

ANTARCTICA

SPITSBERGEN & GREENLAND

EXPEDITION CRUISES



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EXPEDITIONS

PIONEERS OF POLAR TRAVEL

TAKING YOU THERE IS WHY WE'RE HERE

Pioneers of ship-based expeditions, inventors of Basecamp Antarctica, and the first company to take travelers to the remote Arctic island of Spitsbergen. With our own fleet of ice-strengthened vessels, we get you deep into the heart of this otherworldly environment so it can get deep into yours.



MV HONDIUS

Registered: The Netherlands
Length: 107.6 meters
Breadth: 17.6 meters
Draft: 5.30 meters
Ice class: PC 6 (equivalent 1A-Super)
Displacement: 5,590 tonnes
Propulsion: 2x ABC main engines; total 4,200 kW
Design operation speed: 15 knots
Passengers: 170 in 80 cabins
Crew, guides, doctor: 57 / 13 / 1
New build 2019



MV PLANCIUS

Registered: The Netherlands
Length: 89 meters
Breadth: 14.5 meters
Draft: 5 meters
Ice class: 1D
Displacement: 3,211 tons
Propulsion: 3x Diesel-Electric
Average cruising speed: 10.5 knots
Passengers: 108 in 50 cabins
Crew, guides, doctor: 40 / 8 / 1
Various decks refurbished: 2009-2018-2019



MV ORTELIUS

Registered: The Netherlands
Length: 90.95 meters
Breadth: 17.20 meters
Draft: 5.4 meters
Ice class: UL1 (equivalent to 1A)
Displacement: 4,090 tons
Propulsion: 6 ZL 40/48 SULZER
Average cruising speed: 10.5 knots
Passengers: 108 in 50 cabins
Crew, guides, doctor: 44 / 8 / 1
Various decks refurbished: 2012-2017-2019



SV REMBRANDT VAN RIJN

Registered: Vanuatu
Length: 49.50 meters
Breadth: 6.65 meters
Draft: 2.8 meters
Ice class: Enforced bow
Displacement: 435 tons
Propulsion: 2 Cummins / 550 KW
Average cruising speed: 6.5 knots
Passengers: 33 in 16 cabins
Crew, guides: 10 / 2
Completely refurbished in 2011

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

1 We are pioneers of ship based, dynamic, innovative expeditions that optimize your polar experience.

2 We design more flexible itineraries for moment-by-moment response to weather and wildlife conditions.

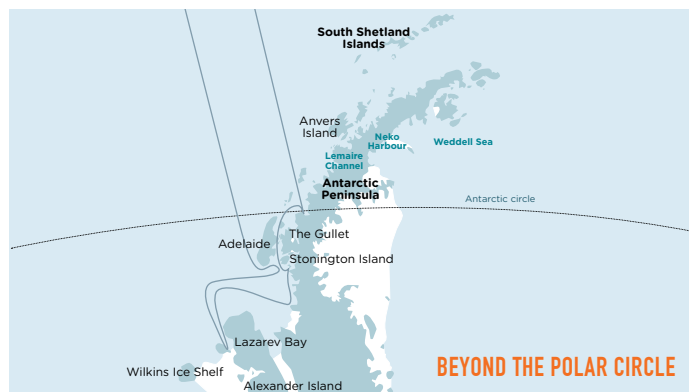
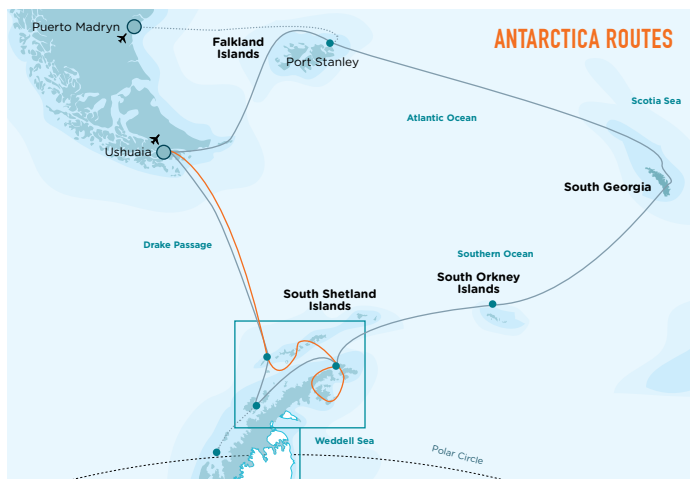
3 Our activity-based cruises emphasize minimum time on the ship, maximum time on shore.

