensitive areas with ease. With no more than 192 passengers soaking in everything from sweeping decks and airy Scandinavian-inspired public spaces to Citizen Science projects and dedicated solo passenger events, every detail has been crafted with discovery and comfort in mind.

Swan Hellenic's crowning glory, however, lies in its unique itineraries, taking the idea of 'road less travelled' to an entirely new level. Yes, you'll find expedition staples like Antarctica and Svalbard, but you'll also have the opportunity to discover hidden gems, unique to Swan Hellenic's programme. Here, the world is truly your oyster.



The first expedition line to take tourists to the Galápagos, National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions is built on a background of pioneering exploration, each expedition crafted to take you into the heart of the world's most extraordinary places. What sets these expeditions apart is not only where they go, but how they go. Designed for exploration, their ships venture where others cannot, offering intimate access to remote landscapes and rare locations.

Yet beyond providing guests with extraordinary experiences, their mission is to inspire stewardship of our planet. Through thoughtful education and ethical travel, National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions inspires a greater appreciation for the planet. National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions turns every journey into an opportunity to explore, learn and connect with the world.



Atlas Ocean Voyages invites travellers to experience the world from a fresh perspective, where the journey itself becomes as remarkable as the destinations.

Every voyage is designed to immerse guests in the beauty, culture and history of the world's untouched corners. With thoughtfully curated itineraries, intimate ships and expert guides, travellers are able to connect with local communities, unique wildlife and enjoy breathtaking views.

Panoramic lounges invite guests to reflect as glaciers drift by, while stunning open decks place you at the heart of every moment. Even dining becomes part of the journey, from relaxed al fresco breakfasts to refined, chef-crafted dinners paired with exceptional wines, every detail is designed just for you, fuelling your hunger for adventure.





HX Expeditions is embedded with the spirit of discovery, boasting a fleet of five sleek expedition ships. With the largest vessel accommodating 530 passengers and the smallest just 90, these purpose-built ships provide a truly immersive experience, as capable in icy polar seas as they are in pristine tropical archipelagos.

Each voyage is brought to life by passionate expedition teams of scientists, naturalists, historians and local culture experts. These specialists lead immersive excursions, guided hikes and Zodiac tours that turn every moment into an unforgettable adventure.

Embarking on an expedition cruise with HX Expeditions ignites a passion within, you didn't know existed, as expert guides reveal hidden wonders and share deep insights. Whilst on board, life unfolds in comfort and style with intimate lounges, panoramic decks and refined dining. HX Expeditions finds a way to place you in the heart of each destination guiding you to fall in love with each individual place you visit.

Discover the untouched, experience the extraordinary and create memories that last a lifetime.



If the rugged beauty and mythology-rich history of Norway is calling your name, Hurtigruten may just be the cruise line for you.

Immerse yourself in expert-led shore excursions, such as wildlife safaris, glacier hikes, cultural visits to local communities and so much more. Onboard Hurtigruten's fleet, guests can enjoy locally inspired dining, featuring fresh Nordic seafood, regional specialties and a variety of buffet and à la carte options. Their purpose-built ships are designed for comfort and discovery, offering guests time to relax in panoramic lounges, cozy bars, saunas, hot tubs and wellness areas, alongside this lecture programmes and activities are available to enhance the expedition experience.

Whether you crave adventure, serenity, or cultural immersion, Hurtigruten pairs responsible travel with exceptional comfort making every journey unforgettable. It's an ideal choice for travellers who want authentic experiences in some of the planet's most remote corners.



Celebrity Cruises Expedition offers an elevated exploration experience for adventurous travellers who want to see the world's most breathtaking and remote destinations without sacrificing comfort or style.

Part of the acclaimed Celebrity Cruises brand, this expedition line blends luxury with rugged discovery, taking guests to the secluded splendour of the Galápagos where dramatic landscapes and unique wildlife encounters await. Onboard, state-of-the-art vessels provide spacious cabins, modern design and refined dining, ensuring a place to relax after a day of exploration.

