

## ARCTIC & ANTARCTIC

Expedition Micro Cruises
Private Expeditions
Photo Tours



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Small Ship Expedition Secret Atlas





As you leaf through this brochure, you have taken the first step to embarking on the adventure of a lifetime.

Your journey may take you to the realm of the Polar bear, nestled within a pristine Arctic wilderness and home to 2,000 glaciers.

Perhaps your inner atlas is pointing you to one of the most remote islands on the planet with some of the largest quantities of wildlife on Earth, normally only seen in nature documentaries.

Maybe you dream of stepping ashore on the frozen 7th continent and witnessing the wildlife and places early explorers set up their camps.

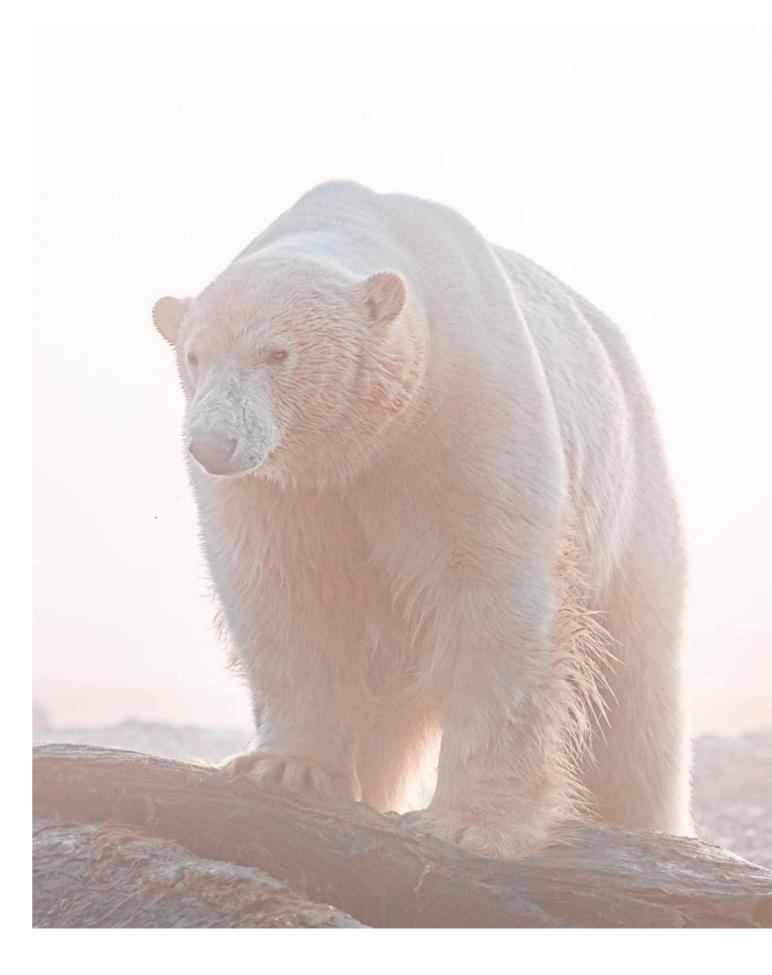
Whatever your ambition is as an explorer, as you delve into Secret Atlas you will notice one big difference.

Our trips are made for explorers and that is why we take the smallest group sizes available in Svalbard, Greenland, Antarctica and South Georgia.

Are you ready to go exploring?

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## The Secret Atlas experience.



#### Real expedition ships that offer authentic experiences

As the new ships become larger and focus on luxury rather than the expedition itself, we feel a large part of the experience is lost.

Our vessels are built for purpose ice strengthened expedition vessels that offer a good level of comfort whilst delivering outstanding small group expeditions on every voyage.

#### WHY SECRET ATLAS?

- The smallest group sizes in the Arctic and Antarctic
- Authentic expedition vessels
- Passionate Guides
- Flexible approach to exploring
- Access all areas
- No waiting time



#### Access all areas.

A great advantage of a small expedition vessel is that we can access places larger vessels can't reach. In certain destinations such as South Georgia some landing sites are restricted for groups of over 50, and with our vessel we can visit them all. Our ships all have an open bridge policy so you can enjoy the experience of observing the ship during navigation.



#### Passionate Guides that want to take you exploring.

The beauty of a small group expedition is that you get to participate in the exploration.

Our trips are led by passionate expedition leaders and guides that want to share their passion and knowledge of the places we visit. We offer the best guide to guest ratio in the industry with 1:6 on our 12 Guest Expedition Micro cruises.



#### Unhurried time ashore.

The larger the group the more hurried the experience is ashore. Large ships run their shore landings like military operations with guests being herded along the shore and back again. That is not the way we believe the wilderness should be appreciated.

On all our tours we offer maximum time ashore to appreciate the places we are visiting in the company of a small group.



#### We offer the smallest groups sizes available.

Our Secret ingredient to the perfect expedition experience is keeping our group sizes as small as possible. It offers our expeditions far greater flexibility and it offers our guests a far richer experience than visiting the wilderness in groups of 100+ other people. From just 12 guests per voyage in Svalbard and Greenland to 48 guests per voyage in South Georgia and Antarctica, we offer the smallest group sizes available in the polar regions.



## We can accommodate all our guests in the Zodiacs at the same time.

We love taking all our guests exploring in the Zodiacs at the same time and this is something you will not find on a larger ship. Our time to launch the zodiacs is minimal and our efficiency means our guests get to see and experience more. Our waiting time to go ashore is minimal and their is no waiting for your group to be called as we all go together.

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# The Authentic Way to Experience the Polar Regions.

#### DURING OUR TOURS

- we educate explorers on the fragility of the environment.
- we educate explorers on what they can do to help protect the environment.
- we collect any litter we find on remote beaches.

