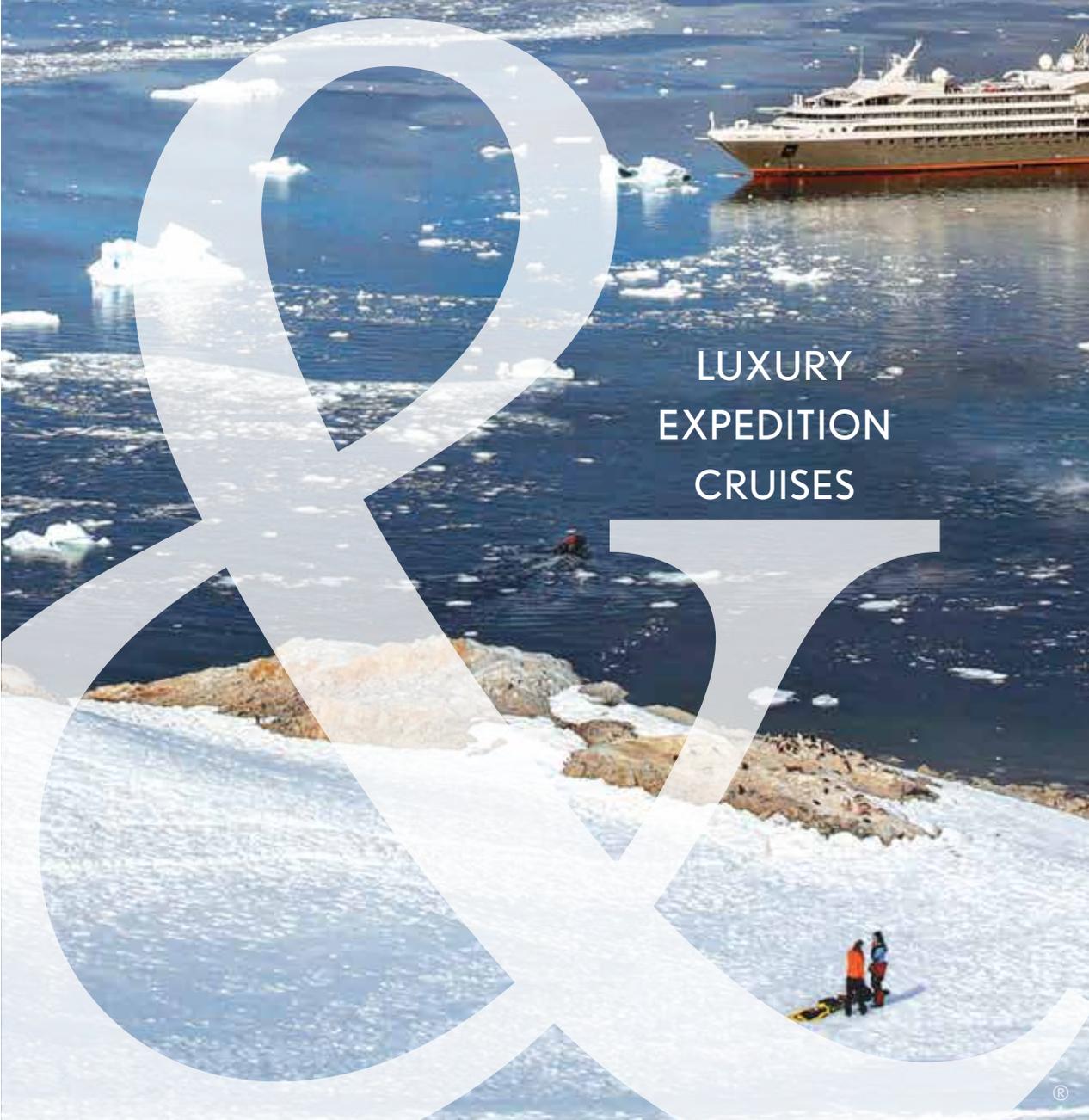


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LUXURY  
EXPEDITION  
CRUISES

# TRUE LUXURY AT THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

More than 26 years since our first polar voyage, it gives me great pleasure to introduce you to another season of A&K Luxury Expedition Cruising. If you have yet to sail with us, let this be the year you discover why discerning guests return again and again, the year you embark on an exclusively chartered, all-balcony ship with an incredible Expedition Team — all executing on an expertly designed itinerary to the wildest, most beautiful places on earth.

New this season, I am thrilled to announce the encore sailing of **The Northwest Passage: From Greenland to the Bering Sea**, an extraordinary 24-day expedition, which sold out in 2015. On the other side of the planet, we are also pleased to invite adventure-seeking families on two holiday departures, each aboard our **Classic Antarctica** and **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands** voyages.

Discover these and other spectacular voyages on the pages that follow, reserving your trip of a lifetime now, while space remains.



*Geoffrey Kent*

Geoffrey Kent  
Founder, Chairman & CEO  
Abercrombie & Kent

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On the cover: Plying icy waters on luxurious, all-balcony 'Le Boreal'  
Note: This and other images throughout this brochure were captured on actual A&K polar expeditions.





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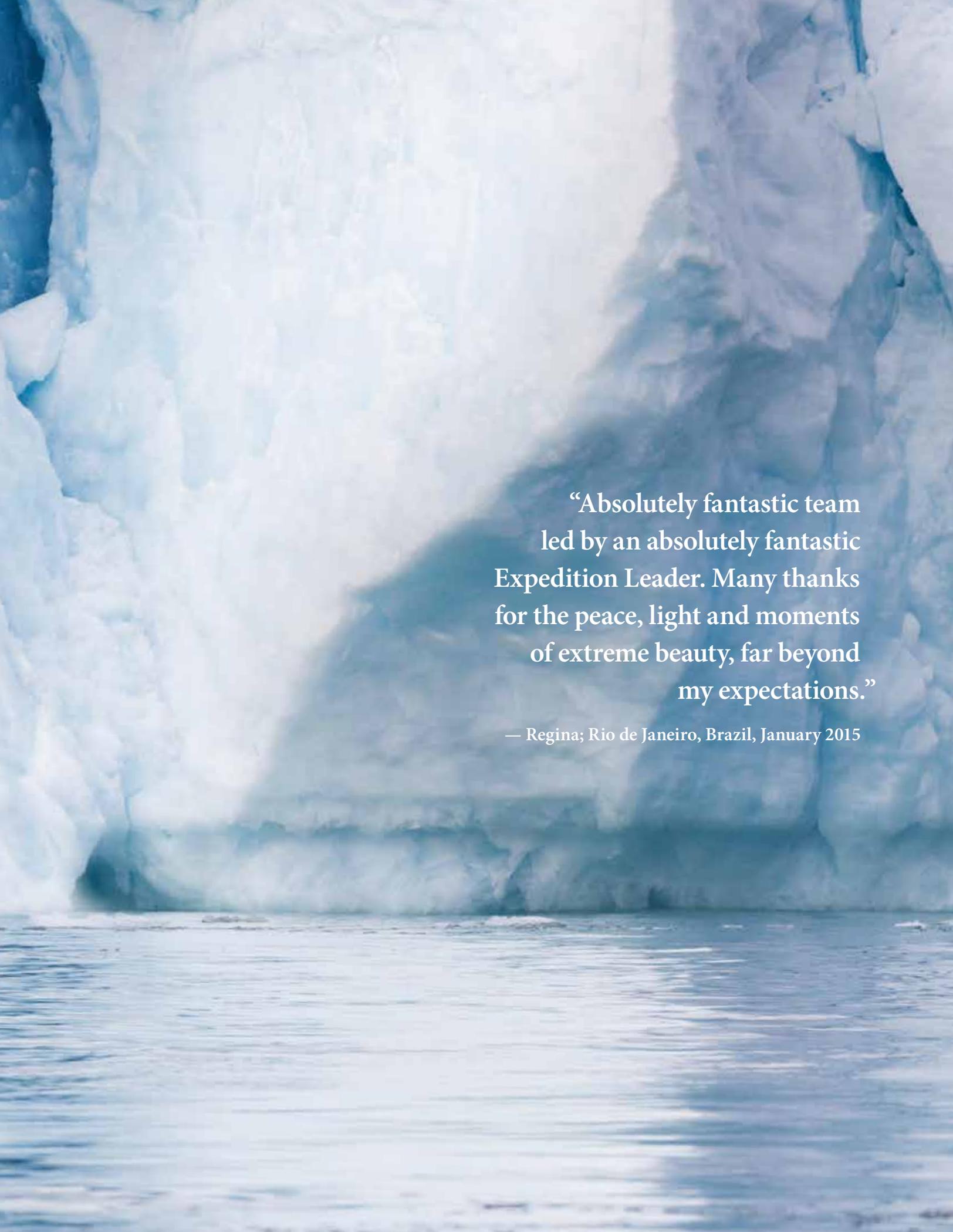
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“Absolutely fantastic team  
led by an absolutely fantastic  
Expedition Leader. Many thanks  
for the peace, light and moments  
of extreme beauty, far beyond  
my expectations.”

— Regina; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, January 2015

# THE ADVANTAGE OF EXPERTISE

More than knowing, expertise on an A&K Luxury Expedition Cruise is an artful combination of deep experience, dynamic orchestration and the very best experts in the region, altogether expressed as the voyage of a lifetime.



# THE LONGTIME LEADER IN LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISING

More than 26 years since our first voyage to Antarctica, A&K continues to set the standard for modern-day luxury expedition cruising.

## Raising the Bar from the Start

In 1991, we launched our first voyage and set our sights on delivering the highest level of service on the best possible vessel, the then-cutting-edge 'Explorer.' We invited only the top experts in their fields to join our Expedition Team. We also delivered on a truly luxurious experience, the kind pioneered by Geoffrey Kent more than 50 years ago.

## Innovation and Leadership as a Tradition

More than 200 polar expeditions later, A&K continues to deliver the most innovative and exclusive voyages to the polar regions today. We sail on extraordinary, all-balcony sister ships 'Le Boreal' and 'Le Lyrial' — both exclusively chartered and operated by A&K, as every sailing has always been. We still boast the highest crew-and guide-to-guest ratios, every Zodiac driver we employ is also a field naturalist and our Expedition Team still represent the best of the best in every enrichment category.

## Voyages to Extraordinary Places

Our deep experience also parlays into a discerning and exceptionally curated portfolio of voyages to the polar regions. This season brings the return of **The Northwest Passage: From Greenland to the Bering Sea**, an epic journey through the full length of this legendary passage. **Classic Antarctica** and **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands** offer unique departures to the region's wildlife havens, including amazing holiday experiences for photographers and families, while **Arctic Cruise Adventure: Norway, Greenland & Iceland** takes you to rarely visited islands where the great white polar bear roams. (Learn more about each voyage on the pages that follow.)





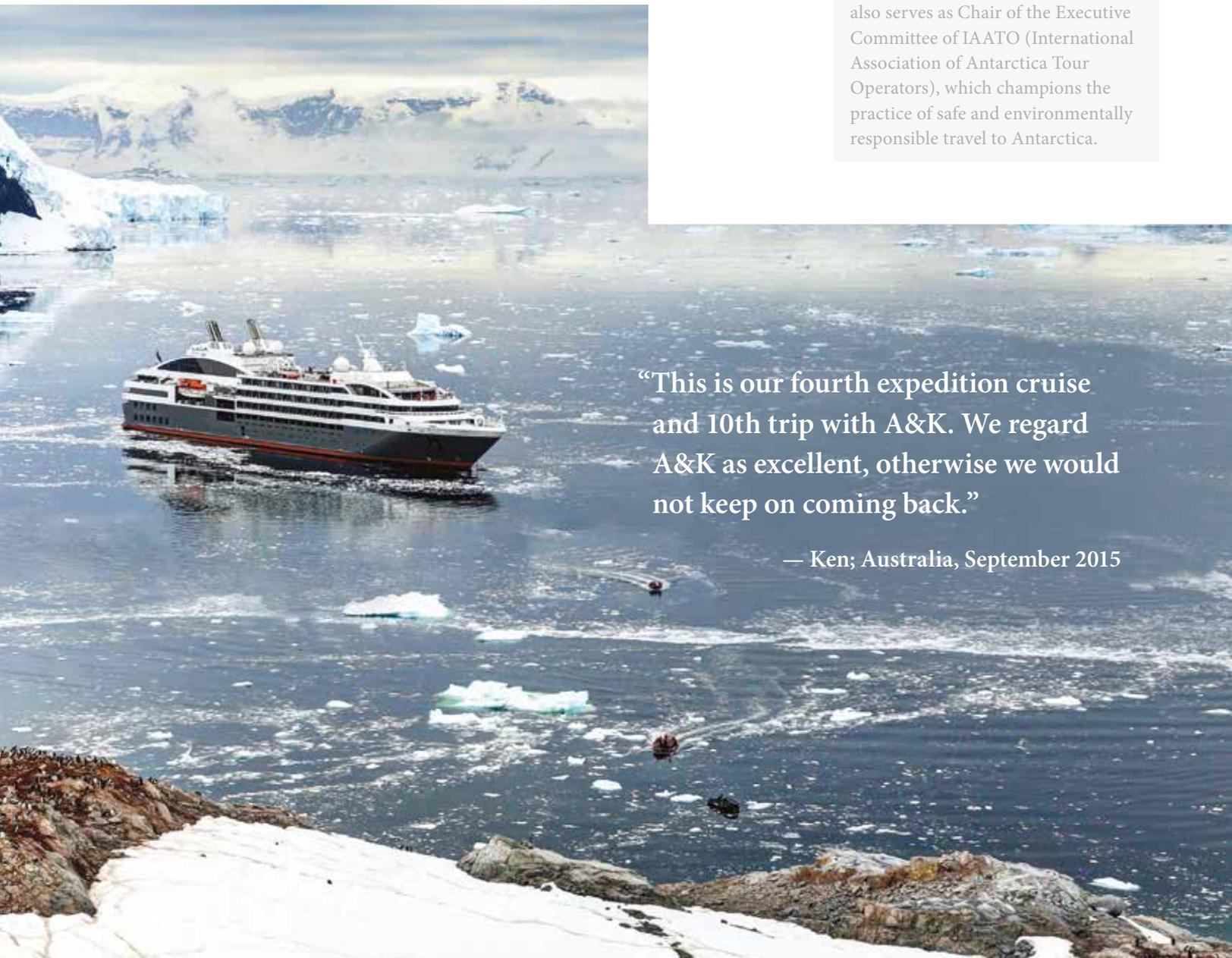
#### EXPEDITION TEAM SPOTLIGHT



#### **Bob Simpson**

**Vice President, Expedition Cruising**

A&K's expedition cruising expert since 1998, Bob is a passionate advocate for the polar regions. Recognized by peers worldwide, he also serves as Chair of the Executive Committee of IAATO (International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators), which champions the practice of safe and environmentally responsible travel to Antarctica.



“This is our fourth expedition cruise and 10th trip with A&K. We regard A&K as excellent, otherwise we would not keep on coming back.”

— Ken; Australia, September 2015

EXPEDITION TEAM SPOTLIGHT



**Aaron Russ**

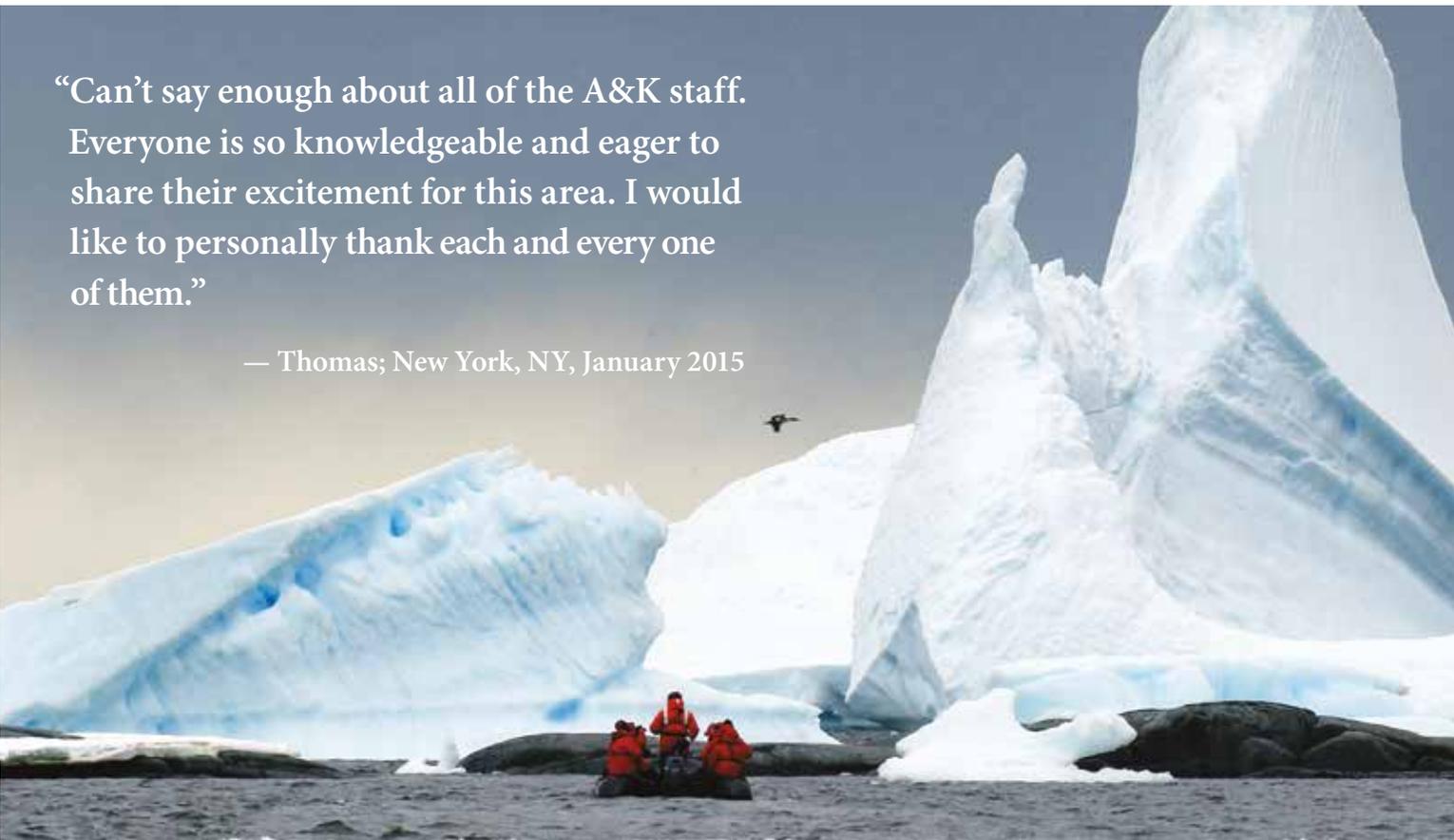
**Expedition Leader**

Exploring with A&K for nearly a decade, Aaron has led expeditions to the world's most remote and biologically diverse regions, including the Canadian Arctic, Greenland, Svalbard, the Pacific and Russian Far East. A native New Zealander and keen biologist, he enjoys wildlife and wilderness photography.