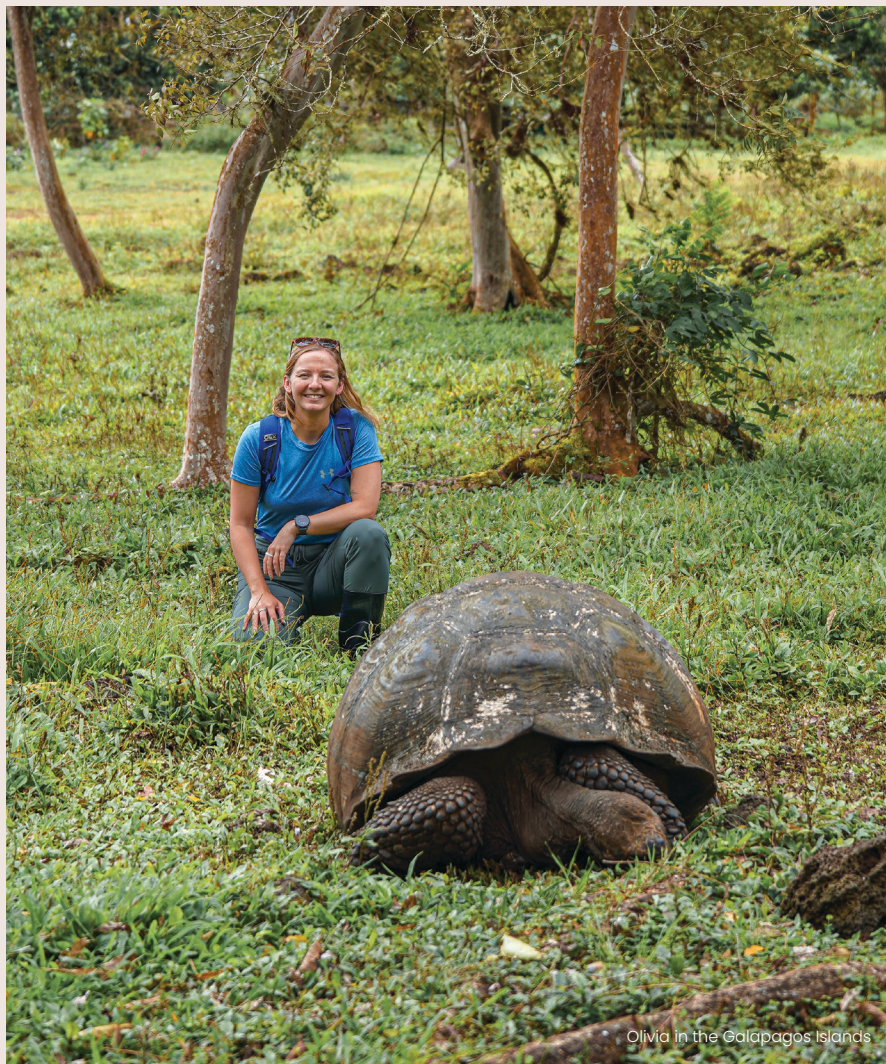
Designed for immersive exploration, Celebrity Flora is an intimate, purpose-built vessel that sails through the extraordinary Galápagos Islands. Carrying just 100 guests, Flora offers a more personalised and enriching experience, allowing travellers to connect more deeply with the islands' remarkable wildlife and landscapes. New luxury touches and enhanced inclusions elevate the journey further, ensuring an experience guests will never forget.



If you are seeking an immersive, small-ship adventure to some of the world's most remote and pristine destinations then Viking Expedition Cruises are perfect for you. Sailing aboard purpose-built vessels like the Viking Octantis and Viking Polaris, guests explore regions such as Antarctica, the Arctic and North America's Great Lakes with comfort and scientific focus.

Each ship is equipped with advanced facilities, a working science centre and a fleet of Zodiacs alongside specialty boats that allow for close-up exploration of glaciers, wildlife and rugged coastlines. Viking Expeditions emphasise discovery, sustainability and cultural understanding, offering shore landings, kayaking excursions and responsible wildlife viewing. The ships combine Scandinavian design with modern luxury, featuring panoramic lounges, Nordic-inspired spa facilities and exceptional dining. Viking's expedition programme blends adventure, education and comfort for travellers seeking meaningful exploration beyond typical cruise routes.