# Real expedition ships that offer authentic experiences. As interest in the polar regions increases, so does the size of the cruise ships visiting its waters with some cruise ships now carrying over 300 passengers. We feel the best way to witness and

300 passengers. We feel the best way to witness and to protect the fragile environment of the polar regions is by travelling in small, sustainable group sizes.

This is why we've created our Expedition Micro Cruises and Explorer Small Ship cruises with only 12 - 48 guests per voyage.

Travelling in a small group is a unique and intimate experience, allowing you the time to fully immerse yourself in ways impossible to achieve in a larger group. Take a moment to appreciate the silence of the Arctic in Svalbard or the sound of 450,000 King Penguins in South Georgia.

On all our vessels there is enough room for our explorers in the Zodiacs, so you'll never wait to go ashore.

On the shore, you will be in a small group allowing you the chance to connect with the outstanding nature. in a small group allowing you the chance to connect with the outstanding nature.



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## Svalbard. Europe's last great wilderness.



HOW TO GET THERE

Our Svalbard cruises depart from Longyearbyen, which is easily accessible via daily flights from Oslo in Norway. Oslo is well connected internationally. Experience the beauty of Svalbard on a small group expedition, where you will encounter calving glaciers, unlimited pristine Arctic scenery, and an abundance of polar wildlife.

Because it's a Secret Atlas adventure, you will journey intimately on MV Kinfish, MV Explorer or MV Origo with a group just 12 other explorers. In 2023, we're offering a choice of exciting cruises to best fit your schedule, varying between 8 and 14 days in length, including two guided photo expeditions. On lucky days, we spot polar bears!

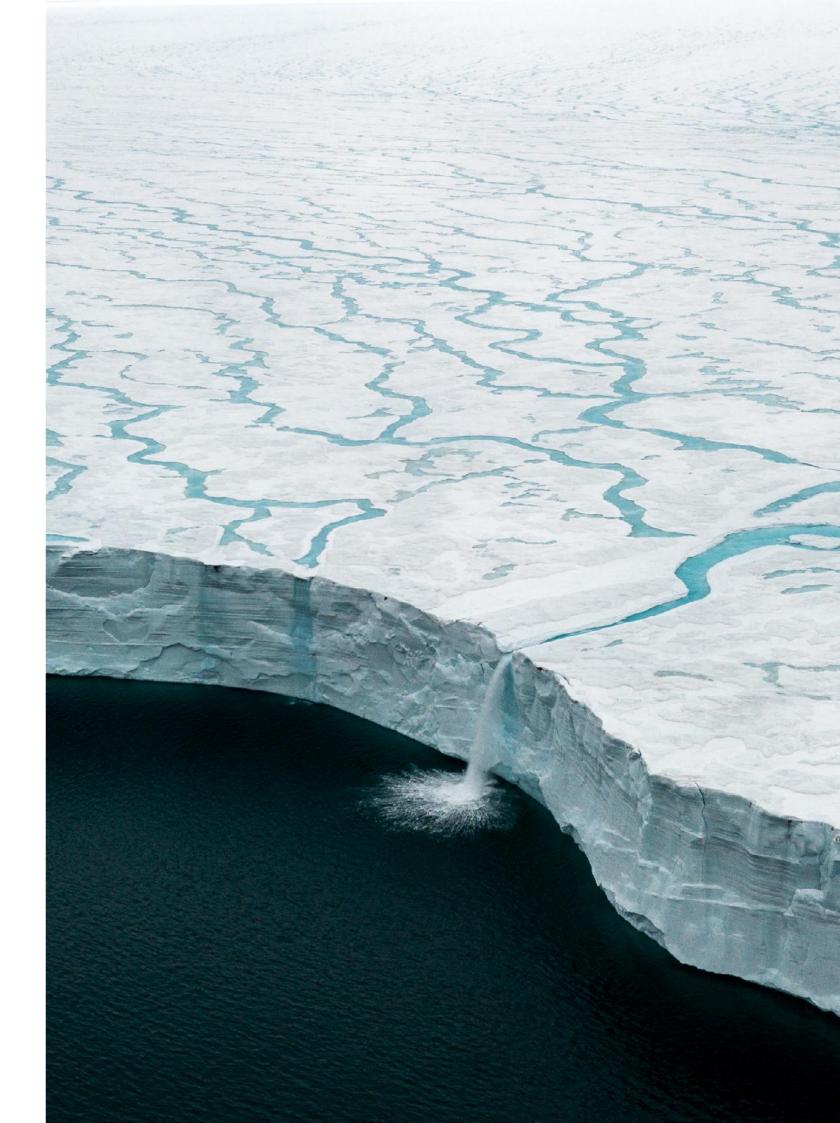
Svalbard, just 816 miles from the North Pole, is an archipelago of remote Arctic islands situated between Norway and the North Pole.

The main town, Longyearbyen, is the most northerly settlement in the world inhabited all year round. Its position means that in the summer the sun doesn't set, creating 24 hours of daylight. In the winter months, the polar night ensures that the sun is absent for 84 days.

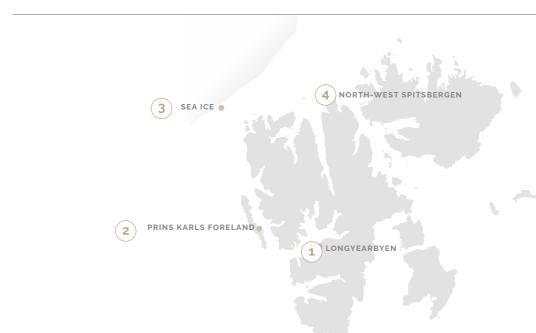
Witness an abundance of wildlife in their natural habitats; on our adventures, we frequently encounter polar bears, walruses, whales, Arctic foxes, and the Svalbard reindeer, a smaller reindeer subspecies that can only be found on the Svalbard archipelago.