“Can’t say enough about all of the A&K staff. Everyone is so knowledgeable and eager to share their excitement for this area. I would like to personally thank each and every one of them.”

— Thomas; New York, NY, January 2015



# UNPARALLELED EXPERIENCE IN THE WILDEST OF PLACES

Backed by decades of deep experience both on the water and on our award-winning small-group journeys, only A&K can deliver incredible luxury at the edges of the planet.

## Orchestration So Refined, You Won't Even Notice

Every expedition to the ever-dynamic poles is an adventure at heart. Yet every voyage with A&K feels like a grand stroke of great luck and perfect timing. That's because we control every aspect of our voyages, from the top-notch service to the execution of an expertly crafted and remarkably agile itinerary.

## The Experts Behind the Scenes

Before you even set foot on your ship, every aspect of your voyage has been designed and arranged from top to bottom by A&K's Luxury Expedition Cruising team, which collectively boast more than 50 years of polar cruising experience. Executing on this itinerary is something we trust only to our Expedition Team, who know these regions like the backs of their hands and who work together behind the scenes to deliver an exceptionally seamless experience — no small feat in the world's most unpredictable environments.

## Safety First at All Times

Safety is first and foremost on 'Le Boreal' and 'Le Lyrial,' which are equipped with the latest communication, navigation and safety equipment. These include a Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and a satellite weather system that receives real-time images of cruising conditions. The staff and crew educate guests on safe conduct and alert them to current conditions, both at sea and ashore. Serving from an onboard medical facility, an accredited physician is available on every voyage. English is also the primary language on both ships so, in the unlikely event of an emergency, instructions will be clear.

## Environmentally Sound Voyages

A&K operates under two important guidelines at all times: to provide our guests with comfort and safety, and to protect the integrity of our polar environments. Our expeditions exceed all environmental protocols, including those set by IAATO, AECO, the National Science Foundation, Environmental Protection Agency and Antarctic Treaty Party nations. We educate and offer guests the opportunity to participate in important conservation efforts. Both 'Le Lyrial' and 'Le Boreal' also employ the latest environmental practices and technology, including a computerized dynamic positioning system that eliminates the need to drop anchor in fragile marine reserves; thermal and phonic insulation in engines and propulsion systems to reduce energy consumption; the cleanest-burning marine gas oil fuel; and Zodiacs featuring fuel-efficient motors.



Association of  
Arctic Expedition Cruise  
Operators **AECO** 

# THE BEST POLAR EXPEDITION TEAM, BAR NONE

In a category all their own, A&K's polar Expedition Team is comprised of a cast of extraordinary real-life characters who lead the way and bring your voyage to life.

## Insight and Inspiration Await

From award-winning research scientists, habitat conservationists and wildlife photographers to historians and recipients of the prestigious Polar Medal, A&K's Expedition Team represents a remarkable team of accomplished modern-day explorers. Yet their credentials and expertise in both poles are matched only by their commitment to your experience, which they oversee down to the last detail.

## A Personal Experience

On every A&K expedition cruise, expect enriching lectures and guidance from an average of 18 Expedition Team members with an average of 15 years of experience sailing with us, and representing a fantastic guide-to-guest ratio of 1 to 12. You also venture out on Zodiacs piloted by seasoned field naturalists, who provide the kind of commentary and insightful conversation only an experienced insider could.

## At Home in Native Lands

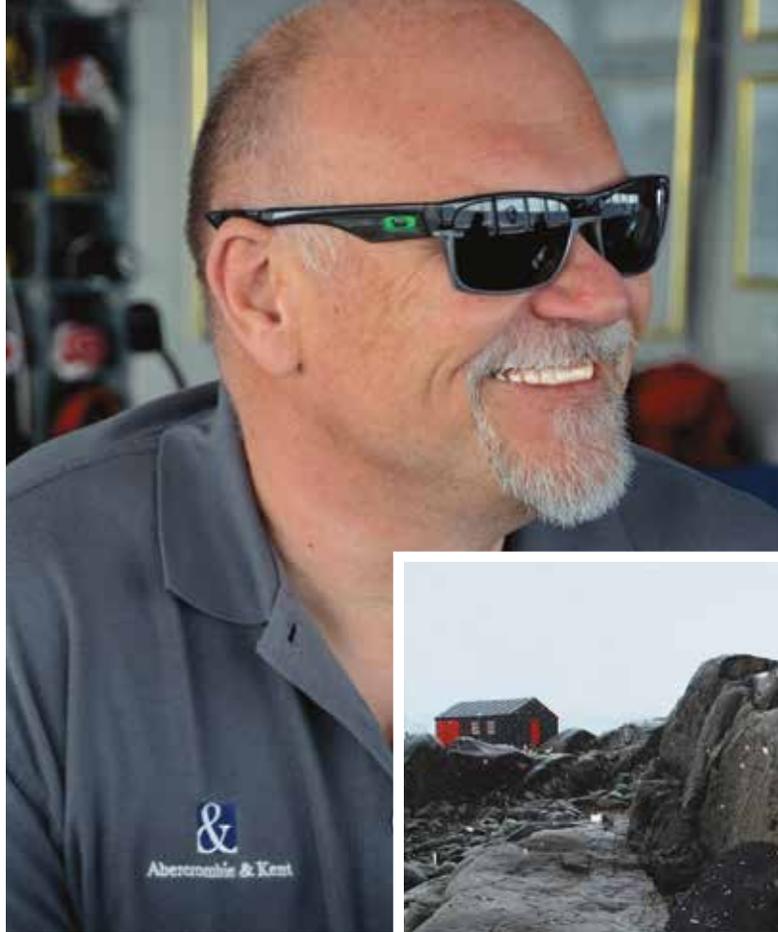
Many members of our Expedition Team have been breathing in the salty cool air of the polar regions for decades, if not since birth. While decorated with awards and eponymous islands, these humble adventurers are also at home in the poles, often where key moments of their lives took shape. A native Falkland Islander raised on a sheep ranch, a former commando in the British Royal Marines, an Arctic dogsled and kayak explorer and former members of the British Antarctic Survey — expect to meet welcoming “locals,” endlessly inspired to share these regions with you.



“The guides are amazing. They make you feel like an intimate part of a group — like family — and all with first-class service.”

— Alexander; Greenwich, CT, September 2015





## TOP EXPERTS IN THE FIELD

On every A&K voyage, expect to be joined by an average of 18 Expedition Team members — expedition specialists, scientists and historians, and naturalist driver-guides, all among the best in their field. Meet some standout members of our team here and on the pages that follow.

**Jannie Cloete**  
Cruise Director

A native of South Africa, Jannie has worked as cruise director and Expedition Leader for more than 30 years on ships ranging from a 2,500-guest mega-liner to a Russian icebreaker. With his amiable, nothing-is-too-much attitude, he prefers smaller vessels that visit unique destinations. Jannie has been leading with A&K for 13 years.

**Suzana Machado D'Oliveira**  
Expedition Leader

Born and raised in Brazil, where she studied history, Suzana's dynamic personality drew her to the sea in 1988. She has served as Expedition Leader, cruise director, naturalist and lecturer, and has over 24 years of cruising experience with A&K. A well-versed explorer, her adventures go beyond the polar regions to include the Amazon, Croatia, Indonesia, the Maldives and Japan.

**Dr. Patricia Silva**  
Ornithology Lecturer

Patricia conducts research with Argentina's National University of Mar del Plata. Exploring the polar latitudes since 1991 and alongside A&K since 2002, she is the editor of IAATO's *Save the Albatross Campaign* newsletter and also an artist whose drawings of Antarctica have appeared in Argentinian galleries.

**Russ Manning**  
Naturalist & Zodiac Driver

Russ is a veteran of the British Royal Marines, where he specialized in small boat, polar and mountain operations. As winter base commander at Signy Island, he was awarded the Polar Medal. An A&K naturalist and Zodiac driver for 16 seasons, he also drives a Lifeguard Search and Rescue patrol boat in Brighton Marina, England.

“It was a remarkable adventure,  
made all the more special by A&K’s  
attention to every detail. Thank you  
all for a trip to remember forever!”

— Lorraine; Dunkeld, South Africa, December 2014



# AN EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED EXPEDITION CRUISER

Every voyage with A&K begins aboard a superbly outfitted mega-yacht, selected by our experts and transformed to meet our exacting standards for luxury, adventure and safety.



# INCREDIBLE SAILINGS FOR 199 VERY SPECIAL GUESTS

Step aboard sleek and luxurious 'Le Lyrial' and 'Le Boreal,' both exclusively chartered by A&K for an intimate voyage unlike any other.

## The Benefits of an Exclusive Charter

For every A&K voyage, we transform 'Le Boreal' and 'Le Lyrial' into our own exclusive charters by limiting the capacity on both vessels to just 199. This guarantees a private balcony with every room and one of the best crew-to-guest ratios at 1 to 1.3.

## The Perfect Ice Class

Both 'Le Lyrial' and 'Le Boreal' boast a 1C ice class rating, ideal for sailings to the frozen polar regions. This enables us to safely and confidently navigate the waters of Antarctica and the Arctic, gaining access to little-known places other vessels cannot reach.

## Intimate Sailings for Unequaled Exploration

Having 199 guests grants us Category 1 status in Antarctica. That means no limit to the number of landings we can make (other companies carrying more than 200 passengers are restricted to limited sites or no landings at all). Our exclusive charters also allow us to work directly with our captain and crew to optimize our itinerary, and, in the event of changing conditions, lets our experienced staff target other compelling sites. Once ashore, enjoy one-on-one exchanges with our guides, whose knowledge of these regions will enthrall you in a way no guidebook can.

## Luxury and Adventure at Sea

Strength, style and the latest nautical technology define the design of both 'Le Lyrial' and 'Le Boreal,' which also deliver on an abundance of luxuries and amenities. From modern restaurants and lounges, a beautiful theater, multiple outdoor observation areas and an elevator-serviced marina (from which you easily embark on Zodiac excursions), no other polar expedition cruisers deliver luxury and immediate, authentic access to adventure like 'Le Lyrial' and 'Le Boreal.'





EXPEDITION TEAM SPOTLIGHT

**Sally Escanilla**

Assistant Cruise Director

Sailing with A&K for more than 15 years, this U.K. native's first polar voyage found her aboard a small Russian ship bound for Antarctica's Ross Sea. Sally has since voyaged countless times to both polar regions, always drawn by their awesome splendor — something she also finds on New Zealand's South Island, where she now resides.

EXPEDITION TEAM SPOTLIGHT



**Fernanda Gabba**  
Local Guide

Among the A&K expert insiders to greet and join you for city stays in Argentina, Fernanda is a native of Buenos Aires who has been guiding for more than 17 years. She first dreamed of travel as a child, as her mother shared riveting tales of families journeying far and wide. She sees much adventure in the opportunity to guide guests from all over the world.



# INCLUSIVE CRUISING AND ALL THE RIGHT EXTRAS

Every Luxury Expedition Cruise with A&K is all-inclusive, our way. That means we handle everything from the moment your feet step off the plane.

## **Pre- and Post-Stays in the Region's Best Hotels**

Your journey begins with pre- and post-stays in beautifully appointed, centrally located luxury hotels, such as Palacio Duha — Park Hyatt Buenos Aires and Montreal's Fairmont Queen Elizabeth. These stays are included with every A&K expedition.

## **City Tours with Renowned Local Guides**

Embark on signature A&K-guided city tours before you even step aboard your expedition cruiser, experiencing captivating cities from Montreal to Buenos Aires to Oslo, all under the wing of the most celebrated guides in the region.

## **All Onboard Meals and Drinks**

Inclusive cruising with A&K includes all onboard meals and room service as well as unlimited house drinks throughout your voyage. Internationally inspired cuisine sets the tone in two restaurants, buffet and themed dinners are best enjoyed on an al fresco terrace by the pool, and cocktails cap off incredible days in three lounges, one of which features live music nightly.

## **Excursions, Lectures and Workshops Led by Our Award-Winning Expedition Team**

A&K is proud to represent the best and most experienced Expedition Team in the polar regions today. As a guest sailing with us, enjoy their confident leadership and insightful views during guided excursions, onboard lectures, hands-on workshops and countless moments in between.

## **Complimentary Gear and Equipment**

A custom-designed expedition parka and backpack are provided with our compliments and are yours to keep. A&K guests are also provided with complimentary use of rental boots, waterproof pants and trekking poles, all delivered to your cabin, courtesy of our Concierge Service — an exclusive A&K offering.

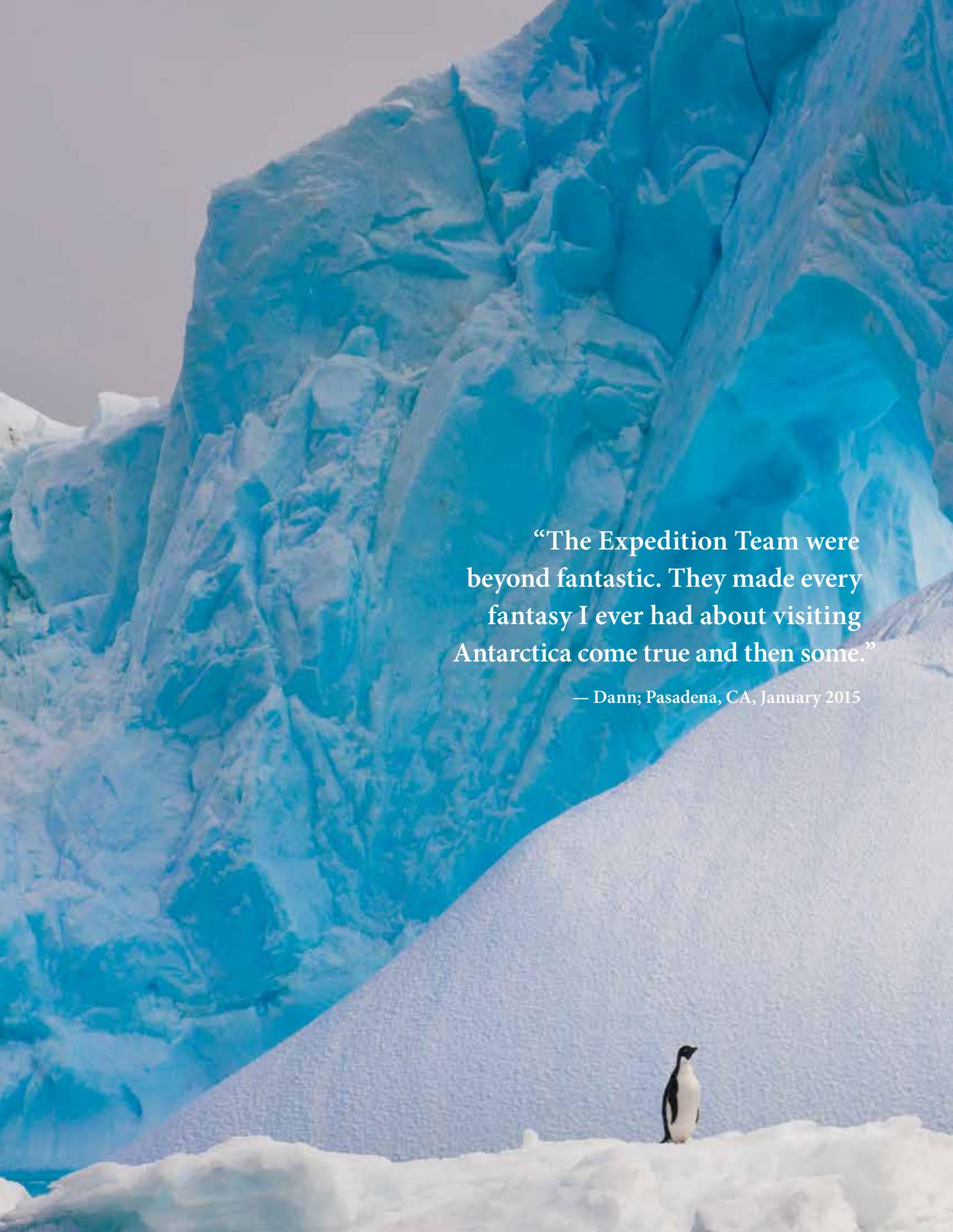
## **Included Transfers, Port Charges and Gratuities**

Arrival and departure transfers are always included with your A&K journey, regardless of when you choose to arrive or depart. Port charges, as well as all crew and staff gratuities are also included.

