

Made for Great *Group Adventures*



SMALL SHIP EXPEDITIONS
Antarctica, The Arctic, & Beyond

We live for those incredible moments of *discovery*

Aurora Expeditions is an award winning, Australian owned adventure company, pioneering small-ship expeditions for over 30 years. We are 100% Carbon Neutral, and we travel respectfully and responsibly to the places we visit, treading as lightly as possible. We are committed to persevering the beauty and majesty that mother nature possesses, and we take real action to care for the planet.

Founded on the guiding principles of adventure and endless exploration the small ship experience is intimate and friendly, and Aurora takes expeditioners on perspective-altering voyages to some of the most remote and incredible places on earth.

Come explore the wild and unexpected. Ignite your curiosity, keen sense of adventure, passion and care for the natural world on a trip of a lifetime to Antarctica, the Arctic and beyond with us. And enjoy our informal style and experiential approach to expedition cruising which is delivered by our highly skilled expedition leaders and their teams.

"I believe you have set the bar for expedition cruising"

(Travelled to Antarctica in 2022)

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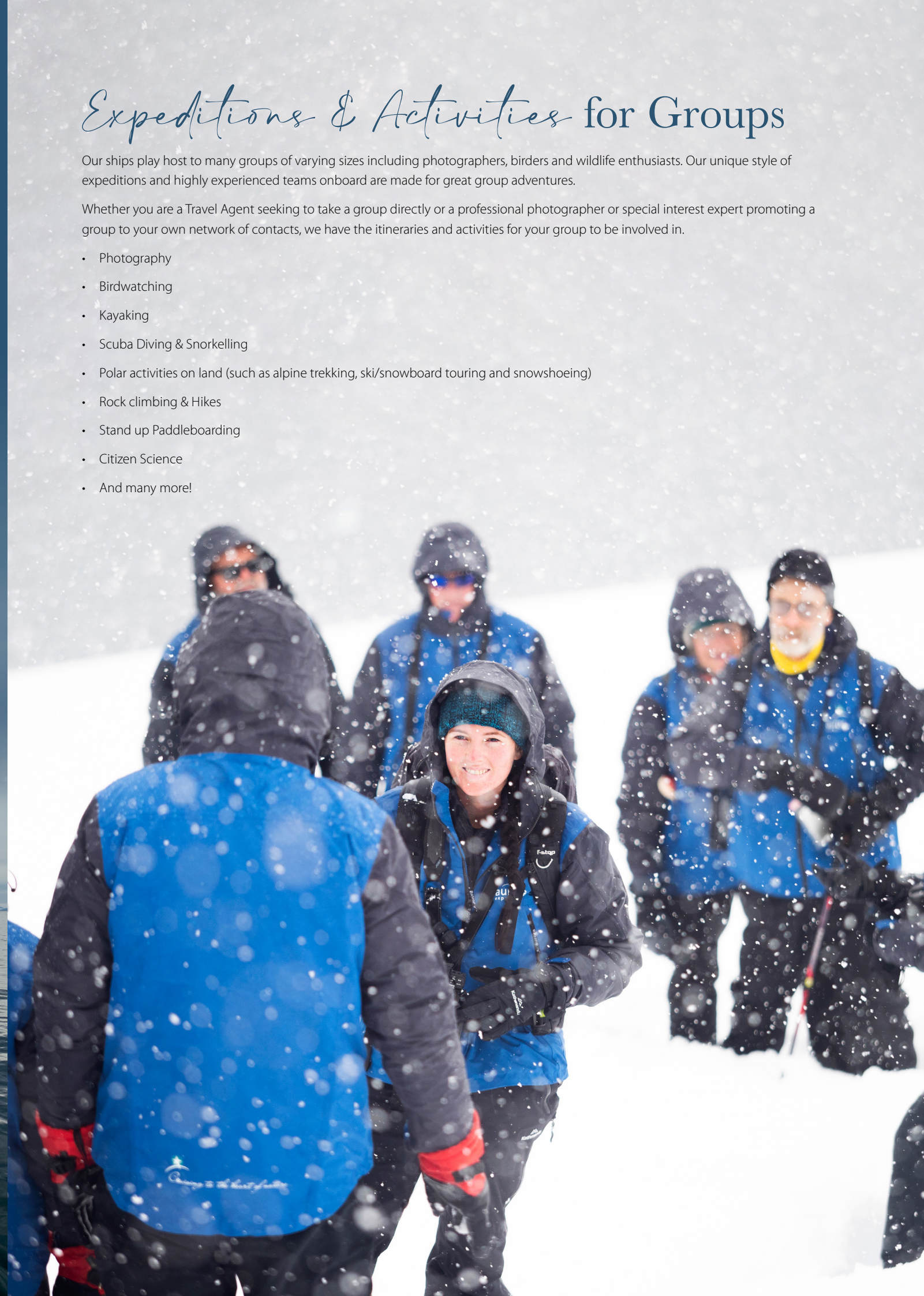