Svalbard also happens to be a haven for avian life when migratory birds return from their long journey south to breed on the cliffs of the islands.

The main island of Spitsbergen is known for its remote, rugged landscapes and mountainous interior. The coastline is lined with steep fjords, carved by retreating glaciers over a period of 2.5 million years. With over 60% of the island covered by glacial ice, it is one of the few places where it's possible to get up close to glacier fronts and watch as large pieces of ice calve off into the icy waters.







### **Natural Wonders of Svalbard**

PRICE FROM €8,700 pp

DURATION 9 to 11 days

DEPARTURE PORT Longyearbyen

монтня May, June, July, August, September

GUESTS 12 Max

GUIDES

VESSEL MV Kinfish On this expedition, we will venture to the northern wilderness to explore the beautiful landscapes, wildlife, and glaciers of Northwest Spitsbergen.

Every day is an adventure and we will use the Zodiac landing craft to explore walrus haulouts, to cruise the edge of the sea ice for wildlife including polar bears, and to take short hikes ashore to explore different natural and historical sites including glaciers and the raw nature of the Arctic. This is an intimate small-group experience with a minimum of one guide for every 6 guests.

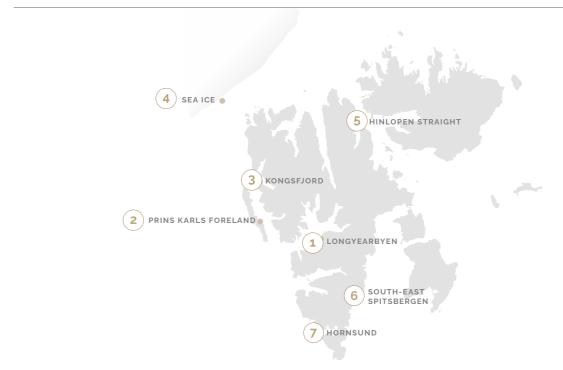






DATES	DURATION	VESSEL	CABIN A	CABIN B	CABIN C	CABIN D
31 May - 8 June 2023	9 Days	MV Kinfish	€9,500	€8,700	n/a	n/a
27 July - 6 August 2023	11 Days	MV Kinfish	€11,500	€10,700	n/a	n/a
6 August - 16 August 2023	11 Days	MV Kinfish	€11,500	€10,700	n/a	n/a
16 August - 25 August 2023	10 Days	MV Kinfish	€10,600	€9,800	n/a	n/a
25 August - 3 Sept 2023	10 Days	MV Kinfish	€10,600	€9,800	n/a	n/a





### **Svalbard Pioneer**

PRICE FROM €12,600 pp

DURATION 14 days / 13 nights

DEPARTURE PORT Longyearbyen

MONTHS August

GUESTS 12 Max

GUIDES 2

VESSEL MV Origo As the sea around Svalbard opens up with the ice melting during the summer months, it gives us the opportunity to take you on our most detailed exploration of the archipelago.

Over the next 14 days we will set off to explore Svalbard and make daily shore landings with our expedition leader and guide to experience the raw beauty and majestic nature of Svalbard.

Our aim is to circumnavigate Spitsbergen and to explore the Austfonna Ice Cap, depending on conditions or spend extended time exploring the far north-east. This is an intimate small-group experience with a minimum of one guide for every 6 guests.



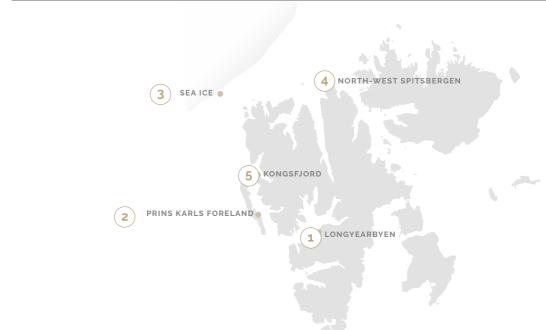




DATES	DURATION	VESSEL	CABIN A	CABIN B	CABIN C	CABIN D
5th -18th August 2023	14 Days	MV Origo	€14,700	€13,300	€12,600	n/a

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## **Svalbard Photography Expeditions**

PRICE FROM € 8,500 pp

DURATION 8 or 12 days

DEPARTURE PORT Longyearbyen

GUIDED BY
Florian Ledoux or Rinie van Meurs

GUESTS 12 Max

GUIDES

VESSEL MV Explorer Explore and photograph the magical beauty of Svalbard on the hi-end, MV Explorer, with just 12 guests in total. Enjoy a hot tub or sauna on deck after a long day out exploring.

The aim of each trip is to maximise photo opportunities to include wildlife, glaciers, sea ice, and the outstanding natural beauty of Svalbard.

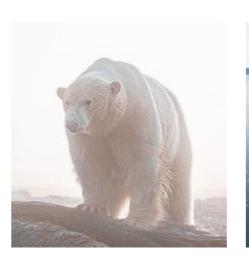
Choose between early in the season when you can expect lots of ice, frozen landscapes and wildlife or a longer expedition during the summer months.

Our photo tours are designed for people of all levels from professional, semi-pro, or amateur.

Our May tours are led by Florian Ledoux who is a polar bear filming specialist in Svalbard and his credits include Netflix, Disney and Nat Geo.

Our June and August departures are led by wildlife expert Rinie van Meurs who has 3 decades experience exploring and photographing Svalbard.

Non photographers with an interest in wildlife are welcome to join.







