

EXPEDITION CRUISING

ANTARCTICA & SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS



Heritage Expeditions

Welcome Aboard,



At Heritage Expeditions, we call the Southern Ocean 'home'. Our association with the region dates back to November 1972 when, as a young biologist, I first visited the Auckland Islands with the American Australian New Zealand Expedition. I didn't know then that this expedition and the Southern Ocean was to dominate and shape my life, and my family's life for the next 40 years. I was so taken by the wildlife of the region that I just wanted to share it with other people; I believed even then that this wild territory was too important and too valuable to lock away and it is a belief I still hold today. And there's something else besides: the more people that can witness and experience the Subantarctic Islands and Antarctica itself, the more chance we have of protecting them for future generations. I hope the Southern Ocean may one day be called 'home' by other families too.

In 1989 we were among the first companies to offer natural history expeditions to the Subantarctics and the Antarctic continent. My young family joined me on these annual expeditions; they too were caught in the spell of the region and have devoted their lives to further developing responsible natural history travel. Joining me at Heritage Expeditions, together we have completed over 150 expeditions to the Subantarctic Islands and nearly 100 to the Ross Sea Region of Antarctica; more than any other company or individual in the history of Antarctic exploration.

The expeditions you find in this catalogue have been years in the making. They haven't been designed in a board room or copied from someone else's brochure: they are the combination of years of experience, a passion for and commitment to conservation and a desire to share with you the beauty and magic of the region, that you in turn might become ambassadors for its continued protection.

Our long association with Antarctica and the Subantarctic Islands means that not only do we know them intimately, but it also means we have permits and permissions that are unique to our company earned through an impeccable record of responsible expeditions. We would love to share these unique islands and majestic continent with you. For more information about the Subantarctic Islands I invite you to read my recently-published book 'The Galapagos of Antarctica - Wild Islands South of New Zealand' which is beautifully illustrated with photographs taken by my sons.

As a family, as enthusiasts and as an expert company, we look forward to sharing these memorable expeditions with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney Russ". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing 'R' and a cursive 'uss'.

Rodney Russ
Founder of Heritage Expeditions





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Inside cover: Campbell Island Albatross by Ewen Bell
Cover photo: Hooker Sea Lion 'eating' the Spirit of Enderby by Aaron Russ

Introduction to Expedition Cruising

The spirit of adventure and exploration is being suffocated by jet liners and large cruise ships. This, at a time when an increasing number of people are looking for a genuine wilderness and wildlife adventure. Expedition Cruising still provides genuine travellers (not tourists) opportunities to go where few people have been and to share experiences that few people will have had.

Expedition Cruising enables us to go to places that are inaccessible to most other forms of travel, it doesn't discriminate, is available to people from all walks of life and can be enjoyed regardless of age or gender. The spirit of adventure generated by expedition cruises brings people together in a unique and fulfilling way.

Expedition Cruising is generally done on smaller sized vessels to avoid the negative impacts from large groups of people on a culture or on an ecosystem. Smaller groups mean more time ashore and a more genuine experience, whether it is in a wilderness or enjoying a cultural exchange in a remote village or town. Expedition ships are designed to navigate where the larger ships can't go and to land you with Zodiacs in places where few travellers have been before.

The objective of Expedition Cruising, apart from having an enjoyable time, is to create a learning environment. Our staff are teachers and interpreters not entertainers. Expedition Cruising creates wonderful ambassadors for conservation.

The Russ family through Heritage Expeditions pioneered Expedition Cruising in the Subantarctic Islands of New Zealand and Australia, the Ross Sea region of Antarctica and, more recently, the Russian Far East. They are committed to conservation through advocacy and education and believe that Expedition Cruises can deliver on that and at the same time provide participants with a memorable travel experience. With Heritage Expeditions there is no need to sacrifice comfort and quality of food or accommodation.

Our vessel the '*Spirit of Enderby*', accommodating just 50 passengers, is comfortable and functional, having all the attributes that make it the perfect Expedition ship. It is one of the last family operated Expedition ships of its size and type in the world.



'Spirit of Enderby' and one of her two Hovercrafts

Photo credit: Nathan Russ



PREVENTING EXTINCTIONS



Responsible Travel Policy

Travelling with Heritage Expeditions is to travel responsibly. As biologists and ornithologists, we are intimately aware of the many issues that confront animals and their habitats, the world's oceans and isolated ethnic groups. We also take action: we actively contribute to the conservation of the places we visit in several ways; we 'buy local' and employ locally; we make sure that travellers are respectful of local customs and traditions; and we dispose of waste responsibly.

Conservation

Heritage Expeditions supports conservation by providing advocacy through responsible travel and providing funds and logistical support for research and management. At the beginning of 2011 we entered into a three-year association with Birdlife International as a Species Champion for the Critically Endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper. In addition to our providing transport and logistics for several researchers, we are committed to making financial contributions as a company and welcome our guests to join us in support of this programme.

We also make significant annual contributions to the New Zealand Department of Conservation, the Tasmanian National Parks and Wildlife Service, Antarctic Heritage Trust and the Russian State Reserve Agency. In addition to these contributions, Heritage Expeditions provides transport of freight and personnel to and from nature reserves. We support the New Zealand Meteorological Service and non-governmental research agencies, including the World Wildlife Fund (Russia) and the University of Canterbury. For the 2012-2013 season we have chosen our January Antarctic voyage to promote as well as collect and submit donations for The Last Ocean Charitable Trust. The organisation was established in August 2009 to raise awareness of the unique values of the Ross Sea.

We travel in small groups and endeavour to maintain a guide to client ratio of 1:12. Each expedition is led by an experienced Expedition Leader who is familiar with the region being visited. When selecting our specialist expedition equipment, vehicles and vessels, we research carefully to ensure that they are the most suitable and environmentally responsible. All waste generated on our expeditions is disposed of in a responsible manner: on board it is treated as prescribed by MARPOL, and on land expeditions recycling is encouraged. Non-recyclable waste is brought back for disposal at approved sites.

Heritage Expeditions owns and is covenanted to protect an area of native forest in New Zealand. We employ a part-time Conservation Officer for the purposes of predator control and native species replanting.

We partner with the Enderby Trust to provide scholarships for young people, who could not otherwise afford to travel, to join our expeditions. Heritage Expeditions holds active membership in a number of conservation and travel organisations including the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO) which promotes responsible travel to Antarctica.

Expedition Staff

As a family-owned and operated company, there will almost certainly be a Russ family member on board in a leadership role. We have also assembled a world renowned team of experts to share New Zealand and Australia's Southern Ocean island wilderness with you and to interpret the natural and human history along the way.



Rodney Russ trained and worked for the NZ Wildlife Service during which time he became convinced of the importance of advocacy in successful conservation strategies. Heritage Expeditions, which he formed in 1985, has pioneered Southern Ocean expedition travel. Rodney still leads and lectures on many of the company's Southern Ocean expeditions – after all it is where his heart lies.



Aaron Russ is the eldest of Rodney's two sons. He first travelled to the Subantarctic Islands as an 8 year old and has gone south every season since for 20 years. He graduated with honours in zoology and regularly leads expeditions.



Nathan Russ is the youngest of Rodney's sons – he has travelled south every year since the age of 9. After training in catering and hospitality he graduated to the role of Operations Manager for the company's vessel but still expedition leads on a regular basis.



Adam Walley was born and raised in the Canadian prairies and has been a passionate naturalist his entire life. He has worked on more than 50 expeditions in the Southern Ocean as a lecturer, Zodiac driver and birder; the majority of them for Heritage Expeditions. He has a university degree in history and philosophy.



Dr Martin Cawthorn is arguably one of the Southern Ocean's leading cetacean and marine mammal researchers. Martin pioneered research work on New Zealand Sea Lions that continues to this day. His work with whales predates some of the current conservation efforts; the Southern Ocean is like a second home for Martin.



Dr Aleks Terauds graduated as a marine biologist from the University of Tasmania, Australia in 1993 and spent most of the next decade living and working on Macquarie Island. He is an author and avid wildlife photographer. Aleks has worked for Heritage Expeditions for a number of years in the Subantarctic and Antarctica.



Rowley Taylor is often, and rightly referred to as the grandfather of Subantarctic research and management. Rowley has devoted his entire life to working in the Subantarctic and Antarctica. Author of over 80 scientific papers and a book on the Subantarctic, nobody knows the region as well as he does. He graciously agrees to interrupt his retirement to share his knowledge because of his passion for these islands.



Chris Collins a former accountant turned Birder. His role in researching and organising the now famous Western Pacific Odyssey (WPO) Expedition is legendary. He brings this same passion and knowledge to many of these 'Birding' expeditions. His attitude to birding is professional and 'infectious'. A true team player he is always there to help and share his knowledge.



Dr Louise Crossley Historian Starting in 1991 as Station Leader at Mawson, Louise completed three winters and summers with ANARE as station, field and voyage leader. She has written several books and articles on the history of polar exploration. Since 1994, she has worked as a guide/lecturer on voyages to the Ross Sea and East Antarctica.



Marie Kospartov gained her marine ecology degree in tropical north Queensland, Australia, specialising in coral reef ecology before joining Heritage Expeditions as Assistant Expedition Leader. Marie's love of the natural world, her organisational skills and her seemingly endless enthusiasm and energy is infectious.



Katya Ovsyanikova is a graduate of the Biological faculty at Moscow State University. From an early age she travelled and worked in the high Arctic with her parents, mostly on Wrangel Island where they are both conducting long-term wildlife studies. Katya undertook her own study on sea otter ecology and behaviour in the Commander Islands in 2007/08. Katya is fluent in English and Russian and is passionate about natural history.

The Spirit of Enderby

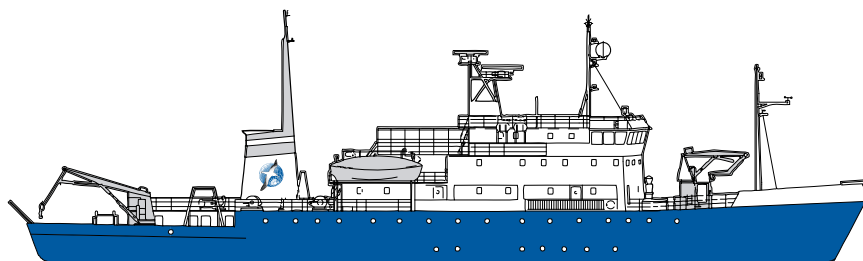
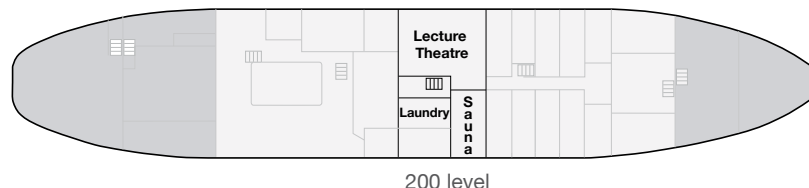
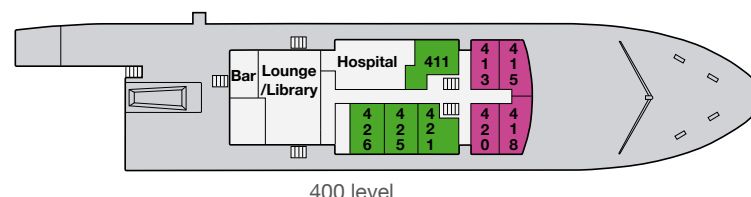
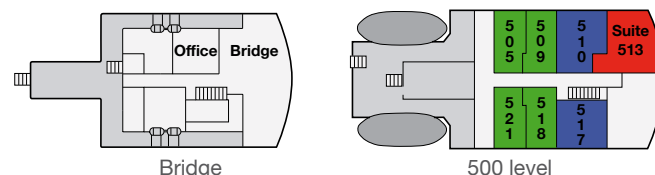
The *Spirit of Enderby* is the complete expedition vessel, built in 1984 for polar and oceanographic research; she is fully ice-strengthened.