## **A Commemorative Logbook**

Designed by A&K, an exclusive voyage Logbook is provided with our compliments to every guest and features day-by-day experiences, wildlife sightings, Expedition Team biographies and the very best moments from your adventure at sea.





**“The Expedition Team were  
beyond fantastic. They made every  
fantasy I ever had about visiting  
Antarctica come true and then some.”**

— Dann; Pasadena, CA, January 2015

# INTRODUCING ANTARCTICA

Choose from two luxury A&K voyages, each featuring unique themed departures and family holidays, the guidance of real experts in the field and itineraries that showcase the very best of the White Continent.



## **Classic Antarctica**

**December 27, 2017–January 7, 2018**

(Family New Year departure)

**January 6–17, 2018**

(Understanding Climate Change departure)

Sail across the legendary Drake Passage to Antarctica on this 12-day voyage, discovering massive icebergs, whales and multitudes of penguins. Choose from departures that celebrate family or your desire to understand climate change.



## **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands**

**December 12–28, 2017**

(Family Holiday departure)

**January 16–February 1, 2018**

(Photography Expedition departure)

Embark on a panoramic, 17-day voyage to the unspoiled Falklands with its rookeries of king penguins and wandering albatrosses, wildlife-rich South Georgia and the epic Antarctic peninsula. Choose from a holiday departure for families or an expert-led photography departure.

# THE MAGIC OF THE WHITE CONTINENT

Cloaked in blue ice and surrounded by seas bursting with mega-life, Antarctica is the last wild place on earth. Jaw-dropping and off the map, it draws adventurers for a deeply rewarding experience unlike any other.

## A Land Untouched and Rarely Explored

There is nothing quite as thrilling as being among the few who set foot on Terra Incognita. At the edge of the map (if at all), Antarctica represents the last true wilderness, a place forever untamed and endlessly changing. To voyage to the White Continent — as you do on A&K's **Classic Antarctica** — joining the ranks of legendary explorers like Sir Earnest Shackleton, is a rite of passage no passionate adventurer can resist.

## Awe-inspiring Flora and Fauna

Antarctica inspires awe in so many ways, but not least in its show of gargantuan icebergs and unabashed wildlife — things you simply won't find anywhere else on earth. If you dream of seeing dozens of humpback whales breaching at the edge of a Zodiac, orcas hunting in deft harmony and penguins toddling up and down their own highways, this is the place. And while no true expedition comes with guarantees, exploring in the company of A&K on a comprehensive voyage, like **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands**, puts the odds for experiencing these sights dramatically in your favor.

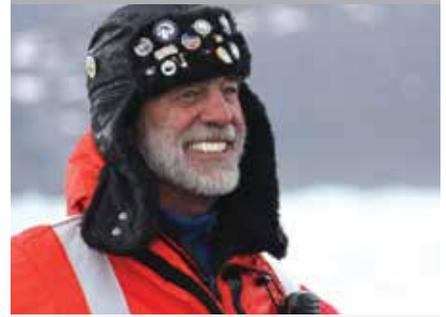
## See the World Anew

Some see Antarctica as the last continent to conquer. Only to realize it's a most extraordinary place, addictive in its beauty, deeply inspiring and always surprising. Change is a constant in the hub of the world's most important conservation research and activity. And it's a powerful thing to see it happening right before you.





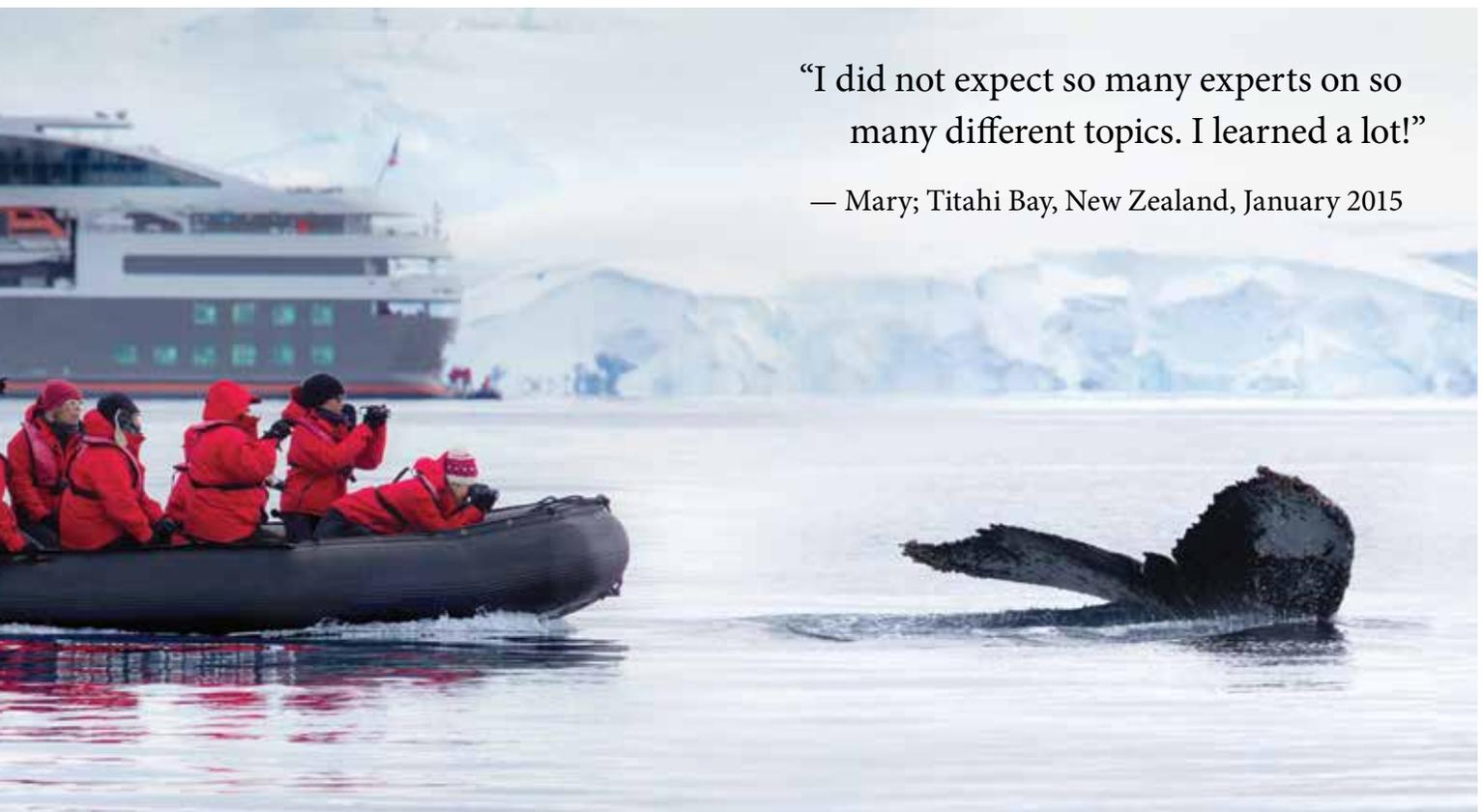
#### EXPEDITION TEAM SPOTLIGHT



#### **Larry Hobbs**

#### **Marine Biology Lecturer**

First sailing with A&K on “Explorer” over 25 years ago, Larry is a marine biologist who has served as director of the Marine Mammal Tagging Office for the U.S. Department of the Interior, and as principal research scientist at the National Marine Mammal Laboratory.



“I did not expect so many experts on so many different topics. I learned a lot!”

— Mary; Titahi Bay, New Zealand, January 2015

# PHOTOGRAPHY EXPEDITIONS FOR THE AMATEUR AND THE EXPERT

Passion is the only requirement for enthusiasts, who may enjoy the benefits of expert photography coaching on every A&K voyage as well as a dedicated departure.

## Fantastic Photo Ops

Got a passion for photographing wildlife and spectacular landscapes? Every A&K sailing to Antarctica includes programming designed by professional photographer and A&K Resident Photo Coach, Richard Harker. Whether shooting on a mobile device or professional SLR, look forward to photography lectures, tips and tricks — geared toward both experts and budding enthusiasts — as well as opportunities for coaching throughout your voyage.

## A Dedicated Departure Led by the Pros

Photography buffs won't want to miss **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands** (January 16–February 1, 2018), A&K's photography focused departure, offering everything from an introduction to the art in this extreme polar region to tips for seasoned experts. You'll enjoy a comprehensive and structured photography program led by Richard, who will also be joined by an additional wildlife photographer. Together, these polar photo experts teach you to shoot like a pro, focusing on enhanced photo techniques, workshops and hands-on tutorials, both on board and right in the field.

For more on Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands, see page 30.

### EXPEDITION TEAM SPOTLIGHT



#### Richard Harker

##### Resident Photo Coach

Voyaging with A&K since 2008, Richard is a professional photographer whose work has appeared in countless publications. Capturing locales from Papua New Guinea to the Amazon, his current project is focused on documenting climate change in Antarctica.



# INSIGHT INTO CLIMATE CHANGE

Embark on an inspiring A&K Philanthropy departure with noted Antarctic researcher and special guest, Dr. James McClintock.

### A Voyage That Matters

Both primordial and fragile, Antarctica is a key habitat for research into the global effects of climate change. Join us on an A&K Philanthropy departure of **Classic Antarctica**, “Understanding Climate Change,” for the chance to explore this precious and profoundly moving continent (January 6–17, 2018).

### Discover with an Expert in the Field

Witness the impact of climate change and understand the power of environmental conservation, up close and alongside Dr. James McClintock, an endowed university professor focused on polar marine ecosystems. “Many guests come to Antarctica to claim a continent on their quest for seven continents, only to discover it is by far the most stunning, life-changing destination on earth,” says Jim, who has completed 15 Antarctic expeditions sponsored by the National Science Foundation. On this departure, Jim reveals the ways in which climate change is influencing marine life on the Antarctic Peninsula. He also shares diving adventures in the world’s most frigid waters and his drug discovery program, which revealed an anti-cancer compound in marine invertebrates.

### A Rare and Special Landing

In addition to lectures and excursions led by Jim, guests enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the U.S. Palmer Research Station (weather permitting), arranged exclusively for A&K. Take a behind-the-scenes tour and meet the scientists who live and work there; later, you may also present them with new scientific equipment, courtesy of A&K Philanthropy. Recent gifts have included a sophisticated webcam and satellite tracking tags, both to assist in monitoring penguin activity and behavior.

For more on **Classic Antarctica**, see page 24.



To learn more about other A&K supported projects, visit [akphilanthropy.org](http://akphilanthropy.org).



### EXPEDITION TEAM SPOTLIGHT



**Dr. Jim McClintock**  
Climate Ecology Lecturer

Partnering with A&K for over a decade, Jim is an endowed university professor of marine zoology at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. Author of several books, his research focuses on the impact of climate warming on Antarctic and Arctic marine invertebrates.

Classic Antarctica (Dec 27, 2017–Jan 7, 2018)

Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands (Dec 12–28, 2017)

# FAMILY HOLIDAY, MEET EPIC ADVENTURE

Celebrate the holidays on two family-focused Antarctica departures, featuring children’s programming led by our highly qualified Young Explorers Guides.

## Unforgettable Family Holidays

For an adventure your children and grandchildren won’t soon forget, set off on an incredible A&K family expedition cruise. Choose a Family Holiday aboard **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands** (December 12–28, 2017) or our new Family New Year on **Classic Antarctica** (December 27, 2017–January 7, 2018), joining A&K’s kid-captivating Young Explorers Guides, who lead twice-daily activities, landing excursions and festivities.

## Adventure in the Field

In South Georgia, tour a research station (weather permitting) with the scientists who work there. “Children get to talk with them about their work and also view krill catch through their microscopes,” says A&K Young Explorers Guide Helen Ahren, an experienced educator from New Zealand. Young Explorers also take a kids-only Zodiac ride with a naturalist and search for ocean creatures in the tidal pools of the Falkland Islands.

## Captivating Days at Sea

Young Explorers attend hands-on workshops including wildlife identification on deck, squid dissections, special bridge visits with the captain and nautical knot-making with a veteran of the British Royal Marines. There’s also time for art and entertainment: From making Japanese fish prints to photography lessons with our onboard photo coach to gigantic whale sightings right from the deck to snowball fights on Antarctica, younger guests find it easy to keep busy. Your ship is also stocked with video games and plenty of board and card games.

## Great Family Pricing

A&K offers special pricing for children ages 7-18 and sharing with adult(s) on both family departures.

For more on **Classic Antarctica**, see page 24; for more on **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands**, see page 30.





EXPEDITION TEAM SPOTLIGHT



**Amy Cline**  
Young Explorers Guide

A dedicated educator for the last two decades and a favorite among young A&K guests, Amy is a visual science teacher at AIM Academy in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. An interdisciplinary educator, she merges science and art to foster creative problem solving.



# Classic Antarctica

12 days from \$11,995

Limited to 199 guests

Visiting Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, Drake Passage, Antarctic Peninsula, South Shetland Islands (which may include Paulet, Half Moon, Deception, Cuverville, Penguin and Anvers), Paradise Bay and Lemaire Channel

Iguazu Falls Extension | 4 days from \$1,695

## & A&K ADVANTAGES

- › Cruise for 10 nights aboard luxury all-balcony expedition ship 'Le Lyrial' on an exclusive A&K charter
- › Travel with A&K's renowned Expedition Team, featuring passionate scientists that include an ornithologist, marine biologist and geologist, all deeply familiar with Antarctica
- › Discover some of the world's rarest wildlife and terrain on exciting excursions led by the region's best guides
- › Learn about Antarctica's environment – and efforts to conserve it – on a visit to a scientific research station
- › Gain a deep understanding of the region with enriching lectures by A&K's own award-winning experts, including authors, historians and professional photographers
- › Enjoy an all-inclusive journey with onboard gratuities, unlimited house drinks and all port charges on 'Le Lyrial'
- › Stay at the luxurious Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt on beautiful Alvear Avenue in Buenos Aires
- › Enjoy the convenience of A&K charter flights to and from Ushuaia
- › Choose from two A&K departures: our Family New Year with dedicated children's programming (December 27); and  A&K Philanthropy's Understanding Climate Change, led by noted climate expert, Dr. James McClintock (January 6)

### DAY 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina

Arrive this morning in Argentina's capital and transfer to your hotel, where immediate check-in has been arranged. As complex as it is energetic, this port city has been the gateway to Argentina for centuries, bringing many *porteños* (locals) into its boundaries. Although reminiscent of a European city, the spirit of Buenos Aires is evident in its diverse local neighborhoods. Experience it firsthand during an afternoon tour of the city that includes the Plaza de Mayo, the Cabildo and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tonight, meet your fellow adventurers for a welcome cocktail reception.

*Palacio Duhau — Park Hyatt Buenos Aires | Meals: B*



See the busy highways of the pebble-pilfering gentoo penguin

### DAY 2: Ushuaia | Gateway to Antarctica

Fly to the charming seaside town of Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. On arrival, enjoy lunch at the Arakur resort and — time and weather permitting — the opportunity to take a guided trek in the Cerro Alarken Nature Reserve or simply relax with a cappuccino and enjoy the scenic views of Ushuaia and the Beagle Channel. This afternoon, arrive at your ship and settle in for your first night on board. Stylish and comfortable, 'Le Lyrial' features all-balcony staterooms and suites only on A&K journeys to Antarctica. Wander the decks to become acquainted with the ship, relax in the lounge and mingle with fellow guests in anticipation of your voyage. On departure, enjoy cruising through the beautiful Beagle Channel before heading out to sea. *'Le Lyrial' | Meals: B L D*

“The lectures were a standout. The knowledge held by the speakers was apparent, but even more impressive was their ability to communicate it to a wide-ranging audience. Great storytelling!”