DATES	DURATION	VESSEL	CABIN A	CABIN B	CABIN C	CABIN D
6 May - 13 May 2023	8 Days	MV Explorer	€10,900	€11,900	€8,900	€8,500
13 May - 20 May2023	8 Days	MV Explorer	€10,900	€11,900	€8,900	€8,500
13 June - 20 June 2023*	8 Days	MV Explorer	€10,900	€11,900	€8,900	€8,500
7th - 18th August 2023*	12 Days	MV Explorer	€18,300	€19,900	€14,900	€13,500

\* Partner Operated

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## Greenland. Icebergs and glaciers.



#### HOW TO GET THERE

Our expedition cruise to Scoresby Sund departs from Akureyri in Iceland. Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland, is easily accessible with direct flights from Europe and America. From Reykjavík it is possible to take a connecting flight or road transfer to Akureyri. Experience the mythical allure of Greenland.

With a population of just over 56,000 inhabitants, it is also one of the least populated places on Earth.

Prepare for the raw beauty of giant icebergs and glaciers, and marvel at the pristine scenery and wildlife. On this adventure, you will visit and experience firsthand the local cultures in an ethical way.

In 2023, we're offering a once in a lifetime chance to explore the rarely visited Scoresby Sund in East Greenland on a small ship expedition departing from iceland.

The coastline of East Greenland is a stunning natural paradise with barely any signs of human development outside of the the remote village of Ittoqqortoormiit. From Venture with us into Scoresby Sund and explore the world's longest fjord system framed by steep sided mountains with fjords full of cathedral sized icebergs on this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

A huge draw of a small ship adventure to Greenland is meeting the people that live there. On all our adventures, we aim to visit the local settlement and experience the Greenlandic way of life in a personal way that is only possible when travelling with a small group.

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Encounter one of the world's most remote Islands. Home to a population 450,000 King Penguins, one of the greatest natural spectacles on Earth.



# South Georgia. The world's most remote Islands.



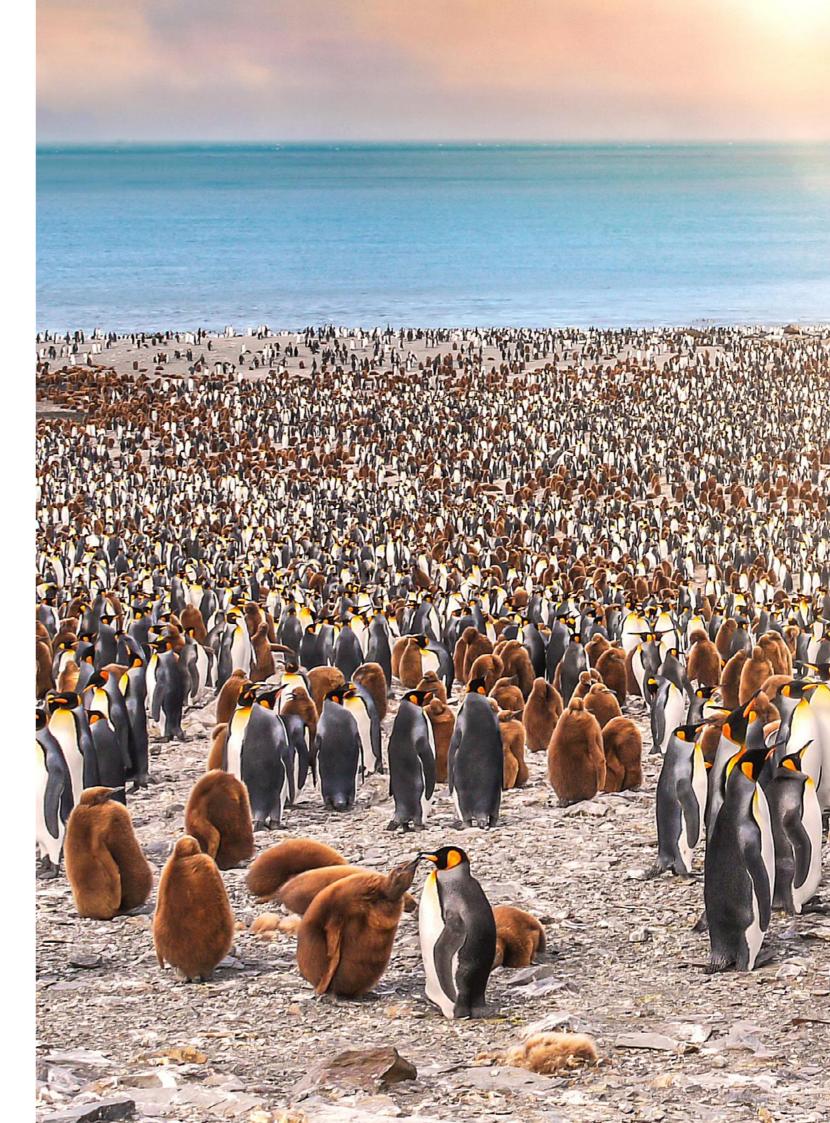
HOW TO GET THERE

The trip will depart from and return to Port Stanley on the Falkland Islands with domestic flight connections to Santiago, Chile. South Georgia is the place to visit if you want to see a nature documentary unfold right in front of your eyes. It is no wonder that South Georgia is home to some of the largest quantities of wildlife on Earth. Imagine standing on a beach surrounded by over 100,000 King Penguins, Elephant Seals, and an abundance of avian life.

This small ship adventure is the most in-depth South Georgia expedition available. We have designed it to maximize the time spent ashore at South Georgia's breathtaking wildlife sites. Unlike trips on larger vessels, the time spent ashore will be unhurried and allow you time to experience and photograph the fantastic nature firsthand. All guests will be split into small groups to maximize photography and wildlife viewing opportunities.

We will visit the breathtaking St Andrew's Bay, home to over 100,000 King Penguins where we aim to immerse ourselves in one of the most incredible natural wonders on earth. Expect to encounter 4 species of penguins and an abundance of albatrosses and Elephant seals. We will visit Grytviken and pay homage to the explorer Ernest Shackleton. On this trip, we are taking just 48 guests and it is ideal for photographers, wildlife watchers and enthusiasts of South Georgia.