Refurbished in November 2009 to provide comfortable accommodation in twin share cabins approximately half of which have private facilities. All cabins have outside windows or portholes and ample storage space. On board there is a combined bar/library lounge area and a dedicated lecture room.

This class of vessel is world renowned for polar expedition cruising because of its strength, manoeuvrability and small passenger numbers. With a maximum of 50 passengers on Heritage Expedition voyages we are one of the few remaining companies still offering the true small ship experience.

Cabin categories:

-  **Heritage Suite:** Has a large lounge area, a separate bedroom with double bed, a single bed in the lounge, writing desk, wardrobe, drawers. There is a private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin. There are large forward and side facing windows to allow great views.
-  **Mini Suites:** Have a separate bedroom with a double bed and a single bed or a sofa in the lounge, wardrobe, drawers, a desk and a private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin. The Mini Suites have windows.
-  **Superior Plus cabins:** Cabins have two lower berths, wardrobe, drawers, desk, a private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin. These cabins have windows.
-  **Superior cabins:** Cabins have bunks (an upper and lower berth), wardrobe, drawers, a desk, a private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin. These cabins have windows.
-  **Main deck cabins:** Cabins have two lower berths, wardrobe, drawers, a desk, washbasin and porthole. The nearby showers and toilets are shared with other Main deck cabins.
-  **Main deck triple:** This cabin has one bunk (one upper and one lower) and one lower berth, wardrobe, drawers, a desk and wash basin. The nearby showers and toilets are shared with other Main deck cabins.





Birding Down Under

Listen to their names: Snares, Bounty, Antipodes, Auckland, Campbell and Macquarie; these are islands only ever visited by a handful of explorers, unlucky castaways and government scientists, but also by some expedition cruises. The Subantarctic Islands occupy the tempestuous latitudes of the Roaring Forties and the Furious Fifties but they are known also as the Albatross Latitudes and with good reason. Ten of the world's albatross species breed in the region; five of them nowhere else but here. In fact this zone, where the air is never still, hosts the most diverse collection of seabirds in the world, more than 40 species breed down here; that is at least 11 percent of the entire world's seabird population.

Put simply, it is a birder's dream and on the must-do lists of birders around the world. Over 120 species have been observed on the islands or in the surrounding ocean but getting there and getting to actually see them is not an easy task. These places are isolated, remote and forbidding territory, their isolation playing a part in protecting their wildlife. The Subantarctic Islands are designated UNESCO World Heritage sites and are afforded the highest conservation status and protection by the Australian and New Zealand governments, so passage to their shores is not granted lightly. Heritage Expeditions operates one of the original expeditions to these islands and we offer you the chance to explore, photograph and understand these wonderful places in expert company, a family of enthusiastic naturalists that actively supports conservation in the region.

A voyage through these islands will turn up a myriad unexpected delights: as well as the vast albatross population, the fulmars, the petrels and prions in abundance, the penguins are also very special to this region. Of eight penguin species breeding here, three are endemic: the Snares Crested, Erect-crested and the Royal Penguin. Through their diversity, the land birds indicate to us just how long these islands have been isolated: no fewer than 15 species are Subantarctic endemics. Taking in the Chatham Archipelago on the way, we are fortunate to meet with experienced local guides and to see and photograph the many endemic island species found there.



Gaming Southern Royal Albatross
Photo credit: Tessa Bickford



Campbell Island Snipe
Photo credit: Heritage Expedition Team

Snares Crested Penguins
Photo credit: Ritchie Robinson

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Day 1: Invercargill

New Zealand's southernmost city and rich in Scottish history. Grab any last-minute luxuries before meeting your fellow expeditioners for an informal get-together over dinner.

Day 2: Depart Port of Bluff

Enjoy a visit to the museum to view the Subantarctic display before transferring to the port where you board the *Spirit of Enderby*. The Captain and Expedition Staff welcome you on board and our adventure begins.

Day 3: Snares Islands

We Zodiac cruise the jagged coastline searching for a number of the endemic species known to breed here. The Buller's Albatross nests only here and on the Solander Islands but doesn't come to nest until the new year; we may be lucky to encounter them offshore. In the flowering Olearia forests draping the hillsides we will see the tomtit and fernbird. It is claimed that the island is home to more nesting seabirds than all of the British Isles combined. Among those that we will see are Sooty Shearwaters, the endemic Snares Crested Penguin, Cape Pigeons, Antarctic and White-fronted Terns.

Day 4: Enderby Island

Named for the same distinguished shipping family as our own vessel and one of the most beautiful islands in the group, if not the world, this is a great birding location and a chance to see everything from the famous Southern Royal Albatross and Northern Giant Petrel, to shags, teal, parakeets, bellbirds and the rare Subantarctic Snipe. On Derrycastle reef we may see migratory waders such as the Bar-tailed Godwit and Turnstone. Sandy Bay is one of just three breeding grounds on the Auckland Islands for the rare Hooker's or New Zealand Sea Lion.

Day 5: Carnley Harbour

These islands have witnessed many a shipwreck in days gone by; loaded in human history, they harbour tales of castaways and coastwatchers. We land here and may see the New Zealand Falcon as we climb to a Shy Mollymawk colony and an area where the Wandering Albatross nest. With an island named Disappointment and a mountain called the Tower of Babel this unique archipelago has to be seen to be believed.

Day 6: At Sea

Take the chance to learn more about the biology and history of the islands and the tumultuous Southern Ocean through lectures with our experts. Crossing the confluence of warmer and cooler waters at the Subantarctic Convergence we can expect the pelagic birdlife to be abundant, including Royal Albatross, Black-browed Albatross, White-chinned Petrel, Diving Petrel and many more species besides.

Days 7 to 8: Macquarie Island

The only place in the world where the beautiful Royal Penguin breeds, this remote outpost supports a breathtaking concentration of wildlife. You will never forget your first experience of a noisy 'penguin city', where the dapper inhabitants show no fear of their strange visitors and where you will be witness to a thousand chattering, feeding chicks; territorial disputes; petty pilfering and courtship displays. King Penguins are also found in large numbers, as are Gentoo and Rockhopper. We meet with Park Rangers and seek out the thousands of Elephant Seals lolling on the beaches and along the coast, Redpolls and Imperial Shag can often be spotted.

Day 9: At Sea

There will be many opportunities to spot wildlife and we will be keeping a keen lookout for cetaceans, albatross and petrels; relax in the ship's bar or catch up on your reading in the library.

Day 10: Campbell Island

We drop anchor in Perseverance Harbour, an occasional refuge for calving Southern Right Whales. Walk to the nesting site of the Southern Royal Albatross or walk to Northwest Bay and experience the strange and beautiful 'mega herbs' growing on the hills, huge wildflowers that have adapted to the harsh conditions, with unusual colourings. Hike the beautifully-named Mt. Honey for its dramatic views and take advantage of some great birding and photographic opportunities; we should see the New Zealand Pipit, Antarctic Tern, Dunnock, Campbell Island Shag, Southern Skua, and hopefully the elusive Campbell Island Snipe.

Day 11: At Sea

Join us on the bridge, where we keep a keen lookout for species commonly seen in this area: Black-browed Albatross, Campbell Island Albatross, Light-mantled Sooty Albatross,

Salvin's Albatross, Sooty Shearwater and Little Shearwater. There should be plenty of petrels and sometimes the Fairy Prion, Fulmar Prion and Antarctic Prion show up together.

Day 12: Antipodes Island

One of the most isolated, least known and rugged of the Subantarctic Islands; landings are not permitted, so we cruise along the coast looking for the endemic Antipodes Island and Reischek's Parakeet. We may also see the Antipodes subspecies of the New Zealand Pipit, and with half the world population of Erect-crested Penguins here, we should encounter one or two! As well as Antarctic Terns and Kelp Gulls.

Day 13: The Bounty Islands

Incongruously-named, these are inhospitable granite islets lashed by the Southern Ocean. Discovered by Captain Bligh just months before the infamous mutiny, they are home to thousands of Salvins Albatross, Erect-crested Penguins, Fulmar Prions and the endemic Bounty Island Shag, the world's rarest. At sea we should spot Wandering Albatross species, Northern Royal Albatross, Mottled Petrel, Soft-plumaged Petrel, Broad-billed Prion, White-chinned Petrel and Black-bellied Storm Petrels as well as Wilson's Storm Petrel.

Day 14: Pyramid Rock

With further excellent pelagic birding we look out for the Chatham Island Petrel and also the very rare Chatham Island Taiko or Magenta Petrel. Arriving at the spectacular Pyramid Rock we find the only breeding place of the Chatham Island Albatross.

Day 15: South East Island (Rangitira)

One of the world's greatest nature reserves and home to the endangered Shore Plover and Chatham Island Oystercatcher. Keeping our eyes peeled for the Pitt Island Shag and ears open for the unusual song of the Tui, we also visit the Mangere Islands where the endemic Black Robin was rescued from a decimated population of only six birds.

Day 16: Chatham Islands

Dropping anchor at Waitangi we might see the endemic Chatham Island Shag on the rocks as we land. Personally escorted by local guides to the Tuku Reserve, we enjoy a bush walk in the hope of seeing the Chatham Island Warbler and Chatham Island Pigeon.

Days 17 to 18: At Sea

Enroute to Dunedin we will cross the Chatham Rise: a shallow underwater extension of New Zealand's south island that once (millions of years ago) formed dry land all the way to the Chathams. Nutrient-rich waters from the south mix with warm northern waters and there is an overlap between northern pelagic species and birds from southern latitudes. This is a good time to be out on deck. We can expect Royal Albatross, Wandering Albatross, Westland Black Petrel, Cook's Petrel and much more.

Day 19: Port of Otago, Dunedin

Our adventure ends with safe harbour at the historic Port of Otago. We bid farewell to our fellow voyagers, to enjoy a transfer to the city or airport and take memories that will last long beyond flights home.

Voyage	Dates	Heritage Suite	Mini Suite	Superior Plus	Superior	Main Deck	Main Deck Triple
LIMITED AVAILABILITY	31 st Oct - 18 th Nov 2011	13,600	12,995	12,495	11,650	10,295	9,250
#1268	21 st Dec '12 - 8 th Jan '13	13,600	13,100	12,700	11,800	10,500	9,500

Additional charges:

Landing Fees \$ 600pp

(All prices per person in USD)

Price Includes:

Pre/Post cruise transfers and all shore excursions as outlined in the itinerary.

1 night pre-cruise twin share hotel accommodation, all on board ship accommodation and meals.

Price Excludes:

All items of a personal nature, laundry, drinks, gratuities. International/domestic flights, visas and travel insurance.



Galapagos of the Southern Ocean

This is without doubt one of the most inspiring and informative journeys into the Southern Ocean ecosystem that one can make. Long recognised for their rich biodiversity, the Subantarctic Islands lying to the south of New Zealand are UNESCO World Heritage sites. This places them in a select group of only 180 natural sites that have been designated as ‘the most important and significant natural habitats’ on the planet. They are afforded the highest conservation status and protection by the Australian and New Zealand governments and passage to their shores is not granted lightly. We offer you the chance to explore, photograph and understand these wonderful places and to do so in expert company, a family business that actively supports conservation in the region.