4 We own the ships we operate: a thoroughly outfitted fleet of ice-strengthened vessels.

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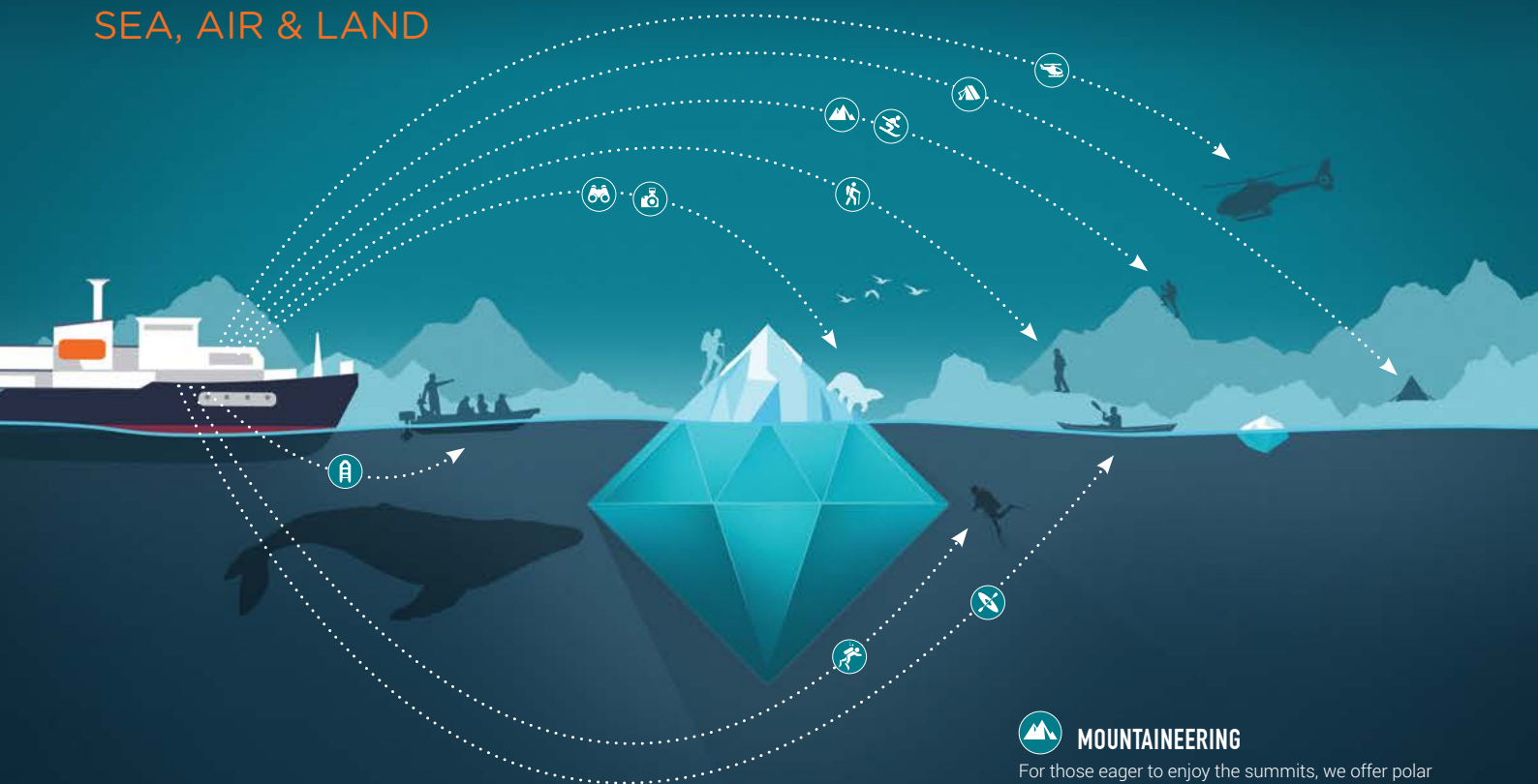


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ACTIVITY OPTIONS

SEA, AIR & LAND



HIKING & SNOWSHOEING

We provide rubber boots for hiking and offer easy, moderate, and more demanding walks in the vicinity of our landing sites. Snowshoes that fit all boot sizes are available for everyone, free of charge.



ZODIAC CRUISING & SHORE PROGRAM

Guided shore excursions, walks, wildlife spotting, and Zodiac cruises are included in the trip fare and offered to all passengers on all voyages. Our emphasis is always wildlife viewing, shore landings, and outdoor activities, all of which we facilitate through the use of our Zodiacs.



CAMPING

In Antarctica we offer open-air camping, a rare opportunity to sleep under the polar stars for a unique expedition experience. Special equipment is provided. The camping group is taken to shore after dinner and returned to the ship before breakfast.



KAYAKING

We offer kayaking for all passengers on select voyages. Special kayak gear is provided, including single- and double-seat kayaks, neoprene wet suits, and life vests. A kayak guide supervises the activity, and all kayakers are accompanied by a Zodiac boat for their safety.



PHOTO WORKSHOP

Some voyages offer photo workshops for multiple experience levels led by an onboard photographer. Participants learn about objects, exposures, composition, and basic photography rules both on the ship and off.



SKI MOUNTAINEERING

This adventurous activity allows experienced skiers to climb and ski in sometimes steep, glaciated, snowy terrain. Though potentially dangerous, ascents and descents are led by certified mountain guides.



MOUNTAINEERING

For those eager to enjoy the summits, we offer polar mountaineering under the leadership of a certified mountain guide. Physical fitness and proper boots are essential, though we provide basic gear: ropes, carabiners, harnesses, helmets, ice axes, and crampons.



POLAR DIVING

This activity is for advanced divers with sufficient cold-water, dry-suit experience. Dive leaders and guides are responsible for your safety during operation. Basic equipment is available on board (scuba tanks, compressors, weights, and other essentials), but divers must bring their own optional gear.



HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

On specific Ortelius voyages, we use helicopters to get closer to the polar wildlife, allowing you to set foot in landscapes often inaccessible by any other means. Take flight above the vast icepack of the Weddell or Ross Sea, enjoying the great white wilderness of the Antarctic coastline.



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