#### Notes







## South Georgia Explorer

\$13.995 pp

DURATION 15 days / 14 nights

DEPARTURE PORT
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

монтн February

guests 48 Max

GUIDES 6

VESSEL MV Polar Pioneer A 15-day in-depth wildlife viewing and photography exploration of South Georgia's spectacular nature.

This expedition is aimed for those wanting to spend the maximum amount of unhurried time ashore observing wildlife and is suited for wildlife watchers and photographers alike. If conditions allow, we will hike the last part of Shackleton's famous traverse of South Georgia from Fortuna to Stromness. What makes this trip even more special is our vessel takes just 48 guests and when you are ashore you will be in a small group of just 12 guests for an intimate wildlife and photography experience. Travelling on a small expedition vessel allows us to visit many sites along the coast that larger ships are not allowed to land and get closer to South Georgia's incredible nature. This trip will take you ashore to view King Penguin colonies, Elephant Seals, Fur Seals, and an abundance of birdlife, such as albatrosses. Pro photographers will accompany you to help you successfully capture South Georgia's wild and stunning landscapes from the ship and shore.







DATES	DURATION	VESSEL	CABIN A	CABIN B	CABIN C	CABIN D	CABIN E
24th February - 9th March 2024	15 days	MV Polar Pioneer	\$18.995	\$17.995	\$16.995	\$15.795	\$13.995

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## Antarctica. The last continent.



HOW TO GET THERE
The trip will depart
from and return to

HOW TO GET THERE
The trip will depart
from and return to
Ushuaia, Argentina
with international flight
connections.

Welcome to Antarctica, the wildest and least visited continent on the planet. During the summer months the Antarctic Peninsula opens up from the sea ice that surrounds it during the winter and becomes ripe for exploring.

Antartica is the world's 7th and least visited continent with no permanent population. It is the perfect place to explore on an expedition cruise.

Visitors will be greeted with a frozen paradise that offers outstanding natural beauty, wildlife galore, glaciers and icebergs. Our small group voyage focuses on spending the maximum amount of time ashore enjoying the nature and exploring.

For visitors it offers a rare glimpse into another world.
Full of natural beauty, incredible scenery, ice, a
diverse array of wildlife and interesting historical sites.

Antarctica has 7 species of penguin and as there are no land based predators so they thrive on land. It is one of the best places on earth for wildlife photography.

An expedition to Antarctica is a truly life-changing experience.





Greeland voyage





## **Antarctica Explorer**

PRICE FROM \$10,995 pp

DURATION
12 days / 11 nights

DEPARTURE PORT Ushuaia, Argentina

монтн February

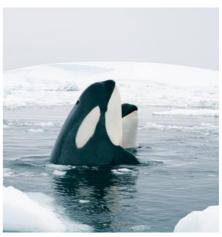
guests 48 Max

GUIDES 6

VESSEL MV Polar Pioneer Join Secret Atlas on a 12-day in-depth wildlife viewing and photography expedition to explore the Antarctic peninsula.

This expedition is aimed at those wanting to spend the maximum amount of unhurried time ashore observing wildlife and is suited for photographers and wildlife watchers. What makes this trip even more special is that our vessel takes just 48 guests, the smallest group size in Antarctica. When you are ashore you will be in a small group of just 12 guests for an intimate wildlife and photography experience. Travelling on a small expedition vessel gives us more flexibility, more time ashore and allows us to visit landing sites that the large cruise ships can't visit. This voyage takes place on Polar Pioneer, a true expedition vessel built for the polar latitudes.







DATES	DURATION	VESSEL	CABIN A	CABIN B	CABIN C	CABIN D	CABIN E
1st – 12th January 2024	15 days	MV Polar Pioneer	\$15,995	\$14,495	\$13,495	\$12,495	\$10,995

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### **Private Charters**

Svalbard

Greenland

Antarctica

South Georgia

PRIVATE EXPEDITIONS Secret Atlas offers a fully bespoke expedition planning service for private groups looking for the experience of a lifetime. Our private yacht expeditions are a once in a lifetime experience.

Have you dreamed of following in the footsteps of famous explorers and visiting remote polar regions rarely seen by others? Join our highly experienced expedition team on a private yacht expedition to take and witness the most remote corners of our planet from Svalbard to Greenland, and to Antarctica.

Our passion is for exploring and we will take you on a real expedition from the comfort of a private ice-strengthened expedition motor yacht. Our voyages come complete with everything you need with a fully crewed expedition motor yacht, an expedition team with extensive knowledge of the area, a chef who will prepare freshly cooked meals and housekeeping. All our yacht expeditions are all tailor-made to suit your interests and what you would like to experience.



"We were lucky and saw polar bears. It was a wonderful trip and a once in a lifetime experience."

## Meet Your Expedition Leaders.

Secret Atlas works with the most experienced Expedition Leaders in the industry who are all passionate about exploring the polar regions.

Collectively our team has over 250 years experience delivering hundreds of successful Arctic and Antarctic expeditions.

Our leaders are highly experienced and trained in polar environments and are there for both your safety and to deliver ar outstanding experience for you.

They have outstanding knowledge about nature and the environment and share our ethics around conservation and respect for the places we explore.

When you step onboard a Secret Atlas expedition you know you are in safe hands



## John RODSTED Expeditions: 200 +

John is a true explorer who has spent the last 30 years wandering the world and making an impact.

John's career spans 40 years in the photographic industry.
Originally trained as a commercial photographer, he has impacted the world of imagery from the moment he set up his own studio in Melbourne at 22.

Today, he is not only known for his award-winning work as a photojournalist of communities at risk, but also for his artistic and written work.