As a young biologist, Rodney Russ (the founder of Heritage Expeditions) first visited these islands in 1972 with the New Zealand Wildlife Service. He organised New Zealand’s first commercial expedition there in 1989, 20 years and over 100 expeditions later, he is still as passionate about the islands as he was in 1972. As the original concessionaire we have good relationships with the conservation departments and some of the access permits we hold are unique only to our expeditions.

The name we have given to this voyage ‘Galapagos of the Southern Ocean’ reflects the astounding natural biodiversity and the importance of these islands as a wildlife refuge. They lie in a cool temperate zone with a unique climate and are home to albatross, seals, terns, penguins and many, many more species besides. Island-hopping through the Macquarie, Snares and Auckland Island groups we may have the chance to walk the rata forests and cushion bogs, hear the ceaseless chattering of song birds and see the alien-looking wildflowers that have adapted to this strange environment. It is a journey that will forever change your appreciation of the Southern Ocean and its wildlife.

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Day 1: Dunedin

Meet your fellow voyagers and Expedition Staff for an informal get-together over dinner at the hotel, where you will stay overnight.

Day 2: Depart Port of Otago

We transfer you to the Port of Otago where the Captain welcomes you on board the *Spirit of Enderby* and as you settle into your cabin, our adventure begins.

Day 3: Snares Islands

North East Island is the largest of the Snares and, staggeringly, this one island is home to more nesting seabirds than all of the British Isles together. Zodiac cruising the rugged coastline we learn how the islands got their name and encounter Snares Crested Penguins, Cape Petrel and Buller's Albatross on the imposing cliffs. We are also likely to encounter Antarctic Terns, White-fronted Terns, Red-billed Gulls, Tomtits and Fernbirds.

Day 4: Enderby Island

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Day 5: Carnley Harbour

These islands have witnessed many a shipwreck in days gone by; loaded in human history, they harbour tales of castaways, bullion and coastwatchers through to today's scientific visitors. We land in Carnley Harbour to visit the Shy Mollymawk colony and perhaps spot the beautiful Wandering Albatross spreading its huge wingspan above the cliffs. With an island named Disappointment and a mountain called the Tower of Babel this unique archipelago has to be seen to be believed.

Days 6 to 7: Campbell Island

We spend two days exploring the island by foot and take in the panorama of rocky islets and sea stacks; once the lonely preserve of settlers and seal hunters and now returned to nature. Enjoy an easy walk to the nesting site of the Southern Royal Albatross at Col Lyall or walk across the hills to Northwest Bay and see the strange and beautiful 'mega herbs' growing on the hills, huge pink and yellow wildflowers that have adapted to the harsh conditions. We also seek out other wildlife such as Campbell Island Shags, Light-mantled Sooty Albatross and, on the beaches beyond, young male Sea Lions testing their strength.

Day 8: At Sea

Take in informal lectures with our experts on the Subantarctic Islands and the tumultuous Southern Ocean; relax in the ship's bar or catch

up on your reading in the library. Crossing the confluence of warmer and cooler waters at the Subantarctic Convergence we can expect the birdlife to be abundant including five or six kinds of albatross and petrel. Join us on the bridge, where we keep a keen lookout for them and for whales.

Days 9 to 10: Macquarie Island

The only place in the world where the beautiful Royal Penguin breeds, this remote outpost in the middle of the roaring westerly winds supports a breathtaking concentration of wildlife. You will never forget your first experience of a noisy 'penguin city', where the dapper inhabitants show no fear of their strange visitors and where you will be immersed in a tumult of chattering, feeding chicks; territorial disputes; petty pilfering and courtship displays. We meet with scientists and Park Rangers based here and also seek out the thousands of Elephant Seals lolling on the beaches and dunes.

Days 11 to 13: At Sea

Relax and reflect on a remarkable journey, join our experts for a recap of highlights and enjoy a farewell dinner on the final night.

Day 14: Port of Hobart, Australia

Making safe harbour at last in historic Hobart, our adventure ends but memories will last long beyond this; we transfer you to the city or airport and bid fond farewells.



Passenger over looking Carnley Harbour, Enderby Island
Photo credit: Aaron Russ



Campbell Island Albatross

Photo credit: Aaron Russ

Voyage	Dates	Heritage Suite	Mini Suite	Superior Plus	Superior	Main Deck	Main Deck Triple
LIMITED AVAILABILITY	18 th Nov - 1 st Dec 2011	7,990	7,400	6,950	6,500	5,750	5,050
#1266*	9 th Dec - 21 st Dec 2012	7,990	7,400	6,950	6,500	6,000	5,050

Additional charges:
Landing Fees \$ 600pp

Price Includes:
Pre/Post cruise transfers and all shore excursions as outlined in the itinerary.
1 night pre-cruise twin share hotel accommodation, all on board ship accommodation and meals.

Price Excludes:
All items of a personal nature, laundry, drinks, gratuities. International/domestic flights, visas and travel insurance.

(*1266 runs in reverse, returning to Bluff)
(All prices per person in USD)



Mawson Centennial

In the Footsteps of Sir Douglas Mawson

"I seemed to stand alone on the wide shores of the world..." Douglas Mawson in his memoir, *Home of the Blizzard*. In 1910, the geologist and explorer Sir Douglas Mawson turned down an invitation to join Captain Scott's ill-fated expedition to the South Pole, choosing instead to command his own Australasian Antarctic Expedition a year later. His aim was to explore and chart the 2000 mile coastline directly south of Australia; it was a stretch of Antarctic coast virtually unknown to man and would test the endurance of Mawson and his men to their mortal limits.

They sailed from Hobart on 2nd December 1911 encountering foul weather and high seas before making landfall at Cape Denison in Commonwealth Bay. Unbeknownst to them, they had just discovered one of the windiest places on the planet but it was to become their home for the next two years.

Dividing into parties and exploring over many hard months, they traversed massive glaciers and plunging crevasses and endured countless long weeks trapped by blizzards raging at 120 kilometres an hour. Mawson himself struggled back to base from his expedition party, frostbitten, alone and exhausted with a tale to tell that equals any from that golden era of polar exploration. He arrived back at Cape Denison, snow-blind and so late that he had to overwinter in Antarctica, his relief ship had already sailed.

On this centenary celebration of that courageous voyage, we hope to land at Cape Denison to visit Mawson's Hut, where we will try to piece together the clues and envisage what life would have been like here a century ago. The location of the base against the backdrop of the polar plateau is nothing short of spectacular; the area is populated by thousands of penguins and petrels, making a visit here very special indeed. We will also follow in the original expedition's footsteps with a stop at Macquarie Island plus other Subantarctic Islands (all of them designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites) which are inhabited by penguins, seals and albatross.

Passengers outside Sir Douglas Mawson's Historic Hut
Photo credit: Nathan Russ

ITINERARY

Day 1: Hobart

Arrive at the historic city of Hobart, Australia where you are welcomed on board the *Spirit of Enderby* and you can take time to explore the vessel. In the evening there will be a programme which includes the Mawson hut foundation celebration dinner.

Day 2: Depart Port of Hobart

After a hearty breakfast on board the *Spirit of Enderby*, we will all head to the top decks for the spectacular views departing Hobart. In 1911, Mawson's ship signalled "Goodbye, all snug on board" as it set sail into the Southern Ocean, 100 years later we set sail in his wake, towards Macquarie Island.

Days 3 to 5: At Sea

En-route to Macquarie Island we should spot many pelagic species including Wandering Albatross, shearwaters and petrels; we may even be lucky enough to see the Antarctic Prion wheeling in the wind.

Days 6 to 7: Macquarie Island

This remote, rocky outpost in the middle of the roaring westerly winds supports one of the highest concentrations of wildlife in the Southern Hemisphere. Four species of penguins breed here including the endemic Royal Penguin, King and Rockhopper Penguins breed in their thousands. Mawson's party established a base here to relay radio messages from Antarctica to Australia. The only humans remaining are scientific researchers but the wildlife populations remain almost the same as a hundred years ago. We will visit these vast penguin colonies, meet with the scientists and Park Rangers and also observe the thousands of Elephant Seals along the beaches.



Emperor Penguins tobogganing on the ice

Photo credit: J.J. L'Heureux

Days 8 to 10: At Sea

As we plough our way across the tumultuous Southern Ocean towards East Antarctica, there will be many opportunities to view pelagic species. We will be logging the location of the various albatross, petrels, and prions that we see and will be keeping a keen lookout for marine mammals. Staff will prepare us for our time in the Antarctic with informal lectures and discussions, or you can relax in the ship's bar and well-stocked library.

Days 11 to 17: East Antarctic

Our first stop on the remote East Antarctic coastline is Cape Denison, now notoriously known as the 'home of the blizzard' (from the title of Mawson's memoir). Mawson's original expedition hut built 100 years ago still stands, although ravaged by extremes of weather. Recent restoration work means that we can enter the hut and experience it in a special way on this centennial expedition. This coastline is one of the first areas of the Antarctic Continent to become free of ice each year and as a result wildlife is abundant, with Adelie Penguins, Snow Petrels and Wilson's Storm Petrels both on the continent and on many of the offshore islands. We make a special effort to land at these sites to view the birds up close. West of Cape Denison are the Petrel Islands, the landing place of 18th century French explorer Dumont d'Urville and the site of the modern French scientific base. Nearby there is an Emperor Penguin colony, they are a winter breeder but some birds may still be present.

Days 18 to 21: At Sea

After departing the spectacular icebound majesty of Antarctica we have some quieter time at sea to recover from the long daylight hours of the southern high latitudes. Take in lectures on various aspects of the Southern Ocean, take advantage of the ship's amenities or catch up on your reading. Join

us on the bridge, where we keep a keen lookout for whales and the seabirds of the region.

Days 22 to 23: Campbell Island

We drop anchor in Perseverance Harbour, site of a former Meteorological Station. We land and can either take an easy walk to the nesting site of the Southern Royal Albatross and see the strange and beautiful 'mega herbs' at Col Lyall ridge or enjoy a longer walk across the island to Northwest Bay, encountering Albatross along the way. We explore the upper reaches of Perseverance Harbour by Zodiac, visiting a number of historic sites or scramble up Mt. Honey, the highest peak on the island.

Day 24: Carnley Harbour

Characterised by towering cliffs and rugged sea stacks, the Auckland Islands have borne witness to many a shipwreck in days gone by; rich in history, they harbour tales of bullion and coastwatchers. We land in Carnley Harbour to visit some of these sites or, if the weather is suitable, climb to a Shy Mollymawk colony and nests of the beautiful Wandering Albatross amongst the tussock.

Day 25: Enderby Island

Named for the same distinguished shipping family as our own vessel and one of the most beautiful in the group, if not the world, this is a great wildlife location and a chance to see everything from the famous Southern Royal Albatross and Northern Giant Petrel to the endemic shag, teal and snipe. Other birds include parakeets, bellbirds, tomtits, tui and possibly the New Zealand Falcon. Sandy Bay is a fine breeding ground for the rare Hooker's or New Zealand Sea Lion, it will be a day to remember.

Day 26: Snares Islands

North East Island is the largest of the Snares and, staggeringly, this one island is home to

more nesting seabirds than all of the British Isles together. Zodiac cruising the sheltered bays we should see Snares Crested Penguins, Cape Petrel and Buller's Albatross among the imposing cliffs. Other wildlife will include Antarctic Terns, White-fronted Terns and Red-billed Gulls and we are also likely to encounter New Zealand Fur Seals hauled out on the rocky shoreline.

Day 27: Port of Bluff, Invercargill

When Douglas Mawson returned to Australia from his harrowing expedition he noted "the welcome home... the hand-grips of many friends, it chokes me, it cannot be uttered!" We arrive, less dramatically, at the Port of Bluff, famous for its delicate oysters, and bid fond farewell to our fellow voyagers, to enjoy a transfer to Invercargill city centre or airport.