Olivia in the Galapagos Islands

The GALÁPAGOS islands

My recent expedition to the Galpápagos Islands with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions was truly the most incredible cruise I've ever been on. I'm now fully converted to expedition cruises and want to go on another!

I spent a full week on board National Geographic Endeavour II sailing from North Seymour Island to Isabela Island, Santa Cruz, Fernandina Island, Santiago, Rabida Island and San Cristobal. It was so immersive, the wildlife was out of this world and it felt so natural and remote - like one of the final 'untouched' places on the planet.

As soon as I stepped aboard the ship, I knew it was going to be a week to remember. It instantly felt like a home away from home, with a comfortable lounge areas where we attended presentations and enjoyed pre-dinner cocktails, a spacious restaurant with views all around (and a fantastic buffet), cosy cabins with views from the beds straight out of the window and a vast open deck up top where I spent many an evening watching the sunset.

What I loved about my experience was Lindblad Expeditions' partnership with National Geographic. They have real local experts on board with so much knowledge about the incredible landscapes, wildlife and history of the islands.

It was wonderful to see the guides - barefoot hiking across volcanic terrain - get so excited about a species of bird they rarely see or a particularly impressive marine iguana perched on a rock. Their pure joy radiated from them and made learning about the Galapagos Islands all the more important as they were more than happy to share their excitement and love for the place they call home.

My favourite wildlife experience - because I know you're all wondering! - was by far and away my up-close-and-personal encounter with giant Galapagos tortoises on Santa Cruz. It was a moment I had dreamed about since I was a child and it was a surreal and emotional experience. Equally, I didn't expect to become an avid bird watcher on this voyage, but I did! It was fascinating learning about the evolution of flightless cormorants and Galapagos penguins and seeing them in person.

If you're an outdoorsy person who has an appreciation for nature and unique travel, the Galapagos is one place you have to visit in your lifetime - and I can highly recommend a cruise with National Geographic Lindblad Expeditions!

Galápagos Roundtrip
National Geographic
Endeavour II
23 October, 2026 | 9 nights

Day 1 **Quito, Ecuador**

Fly from the UK to Quito, the highest capital city in the world. Spend a night in a hotel close to the airport ready for your flight to Baltra the next morning.

Day 2 **Galápagos Islands, Ecuador**

Fly to Baltra and spend a week aboard National Geographic Endeavour II, sailing to different islands every day - sometimes two per day! You will receive an accurate breakdown of your day to day itinerary closer to departure, once each port has been confirmed by the Galápagos authorities. This is in keeping with conservation efforts to ensure that multiple ships are not congregating in one place and damaging the environment. You are likely to visit Isabela Island, Santa Cruz and San Cristobal, and may get the opportunity to hike on Fernandina Island, see flamingoes at Rabida Island and kayak alongside Santiago Island.

Day 9 **Quito, Ecuador**

Say goodbye to the Galápagos Islands and fly back to Quito. Spend an extra night (or more if you wish) in the heart of the city and enjoy a tour of the old town, with its beautiful architecture, lively atmosphere, delicious food and the city's stunning backdrop of the Cotopaxi volcano region.



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Step aboard Le Commandant Charcot and experience a journey that redefines the meaning of exploration. Ponant's state-of-the-art polar expedition vessel accommodates a maximum of 245 passengers and perfectly combines luxury, innovation, sustainability and unparalleled comfort.

Glide through icy fjords, past towering glaciers and across pristine polar seas, observing dramatic landscapes, shifting ice formations and remote coastal terrain shaped by extreme climates and seasonal change.

Witness penguins huddling on the ice, seals basking on pristine floating ice sheets and whales breaching in the icy waters all from the comfort of elegantly designed suites with panoramic views.

Every detail onboard is crafted to enhance your connection with these extraordinary environments, from immersive educational experiences and excursions led by a team of 19-23 experts, to gourmet dining inspired by local flavours. Sailing on Le Commandant Charcot inspires adventure and helps guests create lasting memories.

Le Commandant Charcot sets the benchmark for modern polar expedition travel.