— Eleanor; New York, NY, January 2015



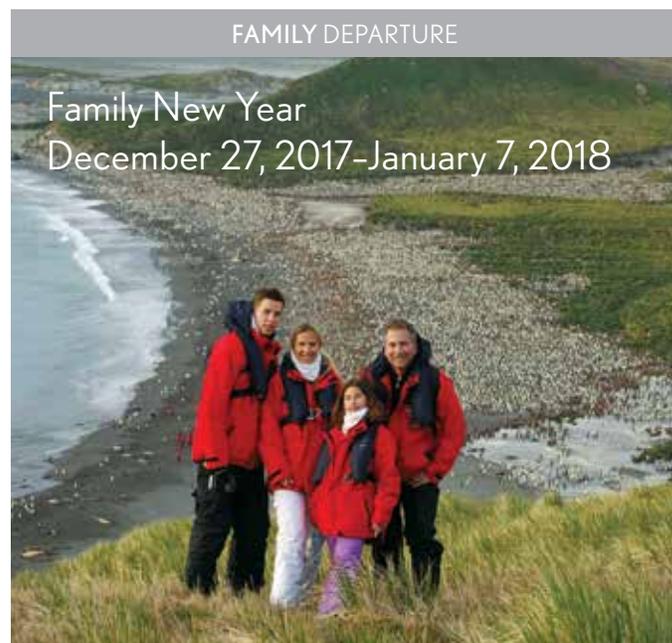
Enjoy Zodiac excursions alongside experienced naturalist guides

#### **DAYS 3-4: Cruising the Drake Passage | *Epic Passage***

The southward journey toward Antarctica is an exciting one. An important trade route in the 19th and early 20th centuries, the Drake Passage is a 600-mile-wide swath of water where the Southern Ocean currents are squeezed between South America's southern tip and Antarctica's northernmost reaches. Its stormy waters and icy conditions often made the journey a difficult one, though the stabilizer-equipped 'Le Lyrial' handles it with ease. As you travel in the comfort of your luxury cruiser, enjoy enriching lectures from members of the Expedition Team on topics ranging from birdlife and geology, to photography and history. After lunch, join your naturalists on the deck to look for various species of whales and abundant seabirds, which join other mammals in feasting on the krill-rich waters of the Drake Passage; it's all just a taste of the wildlife you will encounter in the days to come. Later in the evening, chat with experts about the wildlife spotted today and discuss the next day's itinerary. *'Le Lyrial' | Meals: B L D*

#### **DAYS 5-9: Antarctica | *The White Continent***

As the Antarctic Peninsula and its offshore islands appear on the horizon, a sense of excitement begins to build. While day-to-day itineraries depend on weather, water and wildlife conditions, two excursions are carefully planned for each day by the captain



FAMILY DEPARTURE

Family New Year  
December 27, 2017-January 7, 2018

Ring in the New Year on a thrilling family departure of our **Classic Antarctica** voyage (December 27, 2017-January 7, 2018), exploring the White Continent together and alongside our ever-engaging Young Explorers Guides.



Set foot on the White Continent with an award-winning Expedition Team

and Expedition Leader. Each cruise day begins with an early breakfast. Afterward, venture out to a number of sites in swift Zodiacs (sturdy inflatable boats). You'll be guided by expert drivers and accompanied by lecturers, in groups of no more than 10 guests. These sites may include the penguin-filled islands in the South Shetlands of Half Moon, Penguin or Deception; islands off the continental coastline such as Cuverville, Paulet or Vortex; and, weather permitting, the fabled Antarctic Peninsula. You may also sail through Paradise Bay and the Lemaire Channel, referred to as "Kodak Alley" for its stunning, camera-ready vistas of towering icebergs and deep blue waters. After a morning exploring native species and striking terrain, return to 'Le Lyrial' for lunch and perhaps some time to relax and scan the wildlife-rich waters that surround you; you may spot everything from fin whales, humpback whales and orcas, to imperial shags and the Southern giant petrel. In the afternoon, set out for the day's second excursion, which may include a visit to a working scientific research station, the remains of a turn-of-the-century whaling and sealing station, a sheltered beach teeming with basking Southern elephant seals, or simply circumnavigating colossal icebergs that serve as floating homes to seals and penguins. Return to your cruiser to relax and chat over cocktails in the cozy, comfortable lounge and enjoy dinner in the dining room. Afterward, you may choose to recap the day's discoveries

with your naturalist guides, enjoy time on deck with fellow guests or seize the opportunity to capture photos in the stunning low light characteristic of Antarctica's long, ethereal twilight. *'Le Lyrial' | Meals: B L D*

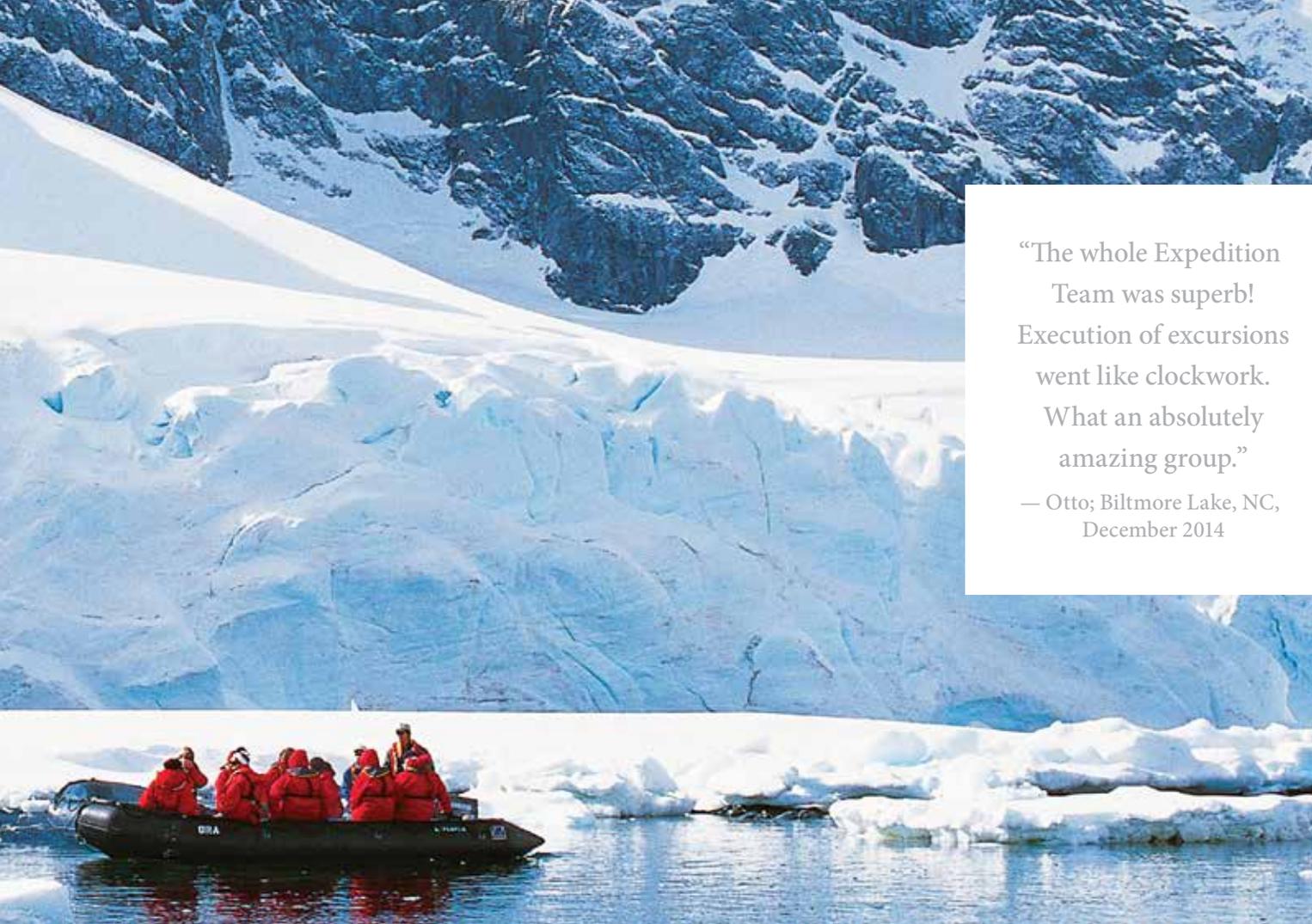
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“Teaching young people on location in Antarctica is the ultimate in learning experiences. It is experiential education at its best. Reading, discussing, showing, hiking, tasting and walking, all through this unique environment, is life-changing. It is transformational in so many ways because there is only room for awestruck learning.”

— Amy Cline, A&K Young Explorers Guide

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**DAYS 10-11: Cruising the Drake Passage | *Memorable Return***  
Bid farewell to wondrous Antarctica and begin your cruise back to Ushuaia at the southernmost tip of Argentina. The ship's



“The whole Expedition Team was superb! Execution of excursions went like clockwork. What an absolutely amazing group.”

— Otto; Biltmore Lake, NC, December 2014

return through the Drake Passage is an interlude for recap and reflection, with time to compare notes with your expert lecturers on the wildlife, history and geology of the White Continent. Spend time on board with newfound friends in the comfortable common spaces of ‘Le Lyrial,’ enjoy quiet relaxation on the private balcony of your cabin or absorb more fascinating lectures by your captivating Expedition Team. While cruising through this historic passage, you may spot various species of whales and seabirds, including the elusive albatross and the giant petrel, an opportunistic predator and scavenger nicknamed the “stinker.” The immense albatross is an especially stunning sight to behold. These wandering birds boast a wingspan of 11.5 feet on average and use their powerful wings to glide through the air for hours at a time in search of food. *‘Le Lyrial’ | Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 12: Depart Ushuaia

‘Le Lyrial’ docks at Ushuaia this morning. Enjoy breakfast, and then say goodbye to your Expedition Team and ship’s crew before disembarking. Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Buenos Aires, where you connect to your international flight home. *Meals: B*

SPECIAL-INTEREST DEPARTURE

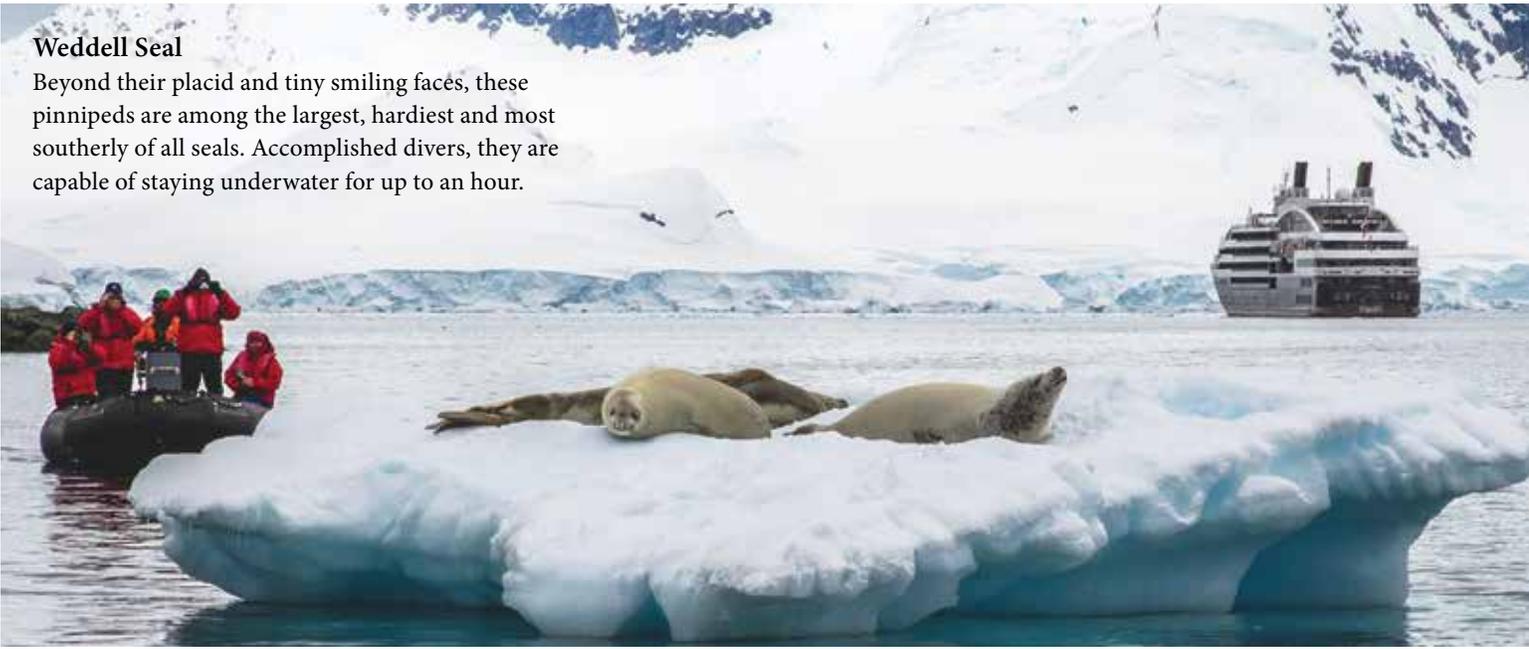
### Understanding Climate Change January 6–17, 2018



Explore our changing environment with noted scientist Dr. James McClintock on this **Classic Antarctica** departure (January 6–17, 2018), during which you pay a rare visit to the only U.S. research station in Antarctica.

### Weddell Seal

Beyond their placid and tiny smiling faces, these pinnipeds are among the largest, hardiest and most southerly of all seals. Accomplished divers, they are capable of staying underwater for up to an hour.



## MEET THE LOCALS

Dramatic diversity and incredible scale define the wildlife of Antarctica. Colossal humpback whales dive deep into icy waters for krill, orcas eye penguins on ice floes, massive albatrosses hug the wind of your cruising vessel — it's a spectacle like no other. Here's more on the natives you may meet during your visit.

### Adélie Penguin

Penguins are among Antarctica's most famous residents, and the Adélie, with its white-ringed eyes and velvety black jacket, is no exception. Arguably the most comical, Adélies walk with more of a waddle than other penguins and leap with great vigor onto shore.



### Blue-Eyed Shag

Found year-round across the Southern Ocean, blue-eyed shags also make short foraging flights to the open sea where they dive for crustaceans and fish. They breed on clifftops, with both parents incubating eggs that typically hatch in spring.



# Iguazu Falls Pre-Tour Extension

4 days priced from \$1,695

Internal air priced from \$390 (Buenos Aires/Iguazu/Buenos Aires)



**DAY 1:** Fly to Buenos Aires, where you are met and transferred to your historic hotel in the heart of the city. *Palacio Duhau — Park Hyatt Buenos Aires*

**DAY 2:** Fly to Iguazu Falls and explore the Brazilian side, with its cascading waterfalls along a gulf. Join your guide on a tour through the national park to a catwalk within arm's reach of the falls. *Belmond Hotel Das Cataratas | Meals: B*

**DAY 3:** Today, experience the Argentine side of the park, walking the trails above and along the falls. Choose to venture out on a catwalk that extends 3,600 feet over the tropical basin of the Devil's Throat. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. *Belmond Hotel Das Cataratas | Meals: B*

**DAY 4:** Fly to Buenos Aires to begin your cruise. *Meals: B*  
Available on all departures.



## 'Le Lyrial' Cabins

DATES & PRICING	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5	Category 6	Category 7	Category 8	Category 9
	Classic Balcony Stateroom	Deluxe Balcony Stateroom	Premier Balcony Stateroom	Premier Two-Room Balcony Suite	Prestige Balcony Suite	Privilege Two-Room Balcony Suite	Grand Deluxe Two-Room Balcony Suite	Grand Privilege Three-Room Balcony Suite	Owner's Balcony Suite
Dec 27, 2017-Jan 7, 2018	\$14,495	\$15,995	\$16,995	\$21,995	\$22,995	\$24,995	\$28,995	\$32,995	\$35,995
Early Booking Discount Price*	\$11,995	\$13,495	\$14,495						
Single Supplement	\$7,245	\$7,995	\$8,495	\$19,845	\$20,845	\$22,845	\$26,845	\$30,845	\$33,845
Child (7-18) sharing with adult(s)	\$7,245	\$7,995	\$8,495						
Jan 6-17, 2018	\$15,995	\$17,495	\$18,495	\$24,495	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$30,995	\$33,995	\$36,995
Early Booking Discount Price*	\$13,495	\$14,995	\$15,995						
Single Supplement	\$7,995	\$8,745	\$9,245	\$22,345	\$22,845	\$24,845	\$28,845	\$31,845	\$34,845

**Internal Air:** Economy class from \$850

Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires

\*Book categories 1-3 by March 31, 2017, and save up to \$5,000 per cabin.

### Journey Details

This itinerary is subject to change based on weather, wildlife, ice and other conditions beyond A&K's control. The final itinerary will be determined at the sole discretion of the captain and Expedition Leader. This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 7 years old on the December 27 departure and 10 years old on the January 6 departure.

Special pricing is available for children ages 7-18 on December 27 departure.

First group event: walking tour on Day 1. Last group event: disembarkation in Ushuaia at 9:00 a.m. on Day 12.

Reserve categories 4-9 for suite accommodations at Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires. Cabin butler service is included in categories 5-9.

# Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands

17 days from \$17,995

Limited to 199 guests

Visiting Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Scotia Sea, Drake Passage, Antarctic Peninsula, South Shetland Islands (including sites such as Paulet, Half Moon, Deception, Cuverville and Penguin), Paradise Bay and Lemaire Channel

Iguazu Falls Extension | 4 days from \$1,695

## & A&K ADVANTAGES

- › Cruise for 15 nights aboard the new luxury all-balcony expedition ship 'Le Lyrial' on an exclusive A&K charter
- › Gain a deep understanding of the region with enriching lectures by award-winning experts, including scientists, historians and those awarded the coveted Polar Medal
- › Learn about the fascinating life of one of Antarctica's greatest explorers, Ernest Shackleton, when you visit his gravesite in Grytviken
- › Visit an active research station and observe preservation efforts to protect Antarctica's one-of-a-kind habitat
- › Set off for exciting shore excursions in swift Zodiacs (sturdy inflatable boats), where closer views of the land and wildlife reveal the remarkable biodiversity of the Southern Ocean
- › Experience the benefits of all-inclusive cruising with onboard gratuities, unlimited house drinks and all port charges included on 'Le Lyrial'
- › Stay at the luxurious Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt on beautiful Alvear Avenue in Buenos Aires
- › Enjoy convenient A&K charter flights to and from Ushuaia
- › Choose from two special A&K departures: our Family Holiday (December 12) with children's programming, spirited celebrations and unforgettable landings; and a dedicated Photography Expedition (January 16), led by A&K's professional photography coaches, and designed for all levels of skill and equipment preferences

### DAY 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina

Arrive in Argentina's capital city, where immediate check-in has been arranged. With its wide boulevards and classical buildings, romantic Buenos Aires boasts an energy all its own. Relax before



Measure up to the stocky king penguin, second only in stature to the emperor

this afternoon's tour of the city's highlights, including the Plaza de Mayo, the stately Casa Rosada, the Cabildo and the Metropolitan Cathedral. You may drive past the colorful La Boca District or San Telmo, the birthplace of tango. Get to know your fellow guests this evening at a welcome cocktail party. *Palacio Duhau — Park Hyatt Buenos Aires | Meals: B*

“The entire A&K team made this a truly wonderful and spectacular experience. We do not think that we will be able to travel with anyone other than A&K after this amazing experience.”

— Michael; New York, NY, December 2014

### DAY 2: Ushuaia | *At the Edge of the World*

Fly to the port city of Ushuaia, located at the southern tip of South America. On arrival, enjoy lunch at the Arakur resort and, time and weather permitting, take a guided trek in the Cerro Ararken Nature Reserve or simply relax with a cappuccino and enjoy the views of Ushuaia and the Beagle Channel. Later, board 'Le Lyrial' and settle into your cabin, where you can take in views



“The A&K staff were superb and this close knit ‘family’ of professionals enhanced the atmosphere. It was an absolute pleasure to sail with them.”

— Caroline; Bonner, Australia, December 2014

View the wildest of landscapes from luxurious, all-balcony ‘Le Lyrial’

right from your own private balcony. Walk the decks and explore the common spaces as you familiarize yourself with the luxury cruiser, your home for the next 15 nights at sea. You may even want to toast to your journey in the bar with your fellow guests. *‘Le Lyrial’ | Meals: BLD*

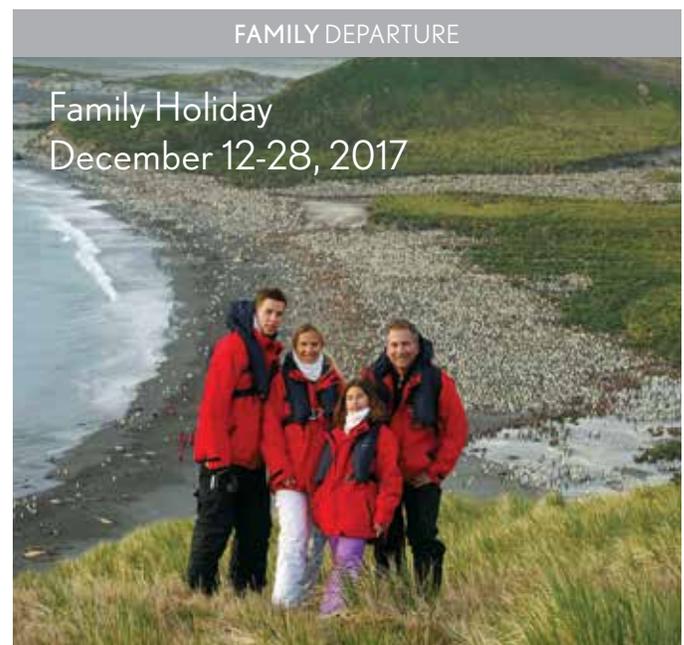
**DAY 3: At Sea | *Riches of the Southern Ocean***

As you sail east toward the Falkland Islands, your Expedition Team begins their informal series of enlightening daily discussions on the flora and fauna, geology, and history of the region. These expert lectures span diverse topics, such as seabirds and penguins of the Southern Ocean, the formation of sea ice over thousands of years, and personal accounts of living and working in Antarctica. While a professional photography enrichment coach is on hand to assist with questions, enthusiasts will especially enjoy A&K’s dedicated Photography Expedition departing January 16. The cool waters in these parts are rich in krill, making them a favorite with local wildlife searching for food. Alongside your naturalist guides, spot various species of whales and seabirds from ‘Le Lyrial’s’ deck.

*‘Le Lyrial’ | Meals: BLD*

**DAY 4: Port Stanley, Falkland Islands | *Remote Archipelago***

Today, ‘Le Lyrial’ arrives at the remote Falkland Islands. Disembark to visit Port Stanley, the tiny, quaint capital with its



Explore the wildlife-rich Southern Ocean on a family departure of **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands** (December 12–28, 2017), packed with adventures led by our experienced Young Explorers Guides.



Let thousands of king penguins welcome you to South Georgia Island

small shops, brightly painted houses and friendly locals. Choose from one of several sightseeing excursions of Stanley, including a city highlights tour, a nature trek or an excursion by 4x4 vehicles to visit a gentoo penguin colony. History buffs may prefer a tour that visits some of the Falkland battlefields as well as the memorials to those who lost their lives in the conflict between Britain and Argentina in 1982. *'Le Lyrial'* | *Meals: B L D*

#### **DAYS 5-6: Cruising the South Atlantic** | *Abundant Wildlife*

As you approach South Georgia, deck-side sightings of whales and other wildlife become more frequent. Time spent cruising is once again filled with informative lectures and casual talks with your guides. Scan the seas to spot marine mammals and seabirds, as the ship cruises the nutrient-rich waters past the islands of Shag Rocks. *'Le Lyrial'* | *Meals: B L D*

#### **DAYS 7-9: South Georgia** | *Footsteps of Ernest Shackleton*

South Georgia is a nearly submerged continuation of the Andes mountain range, and your days here are spent exploring its glacier-carved coves and rugged shores. Visit Salisbury Plain, St. Andrews Bay or Gold Harbour, all home to vast colonies of king penguins as well as fur and Southern elephant seals. You also have the opportunity to retrace part of the route taken by Ernest Shackleton during his historic crossing of South Georgia in 1916. Weather permitting, you may visit his gravesite in

Grytviken alongside your onboard historian, an expert on the great explorer's life. *'Le Lyrial'* | *Meals: B L D*

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“Antarctica is like no other place on earth. It's always different and always changing on a time scale that we're not used to.

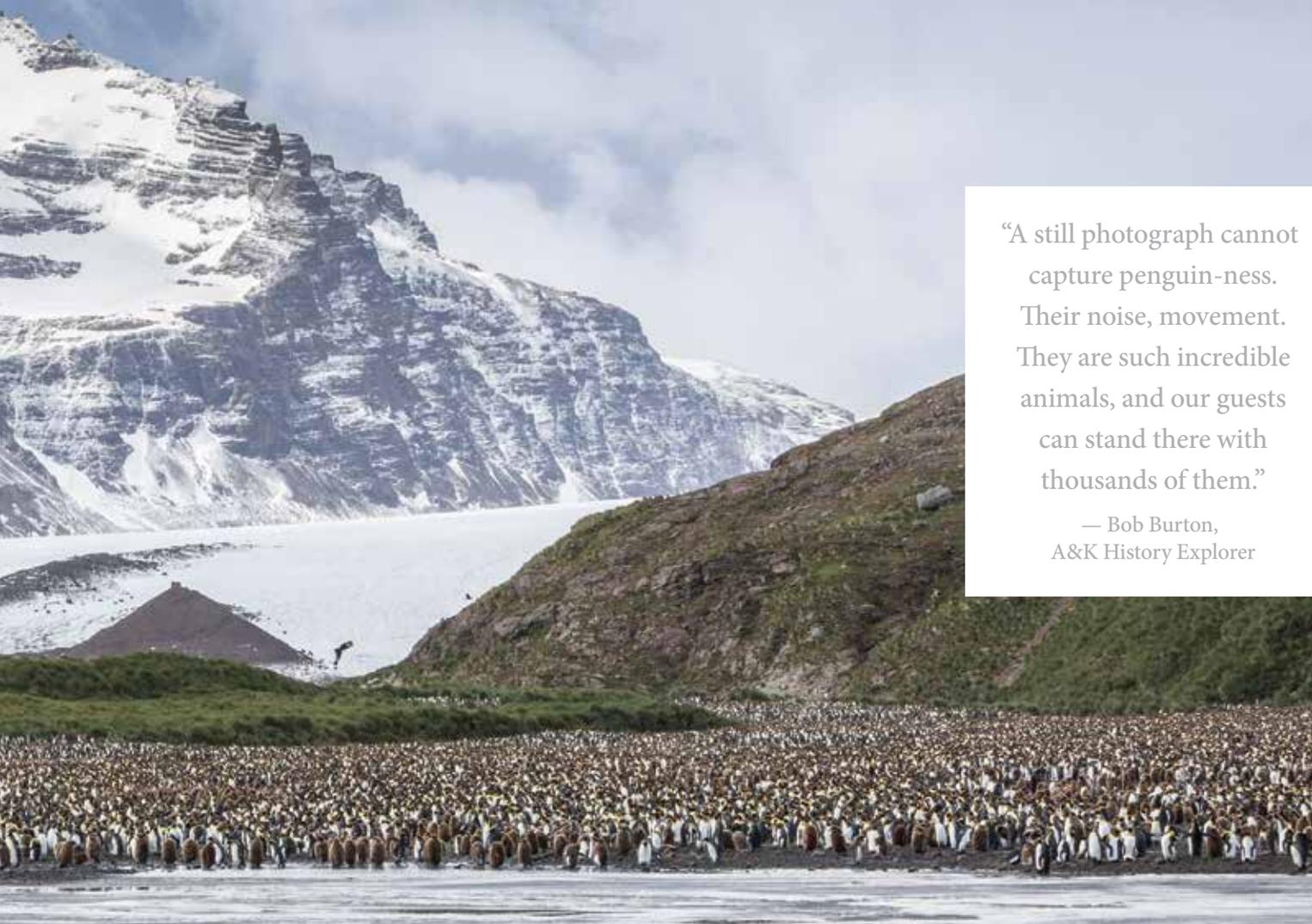
Turn your back for 10 minutes, and suddenly the weather, the air, the cloud formations, the color schemes — brought out by different intensities of sunlight — are different. It's the most dynamic environment.”

— Dr. Jim McClintock, A&K Climate Ecology Lecturer

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#### **DAYS 10-11: Cruising the Scotia Sea** | *Antarctic Anticipation*

During your time cruising the Scotia Sea — rich with marine mammals and fish — your expert lecturers recap your adventures in South Georgia. They also share more enriching lectures, revealing more of what is to come on the Seventh Continent, from the terrain to the hardy wildlife that inhabits this dramatic environment. *'Le Lyrial'* | *Meals: B L D*



“A still photograph cannot capture penguin-ness. Their noise, movement. They are such incredible animals, and our guests can stand there with thousands of them.”

— Bob Burton,  
A&K History Explorer

#### **DAYS 12-14: Antarctica | *The White Continent***

The ship’s itinerary calls for landings on the Antarctic Peninsula and a number of South Shetland Islands, which may include Half Moon, Penguin and Deception. Other possible island visits may include Cuverville, Paulet and Goudier. There are also plans to sail through Paradise Bay and the Lemaire Channel, the latter often referred to as “Kodak Alley” for its breathtaking, picture-perfect beauty. Additional opportunities for exploration include a stop at a scientific research station. While on board ‘Le Lyrial,’ look for whales and birdlife from the deck or your own private balcony. *‘Le Lyrial’ | Meals: B L D*

#### **DAYS 15-16: Cruising the Drake Passage | *Epic Passage***

Bid farewell to Antarctica as you cruise back to Ushuaia through the Drake Passage, where you find more opportunities to observe marine and birdlife. Reflect on your incredible journey with fellow guests and new friends. *‘Le Lyrial’ | Meals: B L D*

#### **DAY 17: Depart Ushuaia**

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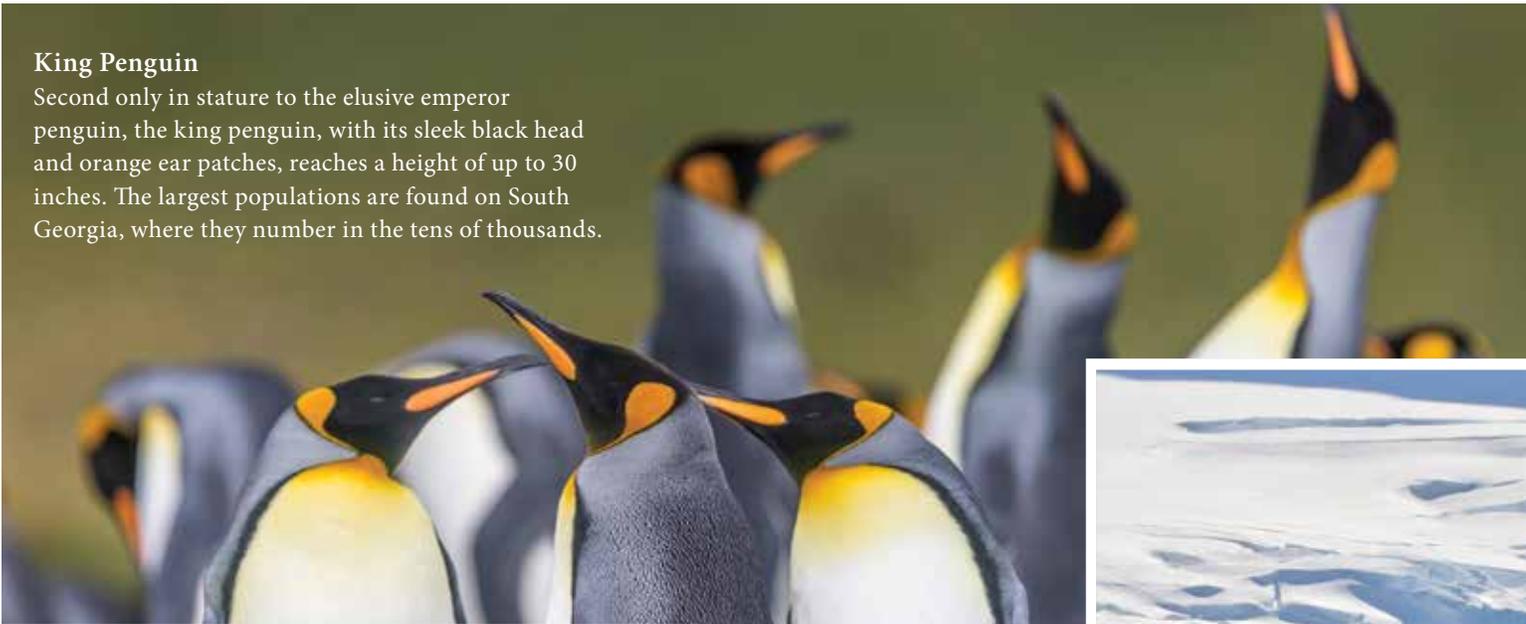
### Photography Expedition January 16–February 1, 2018



Join A&K’s Resident Photo Coach for an inspiring photography departure on **Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falkland Islands** (Jan 16–Feb 1, 2018), featuring workshops and tutorials, both on board and in the field.