Adelie Penguins in front of Mawson's hut Photo credit: Ewen Bell

Voyage	Dates	Heritage Suite	Mini Suite	Superior Plus	Superior	Main Deck	Main Deck Triple
LIMITED AVAILABILITY	1 st Dec - 27 th Dec 2011	19,300	18,500	17,990	16,990	15,300	14,450
Additional charges: Landing Fees \$ 650pp (All prices per person in USD) Price Includes: Pre/Post cruise transfers and all shore excursions as outlined in the itinerary. All on board ship accommodation and meals. Price Excludes: All items of a personal nature, laundry, drinks, gratuities. International/domestic flights, visas and travel insurance.							



Forgotten Islands of the South Pacific

You won't find them mentioned in a cosy travel brochure on your high street; you will not find them in most guidebooks and you probably don't know anyone that has ever been here: these are the 'forgotten islands' and they don't even appear on some maps of the South Pacific. And yet they are among the most remarkable wildlife reserves in the Southern Ocean, designated UNESCO World Heritage sites and supporting a dizzying diversity of wildlife. Remote, uninhabited and on no regular shipping route, access is further restricted by conservation departments to only a few hundred people per year.

At the Snares, Auckland and Campbell Islands we will have the chance to hike the windswept rata forests and hear the song birds flitting among its cherry-red flowers; and we'll seek out the alien-looking wildflowers that have adapted to the strange climates. The great English botanist Sir Joseph Hooker, friend of Charles Darwin, found meadows of these 'mega herbs' in flower and proclaimed them to be "second to none outside of the tropics". Sadly, not all European visitors were careful scientists: the 18th century saw settling of land by sealing and whaling gangs who plundered the seal populations and introduced pigs, goats, cats and rats. Their disastrous effect on the endemic flora and fauna need hardly be stated but today's conservation efforts are focused on eliminating these non-native animals and returning the islands to their natural state.

We invite you to explore and understand this priceless ecosystem and to do so in expert company, a family business that actively supports conservation in the region. This is a rare insight into an environment teeming with thousands upon thousands of penguins, imperious albatross, sea lions and many more species besides. Joining an expedition to these islands redefines natural history travel.

Albatross on the wing
Photo credit: Ewen Bell

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart Port of Bluff

Meet at an Invercargill central city hotel where you will be transferred to the Port of Bluff for embarkation. The Captain and Expedition Crew welcome you on board the *Spirit of Enderby* before we set sail and our adventure begins.

Day 2: Snares Islands

The Buller's Albatross nests only here and on the Solander Islands, whose Maori name translates as 'flying wind' and could be an apt description of the Snares. We will cruise the jagged coastline to see the daisy-like Olearia and Brachyglottis forests draping the hills, encounter the endemic Snares Crested Penguin and perhaps glimpse the Tomtit and Fernbird. Snagged with hidden reefs we learn how the islands got their name, which are home to more nesting seabirds than all of the British Isles put together.

Days 3 to 4: Auckland Islands

To the north and south, deep harbours birthed by long-extinct volcanoes; to the west, a coastline sculpted into formidable cliffs by the prevailing westerly winds; and to the east, a coast carved by glaciers into some of the most picturesque fiords in the world. In Port Ross, the northernmost in the archipelago we spend the day ashore on Enderby Island, a wildlife rich island that has no equal in the Southern Ocean. You will enjoy close encounters with the Royal Albatross, the endemic snipe, teal and shag and be able to spend time with the Yellow-eyed Penguin, the world's rarest. In Carnley Harbour in the south we go in search of the Wandering Albatross and a colony of Shy Mollymawk. We may explore some of the fiords by boat and perhaps hike through forests of parakeets and bellbirds to a small glacial lake. The islands are home to the rare Hooker's or New Zealand Sea

Lion and we will visit the unique fields of 'mega herbs', whose languorous names promise the exotic: the *Bulbinella rossii*, the *Anisotome latifolia* and the vivid red and white gentians.

Days 5 to 6: Campbell Island

Our visit should coincide with the flowering of the *Pleurophyllum speciosum*, an endemic daisy carpeting the hills and startling in size with leaves sometimes half a metre wide. Adapting unusually to survive the harsh climate, its nearest relatives can be found in the baking Canary Islands but its presence here at the edge of the world remains a mystery. Dropping anchor early, we explore the island by foot and take in the panorama of rocky islets and sea stacks; once the lonely preserve of settlers and seal hunters and now returned to nature. We can explore an abandoned Meteorological Station or climb to Col Lyall ridge and the breeding grounds of the Southern Royal Albatross. And we can walk across the hills to Northwest Bay or hike the beautifully-named Mt. Honey for its dramatic views or seek out penguins, rare sea lions and the Light-mantled Sooty Albatross.

Day 7: At Sea

As we plough our way across the South Pacific, there will be many opportunities to spot pelagic species. We will be keeping a keen lookout for albatross and petrels and our expert staff will be on hand to recap the highlights and provide lectures and informal discussions on the biology and history of the region.

Day 8: Port of Bluff, Invercargill

Our adventure ends with safe harbour at the Port of Bluff, famous for its delicate oysters. We bid farewell to our fellow voyagers, to enjoy a transfer to Invercargill city or to the airport.



Mega herb fields on Campbell Island

Photo credit: Tessa Bickford

Voyage	Dates	Heritage Suite	Mini Suite	Superior Plus	Superior	Main Deck	Main Deck Triple
#1167	28 th Dec '11 - 4 th Jan '12	5,150	4,880	4,750	4,350	3,750	3,250
#1269*	5 th Jan - 12 th Jan 2012	5,150	4,880	4,750	4,350	3,750	3,250

Additional charges:

Landing Fees \$ 250pp

Price Includes:

Pre/Post cruise transfers and all shore excursions as outlined in the itinerary. All on board ship accommodation and meals.

Price Excludes:

All items of a personal nature, laundry, drinks, gratuities. International/domestic flights, visas and travel insurance.

(*1269 runs in reverse)
(All prices per person in USD)



Yellow-eyed Penguins

Photo credit: Ewen Bell

NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHIC

New Zealand Geographic and Heritage Expeditions are offering special New Zealand Geographic Expeditions, voyaging to the most remote and beautiful corners of New Zealand's territory. Each voyage will have a special focus on key ecological, historic and conservation themes, including on-board experts and New Zealand Geographic photographers or staff available to advise and assist. The 5th January departure of Forgotten Islands of the South Pacific has been chosen for 2012.

With a component of the fare going towards conservation projects run under the auspices of the New Zealand Geographic Trust, the partnership allows overseas visitors as well as many New Zealanders the opportunity to see seldom-visited parts of our country, while also creating new opportunities for conservation and research projects in those locations to secure their future.

In 2013, our short Subantarctic Islands trip will feature: Antipodes, Bounty and Chatham Islands.

Voyage	Dates	Heritage Suite	Mini Suite	Superior Plus	Superior	Main Deck	Main Deck Triple
#1374	7 th Mar - 17 th Mar 2013	5,300	5,200	4,900	4,500	3,900	3,500

Additional charges:

Landing Fees \$ 200pp

Price Includes:

Pre/Post cruise transfers and all shore excursions. All on board ship accommodation and meals.

Price Excludes:

All items of a personal nature, laundry, drinks, gratuities. International/domestic flights, visas and travel insurance.

(All prices per person in USD)



Inside Cape Royds historic hut

Photo credit: Tony Fleming



Emperor Penguins

Photo credit: Heritage Expedition Team



Leopard Seal

Photo credit: Katya Ovsyanikova



King Penguins

Photo credit: Ewen Bell



Ross Sea - In the Wake of Scott & Shackleton

The Ross Sea region of Antarctica is one of the most remote places on Planet Earth and one of the most fascinating places in the continent's human history. With shipping restricted by impenetrable pack ice to just two brief months, each austral summer, few people have ever visited this strange and beautiful territory; opportunities for non-scientific personnel are limited to a handful of tourist expedition ships. Heritage Expeditions offers such a voyage: a unique opportunity to come face-to-face with raw nature on a fully-equipped and ice-strengthened ship, crewed by experts.

It was to the same Ross Sea that the ill-fated Robert Falcon Scott, his predecessor Shackleton and rival Amundsen came in search of the South Pole and glory

during the Golden Age of polar exploration. It is here that we will take you, to land where they landed and to see their huts, preserved to this day. And there is so much to see; not only the human history but the thousands upon thousands of seabirds and seals that call this home. We visit rookeries of a million penguins, so curious of their visitors that they stride straight up the beach; we watch for whales navigating the ice floes and perhaps spot the magnificent Wandering Albatross spreading its huge wingspan above the ship.

There will be drifting icebergs vivid with colour, each a unique, natural sculpture and there will be scientific research bases to visit, the inhabitants thrilled to share their findings and their company over hot coffee. With a

flexible itinerary subject to the commands of the weather we also take in the milder climes of the Subantarctic Islands: Auckland, Campbell and Macquarie where we may have the chance to walk among rata forests, to hear the ceaseless nattering of song birds and see the alien-looking wildflowers that have adapted to the strange climates.

With isles named Inexpressible and Disappointment Island and mountains with names like Mt. Terror and Mt. Black Prince, this region has to be seen to be believed. It is, put simply, the journey of a lifetime.

*Spirit of Enderby in the Ross Sea
Photo credit: Josef Hofflehner*



ITINERARY

Day 1: Invercargill

Arrive at Invercargill, New Zealand's southern most city and rich in Scottish history. Grab your last-minute luxuries before meeting your fellow expeditioners for an informal get-together over dinner.

Day 2: Depart Port of Bluff

Enjoy a visit to the museum to view the Subantarctic display before transferring to the Port of Bluff, where you will board the *Spirit of Enderby*. Settle into your cabin and join your Expedition Staff and the Captain for a welcome on board.

Day 3: Snares Islands

Staggeringly, the Snares Islands are home to more nesting seabirds than all of the British Isles put together. Zodiac cruising the coast we learn how the islands got their name and in the sheltered bays we should see the endemic Snares Crested Penguin, the Cape Petrel and Buller's Albatross nesting on the imposing cliffs.

Days 4 to 5: Auckland Islands

Characterised by towering cliffs and rugged sea stacks, these islands have borne witness to many a shipwreck in days gone by. We spend the day ashore on Enderby Island which is perhaps the most beautiful of all the Subantarctic Islands; here we find parakeets flitting above carpets of red, white and yellow wildflowers and, on the beaches beyond, the rare Hooker's or New Zealand Sea Lion. We land in Carnley Harbour and climb to a Shy Mollymawk colony and nests of the beautiful Wandering Albatross amongst the tussock.

Day 6: At Sea

Take the chance to learn more about the biology and history of the islands and the tempestuous Southern Ocean through informal lectures with our experts. Crossing the confluence of warmer and cooler waters at the Subantarctic Convergence we can expect to see a large number of pelagic species, including five or six kinds of albatross and petrel.

Days 7 to 8: Macquarie Island

This remote, rocky outpost in the middle of roaring westerly winds supports one of the highest concentrations of wildlife in the Southern Hemisphere. Expect a welcoming committee as a quarter of a million King Penguins stand to attention on shore. You will never forget your first experience in a ceaselessly active 'penguin city', where the dapper inhabitants show no fear of their strange visitors. We will also meet with the Park Rangers and observe the thousands of Elephant Seals along the beaches.

Days 9 to 12: At Sea

Soaring albatrosses and petrels circle the vessel as we steam south through the Southern Ocean. Lectures now concentrate on the Ross Sea region and, beyond the bows of the ship, drifting icebergs begin to appear in extraordinary shapes. Manoeuvring in close for your first ice photographs we pass the Antarctic Circle and into the continent's realm of 24-hour daylight.