Expeditions & Activities for Groups

Our ships play host to many groups of varying sizes including photographers, birders and wildlife enthusiasts. Our unique style of expeditions and highly experienced teams onboard are made for great group adventures.

Whether you are a Travel Agent seeking to take a group directly or a professional photographer or special interest expert promoting a group to your own network of contacts, we have the itineraries and activities for your group to be involved in.

- Photography
- Birdwatching
- Kayaking
- Scuba Diving & Snorkelling
- Polar activities on land (such as alpine trekking, ski/snowboard touring and snowshoeing)
- Rock climbing & Hikes
- Stand up Paddleboarding
- Citizen Science
- And many more!



Designed for *Discovery*

Our purpose-built expedition ships, the *Greg Mortimer* and the *Sylvia Earle*, are 100% Carbon Neutral and utilise the latest advancements in naval design and technology that truly revolutionise the small-ship expedition experience. The Ulstein X-BOW® hull makes sailing smoother and faster, and onshore exploration is made easier with four sea-level Zodiac-loading platforms, a mud room, and an activity preparation area. We are fully equipped for adventure and comfortable living, and we carry just 120–130 expeditioners. Our small ships give us the flexibility so that we can take advantage of unexpected wildlife encounters and get even closer to nature.



Designed for Active Expeditions

Whether you're diving, climbing, snowshoeing, or paddling, our uniquely designed activity preparation area and sea kayak launch platform make it easier to be adventure ready.



Designed for Remote Areas

Our ships are designed to take you to some of the most remote and spectacular places on the planet. With cutting-edge nautical technology, our vessels are robust, powerful, and offer world-class safety.



Designed for Comfort

Our cabins are beautifully appointed taking inspiration from nature and feature heated floors for maximum comfort. Choose from a range of configurations and features, including twin and double-bed options, private balconies, and interconnecting staterooms.

Designed to put you *in the action*

Aurora voyages are all about exploration to the maximum. Our fleet of Zodiacs (durable inflatable boats) makes it easy to reach shore where ships are unable to dock, plus provide unique exploration opportunities - exploring rocky coves and spectacular glaciers, discovering secluded bays and searching for wildlife in hard-to-reach places.

We aim for multiple excursions and landings per day to maximise your time on shore to explore your own way in a wide range of included activities. Our Expedition Team is on hand to enrich your experience with knowledge and insights of these remarkable places.



Unforgettable *Destinations*

For over 30 years we have been exploring endlessly. Here are some of the incredible destinations that we can take you to explore and engage with whatever captures your curiosity.



Antarctica & Subantarctic Islands

Antarctic Peninsula | Antarctic Circle | Falklands~Malvinas | South Georgia | South Sandwich Islands

Nothing can quite prepare you for the feeling of stepping onto Antarctic ice for the first time. Gaze into the iridescent blue heart of an iceberg, feel the thrill of watching a leopard seal on the hunt, or sit quietly on a beach and be entranced by a chorus of penguin calls.



The Arctic

Iceland | Jan Mayen | Svalbard | Greenland | Canadian Arctic

Our purpose-built expedition ships take you into the Arctic's heart, where wildlife thrives in nutrient-rich waters, across vast tundra and along migratory flight paths. Zodiac-cruise beneath immense cliffs that echo with a cacophony of bird calls, and drift silently amidst pack ice while watching for seals, whales, and walrus.



British Isles

Ireland | Scotland | England | Wales

Scattered across the North Atlantic are 5,000 small islands and the two large islands of Great Britain and Ireland – collectively known as the British Isles. Remote and wild, marvel at the rugged and surreal natural beauty of the islands that can only be experienced by sea.