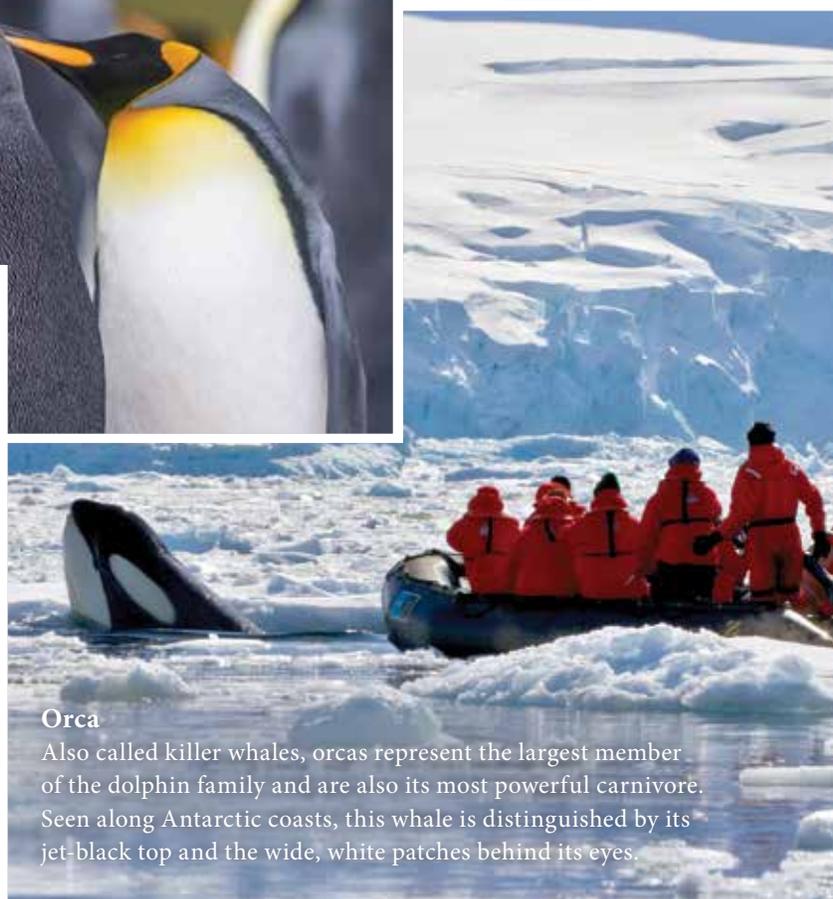
### King Penguin

Second only in stature to the elusive emperor penguin, the king penguin, with its sleek black head and orange ear patches, reaches a height of up to 30 inches. The largest populations are found on South Georgia, where they number in the tens of thousands.



## MEET THE LOCALS

A&K guests who cruise beyond Antarctica find an extraordinary range and depth of wildlife in the Falkland Islands, which are surrounded by nutrient-rich waters and a big draw for marine life, and South Georgia, one of the most biodiverse environments on earth.

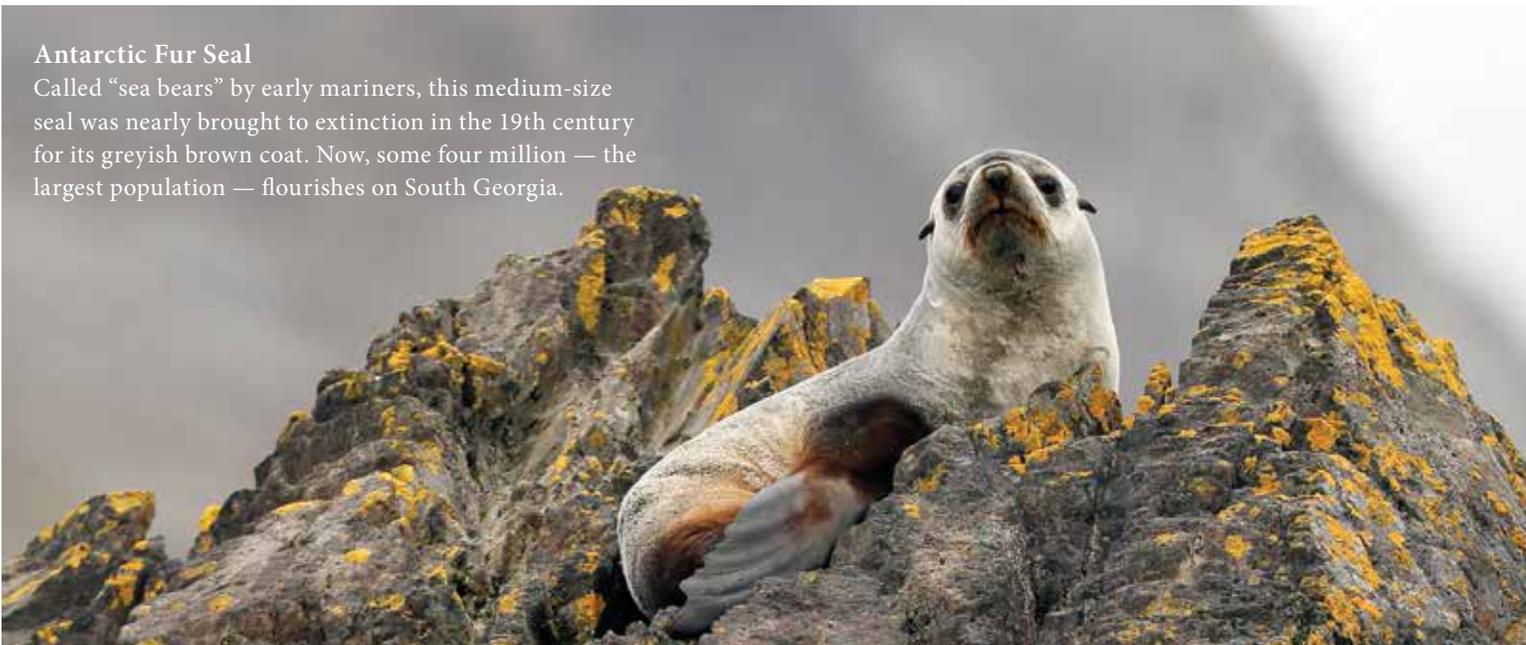


### Orca

Also called killer whales, orcas represent the largest member of the dolphin family and are also its most powerful carnivore. Seen along Antarctic coasts, this whale is distinguished by its jet-black top and the wide, white patches behind its eyes.

### Antarctic Fur Seal

Called “sea bears” by early mariners, this medium-size seal was nearly brought to extinction in the 19th century for its greyish brown coat. Now, some four million — the largest population — flourishes on South Georgia.



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Single Supplement	\$11,245	\$12,245	\$12,745	\$30,045	\$30,545	\$34,045	\$39,045	\$43,045	\$47,045

### Internal Air: Economy class from \$850

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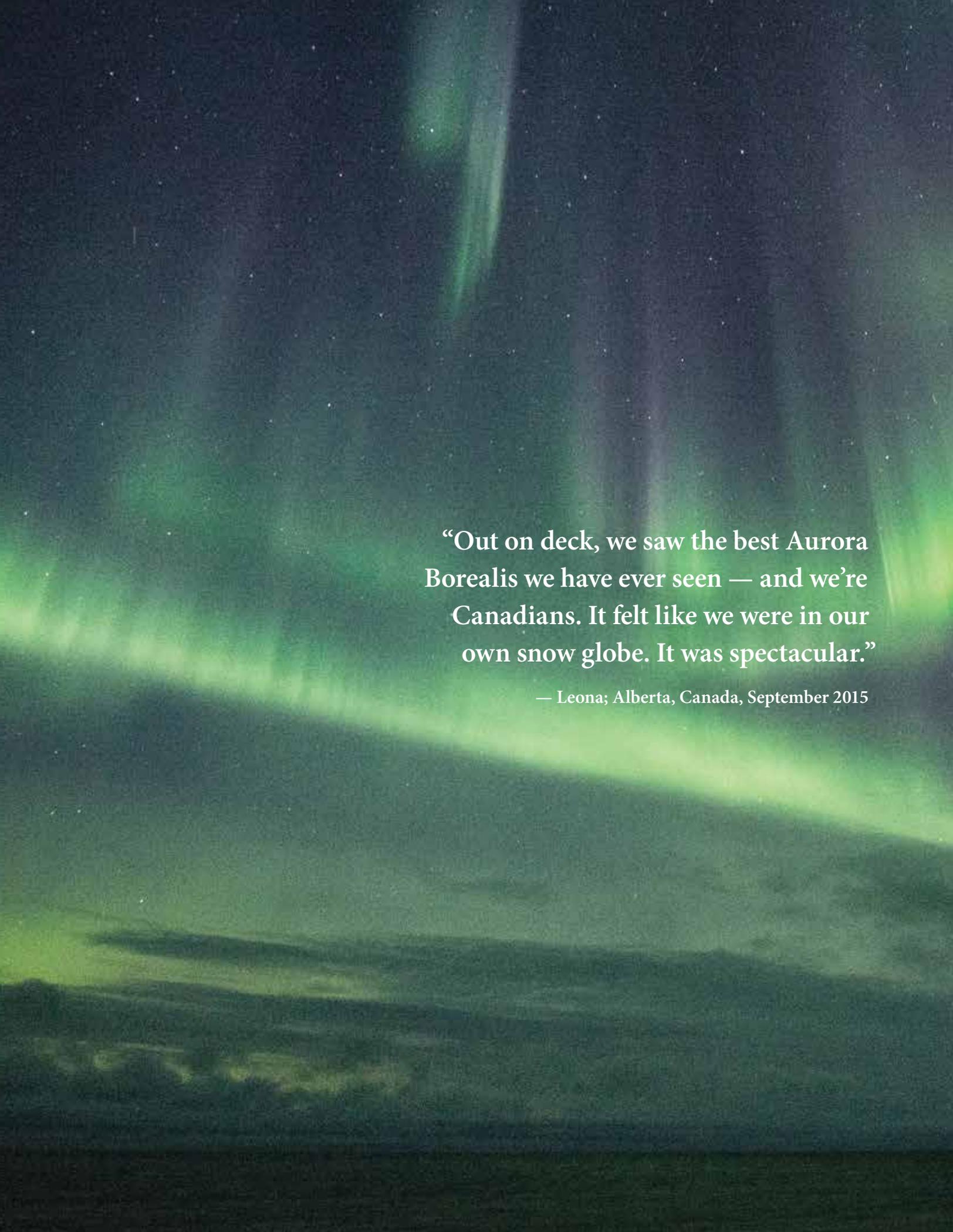
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A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in the night sky. The aurora appears as vibrant green and purple streaks and curtains of light against a dark, starry background. The lights are concentrated in the lower half of the frame, with some vertical streaks extending upwards.

“Out on deck, we saw the best Aurora Borealis we have ever seen — and we’re Canadians. It felt like we were in our own snow globe. It was spectacular.”

— Leona; Alberta, Canada, September 2015

# INTRODUCING THE ARCTIC

Experience two incredible luxury expeditions to the awe-inspiring North, setting out in search of the King of the North or embarking on a once-in-a-lifetime voyage through the legendary Northwest Passage.



## **Arctic Cruise Adventure: Norway, Greenland & Iceland**

**July 17–31, 2017**

Rare wildlife, including an impressive population of polar bears, along with geological wonders and history — take it all in on this comprehensive 15-day voyage to the Arctic's more remote and magnificent islands.



## **The Northwest Passage: From Greenland to the Bering Sea**

**August 21–September 13, 2017**

Follow in the wake of Roald Amundsen and other great polar explorers on this epic 24-day voyage, transiting the full extent of the storied Northwest Passage from east to west, taking in a show of fantastic culture and scenery along the way.

# THE LURE OF THE GREAT WHITE NORTH

Venture to the top of the world in the footsteps of great explorers, discovering an expanse of ocean bounded by glaciers and dusted in stars, alive with timeless cultures and still ruled by the majestic polar bear.

## **An Ecosystem Unlike Any Other**

Even when compared with the world's other dazzling pole, you would be hard pressed to find a more magical and strange wilderness than the Arctic. Rotating about one fixed star, under the glow of the midnight sun or a swirling shower of northern lights, and spanning a geological wonderland of fire, ice and color, the Arctic reveals the rarest of soul-stirring beauties. Sailing on **Arctic Cruise Adventure: Norway, Greenland & Iceland**, the first to capture your heart may be the polar bear, a magnificent predator, relentless in its ability to adapt in a dramatically changing environment.

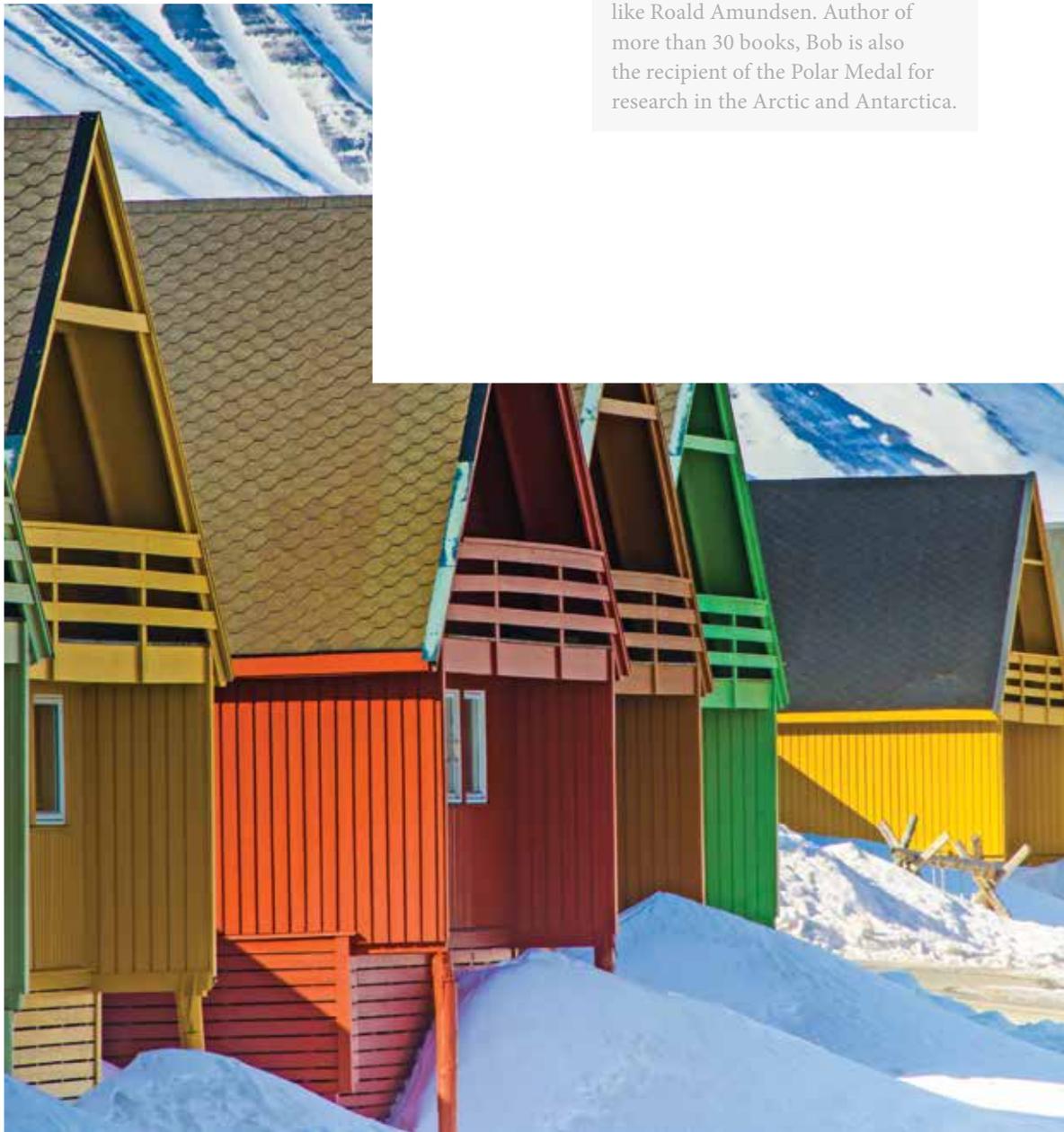
## **Legends at Every Turn**

Whether to discover unknown lands, conquer an unforgiving trade route or at last find the North Pole, the Arctic has drawn the world's greatest explorers for thousands of years. From Erik the Red to Roald Amundsen to Robert Peary, legends and indomitable spirit live on in this frozen hemisphere — something your remarkable Expedition Team reveals as only A&K can.

## **Ancient Cultures, Here and Now**

Masters of harmonious coexistence with Mother Nature, Inuit cultures have long called the most remote reaches of the Arctic home. Look for a warm welcome at the shore of some of these communities on **The Northwest Passage: From Greenland to the Bering Sea**, which returns this year for a highly anticipated encore sailing.





## EXPEDITION TEAM SPOTLIGHT



### **Bob Burton**

#### **History Lecturer**

Voyaging with A&K for more than 20 years, Bob's start in the British Antarctic Survey inspired a lifelong fascination with great polar explorers like Roald Amundsen. Author of more than 30 books, Bob is also the recipient of the Polar Medal for research in the Arctic and Antarctica.