Days 13 to 22: Antarctica's Ross Sea region

With unpredictable ice and weather conditions, a day-by-day itinerary is not possible but we assess the conditions daily and take every opportunity to make landings and launch the Zodiacs. You can anticipate wildlife viewing, visits to scientific bases and historic sites, as well as the spectacular white and blue scenery.

We hope to visit the following areas:

Cape Adare: A large flat spit of land, teeming with the staggering sight of Antarctica's largest Adelie Penguin rookery: a tumult of chattering, feeding chicks; territorial disputes; petty pilfering and courtship displays. Curious penguins often come very close, offering superb photographic opportunities. Among the shifting mass of penguins we will find Carsten Borchgrevink's Hut, the oldest in Antarctica, an overwintering shelter for the first expedition to the Antarctic continent in 1899.



Cape Hallett: The enormous Admiralty Range heralds our arrival; wild and extraordinary, the mountains rear up from the sea to over 4,000 metres, bounded by colossal glaciers. We land at an abandoned base site, now home to large numbers of Adelie Penguins and Weddell Seals.

Terra Nova Bay: An Italian research station where the scientists are always hospitable and enjoy showing us around their lonely but beautiful home. They share with us their scientific research and also, perhaps, the best 'cafe espresso' in Antarctica!

Franklin Island: Desolately beautiful and rugged, this is home to a large Adelie Penguin population and other nesting seabirds. We attempt a landing and explore the coastline.

Ross Ice Shelf: The world's largest body of floating ice and a natural barrier, at times creating hazardous weather, with sheets of snow blown at gale force by winds off the polar ice cap. Just 800 miles from the South Pole, this daunting spectacle prevented many early explorers from venturing further south. We cruise along its dizzying 30 metre ice cliffs, perhaps lucky enough to see icebergs 'calving' from its carapace.

Ross Island: Mt. Erebus/Cape Bird/Shackleton & Scott's Hut. Drop in at a scientific field station and visit the preserved huts of Sir Ernest Shackleton and Captain Robert Falcon Scott. Informal lectures explain many facets of these amazing early expeditions and towering behind Scott's hut broods Mt. Erebus, a monstrous active volcano named after the Ancient Greek God of Darkness.

Possession Islands: Rarely-visited, small and rugged, these rocks support tens of thousands of penguins. Observe the birds' busy and humorous activity, with the Admiralty Mountains forming a superb backdrop across the water.

Days 23 to 26: At Sea

Taking time to rest and enjoy shipboard life in the bar or library after the excitement and long daylight hours of the Antarctic, we have time for lectures on our final destination and for some pelagic bird spotting.

Day 27: Campbell Island

We drop anchor in Perseverance Harbour, an occasional refuge for Southern Right Whales who come here to calve. Walk to the nesting site of the Southern Royal Albatross and see the strange and beautiful 'mega herbs' growing on the hills, huge wildflowers that have adapted to

the harsh conditions, with unusual colourings and weirdly-shaped leaves. We also seek out other wildlife such as Campbell Island Shags, Light-mantled Sooty Albatross and Sea Lions.

Day 28: At Sea

Relax and reflect on a remarkable journey, join our experts for a recap of highlights and enjoy a farewell dinner tonight.

Day 29: Port of Bluff, Invercargill

Finding final harbour once more in the Port of Bluff, we disembark and our adventure ends as we transfer you to historic Invercargill city or to the airport. Fond farewells and memories will be long treasured.

Voyage	Dates	Heritage Suite	Mini Suite	Superior Plus	Superior	Main Deck	Main Deck Triple
LIMITED AVAILABILITY	12 th Jan - 9 th Feb 2012	22,700	21,800	20,990	19,500	16,900	15,500
LIMITED AVAILABILITY	9 th Feb - 9 th Mar 2012	22,700	21,800	20,990	19,500	16,900	15,500
#1370*	8 th Jan - 6 th Feb 2013	24,500	23,000	21,990	21,000	18,500	17,000
#1372	6 th Feb - 7 th Mar 2013	24,500	23,000	21,990	21,000	18,500	17,000

Additional charges:

Landing Fees \$ 700pp

(*1370 starts in Dunedin)
(All prices per person in USD)

Price Includes:

Pre/Post cruise transfers and all shore excursions as outlined in the itinerary.

1 night pre-cruise twin share hotel accommodation, all on board ship accommodation and meals.

Price Excludes:

All items of a personal nature, laundry, drinks, gratuities. International/domestic flights, visas and travel insurance.

Adelie Penguins

Photo credit: Ewen Bell



South Indian Ocean

Deep in the South Indian Ocean lie five of the least visited islands on the planet. A handful of scientists and explorers and (in days gone by) sealers and shipwrecked mariners are almost the only humans to ever visit these remote archipelagos.

1. Iles Crozet actually consists of five islands that boast more breeding seabirds than any other island group in the world.

2. The Kerguelen archipelago was discovered by Captain Yves Joseph de Kerguelen-Tremarec in 1772. Explored by Captain Cook, who named them after Kerguelen, the largest island of the archipelago is also known as Desolation Island. Sealing, whaling and scientific expeditions visited in the 19th century and a scientific station was established in 1949.

3. France annexed St Paul in 1843 and it became the centre of a fishing industry eventually abandoned in 1932. Introduced mammals have had a considerable negative impact on the island's vegetation and birdlife but nature is slowly re-asserting itself.

4. Amsterdam Island was first discovered in 1522 and explorers, sealers and scientists visited during the 18th and 19th centuries until France claimed it in 1843. A meteorological base is manned by Global Atmosphere Watch.

5. Heard Island is a mountainous and wild environment: recent satellite images show glaciers existing alongside active lava flows. Antarctic Fur Seal, Southern Elephant Seal and King Penguins, all previously heavily exploited, are now recovering.

Our 2002 expedition was the only modern cruise to land on all of these islands and by popular demand, we are headed back to attempt an encore.



St Paul caldera

Photo credit: Heritage Expedition Team

Spirit of Enderby off Iles Crozet

Photo credit: Heritage Expedition Team

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart Port Louis, Mauritius

Board our expedition vessel *Spirit of Enderby* in the charming, historic capital of Mauritius, Port Louis. The labyrinth of French colonial architecture is heady with the exotic scents of the Indian Ocean.

Days 2 to 8: At Sea

Learn about the Southern Ocean, the Subantarctics and their flora and fauna in lectures from our experts, or just relax in the ship's bar and library. You are invited to join the officers and crew on the bridge as we sail south. Indulge in some birding and wildlife spotting or experience first-hand the work that goes into sailing our expedition vessel.

Days 9 to 10: Heard Island

The human history of these islands is short and predictably brutal, but these natural wildlife havens have been around for many centuries. Australia operated a research station in the 1940s but it is now uninhabited and visited very infrequently, it remains one of the few places on earth believed to contain no species directly introduced by humans. The number of tourist landings can be counted on one hand: the last expedition of any significance was our own 2002 expedition which spent two magnificent days exploring an ecosystem like no other. It is a mountainous and wild environment where recent

satellite images show glaciers alongside active lava flows. Antarctic Fur Seal, Southern Elephant Seal and King Penguins, all previously heavily exploited, are now found lolling (or scurrying) on the volcanic beaches; Gentoo, Macaroni and Rockhopper Penguins also breed here and we may spot prions, petrels and several species of albatross. With favourable conditions we should land at Atlas Cove, abandoned site of the ANARE base and at Spit Beach where we may find the ghosts of sealers and the home of the Lesser Sheathbill and endemic Heard Island Cormorant.

Day 11: At Sea

Setting sail for the north, you have the chance to spot birds on deck, catch up on notes and photos and attend lectures unlocking the mysteries of our next destination: the Kerguelen Islands.

Days 12 to 14: Kerguelen Islands

Looking for the mythical Terra Australis, a French navigator called Captain Yves Joseph de Kerguelen-Tremarec came instead upon this lonely archipelago. The tumbling volcanic landscapes hide glaciers and fumaroles, penguins of all shapes and sizes, petrels, Cape Pigeon and the magnificent Wandering Albatross, in all, over 30 species of bird. Botanically, Kerguelen Island is one of the richest in the Subantarctic with 280 known species, including 36 vascular varieties, it even boasts its own endemic cabbage, the *Pringlea antiscorbutica*. Exploring the many rocky islets we will search for abandoned whaling

stations, elephant seals and maybe the endemic Kerguelen Pintail.

Days 15 to 18: At Sea

We set our compass for the west and, enroute to the magnificent Crozet Islands have plenty of opportunities for pelagic birding and educational pursuits. Catch up on your reading, catalogue your photos and truly sail the Southern Indian Ocean.

Day 19: Crozet Islands

Iles Crozet actually consists of five volcanic islands that boast more breeding seabirds than any other island group in the world. Thirty-six species breed here, with 24 on Ile de la Possession alone and it is here that we will land for the day, spending our time searching for species such as the Yellow-nosed or Light-mantled Sooty Albatross the Crozet Shag, Kerguelen Tern, Blue Petrel or Fairy Prion. This archipelago has witnessed many shipwrecks in the days when whaling ships were common in these waters and, if we're lucky, we might spot Orcas hunting for the resident Antarctic Fur Seals.

Days 20 to 23: At Sea

We finally turn our bow to the east and run with the prevailing weather toward St Paul. There will be time to relax and read, attend lectures and spend time on the bridge watching for whales, dolphins, seals and of course seabirds!

Day 24: St Paul

This island was formed by a massive volcanic eruption and our landing is inside its flooded caldera. Now uninhabited, there is an abandoned fishing village to explore; here we will learn of the

considerable negative impact that introduced mammals had on the island's vegetation and birdlife. Cats and rats are thought responsible for the severe depletion of bird populations, especially those of small burrowing petrels. Happily, many bird species still breed here, including Moseley's Rockhopper Penguin, Sooty Albatross, Flesh-footed Shearwater, Little Shearwater, Broad-billed Prion, White-bellied Storm Petrel and Antarctic Tern.

Day 25: Amsterdam Island

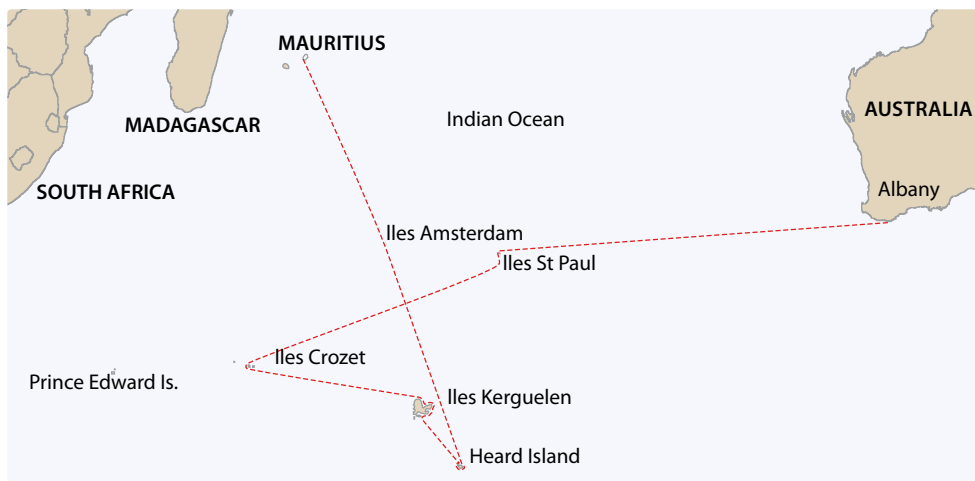
Sailing under the stars, we arrive early morning, steaming first past the northern cliffs where there is a huge Yellow-nosed Albatross colony. The French maintain a permanent scientific base which we will visit, to enjoy their hospitality before exploring this almost uninhabited ecosystem. We will look for the wild descendants of a herd of cattle left by 19th century settlers and the rare Amsterdam (Wandering) Albatross, as well as Soft-plumaged Petrel and Southern Skua.