Latin America

Panama | Costa Rica

Discover remarkable white-sand beaches and tropical rainforests in Costa Rica, home to an incredible diversity of wildlife. Or explore Baja California, a peninsula of dry coastal desert surrounded by some of earth's most biodiverse marine ecosystems.



Islands of the Atlantic

Cape Verde | Canary Islands | The Azores

Embark on an unforgettable expedition to explore the dramatic features of Cape Verde, the Canary Islands and the Azores – renowned for their exceptional biodiversity.

Photography

Every minute of every destination we explore provides extraordinary photo opportunities - there are so many incredible moments to capture and so much to shoot.

We have award-winning professional photographers on board every voyage to inspire, guide and assist expeditioners. Every expeditioner from smartphone user to semi-professional shooter can benefit from our experts' deep professional knowledge – picking up tips, learning new skills and taking some awe-inspiring photos.

Our photographers love to share their skills with photo enthusiasts of all levels and they also offer informative onboard presentations and supportive tips, so expeditioners will be taking snaps of extraordinary moments in no time.

The places that we travel to are exceptional for photography, and our adventures are great for groups. Hear from photographers who have organised groups with us before:

“There will be opportunities to spend time with myself and all the amazing professional photographers throughout the voyage, whilst making landings, Zodiac cruising and open theatre presentations whilst onboard the ship. We will have a full schedule of tutorials, inspirational talks and editing sessions for the full voyage. We will get the chance to land every day and photograph the landscape and wildlife up close.”

NIGEL DANSON - UK Landscape Photographer and YouTube Creator

“What I love about expedition photography is that it allows me to combine my pursuit of images with a fantastic travel experience to many of the most remote, beautiful and challenging environments on the planet. The continually changing land, sky and seascapes seen from the ship, and the close up encounters with icebergs and wildlife afforded by Zodiac cruises and beach landings, present endless opportunities for capturing a diverse range of great images. I also love that I don't have to pack my bags to move on to the next destination, the ship takes care of that.”

RICHARD I'ANSON - Award-winning Canon Master, World Nomads Mentor, and Australian Himalayan Foundation Ambassador



