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True Young Explorer Scholarships

Explore. Inspire. Advocate.

Applications are open for 2019/20 True Young Explorer Scholarships

This is your chance to experience true expedition travel to the wildlife rich UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Australia and New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands and Antarctica

About Heritage Expeditions

Every year Heritage Expeditions takes small groups of up to 50 intrepid travellers on voyages to some of the world's most unique and remote islands, coasts and shorelines aboard our purpose-built expedition ships. Founded in 1985 by the Russ family in Christchurch, New Zealand, we are still proudly family-owned and operated contributing to conservation through experiential learning, providing funds for research and management, and our ongoing legacy of creating 'ambassadors' through our True Young Explorer Scholarships.

Securing Your Scholarship

At its core, True Young Explorer Scholarships provide a limited number of younger people (aged 18 – 30 years) each year with the opportunity to experience true expedition travel to Antarctica and Australia and New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands at a fraction of what it would otherwise cost. In doing so, our aim is to create a league of 'ambassadors' inspired to help raise the profile and protect these precious areas, and the unique flora and fauna inhabiting them, for future generations.

To secure a spot, we are looking for individuals who are as passionate as we are about giving a voice to, and protecting, New Zealand and Australia's Subantarctic Islands and Southern Ocean – some of our first expedition destinations and a vital part of our ongoing expedition itineraries. Whether you are studying science, an artist, in media, involved in community organisations, work in travel, are a teacher or ... we want to know how you will share your experience travelling aboard one of our trusty expedition vessels *Spirit of Enderby* or *Akademik Shokalskiy* alongside likeminded passengers and an incredibly experienced expedition team of naturalists, biologists and historians on the trip of a lifetime. Please visit www.heritage-expeditions.com for more.



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A Few Questions to Start

If you can answer yes to the following questions, we want to hear from you.

- Are you aged 18-30 years?
- Can you contribute 30% of the advertised cost of the expedition?
- Will you share your adventure within 3 months of returning?

The Next Steps

Tell us why you should receive a scholarship and how the experience will benefit both you and the Southern Ocean region (how you plan on sharing your adventure). Creativity and passion is encouraged and applications can be submitted in the medium that best suits you – just no more than 400 words or 5 minutes long.

Application checklist:

- ✓ Full name and Date of Birth (proof of age may be required)
- ✓ Address including daytime/after hours telephone numbers and email
- ✓ Expedition applied for (Name and Departure Date)
- ✓ Where you heard about the True Young Explorer Scholarships
- ✓ Your Scholarship submission (see above)
- ✓ Name and address of one referee
- ✓ Declaration that you have sufficient funds to pay the contribution required (funds are payable on confirmation of the scholarship berth)

If applying for more than one expedition, please preference in order of interest.

Send your application to:

True Young Explorer Scholarship
P.O. Box 7218,
Christchurch 8240
Email: true.young.explorer@gmail.com

Applications close:

Thursday 31st October 2019

We are offering the following 2019/20 scholarships with Heritage Expeditions, check out the full itineraries online at www.heritage-expeditions.com

**Galapagos of the Southern Ocean
03 – 15 December 2019
Invercargill to Invercargill, New Zealand. #SHO1941**

Advertised price: US\$8,300 pp.
Scholarship price: US\$2,490

Long recognised for their rich biodiversity, the Subantarctic Islands lying to the south of New Zealand are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. This annual Southern Ocean expedition will appeal to those who are interested in birds, nature, botany and history. A vast array of wildlife including albatross, penguins, petrels, prions and marine mammals like sea lions, fur seals and elephant seals can be seen. The flora is equally fascinating; the majority of it being endemic to these islands. Galapagos of the Southern Ocean explores the three main island groups of Auckland, Macquarie and Campbell Islands and allows participants to experience the astounding biodiversity and importance of these islands as a wildlife refuge. This expedition will forever change your appreciation of the Southern Ocean and its wildlife.

**Beyond Fiordland: New Zealand's Wildest Islands
13 – 23 December 2019
Invercargill to Invercargill, New Zealand. #SOE1965**

Advertised price: US\$6,995 pp.
Scholarship price: US\$2,099

The New Zealand islands that these voyages visit are among the most remarkable wildlife reserves in the Southern Ocean, they are remote, uninhabited and on no regular shipping route. Exploring the forgotten islands of The Snares, Auckland and Campbell Islands we share in the world of the albatross, penguins and myriad seabirds that call these waters theirs, and the islands home for breeding. Timed to coincide with megaherb flowering time this voyage provides an opportunity to those with zoological, ornithological and botanical interests. This expedition will visit New Zealand's third island – Stewart Island – a place of tranquillity and untouched bushland, rich in history and wildlife. We will also explore the remote ice-carved mountains, verdant forests and winding fiords of Fiordland, sailing through beautiful fiords and landscapes.

In the Wake of Mawson
15 December 2019 – 08 January 2020
Invercargill to Invercargill, New Zealand. #SH01943

Advertised price: US\$17,000 pp.
Cost to successful applicant: US\$5,100

Heritage Expeditions follows in the footsteps of Sir Douglas Mawson, arguably the grandfather of Antarctic science with this voyage of discovery to East Antarctica. Attracting those interested in nature and history, the journey south to Commonwealth Bay is broken at the four Subantarctic Islands of The Snares, Auckland, Macquarie and Campbell, each one is different and each one is unique. On our passage to the Antarctic continent our voyage is enriched by the wildlife we encounter and the historic sites we hope to see. Sea ice conditions are constantly changing and will determine our itinerary as we navigate along this remote and fascinating coastline, a very productive area for cetaceans. This expedition on *Akademik Shokalskiy* is truly a life changing experience.

Forgotten Islands of the South Pacific
03 – 10 January 2020
Invercargill to Invercargill, New Zealand. #SOE2069

Advertised price: US\$5,500 pp.
Cost to successful applicant: US\$1,650

The New Zealand islands that these voyages visit are among the most remarkable wildlife reserves in the Southern Ocean, they are remote, uninhabited and on no regular shipping route. Exploring the forgotten islands of The Snares, Auckland and Campbell Islands we share in the world of the albatross, penguins and myriad seabirds that call these waters theirs, and the islands home for breeding. Timed to coincide with megaherb flowering time these voyages provide opportunities to those with zoological, ornithological and botanical interests.

In the Wake of Scott & Shackleton
08 January – 06 February 2020
Invercargill to Invercargill, New Zealand. #SH02045

Advertised price: US\$23,000 pp.
Cost to successful applicant: US\$6,900

Heritage Expeditions offer this voyage of discovery to the Ross Sea region of Antarctic every year which attracts those interested in nature and history. We break our journey to the ice at the Subantarctic Islands which are a part of the amazing and dynamic Southern Ocean ecosystem of which Antarctica is at the very heart. In the Ross Sea our passage passes icebergs, sea ice and glacial ice tongues, the journey is enriched by the wildlife we encounter and the historic sites we hope to see. This is one of the most remote and fascinating places in the world, a unique opportunity to experience nature on a scale so grand that there are no words to describe it, this expedition on *Akademik Shokalskiy* will leave you with lifelong memories.