Days 26 to 32: At Sea

We spend the last days of our expedition crossing to Albany in Western Australia. Reflect on an amazing journey into a wilderness on the edge of the earth. Recap the highlights with the crew and enjoy a farewell dinner as we sail the last leg of our southern sea journey.

Day 33: Port of Albany, Australia

Finding final harbour once more in the deep water Port of Albany, we will clear Australian Customs and a coach will transfer you to the airport or to the nearby bustling town.



Voyage	Dates	Heritage Suite	Mini Suite	Superior Plus	Superior	Main Deck	Main Deck Triple
LIMITED AVAILABILITY	31 st Oct - 2 nd Dec 2012	27,000	24,500	23,000	22,500	21,500	n/a

Additional charges:

Landing Fees \$ 1000pp

(All prices per person in USD)

Price Includes:

Pre/Post cruise transfers and all shore excursions as outlined in the itinerary.

All on board ship accommodation and meals.

Price Excludes:

All items of a personal nature, laundry, drinks, gratuities. International/domestic flights, visas and travel insurance.



Birding the Australian Bight

This expedition is an authentic ocean-going voyage into the heartland of Australasia's seabird population. Spending a full 6 days at sea we have time and space to spare. We are free to explore the vast waters south of Australia which are among the best in the world for seabirding. Huge albatross soar up from the Southern Ocean and elusive Pterodroma petrels cruise far offshore; massive colonies of shearwaters gather before heading in to breeding grounds and tiny storm-petrels patter on the water. Many nature-lovers only ever visit the fringes of these seas on day trips, but our expedition is a unique opportunity to go further and to get deeper into the natural world. Living on board our comfortable ship for a week you will be accompanied by experts and enthusiasts who have time to share their knowledge.

The journey departs from the beautiful town of Albany and culminates in Hobart, the venerable deepwater port on the tip of Tasmania. Along the way we follow a submerged continental shelf where the birdlife is richest, we'll 'chum' for seabirds and you'll see the sky blotted out by beating wings. Such experiences are unforgettable: the numbers and sheer diversity are overwhelming.

This week-long pelagic voyage is simply the best opportunity to search for Southern Ocean species that are rarely seen in Australian waters. As we trace the southern coastline we'll see dolphins and whales feeding in the rich seas, this voyage is not to be missed.

Voyage	Dates	Heritage Suite	Mini Suite	Superior Plus	Superior	Main Deck	Main Deck Triple
#1264	2 nd Dec - 10 th Dec 2012	5,200	4,200	3,500	2,800	2,300	2,000

Additional charges:

Landing Fees not applicable to this voyage

(All prices per person in USD)

Price Includes:

Pre/Post cruise transfers and all shore excursions.

All on board ship accommodation and meals.

Price Excludes:

All items of a personal nature, laundry, drinks, gratuities.

International/domestic flights, visas and travel insurance.

Light-Mantled Sooty Albatross

Photo credit: Ewen Bell

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Day 1: Depart Port of Albany

Your adventure begins in charming Albany, Australia where we sail from the Princess Royal Harbour. You are invited to join the expedition crew on the bridge as we set our course through King George Sound.

Day 2 to 7: At Sea

With the whole week on the ocean we have time to see everything. The potential seabird list for this week is staggering: 46 species of tubenoses occur in these waters, including 14 species of albatross. Not all of these species are here at this time of year but we will see a large portion of them. Some of the more common ones are likely to include Indian Yellow-nosed, Buller's, and Shy Albatross; Great-winged and White-chinned Petrel; Fairy Prion; Sooty, Short-tailed and Little Shearwater; White-faced Storm-petrel and Common Diving-petrel. But the focus will be on finding the more unusual species, and many exciting discoveries are possible. In the waters off southeast Australia and Tasmania, birds to look out for are Southern Royal, Northern Royal, and Light-mantled Sooty Albatross; Soft-plumaged, Mottled, Gould's, Grey, and Westland Petrel; Grey-backed and Black-bellied Storm-petrel.

In addition to the tubenoses we will see plenty of other seabirds and wildlife; we might catch a glimpse of the Little Penguin and perhaps its predator, the Southern Fur Seal. With so much ocean to explore, we'll encounter other predators like sharks and whales and may see the Australasian Gannet as it plunge dives for its prey. Add to this the innumerable skuas, gulls and terns who remain our faithful travel companions and you have the enviable opportunity to increase your 'life list' of the most incredible seabird sightings imaginable.

Day 8: Port of Hobart, Tasmania

Our final harbour is in Hobart a busy seaport at the foot of Mt. Wellington, bustling with restaurants and culture. Bid farewell to your fellow voyagers as we transfer you to the city or airport.



Future Plans & Expeditionary Voyages

From the Tasman to the Coral - 2013

The extreme corner of the southwest Pacific is divided into two seas, the Tasman Sea and the Coral Sea; this expedition sails through both and visits the two magical islands that lie near their convergence, Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island. It starts in the temperate waters of New Zealand's South Island and ends in the tropical waters of New Caledonia. Covering such a range of marine environments guarantees that we will see an impressive array of seabirds and marine mammals, some of which can be found nowhere else in Australia. Full day landings offer us a chance to see the beautiful native pine trees and flax bushes that so beguiled Captain Cook on Norfolk Island and perhaps to glimpse parakeets and the strange, glowing mushrooms found among the palm forests of Lord Howe Island.

Remote Melanesia - 2013

This journey takes us through three of Melanesia's most important island groups: New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Fiji. The expedition is one of the first ever to search for two very little-known and rarely-seen seabirds: Vanuatu Petrel and Fiji Petrel. As we search for these enigmatic species we are sure to encounter a wide variety of other interesting seabirds. In addition to visiting some of the more well-known landbirding sites, we will also have the opportunity to go ashore on some rarely-visited islands including the Loyalty Islands, the Banks Islands, and the Lau Islands, all of which hold exciting birding potential and seldom-seen endemics. We should encounter numerous cetaceans and other marine life and there will be opportunities for snorkelling the immensely diverse tropical reefs. These isles were first explored by 17th century Portuguese sailors, Captain Cook and also Captain Bligh in the early days of galleons, adventure and mutiny. The people inhabiting these islands are widely considered to be the friendliest in the world making it a very pleasant place to travel.



Norfolk Island

Photo credit: Aaron Russ



Passengers Zodiac cruising

Photo credit: Nathan Russ



Rennell Island, locally known as Mungava

Photo credit: Aaron Russ

The Sea of Okhotsk - June 2012

This little-known sea is bounded to the north and west by the Siberian coast and to the east by the Kamchatka Peninsula and the Kuril Islands as they sweep south; Hokkaido and Sakhalin Island form its southern and western coasts, isolating it from the Pacific Ocean. Covering 1.5 million square kilometres it was for decades closed to foreigners, even Russians had to get special permission to travel here; nowadays political relations have thawed but the territory remains unreachable for most. Participants in this expedition will be among the first westerners to see the region.

The expedition will circumnavigate the Sea of Okhotsk, from Sakhalin Island in the west to the Kamchatka Peninsula in the east. It begins in late spring, just as the ice floes have started to break up and is one of the most picturesque seasons to visit. Above the tundra and wetlands you will see hillsides carpeted in wildflowers and taiga forests of aspen and birch lit by the low sun of the far north, all in the shadow of imposing volcanic peaks.

From a natural history perspective the region is virtually unexplored. We know millions of birds migrate north through this region and it is famed for a profusion of seabirds with a diversity that is quite dizzying: among many others, we may hope to see puffins, guillemots, gulls and terns, murrelets, auklets, and kittiwakes too numerous to mention. At the time of our expedition many more species will be arriving for the breeding season. We may have the fortune to see the rare and beautiful Steller's Sea Eagle in its natural habitat but birds compose only part of the rich wildlife tapestry: salmon return to the rivers in their thousands, fur seals haul out on the beaches to pup and sea otters can be seen around the many islands. Wolves, Bighorn Sheep and Arctic Fox roam the hills and with luck we may catch sight of the mighty Kamchatka Brown Bear. The ocean waters hold an amazing profusion of whale species: the Sea of Okhotsk was once a busy whaling ground and whales were almost hunted to extinction. Thankfully the populations have recovered and we should encounter a number of species.

For those interested in human history and anthropology, the region is a treasure trove. Sakhalin Island was first inhabited nearly 12,000 years ago; the Japanese explored in the 17th century, followed by the Cossacks, and the eventual tug-of-war between Japan and Russia lasted into the 20th century. We will visit the town of Okhotsk, the first European settlement in the region where the legendary Danish explorer Captain Vitus Bering headquartered in the 1720s and from which he launched some remarkable voyages.

A part of the Russian international border zone, this is truly one of the most dramatic landscapes that you will find anywhere in the world. Our expedition to the Sea of Okhotsk presents a rare opportunity to visit one of the last undiscovered regions of the globe.

Essential Information

Detailed information

If you would like more detailed information, full dossiers for every voyage listed in this brochure are available on request from our office. They contain more background information and a fully detailed itinerary. The dossiers also act as the final definitive statement of inclusions and other details and are therefore an essential part of the booking contract. After booking we will provide you with a Pre-departure booklet, Expeditions Notes and Passenger Handbook to help you prepare for your holiday.

Age Requirements

Our Expeditions are designed for adults, but may be suitable for mature teenagers. We can accept bookings for children; however anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please note that we do not provide an on board children's programme and children will be the responsibility of their parent or guardian while on board.

Flight Information

We do not package international flights to connect with our voyages but in some cases we will charter flights to aid travel to destinations that are not always serviced with regular scheduled air services. Information on these charter flights will be provided at time of booking.

Passport & Visa Requirements

You are required to travel with a current passport and visa for all of our holidays. We also recommend that any passports within 6 months of expiry are renewed before travelling. Other regulations may apply and you should check with the nearest embassy or consulate of the countries that you plan to visit.

Medical Matters

These are expeditions for persons in generally good health. We will be travelling to remote areas without sophisticated medical facilities. The ship will have a medical officer and a small infirmary on board but medical attention is limited to basic care. The fee for medical services rendered or medicines supplied will be added to your account.

You will be forwarded a confidential medical questionnaire 4 months prior to departure which we ask that you and, in some cases, your doctor complete and return promptly to enable us to assess if there are any difficulties in you joining the trip. This form will then be held by the ship's doctor during the voyage to assist him/her should any treatment be required. If there is any substantial change in your

medical circumstances between the completion of that document and the trip departure it is important that you advise us accordingly.

Equipment & Clothing Requirements

Our Pre-departure information details any essential clothing that is required and is sent with your booking confirmation.

Travel Insurance

You must have it! You may be barred from embarkation if you have no proof of insurance. If you are arranging your own insurance, you should check that all the included activities are covered.

Adventurous Travel

However good our organisation is, we are at the mercy of the unexpected and this type of expedition can never be entirely predicted. If you are not prepared for this you should not travel with us. Because these are not ordinary package holidays, the outline itineraries given in this brochure are statements of intent rather than promises. Local weather, politics, airlines, transport or a host of other uncontrollable factors can mean a change in itinerary. It is unlikely that the itinerary would be substantially altered, but if changes are necessary the Expedition Leader will decide the best alternative. Where a delay or change does occur, we will do everything we can to minimise its effects, but we cannot be held responsible for the results of delays or changes outside our control.

Ship Accommodation

The Spirit of Enderby ship details are shown on page 7 of this brochure.