## Mette ELISEUSSEN Expeditions: 100 +

Mette has been a wilderness guide in the Arctic and Antarctic for over twelve years on small ship expeditions.

Mette is a keen naturalist who enjoys learning and sharing her passion for flora, fauna and the natural world.

Mette has been active in creating a new international treaty to ban cluster bombs and is currently spearheading the international efforts to get the Pacific island nations to join the treaty.

She will do anything to make this your trip of a lifetime!



## Morten JORGENSEN Expeditions: 100 +

He has been working in the Arctic since 1997, on small cruise ships as guide, lecturer, Zodiac driver and expedition leader. He has also worked in temperate and tropical areas of the Indian, the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans.

Morten is an active ornithologist, a passion that has been supplemented with a love for marine mammals, whales, dolphins, seals and polar bears. But there are no areas of nature that do not fascinate him.

He gives high-quality lectures on birds, mammals and other wildlife, as well as on a series of human and environmental (mostly polar) topics (food-chains, sea- and glacier ice, etc.), supported by his own photographs.





Ali is an experienced Expedition Leader and Guide working on small polar expedition ships. She is passionate about all things polar and loves the small ship experience.

For the last 11 years, she has frequented between Antarctica and the Arctic, and loves to share her passion and enthusiasm with our guests.

She also worked for Falklands Conservation, where she was employed as their Environmental Education Officer for 5 years.



Rinie VAN MEURS
Expeditions: 300 +

Rinie is one of the world's foremost experts on European Arctic Expeditioning and Arctic Photography. The only known person to spend over 30 consecutive years expeditioning in Svalbard, Rinie has a vast knowledge of the sea ice ecosystem.

This knowledge extends from the science itself and expert lived experience to the ideal way to photograph everything within the said ecosystem, including its marine life.

Today, he is not only known for his award-winning work as a wildlife photographer, but also for his published written works, and introduction of the ecotourism model now widely employed throughout the Arctic.



David BERG
Expeditions: 200 +

David is an accomplished professional polar guide from Sweden who has led expeditions in Svalbard, Greenland, Scotland, Iceland, the Faroe Islands, South Georgia, the Falkland Islands and Antarctica.

He truly has the polar bug and enjoys sharing his passion, knowledge and enthusiasm with all those that travel with him.



Rikard BERG Expeditions: 200 +

Rickard began his polar career working in the Norwegian high Arctic and worked as a professional ships officer and wilderness guide on expedition vessels in Norway, Svalbard, Greenland, Iceland, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Antarctica.

Rickard is an accomplished polar explorer and brings his passion for history, wildlife and nature with him on every expedition.



Florian LEDOUX Expeditions: 20 +

Florian is an award-winning photographer and filmmaker who is passionate about protecting the Arctic through conservation photography.

Florian brings with him years of knowledge and experience of photographing in Svalbard on every Secret Atlas Trip.

His most recent assignment was filming the new Disney production 'Polar Bear' shot in Svalbard

Florian's work has been published in magazines like National Geographic, Time US, Géo France, and Spain, Oceanographic UK, National Geographic Traveler, as well as in the international daily press.









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## MV Explorer.

Cruises
Photo Tours
Private Charters

MV Explorer is a former Danish Maritime Authority polar vessel that has been meticulously converted into a hi-end expedition yacht.

She offers cruise ship comfort on a small ship with ensuite cabins and suites, an open plan lounge with large windows, hot tub, outdoor jacuzzi and a mini gym.



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BOAT DECK















Double suite - Type A
For 2 Guests
Double bed
Ensuite shower & toilet
17 m²
Located on deck 3
Window & door with
direct deck access
Corner desk & chair
Wardrobe
Cabins 401 & 402

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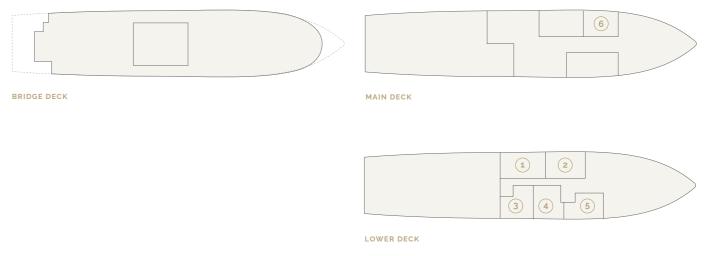
For 1 guests
Single bed
Ensuite shower & toilet
11 m²
Located on deck 3
Window
Desk & chair
Wardrobe
Cabins 403 & 404

Single suite - Type B

Double superior -Type C
For 2 guests
Twin or double bed
Ensuite shower & toilet
17 m²
Located on deck 1
Portholes
Desk & chair
Wardrobe
Cabins 210 & 208

Double / Twin -Type D
For 2 guests
Twin or double bed
Ensuite shower & toilet
14 m²
Located on deck 1
Portholes
Desk & chair
Wardrobe
Cabins 207, 209 & 2011





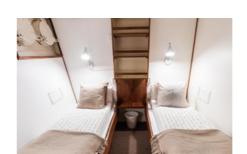
### MV Kinfish.

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## Kingfish is a hi-spec expedition research vessel with an ice-strengthened hull.

Her interior has been refurbished to a high standard and has accommodation for 12 guests across 6 cabins (all with ensuite).

She is equipped with 2 Zodiacs for shore landings and exploring.