Le Commandant Charcot, Kayaking



Le Commandant Charcot



Charcot suite duplex



Nuuk (Godthaab) Roundtrip
Ponant
Le Commandant Charcot
16 April, 2027 | 12 nights

- Day 1 **Nuuk, Greenland**
Nuuk, Greenland's northernmost national capital, home to centuries of Inuit history and a vibrant mix of cultures.
- Day 4 **Kullorsuaq, Greenland**
This remote village in northern Greenland, is best known for the dramatic "Little Finger" rock formation and its resilient Inuit community.
- Day 6 **Baffin Bay, Arctic Ocean**
Located off the coast of Nunavut Canada, is an Arctic body of water between Baffin Island and Greenland, known for its sea ice, marine wildlife and dramatic polar landscapes.
- Day 7 **Siorapaluk, Greenland**
- Day 8 **Nares Strait, Arctic Ocean**
Nares Strait is the narrow Arctic channel separating Greenland and Canada's Ellesmere Island, connecting Baffin Bay to the Lincoln Sea.
- Day 9 **North Water Polynya, Arctic Ocean**
This Arctic open-water region, the North Water Polynya, has sustained Inuit hunters for centuries and remains central to traditional Arctic life.
- Day 10 **Baffin Bay, Arctic Ocean**
- Day 13 **Nuuk, Greenland**
Nuuk is spread across several islands within a fjord, framed by snow-capped mountains. Visitors are greeted by a breathtaking landscape, making it the perfect place to conclude your Arctic journey.



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This innovative ship is rated Polar Class 6, making her specially designed to navigate icy polar waters. The 'ready rooms' are a hub of excitement as guests gear up for excursions led by experienced expedition guides. With 140 crew support-

ing a maximum of 199 guests, Ultramarine offers nearly one-to-one service that ensures personalised attention both on board and during off-ship adventures.

One of the most unique features of Ultramarine is her two twin-engine helicopters. Two helidecks support flight-seeing, heli-hiking and access to remote locations unreachable by ship or Zodiac. Each guest can take a helicopter flight free of charge, offering them the extraordinary opportunity to explore polar landscapes from an entirely new perspective. These excursions, subject to local regulations and weather, deepen the sense of exploration that defines the Quark experience.

This is where adventure meets luxury. This is the Ultramarine experience.



Panache Expeditions expert Charlene Snaith has recently been to Antarctica with Quark Expeditions and had an incredible time.

"Travelling to Antarctica with Quark was the most exciting trip of my life! Seeing so much wildlife from day one was incredible. A real highlight was being out in the zodiacs in Bancroft Bay and a pod of humpback whales put on a show for us!"



Buenos Aires Roundtrip
Quark Expeditions
Ultramarine
10 March, 2028 | 11 nights

- Day 1 Buenos Aires, Argentina**
Arrive in Argentina's capital ready to begin your Antarctic adventure! Spend a few hours on a walking tour around Buenos Aires, making sure to watch a live tango show, drink Malbec and eat a delicious Argentinian steak.
- Day 2 Ushuaia, Argentina**
Welcome to 'el fin del mundo' - the end of the world! Catch an internal flight to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world and board the luxury icebreaker Ultramarine for your expedition voyage to the seventh continent.
- Day 3 Sail the Drake Passage**
- Day 5 South Shetland Islands & Antarctic Peninsula**
Spend the next five days exploring the diverse South Shetland Islands and the majestic Antarctic continent. Take zodiac excursions each day to visit penguin rookeries, scout for humpback whales, hike snowy hills, watch glaciers calve into the ocean and kayak among icebergs.
- Day 10 Sail the Drake Passage**
- Day 12 Buenos Aires, Argentina**
Disembark Ultramarine in Ushuaia and take your flight north to Buenos Aires, where you can head home or extend your stay in South America.