Cabin Arrangements

Twin (2 berth) cabins will be allocated to clients booking together. Double beds are available in suite accommodation only. Single clients are matched with a sharer of the same sex in a twin-share cabin. Payment of a single supplement guarantees a single cabin. The cost of a single supplement is 1.8 times the price of the voyage with the exception of the suites which are double the single rate.

Ship Communications

The radio room on the ship is equipped with a satellite telephone and email for on board communication. Details on how to contact the ship in case of an emergency will be sent with your final documents, as will details of communication charges.

Hotel Accommodation

We include the pre-voyage hotel night and a group dinner as well as breakfast the morning of embarkation on most voyages.

Booking Your Trip

Booking Conditions

To make a booking you must send us a completed booking form and a deposit of 25% for your selected voyage. We will then invoice you for the balance, which must be paid no later than 90 days before departure. If you book less than 90 days before departure, full payment is due immediately.

Once you have decided which holiday is for you, please check availability by calling our office or visiting your travel agent. We can normally hold space (option) for you for 7 days while you send in the booking form. We recommend that you read the brochure description, dossiers, general pages and booking conditions very carefully.

Completing the Booking Form

- Ensure your name is spelt exactly as it appears in your passport. This is very important for customs regulations, so please double-check. Do not use abbreviations e.g. Bob for Robert, unless this is what appears in your passport.
- Please specify any special dietary requirements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- Please fill in the details of the passport that you will be travelling on and check that your passport is valid for the required time beyond your period of stay. If not, you may need to obtain a new passport; please make sure you update us with any passport changes.
- Would you like a single cabin? If so please request this on the booking form.
- Are you insured? We do require you to be insured and have suitable cover for the particular trip.
- Where did you hear about us? e.g. Advertisement, Internet search, word of mouth, etc.

Important

Please ensure that you sign the booking form. This indicates that you have read the booking conditions and agree to abide by them and also, having read the information provided, you understand what is involved in the voyage. If there are minors (under the age of 18) in your party, you should sign the booking form for them and this indicates that you are taking responsibility for them.

Then

- Send the fully completed booking form with a deposit of 25%.
- You may pay your deposit over the telephone by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) and this will

secure your place (direct bookings only). We also accept telegraphic transfer, please contact us for our bank account details.

- A signed booking form must be received in our office within 14 days of bookings made by phone.
- If you are booking within 90 days of departure, full payment is due when booking and we may have to impose a late booking fee of USD 50 per person to cover extra expenses if departure is less than 31 days away. If under 31 days we also require a guaranteed final payment such as a telegraphic transfer or an accepted credit card.
- Please note a 2% fee will be added for any payments made by credit card following your initial deposit.

What Happens Next?

Your booking will normally be confirmed within a week, although in busy periods it may take a little longer. Your confirmation will include detailed information on your voyage.

Final Payment

The balance of your payment is due 90 days before departure. The exact date will be shown on your invoice. Although we accept credit cards (Visa or Mastercard) for the deposit, we prefer the final balance to be paid by cheque or telegraphic transfer. If paid by credit card it will be subject to a 2% fee (direct bookings only). Please inform us if you require a receipt.

Lastly

Between 14 to 21 days before departure we will send out your final joining instructions. Please check these details carefully. If you have not received your final joining instructions at least 1 week before departure, please contact us. If you have any concerns about these details or any last questions about your holiday please do not hesitate to contact us immediately.

BOOKING FORM

Personal Details

APPLICANT ONE *(details as shown in passport)*Title: ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms Other _____

Preferred Name: _____

First Names:
(as per passport) _____

Surname: _____

Email: _____

Physical Address: _____

_____Postal Address (if different): _____

Tel (Home): _____

Tel (Work): _____

Tel (Mobile): _____

Sex: ☐ M ☐ F Date of Birth: DD / MM / YYYY

Country of Birth: _____

Passport Number: _____

Nationality (Country of issue): _____

Expiry Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Occupation: _____

Dietary requirements: _____

Signed: _____ Date: DD / MM / YYYY

APPLICANT TWO *(details as shown in passport)*Title: ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms Other _____

Preferred Name: _____

First Names:
(as per passport) _____

Surname: _____

Email: _____

Physical Address: _____

_____Postal Address (if different): _____

Tel (Home): _____

Tel (Work): _____

Tel (Mobile): _____

Sex: ☐ M ☐ F Date of Birth: DD / MM / YYYY

Country of Birth: _____

Passport Number: _____

Nationality (Country of issue): _____

Expiry Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Occupation: _____

Dietary requirements: _____

Signed: _____ Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Expedition Details

Expedition Name: _____

Departure Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Cabin Selection: ☐ Heritage Suite, ☐ Mini Suite,
☐ Superior Plus, ☐ Superior,
☐ Main Deck, ☐ Main Deck Triple,Other arrangements/requests: _____

Where did you hear about us? _____

Payment

☐ BY USD TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER -

For telegraphic transfers - deposits to:

Account Name: Heritage Expeditions
(United States dollar account)
Bank of New Zealand Intl Branch,
80 Boulcott Street, Wellington, NZ.

Account number: 1000 744943 0002

Swift Code: BKNZNZ22

NOTE: Please use surname and voyage number as
reference when making transaction e.g. Smith#1269☐ BY CHEQUE - Payable to HERITAGE EXPEDITIONS LTD☐ BY CREDIT CARD - ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: DD / MM / YYYY

CSV Numbers: (last 3 numbers on the back of card) _____

Cardholders Name: _____

Signature: _____

Please ensure that you sign the booking form. This indicates
that you have read the booking conditions and agree to abide
by them and also, having read the information provided and
understand what is involved in the voyage. If there are minors in
your party, you should sign the booking form for them and this
indicates that you are taking responsibility for them.

Booking Terms and Conditions

Thank you for choosing to book with Heritage Expeditions Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as: 'HE'). Before you make a firm booking, we recommend you (hereinafter referred to as 'contracting party') carefully read the following travel conditions. These general travel conditions and the term 'contracting party' apply to both private persons (direct bookings) and (travel) organisations (see paragraph 1.2).

1. Reservation of trip/travel notification

- 1.1 If the contract comes about by means of a written acceptance by the contracting party on the offer of HE, upon which a binding travel contract with HE is effectual, all conditions set out in paragraph 1.3 up to and including paragraph 11.3 apply. If the contracting party, in addition to himself/herself, lists one or more other persons on one notification form, this contracting party is automatically responsible for all obligations ensuing from the travel contract (in line with the general travel conditions of HE) concerning himself/herself and the other persons booked.
- 1.2 If the contract has come about by means of a written acceptance by a (travel) organisation (as in the case of, but not limited to, tour operators, agencies, travel agents, foundations, societies etc), this (travel) organisation enters into a binding travel contract with HE. The (travel) organisation in question is then exclusively considered as the contracting party to which all conditions set out from paragraph 1.3 up to and including paragraph 11.3 apply. This is irrespective of the possibility that the (travel) organisation in turn enters into a binding travel contract with clients it has recruited (such as, but not limited to, private persons, members of the (travel) organisation, travel agents and third parties in general).
- 1.3 The contracting party shall, before the effecting of the travel contract and its implementation, provide HE with necessary personal data concerning himself/herself or third parties – in the case of a (travel) organisation the client(s) of the (travel) organisation. Incorrect or incomplete provision of (personal) data could result in faulty vouchers, etc for which HE shall not be held liable.
- 1.4 On receipt of the written booking form, the trip that has been booked will be confirmed by HE by means of a confirmation invoice sent to the contracting party.
- 1.5 Single travellers who wish to share their cabin/hotel room should so indicate on the application form. The published per person double occupancy fare is guaranteed in this case, whether or not a cabin-mate is available. Single travellers who require sole occupancy of cabins will be charged 1.8 the published fare on all cabins except suite cabins which will be charged at 2 times the published fare.
2. **The travel offer/the travel elements**
 - 2.1 The scope of the travel offer (the travel elements) booked by the contracting party is contractually recorded in the travel confirmation (invoice) in combination with the description from HE's most up-to-date brochure/programme description.
 - 2.2 Any deviation from the travel elements described in the brochure and publications are valid only if confirmed by HE in writing. This may be in the original offer, travel confirmation or a communication sent later.
3. **Payment**
 - 3.1 On the implementation of the travel contract, the contracting party must pay to HE an advance of 25% of the total price, unless otherwise stated in the travel confirmation. The remaining 75% of the total price is due 90 days before departure. In the case of a (travel) organisation that has guaranteed allocation, the following payment conditions apply: 25% of total deposit on signing the contract, 25% of total price 12 calendar months prior to departure, 50% of total price 180 days prior to departure.

- 3.2 After payment has been received, the travel documents will be dispatched.
- 3.3 If the contracting party fails to fulfil their payment obligations, HE will send him/her a written reminder and he/she will have the opportunity to make immediate payment. If payment is still not made, the contracting party is liable to pay interest on the amount due of 1% for each month or part of a month that this remains unpaid. Furthermore, he/she will be liable to pay compensation for legal collection costs equal to an additional 15% of the sum claimed, with a minimum amount of USD 50. If the contracting party fails to comply with his/her payment obligations, HE reserves the right to cancel the contract on the day of default. HE is entitled to charge the cancellation costs incurred (in line with paragraph 6 or as agreed otherwise in the travel confirmation).
- 3.4 If, regarding the above, payment is then made, but HE cannot send the travel documents to the contracting party before the start of the journey, any additional dispatch costs will be charged to the contracting party. HE will not be held responsible for any travel documents not arriving on time.
4. **Changes in travel elements/price changes**
 - 4.1 Changes to the travel offer, which occur before the start of the journey and are agreed in the travel confirmation, are permitted only if they do not substantially alter the nature of the trip. This includes, among other things, changes made by the airline, changes in flight departure times, changes referring to hotel overnight stays before or after the main journey, minor changes in the travel programme or excursion offer. HE is obliged to inform, in writing, the contracting party of such changes. Such changes may not be used by the contracting party as reason for cancelling the travel contract.
 - 4.2 The agreed price is based on the prices, exchange rates, duties and taxes as known to HE at the time the publication went to press and at the time of the travel confirmation. HE reserves the right to raise the agreed price on the grounds of, among other things, unforeseeable increases (e.g. exchange rates, sudden increased prices of accommodation providers, airlines, duties, taxes, harbour dues and fuel prices). In the event that HE considers a price alteration is considered necessary, HE is obliged to inform the contracting party of this, in writing, at the very latest 20 days before the day of departure. Price increases are not permitted within 20 days of the start of the journey. In the case of a price increase of more than 10% of the total price of the trip, the contracting party is entitled to cancel the trip without incurring any costs.
5. **Cancellation of the trip by HE**
 - 5.1 If the minimum number of participants has not been achieved, HE is entitled to cancel the planned trip up to 30 days before departure. Any payment already received from the contracting party will be paid back by HE if the contracting party does not agree to accept an alternative trip offered by HE.
 - 5.2 HE has the right to cancel the trip in the case of force majeure (e.g. war, uprising, natural disasters, abnormal/exceptional weather and ice conditions, legal stipulations of the local/regional authorities and other 'acts of God'). HE will not be held liable for force majeure. If situations of force majeure occur before the departure date, HE will pay back to the contracting party the amount already paid. If situations of force majeure occur during the trip, HE will try to offer an alternative programme. If this should prove impossible, either HE or the contracting party is entitled to cancel the trip. In such a case, HE will not be held financially liable. However, in the case of any cost savings, HE shall return these monies to the contracting party. HE is obliged to assist the contracting party – in the case of a (travel) organisation, the client(s) of the (tour) organiser, in

obtaining a return trip/flight. The contracting party he/she is responsible for the costs of this.