# Arctic Cruise Adventure: Norway, Greenland & Iceland

15 days priced from \$13,995

Limited to 199 guests

Visiting Oslo, Longyearbyen, Svalbard Islands, Jan Mayen, Greenland and Iceland's Westfjords

Reykjavik Extension | 4 days from \$2,595

## & A&K ADVANTAGES

- › Cruise for 13 nights through the Arctic's wild and culturally rich regions of Norway, Greenland and Iceland
- › Experience luxurious, all-balcony expedition ship 'Le Boreal' on an exclusive A&K charter
- › Travel in the company of A&K's world-class Expedition Team, seasoned experts ranging from research scientists to field naturalists
- › Explore pristine Svalbard in search of Arctic wildlife
- › Visit remote Jan Mayen Island, home to an incredible birding sanctuary
- › Discover stunning Scoresby Sound in East Greenland, where you visit the Inuit village of Ittoqqortoormiit
- › Hike through Iceland's Hornstrandir Nature Reserve, a spectacular wilderness at the edge of the Arctic Circle
- › Embark on a special excursion deep inside of Iceland's luminous Langjökull Glacier
- › Enjoy the convenience of an A&K charter flight to Longyearbyen

### DAY 1: Arrive Oslo, Norway

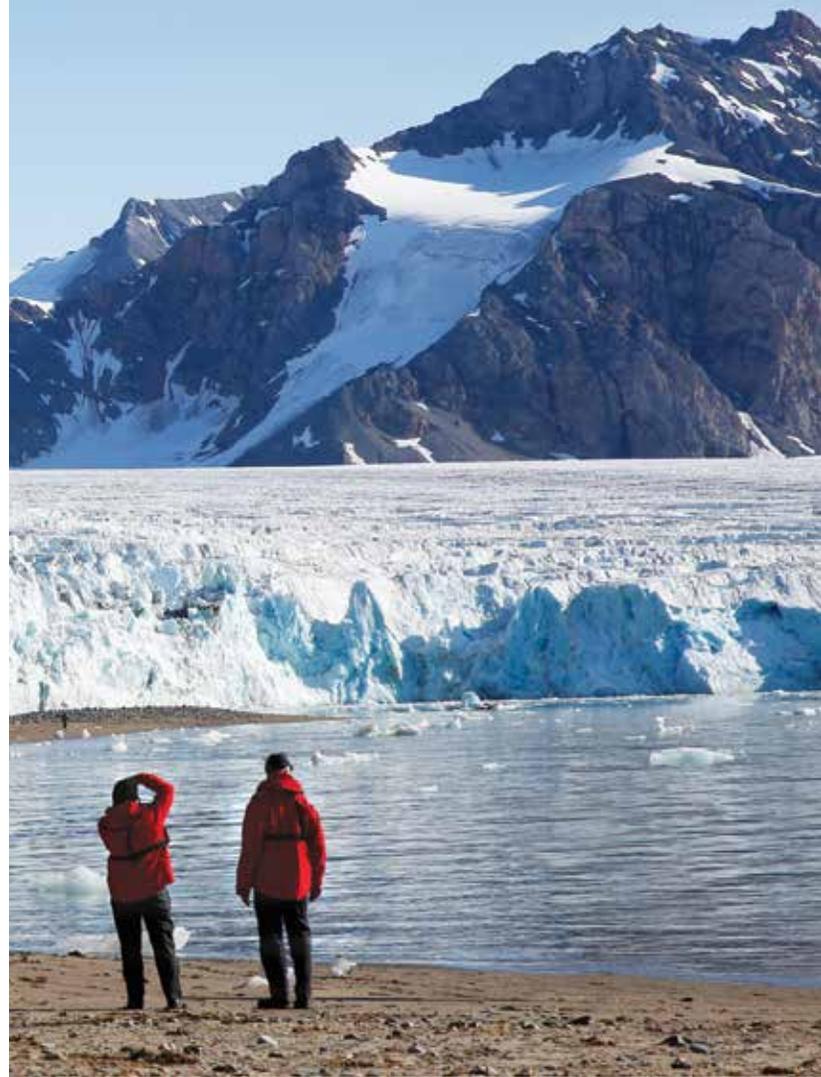
Arrive in Oslo, Norway's modern yet timeless capital, coexisting in close harmony with nature. On arrival, transfer to your hotel and then meet your local guide for an afternoon walking tour.

This evening, join fellow guests for a welcome cocktail reception.

*Hotel Bristol, Oslo*

### DAY 2: Longyearbyen | Long Year Town

Board a charter flight to Longyearbyen, the capital of Svalbard, also known as Spitsbergen, the sovereign Arctic archipelago of Norway. It is one of the most remote group of islands on the planet, with nearly two-thirds of its surface covered in luminous glaciers. Tour the tiny town and its Arctic Museum. Following lunch, board your expedition cruiser. 'Le Boreal' | *Meals: B L D*



Stand before the Fjortende Julibreen ("14th of July") Glacier

### DAYS 3-6: Svalbard Islands | Spectacular Archipelago

Very few people have the opportunity to view the remote wilderness of the Svalbard Islands. In the Svalbard archipelago, polar bears, walruses, Svalbard reindeer and an incredibly rich variety of birds are abundant, as are cathedrals of ice, glaciers and craggy mountain peaks. An amazing amount of diminutive flora surrounds this barren landscape, which comes alive with color under summer's midnight sun.

Your captain and Expedition Team determine the day's best sightseeing opportunities, which may include these extraordinary regions:

**Magdalenefjoren:** A stunning fjord with rugged rock walls, Magdalenefjoren surmounts blue-hued glaciers crisscrossed by crevasses, with birds perched in the high cliffs. This "glacier coast" provides magnificent views of the slow-moving ice masses travelling out to sea as well as beaches frequented by walruses.

**Ny Alesund:** Once a mining town and launching pad for early Arctic expeditions, Ny Alesund is now home to a polar research station where scientists study meteorology, seismology, atmospheric sciences and marine biology. Conditions permitting, visit the small community, including a museum, art gallery and the northernmost post office in the world.



Seek out the majestic King of the North, especially in the Svalbard archipelago

**Hinlopen Strait:** ‘Le Boreal’ navigates this passageway between the main island of Spitsbergen and the island of Nordaustlandet to deliver you to the Alkefjellet, or “auk cliffs,” towering rock faces that drop directly into the sea and provide a home to colonies of auks.

**Wahlbergoya:** Located in the center of the southern entrance to Hinlopen Strait, this island, named after Swedish botanist Peter Fredrik Wahlberg, is a favorite summer haul-out for walrus.

**Monaco Bay and Glacier:** Located in Northwest Spitsbergen, Monaco Bay is frequented by a variety of wildlife populations, including polar bears, walruses, harbor and bearded seals, and a multitude of seabirds.

**Liefdefjorden (Loves Bay):** In far northern Svalbard, this is an excellent area for spotting polar bears and other Arctic wildlife.

Throughout your landings and days of cruising in Spitsbergen, your primary objective will be to search for polar bears as they hunt in their true natural habitat — be it on land or among the ice floes. Each landing is under the close supervision of your bear guardians, who have the best knowledge about where to find the white giants. *‘Le Boreal’ | Meals: B L D*

#### DAY 7: At Sea | *Cruising the Arctic Ocean*

As ‘Le Boreal’ plies toward remote Jan Mayen, spend the day at

sea with new friends and the Expedition Team, who continue an engaging lecture series. *‘Le Boreal’ | Meals: B L D*



Discover the volcanically shaped Jan Mayen, a vastly untrodden – and rarely visited – spoon-shaped island in the Norwegian Sea that is home to large lakes, dramatic mountains and seabird nesting sites.

#### DAY 8: Jan Mayen | *Glacier-covered Volcano*

At the confluence of the Greenland and Norwegian seas, arrive at Jan Mayen, a fascinating and rugged island dominated by the 7,500-foot Beerenberg Volcano, which today stands as the world’s northernmost active volcano. With special permission and conditions permitting, land on this rarely visited island to see its meteorological station at Olonkinbyen, and discover its phenomenal bird colonies. Designated by Birdlife International as an Important Bird Area (IBA), Jan Mayen supports large breeding colonies of northern fulmars, little auks, thick-billed guillemots and black guillemots. *‘Le Boreal’ | Meals: B L D*

### Arctic Fox

Finding shelter in burrows, the furry Arctic fox feeds on everything from fish to leftover scraps from a polar bear. From winter to summer, its coat changes from white to brown and black, to better camouflage with its surroundings.



## MEET THE LOCALS

Discovering the elusive, beautiful wildlife of the Great White North is among the great rewards of an Arctic expedition. Beyond the polar bear, be on the lookout for these and other striking creatures on your A&K voyage.



### Walrus

Famously mustached and long-tusked, the social walrus is found near the Arctic Circle in the company of friends. Both males and females have tusks, which serve as a mighty tool to help hoist their gigantic bodies out of water.



### DAY 9-11: Greenland | *East Greenland & Scoresby Sound*

For the next three days, explore the rarely visited east coast of Greenland and Scoresby Sound, the largest and longest fjord system in the world. Embark on twice-daily Zodiac excursions through the fjord's glistening and intricate network, taking in its islands and icebergs, and searching for common residents that include the musk ox and reindeer. Ice conditions permitting, disembark for a visit to Ittoqqortoormiit, a small settlement founded in 1925 and one of the most isolated villages in Greenland. *'Le Boreal'* | *Meals: B L D*



At the waterfalls of Hraunfossar in Iceland, watch as countless streams cascade over a lava field, churning up stunning milky blue water in the river below.

### DAY 12: Cruising the Denmark Strait | *Confluence of Waters*

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea, cruising the relatively narrow strip of water that separates Greenland from Iceland, and connects the Arctic Sea with the Atlantic Ocean. Watch for seabirds and

whales from the deck in between insightful lectures presented by your Expedition Team. *'Le Boreal'* | *Meals: B L D*

### DAY 13: Iceland's Westfjords | *Hornstrandir Nature Reserve*

Today, explore the spectacular Hornstrandir Peninsula, an unspoiled wilderness on Iceland's remote Westfjords. Designated as a nature reserve in 1975 and free of any roads, Hornstrandir still appears as it would have when the Vikings first arrived. Your treks this morning reveal tranquil wildflower meadows, striking waterfalls and other geological features. This afternoon, visit the small village of Hesteyri, where you are welcomed by the local villagers. *'Le Boreal'* | *Meals: B L D*

### DAY 14: Akranes | *Thrilling Langjökull Glacier*

The glacier-carved Westfjords continue to provide a scenic backdrop as you journey to the Langjökull Glacier. Disembark for a memorable adventure in the tiny port of Akranes, where you board special glacier trucks for an exciting trip to the Langjökull. Stop en route at the shimmering Hraunfossar waterfall before arriving at Langjökull, where you enter a labyrinth of ice tunnels and caves that lead to the heart of the glacier, all revealing breathtaking depths of ice and shades of blue. Following lunch in Húsafell, return this afternoon to Akranes to board 'Le Boreal.' This evening, gather for the captain's gala farewell dinner. *'Le Boreal'* | *Meals: B L D*

### Black Guillemot

Dressed in red legs, a black bill, and black and white plumage that changes with the seasons, guillemots are deep divers that feed on bottom-dwellers, opportunistically including crustaceans.



### Reykjavik Post-Tour Extension

4 days from \$2,595



**Day 1:** Depart 'Le Boreal' for a tour of Reykjavik, the world's most northern capital. *Radisson BLU 1919 Hotel*

**Day 2:** Choose from two excursions: Explore Iceland's Golden Circle, including Thingvellir National Park and the Gullfoss waterfall, or drive the rugged Thórsörk in a 4x4 vehicle. *Radisson BLU 1919 Hotel | Meals: B L*

**Day 3:** Today, choose from two adventures: Visit the Skógafoss waterfall and enjoy lunch or experience the Blue Lagoon. Tonight, gather with fellow guests for a farewell cocktail reception. *Radisson BLU 1919 Hotel | Meals: B L*

**Day 4:** Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Meals: B*

Available on the Jul 17 departure.

### DAY 15: Depart Reykjavik

This morning, disembark 'Le Boreal' in Reykjavik and transfer to the airport for your return flight home, or continue on in Iceland with a Reykjavik extension. *Meals: B*



DATES & PRICING	'Le Boreal' Cabins							
	Category 1 Classic Balcony Stateroom	Category 2 Deluxe Balcony Stateroom	Category 3 Premier Balcony Stateroom	Category 4 Superior Balcony Stateroom	Category 5 Premier Two-Room Balcony Suite	Category 6 Prestige Balcony Suite	Category 7 Prestige Two-Room Balcony Suite	Category 8 Owner's Balcony Suite
Jul 17-31, 2017	\$15,495	\$16,995	\$17,995	\$18,495	\$23,495	\$24,495	\$26,995	\$29,995
Early Booking Discount Price*	\$13,995	\$15,495	\$16,495					
Single Supplement	\$7,745	\$8,495	\$13,495	\$14,245	\$22,325	\$23,275	\$25,645	\$28,495

**Internal Air:** Economy class from \$395

Oslo/Longyearbyen

\*Book categories 1-3 by October 31, 2016, and save up to \$3,000 per cabin.

### Journey Details

This itinerary is subject to change based on weather, wildlife, ice and other conditions beyond A&K's control. The final itinerary will be determined at the sole discretion of the captain and Expedition Leader. This journey contains some active elements. Minimum age is 10 years. Cabin butler service is included in categories 6-8.

First group event: walking tour in Oslo, Norway on Day 1. Last group event: disembarkation in Reykjavik, Iceland on Day 15.

# The Northwest Passage: From Greenland to the Bering Sea

24 days from \$26,995

Limited to 199 guests

Visiting Montreal, Western Greenland (Kangerlussuaq, Disko Bay, Ilulissat, Upernavik), Nunavut (Pond Inlet, Lancaster Sound, Beechey Island, Franklin Camp, Gjoa Haven, Victoria Island), Northwest Territories (Ulukhaktok, "Smoking Hills"), Yukon Territory, Beaufort and Bering Seas, Little Diomedea, Nome and Anchorage

Anchorage Extension | 4 days from \$2,195

## & A&K ADVANTAGES

- › Cruise the full extent of the Northwest Passage for 21 nights, voyaging from Greenland to the Canadian Arctic to Alaska
- › Experience the luxurious, all-balcony expedition ship 'Le Boreal' on an exclusive A&K charter
- › Travel in the company of A&K's world-class Expedition Team for a deeply enriching and captivating journey
- › Embark on every Zodiac excursion, all of which are included
- › Discover the most historic and remote islands, fjords and harbors of this elusive passage – just as the world's greatest polar explorers once did – with stops that may include Beechey Island, Franklin Camp, Fort Ross and Gjoa Haven
- › Explore the West Coast of Greenland, where you may meet with local Inuits and their dogsled teams, visit a hunting village and learn the art of leather tanning
- › Marvel at natural wonders from the "Smoking Hills" of Franklin Bay to Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site teeming with icebergs
- › Delve into the remote Yukon Territory, where whaling once thrived and an abundance of wildlife still reigns supreme
- › See the spectacular northern lights
- › Enjoy the convenience of A&K charter flights to Kangerlussuaq and Anchorage, beginning and ending your journey in North America

### DAY 1: Arrive Montreal, Quebec

Arrive in Montreal and transfer to your hotel. The balance of your day is free to relax or explore the city independently, with our staff available at the A&K hospitality desk to assist with arrangements or reservations. *Fairmont Queen Elizabeth*



Cruise amid giant icebergs and floating growlers in Disko Bay

### DAY 2: Montreal | *Dynamic French-English City*

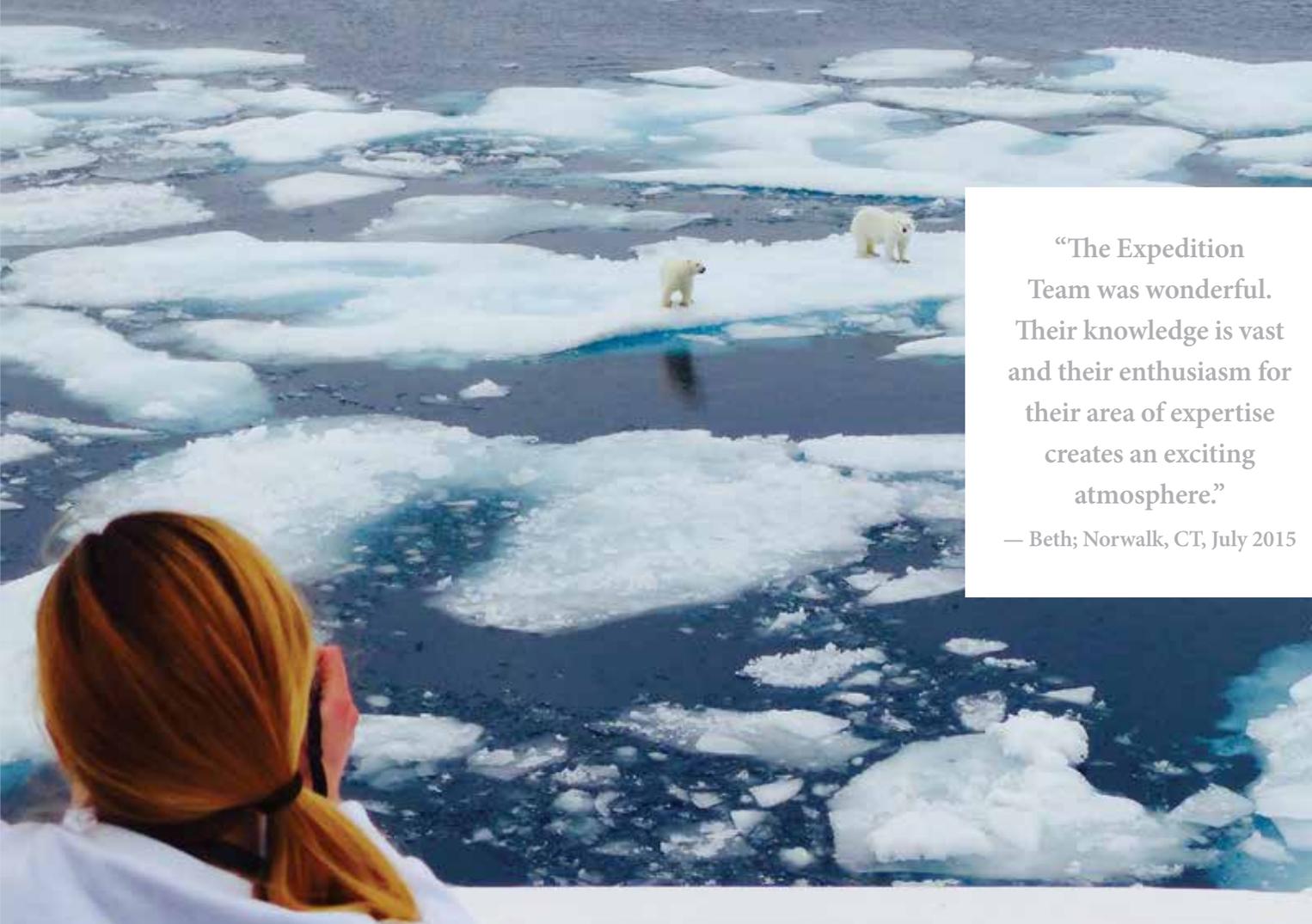
After breakfast this morning, enjoy the opportunity to explore this modern and culturally rich Canadian city with a choice of engaging tours, each arranged to fit a variety of activity levels. Tonight, gather with your A&K Expedition Team for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner to celebrate the start of your adventure. *Fairmont Queen Elizabeth* | *Meals: B D*

### DAY 3: Kangerlussuaq, Greenland | *Edge of Indlandsis*

Arrive by charter flight this afternoon in Western Greenland at Kangerlussuaq (Søndre Strømfjord in Danish), located on the tip of its namesake fjord and once a strategic allied stronghold during World War II. Weather and time permitting, visit the edge of the Greenland ice sheet (*indlandsis*), a vast body of inland ice covering 80 percent of the continent. En route, be on the lookout for native wildlife, such as musk oxen, reindeer, Arctic foxes, falcons and eagles. Later, arrive at the pier to board your luxurious expedition cruiser, 'Le Boreal.' Tonight, join your award-winning Expedition Team and crew for a welcome cocktail reception. *'Le Boreal'* | *Meals: B L D*

### DAYS 4-8: Western Greenland | *Where Amundsen Began*

In 1906, polar explorer Roald Amundsen became the first person to successfully cross the entire Northwest Passage. Start your voyage exactly where he did: along the stunning West Coast of



“The Expedition Team was wonderful. Their knowledge is vast and their enthusiasm for their area of expertise creates an exciting atmosphere.”