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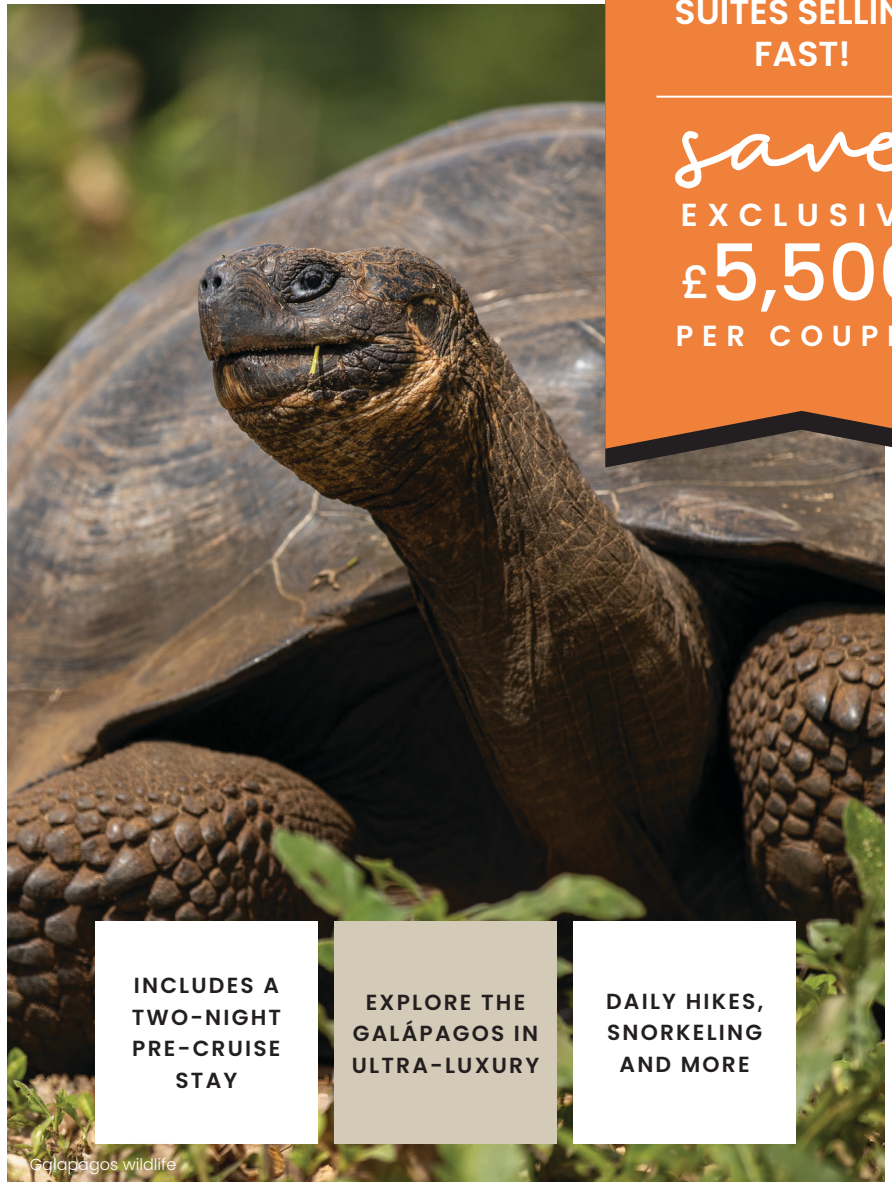
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Silversea
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- Day 1 **Roca Leon Dormido, Ecuador**
Ecuador offers diverse landscapes, wildlife and cultures, shaped by Andes mountains, volcanoes and vibrant communities across its biodiverse regions.
- Day 1 **San Cristóbal Island, Galápagos**
- Day 2 **Bartolome Island, Galápagos**
- Day 2 **Santiago Island, Galápagos**
- Day 3 **Punta Vicente Roca, Isabela Island, Galápagos**
- Day 3 **Punta Espinoza, Fernandina Island, Galápagos**
- Day 4 **Caleta Tagus, Galápagos**
- Day 4 **Elizabeth Bay, Isabela Island, Galápagos**
- Day 5 **Post Office Bay, Floreana, Galápagos**
- Day 5 **Punta Cormorant, Floreana Island, Galápagos**
- Day 6 **Los Gemelos, Santa Cruz Island, Galápagos**
- Day 6 **Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz Island, Galápagos**
- Day 7 **Dragon Hill, Santa Cruz Island, Galápagos**
- Day 7 **Isla Guy Fawkes, Galapagos**
- Day 7 **Santa Cruz Island, Galápagos**
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- Day 5 **Darwin, Northern Territory**
Enjoy a one-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Darwin before boarding Seabourn Pursuit on Day 6 for the adventure of a lifetime in Western Australia!
- Day 7 **King George River, Western Australia**
- Day 8 **Vansittart Bay, Western Australia**
- Day 9 **Ashmore Reef, Australia**
- Day 11 **Hunter River, Australia**
- Day 12 **Swift Bay, Australia**
- Day 13 **Montgomery Reef, Australia**
- Day 13 **Freshwater Cove, Australia**
- Day 14 **Talbot Bay, Western Australia**
- Day 15 **Lacepede Islands, Western Australia**
- Day 16 **Broome, Western Australia**
Disembark your cruise in the cultural, prehistoric city of Broome. Soak up your final day in Western Australia before making your way home.