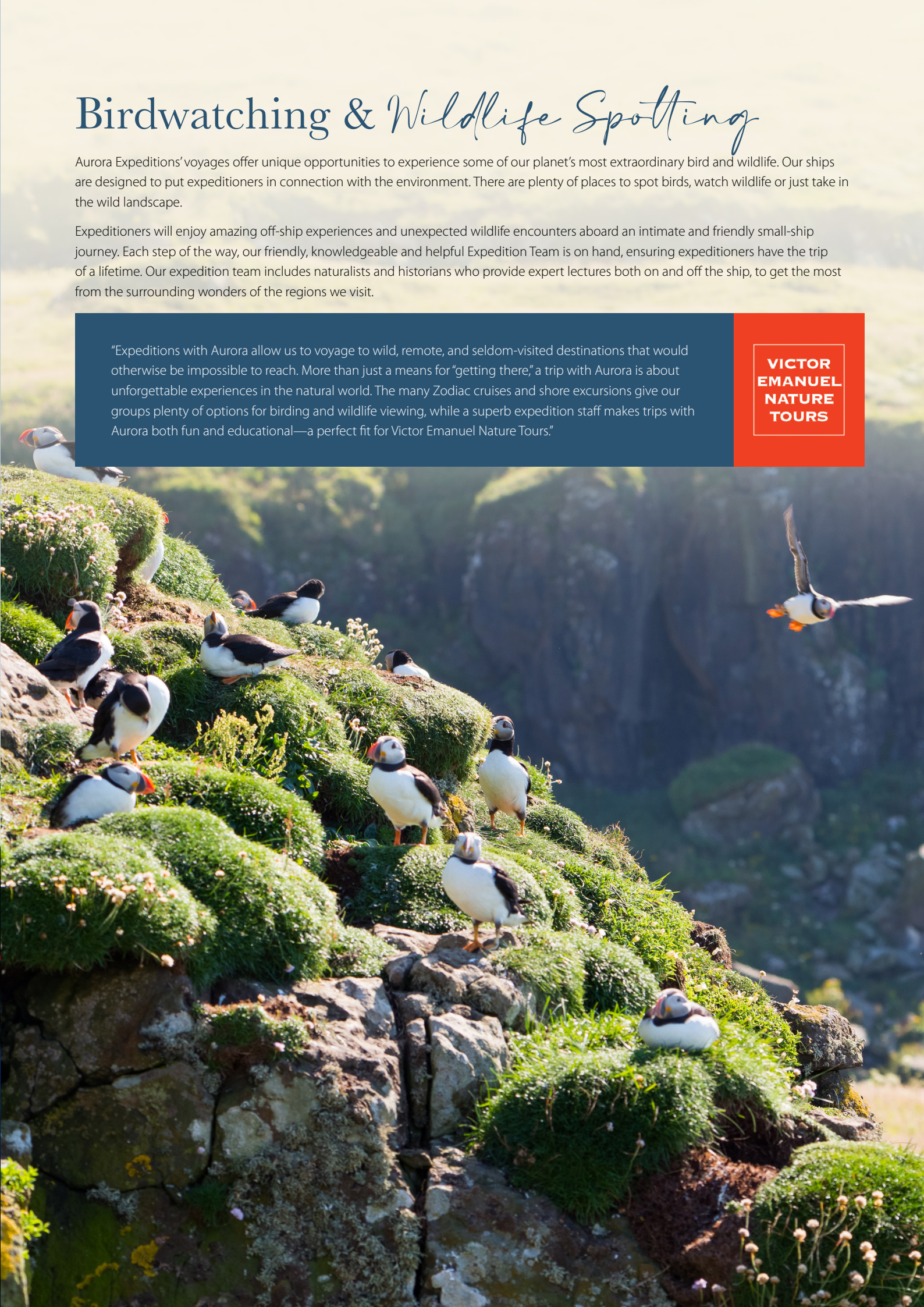
Birdwatching & Wildlife Spotting

Aurora Expeditions' voyages offer unique opportunities to experience some of our planet's most extraordinary bird and wildlife. Our ships are designed to put expeditioners in connection with the environment. There are plenty of places to spot birds, watch wildlife or just take in the wild landscape.

Expeditioners will enjoy amazing off-ship experiences and unexpected wildlife encounters aboard an intimate and friendly small-ship journey. Each step of the way, our friendly, knowledgeable and helpful Expedition Team is on hand, ensuring expeditioners have the trip of a lifetime. Our expedition team includes naturalists and historians who provide expert lectures both on and off the ship, to get the most from the surrounding wonders of the regions we visit.

“Expeditions with Aurora allow us to voyage to wild, remote, and seldom-visited destinations that would otherwise be impossible to reach. More than just a means for “getting there,” a trip with Aurora is about unforgettable experiences in the natural world. The many Zodiac cruises and shore excursions give our groups plenty of options for birding and wildlife viewing, while a superb expedition staff makes trips with Aurora both fun and educational—a perfect fit for Victor Emanuel Nature Tours.”

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Kayaking

Kayaking is truly one of the most exhilarating ways to experience Antarctica, the Arctic or any of our global voyages. Paddle between brash ice and icebergs of all shapes and sizes, skim past penguin rookeries or under soaring bird cliffs, or drift quietly while watching wildlife unobtrusively, absorbing the majestic scenery.

Led by experienced guides, our expeditioners will get up close to nature, with intimate access to the most beautiful coastlines. The aim is to see as much as possible! We paddle anywhere between 5 to 15 kilometres (2 to 4 hours) per outing, sometimes taking a snack and a flask of hot chocolate to enjoy on our excursion.

Each small group of kayakers will have their own intimate exploration of the small hidden bays and coasts that may be inaccessible to the Zodiacs and will also make time for their own shore excursions and wildlife encounters.



Snorkelling & Scuba Diving

Get into the water. Through crystal clear waters expeditioners will discover the amazing mobility and speed of penguins entering and exiting from the ice, marvel at beautiful sculpted icebergs below the water and witness marine life such as crustaceans, isopods, starfish and nudibranchs!



Snorkelling

With a longstanding tradition of pushing the boundaries, Aurora Expeditions launched our Antarctic snorkelling adventures in 2014. This unique experience will allow expeditioners to see both destinations in a completely new dimension, witnessing wildlife and scenery unlike any other place on earth.

