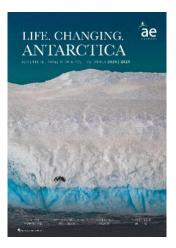


MEDIA RELEASE

AE Expeditions Launches New Antarctica 2024/25 Program



AE Expeditions to explore the Chilean Fjords and follow in Shackleton's Footsteps in 2024/25

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (April 13, 2023) Award-winning, Australian-owned expedition company <u>AE Expeditions</u>, today launched its 2024-2025 Antarctic program packed with 25 voyages from 9 to 23 days duration, visiting the Antarctic Peninsula, Falkland Islands, South Georgia and, new this season, the Chilean Fjords.

Also new is the <u>In Shackleton's Footsteps</u>, a 20-day epic adventure that retraces the historic voyage of the *Endurance*, venturing into the Weddell Sea to Elephant Island, the desolate outpost where Shackleton and his men finally made landfall after 497 days at sea. The voyage continues across the Scotia Sea to South Georgia, where Shackleton's voyage reached its climactic conclusion. It departs from Ushuaia, Argentina on March 16, 2025.

A first for AE Expeditions is visiting the Chilean Fjords, a stunning maze of waterways filled with bird and sea life surrounded by majestic snow-capped mountains. The Fjords are featured in two itineraries: a 14-day fly/sail <u>Antarctic Explorer</u> voyage departing March 01 and a 13-day <u>Spirit of Antarctic</u> expedition departing March 13, 2025.

Whether a novice or skilled, photography enthusiasts will love our immersive 13-day *Spirit of Antarctica* dedicated photographic voyage departing November 12, 2024. Travellers will learn the secrets, tips and tricks through informative lectures and while off-ship exploring from our professional photographers on board.

"I am beyond thrilled to release our most comprehensive Antarctica program for 24/25. The season is packed full of adventure and exploration with a variety of ways for travellers to truly explore Antarctica," said Hayley Peacock-Gower, Chief Marketing Officer of AE Expeditions.

"We have pioneered purpose-driven exploration for more than 32 years and this season combines a unique mix of itineraries – returning favourites, new itineraries and a collection of

special themed expeditions. We aim to open travellers up to exploration and push the boundaries of adventure while deepening connections to the natural world through our off-ship multiple daily excursions, our extensive range of activities and participative Citizen Science projects, all under the guidance of our highly acclaimed and experienced Expedition Team," continued Peacock-Gower.

Launching along with the new Antarctic program will be an exclusive early bird offer* with savings of up to 25 per cent available until sold out so get in quick to secure the voyage and desired stateroom.

For travellers short on time and wishing to capitalise their time on the Antarctic Peninsula or wishing to limit their exposure to the infamous Drake Passage, AE Expeditions is offering eight fly/sail or sail/fly combinations during the height of the Antarctic summer, January-February 2025.

To view the digital brochure and to request a copy, visit <u>https://www.aexpeditions.co.uk/brochures/</u>

Early bird rates* for new itineraries:

In Shackleton's Footsteps on board the *Greg Mortimer* – from US\$17,396.25 per person twin share in an Aurora Stateroom Twin Share. Saving US\$5,798.75 per person.

Antarctic Explorer featuring Chilean Fjords on board the Sylvia Earle – from US\$16,316.25 per person twin share in an Aurora Stateroom Superior. Saving US\$4,079 per person.

Spirit of Antarctic featuring Chilean Fjords on board the *Sylvia Earle* – from US\$11,996.25 per person twin share in an Aurora Stateroom Superior. Saving US\$ 4079 per person.

Expedition prices include overnight accommodation with ensuite and breakfast prior to expeditions; onboard accommodation; all meals, snacks tea and coffee during the voyage; beer, wine and soft drinks with dinner; all shore excursions and Zodiac cruises; all lectures; transfers and charter flights as per the itinerary; complimentary 3-in-1 waterproof polar expedition jacket; port charges, fees, gratuities and Wi-Fi.

*Terms and conditions apply

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About AE Expeditions

AE Expeditions is part of Aurora Expeditions headquartered in Sydney, Australia.

Aurora Expeditions is an award-winning, Australian-owned expedition company pioneering experiential travel for over 32 years. A pioneer in Polar Expeditions, Aurora is deeply committed to environmentally respectful travel to preserve the beauty and majesty that mother nature possesses, and we take real actions for the care of the planet.

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

Aurora's two purpose-built ships, *Greg Mortimer* and our brand-new small expedition ship *Sylvia Earle* are designed for global discovery. Our new ship is named after acclaimed marine biologist, oceanographer, explorer and conservationist Dr Sylvia Earle.

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