- 5.3 If HE, by virtue of the provisions of paragraph 5.1 and 5.2, cancels the trip, only the equivalent of the billed price will be paid back to the contracting party. HE will not be held liable for costs the contracting party has incurred in preparation of the trip nor for reservations of travel components (such as but not limited to: flights, hotels, connecting programmes, travel insurances) which, in combination with the trip booked with HE, may have been booked elsewhere.
6. **Cancellation of the trip by the contracting party**
 - 6.1 The contracting party may cancel the travel contract (exclusively in writing) at any time before the beginning of the trip. In the case of cancellation by the contracting party HE is entitled to charge the following costs to the contracting party: for cancellations received more than 180 days prior to the departure date, a full refund will be made less a USD 750 per person administration fee. For cancellations received within 179 and 91 days of the embarkation date the full deposit will be forfeited. If cancellation occurs within 90 days prior to the departure date the total price is forfeited. If cancellation occurs within 90 days and full payment has not yet been received, the total price will still apply and any unpaid monies are due immediately.
 - 6.2 If the contracting party, after booking, wishes to make changes to the booked trip (e.g. the departure date, destination or type of accommodation), this is considered a cancellation and the cancellation costs stated in paragraph 6.1 apply. In case of minor changes HE is entitled to charge reservation costs of at least USD 25 per alteration.
 - 6.3 It is possible for the contracting party – in the case of a (travel) organisation, the client(s) or the (travel) organiser, to take out cancellation insurance to cover the costs of any cancellation of the trip (see also paragraph 10.4).
7. **Liability of HE**

HE is obliged to provide correct details of the trip according to the travel contract and in line with the expectations the traveller may reasonably have on the grounds of the contract. HE is responsible for the selection of accommodation providers of ships, hotels, resorts etc. composition and the quality control of the travel elements and excursions, description of the travel elements in the HE brochures and other publications, the processing of the travel confirmation, reservation of the travel elements and control and dispatch of the travel documents.
8. **Exclusion and limitation of the liability of HE**
 - 8.1 HE acts as intermediary for the sale of travel elements between, on the one hand, providers of accommodation/services (such as but not limited to: a stay in a hotel, a voyage on a ship, services of dive bases and providers of transport) and, on the other hand, the contracting party and therefore HE's liability is excluded. In these cases the conditions of the relevant providers of accommodation/services and/or the stipulations of (inter)national law applies and all liability of HE (in the case of complaints, claims, loss and damage of possessions/baggage, personal injury, death etc) are excluded. In the case of claims, HE will try to mediate between the provider of accommodation and the contracting party. HE is not responsible for optional travel elements booked by the contracting party elsewhere (optional excursions etc).
 - 8.2 All travel elements booked with HE, which relate to stays on board a ship and/or excursions or programmes off ship (such as but not limited to excursions or programmes on land or on/in the water, incl. scuba diving, swimming and snorkelling, are at 100% own risk of the contracting party – in the case of a (travel) organisation: the client(s) or the (travel) organiser. HE is therefore not liable for any damage such as, but not limited to,

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- (bodily) injury, illness, death etc whatever the reason or cause may be. If the contracting party has booked a diving programme, HE or, as the case may be, the diving base or the diving leader on board our ship will ask the contracting party to sign a form to which the contracting party accepts 100% own risk and promises that he will not lodge any claims against the diving base and/or the diving leader on board the ship in the case of any calamity which may or may not result in (permanent) injury or death. The conditions for participation are stated precisely in our diving trips brochure. In any case the contracting party must have a health certificate signed by a doctor and an internationally accepted diving certificate. In the case of the land programmes, the contracting party should enjoy generally sound health. We advise the contracting party – in the case of a (travel) organisation: the client(s) of the (travel) organiser – to always take out travel insurance, supplemented if necessary by accident insurance (see also paragraph 10.4).
- 8.3 If HE offers the contracting party an air travel component, all liability of HE is excluded and, for this travel component, the conditions of the relevant airline apply. The stipulations of the Warsaw Convention in general limit the responsibility of the air travel component in the case of death, injury and also delays, loss of, or damage to baggage. In the case of delays, HE cannot be held liable in any way whatsoever, even if this is at the cost of other travel elements of the trip booked.
- 8.4 HE will not be held liable for loss, damage and robbery of travel documents, baggage or other possessions.
- 8.5 HE shall accept no liability for damage for which there is a claim to compensation based on a travel and/or cancellation insurance.
- 8.6 HE will not be held liable for damage as a consequence of the travel contract not being correctly implemented, if the deficiency in the execution of the contract is attributable to the contracting party.
- 8.7 The trips offered by HE are conducted mainly in 'marginal zones' and require the qualification of expedition trips to places where infrastructure and (medical) facilities may be poor. On booking the trip, the contracting party fully understands that booking the trip with HE is not comparable to booking an everyday standard trip. If, because of weather conditions, sea currents, nautical reasons, large amounts of floating ice etc the decision is made to change the programme, every effort will be made to offer an alternative. In certain exceptional cases, however, this will not always be possible. In such cases nonfulfilment expectations of the contracting party will not be grounds for claims. If the programme cannot be carried out according to the travel description and (certain) places described in the travel programme cannot be visited, HE will not be held liable for damage suffered and/or the spoiling of holiday enjoyment. The Expedition leader is at all times authorised to deviate from the programme, if he/she is of the opinion that it would be to the benefit of the quality of the programme. In such a case HE will not be held liable for payment of restitution.
- 9. Obligations of the contracting party**
In the case of a (travel) organisation: instead of 'contracting party' (in paragraphs 9.1 up to and including 9.4) read also 'the client(s) of the (travel) organiser'.
- 9.1 The contracting party is obliged to comply with all instructions given by HE and the travel leadership (e.g. Expedition leader(s), guide(s), diving instructor(s) and diving assistant(s), crew of the ship, local agent and the personnel of accommodation providers such as hotels, resorts and diving locations) in order to benefit the sound execution of the trip. Furthermore, the contracting party is 100% liable for damage caused by improper behaviour, e.g. towards fellow travellers or material damage to the hotels, ships or resorts, to be judged according to the standards of behaviour of the model traveller.
- 9.2 Any contracting party who causes such disturbance, or who threatens to cause such disturbance, that the proper execution of (part of) a trip is seriously hindered or could result in danger for the contracting party and/or the fellow travellers, can by or on behalf of HE (trip leadership or the local representatives) be excluded from (continuation of) the trip (components). In the case of exclusion, the contracting party is not entitled to make any claim for restitution of (part of) the price.
- 9.3 If disturbing behaviour or damage (as described in paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2) should occur, all costs resulting from this shall be charged to the contracting party.
- 9.4 If the contracting party does not enjoy generally sound health and/or does not have the required diving certificates and/or diving experience as required for participation in the trip, in the interest of the contracting party or his/her fellow travellers, HE is entitled to decide to offer an alternative programme for the contracting party in question or, in extreme cases, to exclude this person from (certain) excursions or (parts of) the diving programme. These limitations apply also if the contracting party is not in possession of the correct (diving) gear, as stated in HE's publications. In the case of exclusion (or of a mandatory alternative programme) the contracting party is not entitled to make any claim for restitution of (all or a part of) the price.
- 9.5 The contracting party is obliged to inform HE's trip leadership of any negligence in the execution of the travel contract noted by him/her at the location – in the case of a (travel) organisation: noted by the client(s) of the (travel) organisation. This should be done as quickly as possible, in writing, or other appropriate form of communication, to HE's relevant Expedition leader, who shall immediately do their utmost to find an appropriate solution. As far as handling complaints is concerned, the following persons are responsible: general complaints during a ship voyage: the Expedition leader. If there is no Expedition leader present, the captain is responsible. In the case of hotel and land programmes: the manager of the hotel/organisation.
- 9.6 If an immediate solution for the complaints cannot be found, the contracting party – in the case of a (travel) organisation the client(s) of the (travel) organisation – should present these complaints to the relevant (travel) organisation where the trip was booked, upon which the (travel) organiser shall be obliged to report the complaint to HE and request assistance. In the case of complaints about travel elements, HE can decide to offer an alternative programme (e.g. hotel, cabin, excursion package) that is virtually identical to that in the originally booked trip (the originally booked travel component).
- 9.7 HE (incl. the representatives, trip leadership, local agent) is entitled to reject the complaint if the complaint does not seriously influence the character of the trip and/or the complaint results in hindrance of only minor significance, if exaggerated demands are made, if it is impossible to provide help to the contracting party within the set time limit, if the deficiency in the implementation of the contract is attributable to the contracting party himself/herself, if the deficiency in the execution of the contract could not have been foreseen or could not be neutralised, or if the deficiency in the execution of the contract is attributable to situations of force majeure. (Force majeure is understood to be abnormal and unforeseeable circumstances that are independent of the will of whosoever claims it and of which the consequences, despite every precaution having been taken, could not have been avoided, see also situations of force majeure as described in paragraph 5.2)
- 9.8 If the complaint has not been satisfactorily dealt with during the trip, the contracting party – in the case of a (travel) organisation the client(s) of the (travel) organisation should present these complaints to the relevant (travel) organisation, where the trip was booked, upon which the (travel) organiser shall present the complaint to HE at the very latest within 1 month of the termination of the trip (the last travel day). The complaint must be presented in writing and must be argued fully.
- 9.9 If HE has not then satisfactorily settled the complaint or if proper satisfaction has been not given in this matter, the contracting party is entitled to present the dispute to the Disputes Tribunal of New Zealand (which court shall have exclusive jurisdiction).
- 10. Baggage/Travel documents and insurance**
In the case of a (travel) organisation: for 'contracting party' (in the paragraphs 10.1 up to and including 10.4) read also 'the client(s) of the (travel) organiser'.
- 10.1 The contracting party must have in his/her possession on departure and during the trip the necessary travel documents such as a valid passport or, where permitted, a tourist card and any required visa, diving certificates, diving logbook including a health certificate from the doctor, proof of inoculations and vaccinations. If the participant is unable to take (part of) the trip due to a lack of any (valid) documents, HE will not be held (financially) responsible, unless HE had undertaken to provide that document.
- 10.2 At the very latest, on the signing of the travel contract, HE shall provide general information to the traveller on passports, visa and any formalities in the area of health care. This information does not bind HE. The contracting party must himself/herself obtain the necessary information from the relevant authorities and before departure check whether there have been any changes concerning information provided at an earlier date.
- 10.3 The contracting party must comply with the current import restrictions of the various destinations and the amount of baggage permitted (also as far as the stipulations of the different airlines are concerned). HE will not be held liable for e.g. damage and prison sentences which could be imposed in the case of a contravention.
- 10.4 HE advises the contracting party to obtain the necessary travel insurance, such as travel insurance, accident insurance, third party risk insurance, baggage insurance and cancellation insurance. In case of a medical problem arising during the voyage, either on board or on shore, which results in costs for medical treatment, evacuation, use of aircraft or repatriation etc, the responsibility for payment of these costs belongs solely to the passenger. HE strongly advises that passengers ensure that such eventualities are covered by travel insurance. If not covered by travel insurance the responsibility still remains with the passenger and HE specifically declines any responsibility whatsoever.
- 11. General**
- 11.1 If the duration of the trip as stated in the publication is given in days, the day of departure and the day of arrival, irrespective of departure or arrival times, are counted as full days. The definite departure and arrival times are given in the travel documents.
- 11.2 The laws of New Zealand apply to this travel contract and all matters ensuing from this contract.
- 11.3 This document and its content belongs to Heritage Expeditions Ltd, Antarctic House, 53B Montreal Street, PO Box 7218, Christchurch 8240, New Zealand.



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