This activity option is open to anyone - if you can swim (competently), you will be able to participate in the snorkelling program. Led by our expert polar diving guides, expeditioners will be provided with all of the training and equipment they need to experience our polar destinations from this truly unique angle.

Expeditioners who take part will enjoy the opportunity to snorkel daily (weather dependent), taking delight in sheltered bays, off shore islands and secluded ship wrecks which make for spectacular wildlife viewing.



Scuba Diving

In 1998, Aurora Expeditions offered the world-first commercial dive trip to Antarctica, and we've built on our polar experience ever since. In Antarctica and the Arctic, we bring expeditioners the exciting and unique chance to get a closer look at the amazing marine life of our polar regions.

With numerous diving opportunities on our expeditions, no two days will be alike. Available in our polar, temperate and tropical regions, a truly inspiring and unforgettable experience awaits.

Our team of experienced dive guides have over 20 years' diving experience and provide divers with detailed briefings and best practice procedures to ensure a safe diving experience.



Polar Activities On Land



Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing makes walking up gentle slopes and across Antarctica's soft, powdery snow a breeze, allowing expeditioners to explore places others struggle to reach in boots alone. Armed with their very own set of snowshoes and ski poles, expeditioners will be led by our expert guides who will provide all the necessary instructions. Snowshoeing is an excellent way to ascend to some of Antarctica's best vantage points, stretch the legs and take in the most spectacular scenery on the planet. Snowshoeing is the perfect activity for everyone, with no previous experience required.



Ski/Snowboard Touring

Ski/Snowboard Touring offers keen adventurers a chance to take on some of the world's most incredible slopes. Experienced participants will have the chance to enjoy day-trips to traverse across remote, snow-capped peaks to descend into pristine bays filled with floating bergs, penguin rookeries or even a breaching whale! Those interested in a multi-day ski adventure can opt to attempt Shackleton's route across South Georgia. From alpine bowls and crevassed glaciers, to long open slopes, join us to summit and ski a range of Antarctic landscapes, venturing to some amazing wild and remote corners.



Alpine Trekking & Climbing

At the forefront of climbing exploration in the Antarctic Peninsula, Aurora Expeditions and our experienced guides have been leading trips to this remote climbing location for well over a decade. Having forged new routes on many of the continent's magnificent peaks, we return year after year to share this spectacular continent and its climbing experiences with our expeditioners. From ascents of alpine peaks to ice climbing, our program aims to give participants a taste of the region's fantastic climbing opportunities. During the voyage we offer climbs for the moderately fit, from easy ascents to more technical routes, ranging from 4 to 10 hours. Previous experience with crampons and ice axe is necessary



More Activities

From camping out on the ice to retracing Shackleton's Crossing, we offer many specialised and unique experiences on our voyages.



Shackleton's Crossing

Since March 2001, Aurora Expeditions have offered the chance for a small band of adventurous souls to attempt to repeat the epic 1916 crossing of Sir Ernest Shackleton, Frank Worsley and Tom Crean, and trek for up to three days across South Georgia from King Haakon Bay to Stromness.



Rock Climbing

Few people are fortunate to visit some of the wild and remote places that we go to, and even fewer of those adventurers have the opportunity to tackle big wall playgrounds. Expeditioners might scale sheer granite cliffs and glacial remnants or dramatic stacks of columned cliffs. In small groups, expeditioners will be escorted by some of the world's most experienced guides with at least two guides for every 4-5 climbers per group.



Camping on the Ice

One of our most popular activities, camping offers the unique opportunity to roll out a sleeping mat and wriggle into a thermal sleeping bag for a night out on the ice – no camping experience necessary! A once in a lifetime opportunity, expeditioners will witness the stunning beauty of the Antarctic night sky, as well as the sounds of ice cracking in the distance and wildlife carrying on their busy schedule around them.

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Stand-Up Paddleboarding

We offer small, guided, intimate groups a chance to take SUP paddling to the next level. Weather permitting, we will offer daily outings with a support Zodiac. Each group of three to eight paddlers generally visit the same wildlife or historic sites as our fellow expeditioners, however our smaller craft and manoeuvrability often means that we also have the opportunity to access areas that are often not accessible by Zodiacs.





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