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Buenos Aires to
Rio de Janeiro
Scenic | Scenic Eclipse
17 March, 2027 | 11 nights

- Day 1 **Buenos Aires, Argentina**
Buenos Aires, Argentina's vibrant capital, is known for its European-style architecture, bustling neighbourhoods and lively culinary and arts scenes along the Río de la Plata.
- Day 2 **Montevideo, Uruguay**
The city blends colonial charm with modern urban life, featuring a scenic Rambla along the coast, vibrant cultural festivals and a rich culinary and arts scene.
- Day 3 **Punta del Este, Uruguay**
- Day 6 **São Francisco do Sul, Brazil**
- Day 7 **Ilhabela, Brazil**
- Day 8 **Parati, Brazil**
- Day 9 **Abraão Beach, Ilha Grande, Brazil**
- Day 10 **Búzios, Brazil**
This seaside paradise, Búzios, is celebrated for its crystal-clear waters, picturesque streets, buzzing nightlife and sophisticated coastal charm.
- Day 11 **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**
Nestled amid lush islands and the striking Sugarloaf Mountain, Rio de Janeiro thrives as a vibrant port where history and spectacular landscapes meet. Stay the night in Rio to complete your journey before travelling home on Day 12.



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- Day 1 Luanda, Angola**
Your cruise begins in the Angolan capital, an off-the-beaten-track treasure trove of architectural marvels, including Gustave Eiffel's Iron Palace, the Presidential Palace, the São Miguel Fortress and more!
- Day 3 Namibe, Angola**
The gateway to the arid Namib Desert, Namibe is a vibrant blend of colonial architecture, surreal landscapes and a distinct Portuguese influence.
- Day 4 Baía dos Tigres, Angola**
A 'ghost island' off the coast of Angola, this tiny islet has picturesque beaches, azure seas and eerily deserted towns and buildings.
- Day 6 Walvis Bay, Namibia**
We'd recommend seeing the dramatic landscapes and teeming wildlife of Namibia's second-largest city from a unique perspective—why not try a jeep safari or desert hot air balloon ride?
- Day 8 Lüderitz, Namibia**
Boasting a unique West African-German culture, Lüderitz blends Art Nouveau architecture with natural beauty and warm hospitality.
- Day 10 Langebaan, South Africa**
- Day 11 Cape Town, South Africa**
Your once-in-a-lifetime African cruise ends in Cape Town, a buzzing, multicultural hub boasting rich political history, idyllic beaches and world-class seafood cuisine.



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Rome to Dubrovnik
 Atlas Ocean Voyages
 World Traveller
 9 September, 2026 | 6 nights

Day 1 Rome, Italy

Your cruise begins in the Eternal City, where the world's most lauded history, mythology and art converge. From the iconic Colosseum to the gleaming Vatican City to the secrets of the Roman Forum, wonders await around every corner here.

Day 2 Capri, Italy

The Bay of Naples is studded with island gems, but Capri is the jewel in the crown. Bask in the otherworldly glow of the Grotta Azzurra, marvel at the Arco Naturale or simply soak in the ambience of the chic, whitewashed streets.

