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## **Aurora Expeditions Unveils New 2026-27 Antarctica Season**



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*Aurora Expeditions Antarctica 2025 - 2027 season [brochure available here](#)*

**SYDNEY – 5 December 2024** – Today, [Aurora Expeditions](#), a pioneer in responsible and immersive small ship exploration, has released its new Antarctica 2026-27 season. Several special edition expeditions will be introduced, catering to adventure enthusiasts, photographers, science and enrichment seekers and women travellers.

The new season features 27 unique voyages ranging from nine to 34 days. These voyages sail aboard Aurora’s three state-of-the-art, purpose-built expedition vessels the *Greg Mortimer*, *Sylvia Earle* and the brand-new *Douglas Mawson*.

As a part of the new season, travellers will experience the White Continent’s pristine beauty including the Antarctic Peninsula, East Antarctica & Ross Sea, South Georgia and Falklands~Malvinas.

Returning for the 2026-27 season are the best-selling ‘Spirit of Antarctica’ and ‘South Georgia, Falklands & Antarctic Odyssey’ itineraries along with fly voyages the ‘Antarctic Explorer’ and ‘Antarctic Explorer

Express.’ The action-packed ‘Antarctica Active: All-Inclusive Activities’ voyage also returns, featuring camping, snorkelling, snowshoeing, paddling, and more.

New for the 2026-27 season, Aurora Expeditions’ is introducing the 10-day ‘Taste of Antarctica’, perfect for time-conscious travellers seeking a stunning introduction to the remote destination.

In addition, the season is packed with specialty voyages including the expedition travel company’s beloved Photography Expedition, a Women’s Only Voyage aboard the *Sylvia Earle*, and two trips in partnership with [New Scientist Discovery Tours](#).

“Antarctica continues to inspire and captivate explorers from all walks of life, and our 2026-27 season is designed to deepen those connections,” said Michael Heath, Chief Executive Officer, Aurora Expeditions.

“With the addition of new itineraries like ‘Taste of Antarctica’ and a dynamic lineup of themed expeditions, including our new Women’s Only Voyage and itineraries in partnership with New Scientist, we are thrilled to offer travellers even more ways to immerse themselves in the beauty, science, and adventure of Antarctica. This season truly reflects our commitment to creating transformative journeys that leave both our travellers and the destinations they visit enriched.”

#### **Season highlights include:**

- **Photography Expeditions: Antarctica Through the Lens**

Aurora Expeditions' Photography Expeditions allows travellers to capture Antarctica's stunning landscapes and wildlife with guidance from top photographers. Whether using a professional camera or smartphone, guests can refine skills through Zodiac cruises, onshore excursions, and expert-led presentations with hands-on guidance both on and off the ship.

Prices start from \$19,375\* pp twin share in an Aurora Stateroom Superior departing 25 Jan 2027.

- [Travel with Nigel Danson in 2026](#)

*Punta Arenas/Ushuaia, 12 Days, Feb. 1 - 12, 2026 on the Greg Mortimer*

Nigel is a YouTube creator and landscape photographer who runs workshops all over the world to share his knowledge and passion. His philosophy is to seize the moment and capture the essence of his experience.

- [Travel with Scott Portelli in 2027](#)

*Punta Arenas/Ushuaia, 12 Days, Jan. 25 - Feb. 5, 2027 on the Sylvia Earle*

Scott is an international award-winning wildlife, nature, aerial and underwater photographer who has spent thousands of hours filming and photographing remote locations across the globe.

- **New Scientist Discovery Tours**

New Scientist Discovery Tours, inspired by the renowned science and technology publication, offers a unique way to explore the polar regions through a scientific lens. In partnership with Aurora Expeditions, these experiences blend stunning landscapes with discovery and education. Guests will enjoy expert-led talks, workshops, and excursions on topics like glaciology and marine biology, joined by Marine Biologist Dr. Russell Arnott. Prices start from \$16,570\* pp twin share in an Aurora Stateroom Twin departing 7 December 2026 on the Spirit of Antarctica: In Partnership with New Scientist.

- [Spirit of Antarctica: In Partnership with New Scientist Discovery Tours](#)  
*Ushuaia/Ushuaia, 12 Days, Dec. 7 -18, 2026 on the Douglas Mawson*  
Join a voyage to the Antarctic Peninsula with fellow curious travellers, in collaboration with New Scientist Discovery Tours. While crossing the legendary Drake Passage, participate in onboard lectures and workshops in the onboard Science Centre, observe seabirds in flight, or connect with your fellow passengers and expedition team. Upon reaching the Antarctic Peninsula, experience the awe-inspiring icy landscapes and encounter the region's remarkable wildlife.
- [Wild Antarctica featuring the Weddell Sea: In partnership with New Scientist](#)  
*Punta Arenas/Ushuaia, 13 Days, March 2 - 14, 2027 on the Sylvia Earle*  
The Weddell Sea, known for its expansive sea ice, pack ice, and colossal icebergs, provides a striking backdrop for a voyage in partnership with New Scientist Discovery Tours. Beyond its icy vistas, the Weddell Sea offers rich opportunities for exploring wildlife, geology and palaeontology. Travellers may spot ice seals in their natural habitat and, during onshore excursions, search for ancient fossils, including gastropods, large clams and spiral-shaped ammonites.
- [Antarctic Women's Expedition: Fly the Drake](#)  
*Punta Arenas/Punta Arenas, 10 Days, Feb. 23 - March 4, 2027 on the Sylvia Earle*  
Embark on an Antarctic adventure with like-minded women, sailing on Aurora's small-ship expedition vessel, the *Sylvia Earle*, which pays tribute to Dr. Sylvia Earle, an ambassador to conservation on the planet. In addition, the decks highlight six pioneering women in conservation and their incredible achievements and causes. Aurora is proud to launch this new voyage, which is led by a female Expedition Leadership team, opening the door to new experiences, and new challenges. Prices start from \$22,495\* pp twin share in an Aurora Stateroom Superior.
- [Taste of Antarctica](#)  
*Ushuaia/Ushuaia, 10 Days, Feb. 9 - 18, 2027 on the Douglas Mawson*  
*Ushuaia/Ushuaia, 10 Days, March 11 - 20, 2027 on the Greg Mortimer*  
This expedition offers an ideal introduction to the White Continent, blending breathtaking scenery with moments of discovery. Crossing the legendary Drake Passage by sea as early as explorers once did, expeditioners will witness magnificent seabirds and approach Antarctica in a way that connects deeply with its history and grandeur. Prices start from \$11,676\* pp twin share in an Aurora Stateroom Twin departing 11 March 27.

For more information about Aurora Expeditions visit <http://www.auroraexpeditions.com.au/>

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### **About Aurora Expeditions**

Aurora Expeditions is an award-winning Australian-owned adventure travel company that has pioneered experiential travel for over 33 years. A Certified B Corporation™ and proudly carbon neutral, at the heart of each experience, is a commitment to the protection and preservation of our planet.

Founded on the guiding principles of adventure and endless exploration, our carefully curated small-ship voyages offer immersive activities, more time off ship and thoughtful enrichment programs in some of the planet's most remote and incredible places.

Aurora's two purpose-built small ships, *Greg Mortimer* and *Sylvia Earle* are designed for global discovery. The company's third ship, *Douglas Mawson*, will set sail in December 2025.