CABIN 2

#### Cabin 1 (A)

Sleeps 2 in lower twin berths (option to sleep 4 in bunks) Ensuite shower and toilet Portholes

#### Cabin 2 (A)

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Sleeps 2 in lower twin berths Ensuite shower and toilet Portholes



#### Cabin 3 (A)

Sleeps 2 in lower twin berths
Ensuite shower and toilet
Portholes

#### Cabin 4 (A)

Sleeps 2 in lower twin berths Ensuite shower and toilet Portholes



#### Cabin 5 (A)

Sleeps 2 in lower twin berths
Ensuite shower and toilet
Portholes

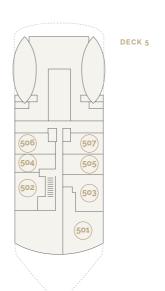
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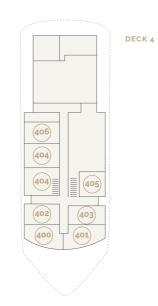
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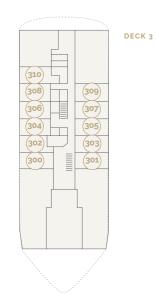
#### Cabin 6 (B)

Sleeps 2 in bunk beds Ensuite shower and toilet Portholes









### MV Polar Pioneer.

Cruises Photo Tours

#### Polar Pioneer is a legendary expedition vessel

loved by expedition leaders and guests because she was built for the polar regions and has great success navigating through the ice at the highest ice class, 1A Super.

She returns in 2022 with an extensive refit of different-sized cabins equipped for 48 total adventurers, lots of deck space with raised areas for photography, a large passenger saloon with bar, and an onboard sauna to warm up in after a chilly day!

She is large enough to offer a high level of comfort on longer sea passages but is small enough to access places most ships can't go so you can see rare fauna up close and personal. She has large decks for photography, a well-proportioned saloon and bar area to relax in after an active day of adventure, and is equipped with 6 zodiac landing craft for shore landings.

Cabin options include triples, twins and suites with the option of shared or en suite bathrooms. All cabins are in the process of being refurbished to a high standard for 2022.





Cabin 501

Double bed and separate lounge area, writing desk, wardrobe and drawers. Private bathroom, hairdryer. Forward and port windows. 22.5 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Mini-Suite (B)

Cabins 502 & 503

Double bed and separate lounge area, writing desk, wardrobe and drawers. Private bathroom, hairdryer. Window. 16.8 m²



#### Twin Cabin w/ Private Facilities (C)

Cabins 504 - 507 400 - 401 & 404 - 408 Two lower berths, writing desk, wardrobe and drawers. Private bathroom, hairdryer. Window, private bathroom. 9.8 m²



Cabins 302 - 310

Two lower single beds, porthole, sink and a shared wc and shower located on the same deck. 9.8 m<sup>2</sup>



#### Triple Cabin w/ Shared Facilities (E)

Cabins 300 - 301

Bunk bed and additional lower berth, writing desk, wardrobe, and drawers. Private sink. Shower and toilet facilities are shared with other main deck cabins. This cabin has a porthole. 10.2 m<sup>2</sup>



## MV Origo.

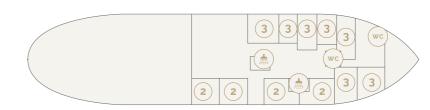
Cruises Photo Tours Private Charters Origo is a classic expedition vessel with the highest ice class hull and a charming interior. Former Swedish pilot ship converted into an expedition vessel for some serious adventures.

She can accommodate 12 guests in 6 twin or single cabins with mainly en-suite bathrooms. Has got a large saloon with a bar and semi enclosed deck spaces to enjoy the view.

Origo is equipped with 2 Zodiac landing crafts for shore landings and is fully staffed with experienced captain, crew and expedition leaders.



MAIN DECK



LOWER DECK



CABIN 2

CABIN 3



Cabin 1 (A) Sleeps 2 in lower twin berths Ensuite shower and toilet Windows

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Cabin 2 (B) Sleeps 1 or 2 in Bunk Beds Ensuite shower and toilet Portholes



Cabin 3 (C) Sleeps 1 or 2 in Bunk Bed Shared shower and toilet Portholes



#### Wildlife Viewing & Safety.

One of the main reasons to visit the Arctic is to witness wildlife, which is why we run small tour groups minimizing the disturbance of marvellous habitats. We strictly adhere to rules laid out by AECO and the WWF when it comes to wildlife viewing to ensure our tours cause minimal disturbance and impact. During shore landings, you will be accompanied by an experienced expedition leader trained to keep you safe, however, the following tips are helpful to keep in mind.

TIPS FOR OUR EXPLORERS: If you are a photographer, a long lens is essential as we are limited in how close we can get to animals without disturbing them. If we see evidence of a polar bear in the vicinity, we will not go ashore. For your safety, all guests must remain with the guide at all times and follow their instructions during shore landings.

#### Sustainable Travel

The Arctic is a fragile environment and it is warming faster than anywhere else on Earth.

As an ethical tour operator, we are conscious that we must do whatever it takes to protect the Arctic, so that is why we actively work to offset all our emissions by supporting tree-planting in Greenland. We encourage our explorers to do the same,as we aim for carbon neutrality.

During our tours, we additionally:

- Collect any litter we find on remote beaches.
- Educate explorers on the fragility of the environment.
- Educate explorers on what they can do to help protect the environment.

#### Weather Conditions.

The weather conditions in the polar regions vary year-round, with daily summer temperatures just over the freezing mark. The 24-hour sunlight in Svalbard can feel warm in the summer, and it is sometimes possible to hike wearing just a t-shirt. However, you may also encounter subzero weather such as snow squalls, fog, and white-outs during your expedition no matter the time of year. We will provide you with a comprehensive packing list ahead of your trip to ensure you are prepared for all conditions.

#### A flexible approach.

One of the most exciting aspects of an Expedition iis that no voyage is ever the same due to variable weather conditions, the sea ice, and you!

We take a flexible approach to exploring, which will make your journey a true adventure. Your expedition leader and captain will work tirelessly with the weather conditions to ensure you get the most out of your trip, and that the voyage is shaped to your needs and interests. Our itineraries are an example of what you'll experience on an adventure. As with all polar exploration, flexibility is the key to having the adventure of your lifetime!