Day 3 Lipari, Italy

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Lipari – the largest of the volcanic Aeolian Islands – is thankfully eruption free today. Instead, enjoy thermal springs, archaeological wonders and hikes through the dramatic topography.

Day 5 Corfu, Greece

Day 6 Kotor, Montenegro

Lively markets, labyrinthine streets, churches and museums abound within this fortified town, whilst the more adventurous traveller may opt for a cliffside hike or Blue Cave boat trip.

Day 7 Dubrovnik, Croatia

Disembark in Dubrovnik. Fantastical architecture and cinematic significance mean the walled city has become of the Mediterranean's most iconic vistas.



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In Depth Antarctica Falklands
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HX Expeditions | MS Fram
6 November, 2026 | 22 nights

Day 1 Santiago, Chile

The colonial-era architecture, bustling markets and mouthwatering cuisine of Chile's vibrant capital is the perfect way to kick off the trip of a lifetime.

Day 2 Punta Arenas, Chile

Fly to Punta Arenas, where MS Fram awaits. Once aboard, take the time to settle in, explore and get to know your Expedition Team.

Day 4-6 Falkland Islands

There's something for everyone here, from wildlife-watching excursions in penguin and albatross colonies to immersive journeys through historical sites like the Dockyard Museum and Christ Church Cathedral.

Day 9-13 South Georgia

Nicknamed the 'Serengeti of the Southern Ocean', South Georgia offers the ultimate Antarctic safari. As well as seal and penguin colonies, there are enough skuas, petrels and terns to please any ornithophile.

Day 16 Antarctic Sound

Day 17-19 South Shetland Islands

Enjoy kayaking around icebergs, snowshoeing across snowy plains and participating in Citizen Science projects.

Day 21 Puerto Williams, Chile

Day 23 Punta Arenas, Chile
Your expedition cruise concludes in Chile's southernmost point, where you'll catch a flight back to Santiago.



South Georgia wildlife

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Tromsø Roundtrip
Hurtigruten
MS Trollfjord
11 January, 2028 | 8 nights

- Day 1 Tromsø, Norway**
Almost every traveller who has ever ventured to the northern edge of the earth has visited Tromsø—now it's your turn.
- Day 2 Narvik, Norway**
Arctic splendour meets fabled history in Narvik, a town encased in mirror-like fjords and snow-capped peaks. For the best views of Narvik's blue-hued skyline, ride the cable car to the top of the mountain..
- Day 3 Svolvær, Norway**
Today, you'll meander around the Lofoten Islands, enjoying warm hospitality in quaint fishing villages, before sailing to Stokmarknes, the birthplace of Hurtigruten.
- Day 4 Harstad, Norway**
Once the beating heart of Viking culture, this town is still heavily influenced by its maritime heritage. An array of cosy shops and eateries look out over the fishing vessel-studded harbour, where several trade routes converge.
- Day 5 Alta, Norway**
Ready for an adventure? You're in the right place, with activities like dog sledding, snowmobiling and whale watching on the agenda.
- Day 7 Honningsvåg, Norway**
- Day 8 Tromsø, Norway**
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Milwaukee Roundtrip
Viking Expeditions
Viking Polaris
13 May, 2027 | 9 nights

- Day 1 **Milwaukee, Wisconsin**
Viking Polaris awaits in Milwaukee, an up-and-coming city where the art, culture and history scene is thriving.
- Day 2 **Mackinac Island, Michigan**
Boasting cobbled streets, horse-drawn carriages, historical architecture and a vast, untouched State Park, Mackinac is a land frozen in time, a real Great Lakes highlight.
- Day 3 **Killarney, Ontario**
- Day 4 **Frazer Bay, Ontario**
A UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Frazer Bay's crowning glory is its 600ft hill, offering breathtaking views of pink granite cliffs and the world's largest freshwater lake.
- Day 5 **Fathom Five National Marine Park, Ontario**
- Day 6 **The Benjamin Islands, North Channel**
- Day 7 **Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan**
- Day 8 **Door Peninsula**
- Day 9 **Chicago, Illinois**
Culture abounds in the Windy City, with its museum and gallery-lined streets, electric skyline, smooth jazz music, and of course, pizza.
- Day 10 **Milwaukee, Wisconsin**
Disembark and either journey home or join a post-cruise extension.



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Expedition cruising has rapidly evolved from a niche travel style into one of the most dynamic and influential sectors shaping the future of the cruise industry. Today's travellers are looking for more than just a holiday, craving adventure and immersive experiences in more remote and less visited places.

The answer to this in the cruise industry is expedition cruising. Voyages which take guests to untouched wilderness like Antarctica, the Galápagos Islands, remote regions of the Arctic and Australia's lesser-known Kimberley region. Expeditions to these regions allow keen travellers to tick off significant bucket lists experiences: stepping onto the Antarctic ice, witnessing Arctic wildlife up close, snorkelling untouched coral reefs or meeting remote Indigenous communities.

Not only is the desire for adventure a huge factor in the exponential growth of the expedition cruise industry, but so is the approach to sustainability and protection of the environment. With hybrid powered propulsion, advanced wastewater systems, reduction of onboard plastics and energy-efficient hull designs, many expedition vessels are showcasing the most impressive innovation of the industry in minimising environmental

impact, allowing guests to visit the most untouched corners of the globe whilst preserving them for future generations. Onboard citizen science programmes and educational lectures are increasingly allowing guests to actively participate in conservation efforts and learn about the importance of responsible exploration in delicate ecosystems.

Ultimately, the blend of sophistication and discovery hits that sweet spot when it comes to choosing the next holiday. Expedition cruises appeal more and more to time-rich, experience-led travellers who value both onboard luxury and exclusivity, as well as destination immersion and authenticity.

There's no more choosing between intrepid exploration of a fascinating new destination or lapping up the luxury of elegant suites and fine dining. In this new era of travel, you can have both.



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OF CRUISING



Expedition CRUISE INDEX

There's a lot of expedition jargon flying around in this brochure, so if you've been left a little befuddled by the different types of landings, abbreviations and wildlife terms, let us clarify them for you.



Breaching	When a whale jumps or propels itself partly out of the water.
Calving	When ice breaks off a glacier into the sea.
Charter Flight	A privately arranged flight used to access remote embarkation points or bypass challenging sea crossings, where applicable.
Drake Passage	The ocean crossing between South America and Antarctica, where seas may be calm – known as the “Drake Lake” – or more energetic, referred to as the “Drake Shake.”
Dry Landing	A shore landing where guests step directly onto solid ground from the Zodiac, usually assisted by expedition staff.
Educational Programme	A series of expert talks, briefings and presentations delivered onboard to deepen understanding of the destination, wildlife and environmental context.
Expedition Briefing	A daily meeting led by the expedition team outlining plans, weather conditions, wildlife considerations and safety guidance for upcoming excursions.
Expedition Team	A group of naturalists, scientists, historians and wildlife experts who guide excursions, deliver onboard lectures and enhance every aspect of the journey.
IAATO	International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators; sets the rules and regulations for expedition cruises in Antarctica.
Ice Class / Polar Class	The rating of a vessel which shows how well a ship is built to navigate ice.
Ice floe	A sheet of floating ice.
Polar Plunge	A supervised, optional dip into polar waters – a memorable rite of passage for some expedition travellers.
Polar Regions	High-latitude destinations including Antarctica, the Arctic, Greenland, Svalbard and the Canadian Arctic, known for extreme environments and extraordinary wildlife.
Purpose-Built Expedition Ship	A vessel specifically designed for remote exploration, featuring reinforced hulls, shallow drafts, advanced navigation systems and expedition equipment storage.
Shore Landing	A guided disembarkation from ship to land, typically via Zodiac, allowing guests to explore remote beaches, ice fields, historic sites or wildlife habitats.
Stabilisers	Fins (and GPS propulsion sensors) used to reduce the ship’s roll in rough seas.
Wet Landing	A shore landing where guests step into shallow water before reaching land, commonly used on beaches. Waterproof boots are provided where required.
Zodiac	A small, inflatable expedition boat used for shore landings and coastal exploration in remote regions.

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