## Health and Safety Regulations.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of our guests have been our number one priority since the days of our very first expedition. As we face new global

health challenges we are constantly updating our procedures to ensure our trips are as safe as ever. You must be of sound health, and possess a basic level of fitness and mobility in order to join us on a Secret Atlas trip.

We follow a stringent protocol developed by health experts and AECO which includes regular staff testing, and pre-departure checks for our guests. Our priority is to ensure that no infection gets on board and we travel as a safe, small group bubble. Guests will be informed of the up-to-date procedure 1 month prior to departure.

Before you embark on the vessel, your cabin and common areas will be disinfected and cleaned to a high standard. Throughout your voyage the vessel will be kept clean and hygienic with advanced cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing procedures followed at all times. We have a comprehensive health and safety procedure in place in case of a medical emergency on board. This will be reviewed and kept in line with AECO guidelines. During the voyages, health checks will ensure and passenger health concerns are addressed and monitored.

We aim to be as inclusive as possible. With two guides on every trip, we can split the group to accommodate different fitness levels. Please disclose confidentially any medical conditions to us prior to departure, especially those that you feel could affect your ability to participate. Please also inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements when booking.

If you are taking medication, you are responsible for providing enough to cover your time onboard, plus extra for any unexpected delays such as cancelled flights or inclement weather that could affect your travels.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch to determine if this trip is suitable for you.

#### Independent Travellers.

Independent travellers are welcomed on all our voyages, particularly on our Photo Expeditions; chances are, you won't be the only one.

You will come with friends on your adventure by reaching out to your fellow explorers in our Facebook group. We offer the following accommodation options for independent travellers. Share a twin cabin with another traveller of the same gender, or consider the option to have your own twin cabin for single use (additional supplement required). Please contact us for this option as the price varies depending on trip and availability.

#### Groups of 4+ Travellers.

Are you a group of 4 or more travellers?

On select departures, and subject to availability, we offer a group discount.

#### What's Included

#### Before your adventure begins.

- Comprehensive joining instructions, with a complete packing list.
- Local assistance in planning your pre and postadventure activities and accommodation.
- Transfers between your hotel and ship on arrival (select adventures).
- Connect with like-minded travellers on your adventure before setting out in our Facebook group.

#### What you'll taste on your adventure.

During your voyage, we offer a freshly made breakfast, lunch, and dinner prepared by our onboard chef along with soft drinks, tea, and coffee.

- A complimentary alcoholic beverage (such as Mine 3 Beer from the world's most northernmost brewery) is included with dinner on some adventures, with additional drinks available for purchase.
- On the day of embarkation, an evening meal is included and on the day of disembarkation, breakfast is provided.
- The chef will serve a variety of hearty dishes offering you the chance to experience the unique regional cuisine using locally sourced produce.

  If you have any dietary requirements, food allergies

or intolerances, or would like a vegetarian option, please let us know at the time of booking.

#### What you'll access on your adventure

- Rubber boots for shore landings and hiking (select adventures)
- Services of an expedition leader and guide (customary tips not included)
- Shore landings by Zodiac landing craft a detailed in the itinerary
- · Accommodation in warm, comfortable cabins

with all bedding and towels provided.

• Education on reducing your carbon footprint

#### After your adventure ends

- Further guidance with your carbon drawdown
- Transfers between your hotel and ship on arrival and departure (select adventures)

#### Communication.

Once you leave port, mobile phone and wi-fi signal ends and the peace and tranquillity begins.

Part of the Arctic experience is taking time away from your everyday life to experience the raw beauty of the Arctic landscape.

There is no internet on board, giving you the rare chance to disconnect from the world you normally live in and connect with nature. Rest assured, all our boats are equipped with satellite communication devices in case of emergency.

#### Travel Insurance.

Travel insurance providing cover for emergency repatriation in the case of a medical emergency is compulsory for all trips sold or operated by Secret Atlas, and is a condition of booking. We will ask for a copy of your insurance certificate prior to departure.

We recommend that you take out cancellation insurance that covers you in the event you have to cancel your trip due to illness or injury.

If you can't enter the departure country due to covid travel restrictions we will offer you a free rebooking on a future departure.

Our destinations are remote, so we advise seeking expert advice from a travel insurance company to ensure you have sufficient levels of cover in place for your destination and planned activities.

In the unlikely event that we have to cancel a trip, you will be issued a full refund for the cost of the trip only. Flights and hotels you have booked yourself, and any other expenses incurred, will not be covered and we encourage you to check that you are fully insured for this unlikely possibility.

It is mandatory that your insurance covers flights and hotels in case the vessel is delayed or the trip is cancelled. Please ensure your policy covers the following:

- · Medical expenses.
- Repatriation (this includes the right to flights organized by airlines to bring home citizens who get stuck abroad for various reasons like COVID-19 travel restrictions).
- Emergency evacuation and search and rescue.
- Evacuation (including by helicopter) to the nearest hospital for accident, injury & other medical reasons.
- Cancellation and curtailment.
- Personal liability.
- · Loss of luggage and personal effects.
- Death and illness.

While we cannot legally advise you on travel insurance, we are more than happy to point you in the right direction. Please contact us for more information.

We highly recommend taking out a policy with global rescue globalrescue.com on top of your travel

insurance. They provide an additional level of medical cover, evacuation and field rescue when visiting remote polar regions.

#### Payment Options.

Our explorers may choose to pay for their adventure with either a credit card or with a bank transfer; simply let us know which you prefer at the time of booking.

A 30% deposit is needed to secure your place, with the final 70% payable 90 days prior to departure.

#### **Bookings and Enquiries.**

For bookings and enquiries please reach out to our knowledgeable team to help you plan your trip.

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