— Beth; Norwalk, CT, July 2015

Discover the incredible polar bear in its natural habitat

Greenland and north into Baffin Bay, which you explore for six days. Your enrichment and lecture program also begins, offering the first of many opportunities to delve deeper into the story of this dramatic and remote region. *‘Le Boreal’ | Meals: B L D*



One of the most memorable landings awaits on historic Beechey Island, where you find the memorial of Captain Sir John Franklin and the graves of three of his crew, still standing in the stark Arctic landscape.

Based on ice, weather and sea conditions, your captain and expedition crew determine the day’s best sightseeing opportunities, which may include:

**Sisimiut:** North of the Arctic Circle, Sisimiut is both the northernmost city in Greenland able to maintain a year-round, ice-free port, as well as the southernmost town with sufficient snow for dogsledding in winter and spring. Visit the local museum with its exhibits on Inuit culture and Greenlandic colonial history, and meet a dog musher and his dogsled team.

**Disko Bay & Ilulissat:** Cruise into Disko Bay, a wide inlet off of Baffin Bay first explored by Erik the Red in 985, when he established the first Norse settlements in Western Greenland. Discover the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, at the sea mouth of one of the fastest and most active glaciers in the world, Sermeq Kujalleq. The scene is spectacular with giant icebergs, floating growlers and bergy bits (large chunks of glacial ice), and the sounds of the calving ice-stream. Take a walking tour of Ilulissat, including a visit to the local history museum, and meet with villagers to learn about life in this often-harsh Arctic region. Enjoy a huskie dogsled demonstration and learn about the centuries-old methods of leather tanning still in practice today.

**Ummannaq Fjords:** Located north of Ilulissat, the Ummannaq Fjord System is an awe-inspiring geological wonder teeming with marine life. Visit Karrat ø to enjoy the stunning view of the iceberg-studded bay and also discover the remains of ancient huts, made of whale bones and sod by traditional Thule hunters (ancestors of the Inuit) some 500 to 1,000 years ago.

**Upernavik:** Founded in 1772, this summer camp for nomadic Greenland Inuit was an ideal hunting ground for whales, seals and fish. Witness this for yourself when you spend time with local villagers who still maintain a traditional way of life, living off the fish and seal populations common to the region. Visit

Winner of A&K's 2015  
Northwest Passage Photo Contest



Inuit drum dances at Holman captured by A&K guest Richard Deboer

the shops, church and local museum, the last of which offers an excellent display of Greenlandic life.

**DAYS 9-18: Nunavut & the Canadian Arctic Archipelago | Heart of the Northwest Passage**

Cruise west across Baffin Bay and into the Canadian Arctic Archipelago of Nunavut, where you begin your journey to the heart — and history — of the Northwest Passage. The A&K Expedition Team continues to share captivating lectures to enhance your own discovery. *'Le Boreal'* | *Meals: B L D*

As *'Le Boreal'* winds its way through legendary channels and inlets, your crew and Expedition Team determines the best route based on ice, weather and sea conditions. Exciting excursions await and are likely to include:

**Pond Inlet:** Located on the Northern end of Baffin Island, Pond Inlet, which translates to “Place of Mittima’s Grave,” is the noted gateway to the fabled Northwest Passage and a rich archaeological site. After clearing customs formalities for Nunavut, set off for a shore excursion to an area originally inhabited by the ancient Thule. Visit the Nattinnak Visitor’s Center or Toonoonik Sahooinik Co-op, where you can shop for artisan carvings made from local red and green soapstone, beautiful wall hangings and other handcrafted goods.

**Lancaster Sound:** Situated between Devon Island and Baffin Island, this body of water forms the eastern entrance to the Parry Channel and the Northwest Passage. It’s also home to a rich abundance of Arctic cod, which in turn draws copious populations of sea birds and marine mammals. Beluga and endangered bowhead whales, the narwhal with its spiraling tusk, ringed and bearded seals, the enchanting polar bear, and mustached walrus, as well as northern fulmars, black guillemots and Arctic terns — all are among the fantastic wildlife that inhabit the area. Some may even come into view on thrilling Zodiac excursions and landings.

**Beechey Island:** Historic moments in Arctic exploration define this island, best known for providing a safe haven to British explorer Sir John Franklin in 1845. Look east toward Resolute Bay at the huge silhouette of Cape Riley and imagine what Captain Franklin saw here in Erebus Harbour, where he took shelter for two years before his ill-fated attempt to conquer the Northwest Passage. See the wooden grave markers for three of Franklin’s men, now bleached by the sun, and visit the cenotaph memorial erected in memory of the lost explorer. It is an unforgettable experience.

**Fort Ross:** An abandoned trading post on the tip of Somerset Island, Fort Ross was founded in 1937 as a place for trappers to barter Arctic fox pelts in exchange for food and necessities.

# THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE: A LEGACY OF EPIC EXPLORATION

To sail the Northwest Passage — the sea route linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans — is a goal that has fired the imaginations of seafaring explorers and traders for centuries. Like the search for the source of the Nile or the city of Troy, the quest to conquer it is the stuff of legend.

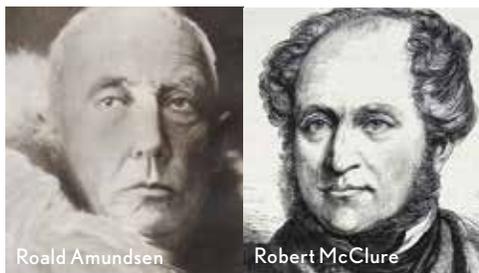
## The Lure of the Arctic Grail

Courage, skill, perseverance and no small amount of luck were once the prerequisites for anyone attempting to conquer the Northwest Passage, some 500 miles north of the Arctic Circle. It wasn't until the early 20th century that the daunting feat was finally accomplished.

Since then, no more than a few thousand hearty souls have transited the entire route. And while it remains an exclusive club, it's one Abercrombie & Kent invites you to join in 2017.

"The Northwest Passage is unique, a voyage that can be done only with a specific vessel during a very short period of the year," notes A&K's Captain Etienne Garcia. "It's a historical voyage in the wake of great explorers like Roald Amundsen and Robert McClure. Altogether, this makes for a very special cruise."

Over the last four centuries, countless explorers sought to traverse the passage, vying with the shifting ice for the sake of king and commerce, making varied degrees of progress, but never achieving success. Many turned back due to ferocious weather or intractable ice, while a few likely regretted not having done so, including Captain Sir John Franklin, whose lost expedition remains a mystery today.



who crossed from west to east between 1850 to 1854. McClure, however, travelled by both boat and sledge, and it was not until Norwegian polar explorer Amundsen finished a three-year expedition in 1906, that someone finally traversed the length of the passage entirely under sail. It would take until 1969 for the first commercial vessel to successfully navigate the passage.

The journey was at last successfully completed by McClure, an Irishman in command of the British ship 'Investigator,'

## A Wildly Telling Landscape

A&K Expedition Team member Ralph Eshelman shares a passion for this passage and its place in the greater scheme of east-west exploration. "As a maritime historian and geologist, this part of the world fascinates me," says Ralph. "Most folks don't realize that the Northwest Passage is actually a series of several different passages, not just one. Ice conditions often influence exactly what the passage may be.

"Some of the oldest rocks on earth are found here. Amazingly, despite the cold, there are fossils of dinosaurs and trees that tell a story of a once warmer climate. In the absence of vegetation today, these rocks are clearly visible. And when snow and ice recede, a glimpse of a geological wonderland that few travellers ever witness is revealed."

## An Unparalleled Voyage

Ready for more? Join us to explore firsthand and alongside A&K's remarkable Expedition Team on our 2017 voyage, **The Northwest Passage: From Greenland to the Bering Sea.**



An illustration of Sir John Franklin's Northern Arctic exploration



At the “Smoking Hills,” see cliffs of bituminous shale combust and burn

Explore the remaining wooden buildings of the post, which closed in 1948, and imagine life in such a barren landscape. Keep an eye out for bowhead whales or, perhaps, take a Zodiac excursion to CoBay, where polar bears have been known to feed.

**Gjoa Haven:** During his first attempt to transit the Northwest Passage on ‘Gjøa,’ Roald Amundsen used this natural harbor as a respite while waiting for ice conditions to improve. For two years, he lived with the Netsilik Inuits, learning their skills for survival and more efficient travel, which would later prove invaluable in his successful South Pole expedition. Today, Gjoa Haven has a population of 1,200 and still bears the historic significance of playing a key role in polar exploration.

**Victoria Island:** Cruise along the south coast of Victoria Island, which straddles both Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, voyaging through Queen Maud Gulf, Dease Strait and Coronation Gulf. Expedition stops may include bird sanctuary Jenny Lind Island, where you may also spy its populations of musk ox, and Johansen Bay, home to the remains of a nomadic trapper basecamp. Your Expedition Team may also lead you to Ulukhaktok (Holman village) in Queen’s Bay for an unforgettable visit with its local Inuit people. Only in contact with the rest of the world since the middle of the 19th century, the people of Holman continue to practice a traditional lifestyle and represent surprising cultural diversity; experience

both with a warm welcome at the shore, drum dances, fresh char and bannock rings (fried dough) prepared over an open fire, and tours of the town art center. Ulukhaktok is famous for its printmaking and you bear witness to the beautiful tradition here; also find carvings, hats made of coveted *qiviut* (musk ox wool) and *ulus* — traditional, half-moon-shaped knives used by women to prepare food and skins.



Join musician and native Ontarian, Mike Stevens, who captivates with musical storytelling during your expedition. “Harmonica Mike” is also the founder of Arts-Can Circle, a nonprofit that links indigenous Canadian youth with creative arts.

#### DAY 19: Franklin Bay & the “Smoking Hills” | *Endless Fire*

In the Northwest Territories at Franklin Bay, see the spectacular and enormous “Smoking Hills,” cliffs of bituminous shale that endlessly combust and burn. This rare geological phenomenon has likely been occurring for millennia, with layers of the relatively unstable mineral jarosite covering these hills. When the mineral comes into contact with cold air, it becomes red-hot and produces



“A&K staff were always exceeding my expectations. I was so moved by the extra care taken to make this an amazing, unforgettable trip.”

— Donna; Somers, NY, July 2014

Look – and listen – for vocal belugas on the Beaufort Sea

a thick, black smoke — a fantastic sight not unlike the smoky fumaroles produced by volcanoes, though far rarer to see.

*‘Le Boreal’ | Meals: B L D*



### Enjoy a Silent Art Auction at Sea

🌍 Make a difference in remote Arctic communities when you take part in an art auction at sea, sponsored by Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy and featuring incredible sculptures and prints made by village artisans.

### DAY 20: Herschel Island & the Yukon Territory | Safe Haven in the Farthest Reaches

During a long mapping expedition in 1826, Captain Franklin was the first European to lay eyes on this unique island at the northernmost point of the Yukon Territory. Named by Franklin, Herschel Island is a landmark in the West Arctic and has since served alternately as a whaling station, relay station and refuge for travellers. The island teems with wildlife that includes the migrating bowhead whale, walrus, moose, musk ox, Arctic fox and 94 species of birds. It is also one of the only places on earth where you may see a grizzly bear, black bear and polar bear, the

last of which live along the ice edge in summer. Evidence of the island’s whaling culture and Thule Inuit predecessors remains near the shoreline, though it may not for much longer; the island is subject to extreme coastal erosion and scientists predict the shoreline will disappear under the waves within 50 years.

*‘Le Boreal’ | Meals: B L D*

### DAYS 21-22: Beaufort & Chukchi Seas | Waters of the White One

Typically dense with ice floes and fog, the Beaufort Sea opens up a 60-mile-wide coastal pass from August to September. From here, ‘Le Boreal’ cruises into the U.S. and clears at Point Barrow, Alaska. Sailing in the comfort of your luxury expedition cruiser, continue participating in eye-opening lectures led by the Expedition Team. Be on the lookout across the sea for bowhead and beluga whales, the latter of which sustain one of the largest populations in the world here. Still hunted on a sustenance quota basis by local Inuits, the sociable creatures often travel in numbers and are said to be quite “chatty,” with their trills, clicks and squeals audible above the surface. In the late evening, relax on your private balcony or join fellow guests out on deck to witness the northern lights, known for delivering a stunning display in autumn. Your voyage continues through this narrow passage between North America and the ever-changing Arctic ice cap. *‘Le Boreal’ | Meals: B L D*



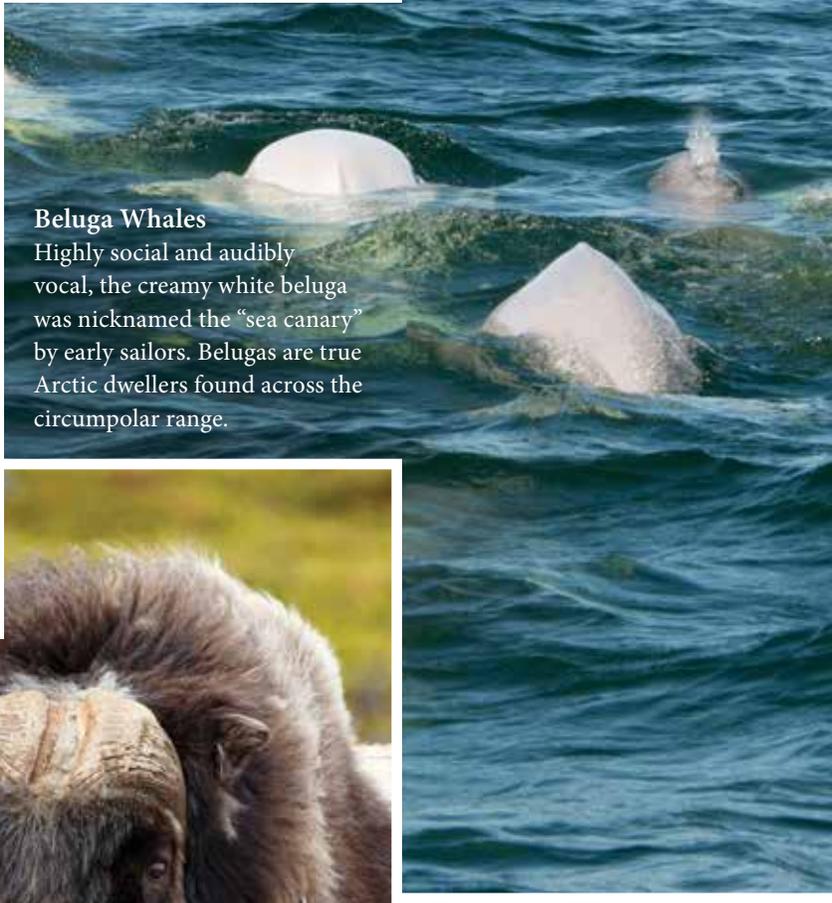
**Polar Bears**

Found only in the Arctic, the King of the North lives and hunts for seals near ice-covered waters. Well adapted to the harsh climate, the semi-aquatic bear can swim for several hours and reach speeds of up to 25 mph on land.



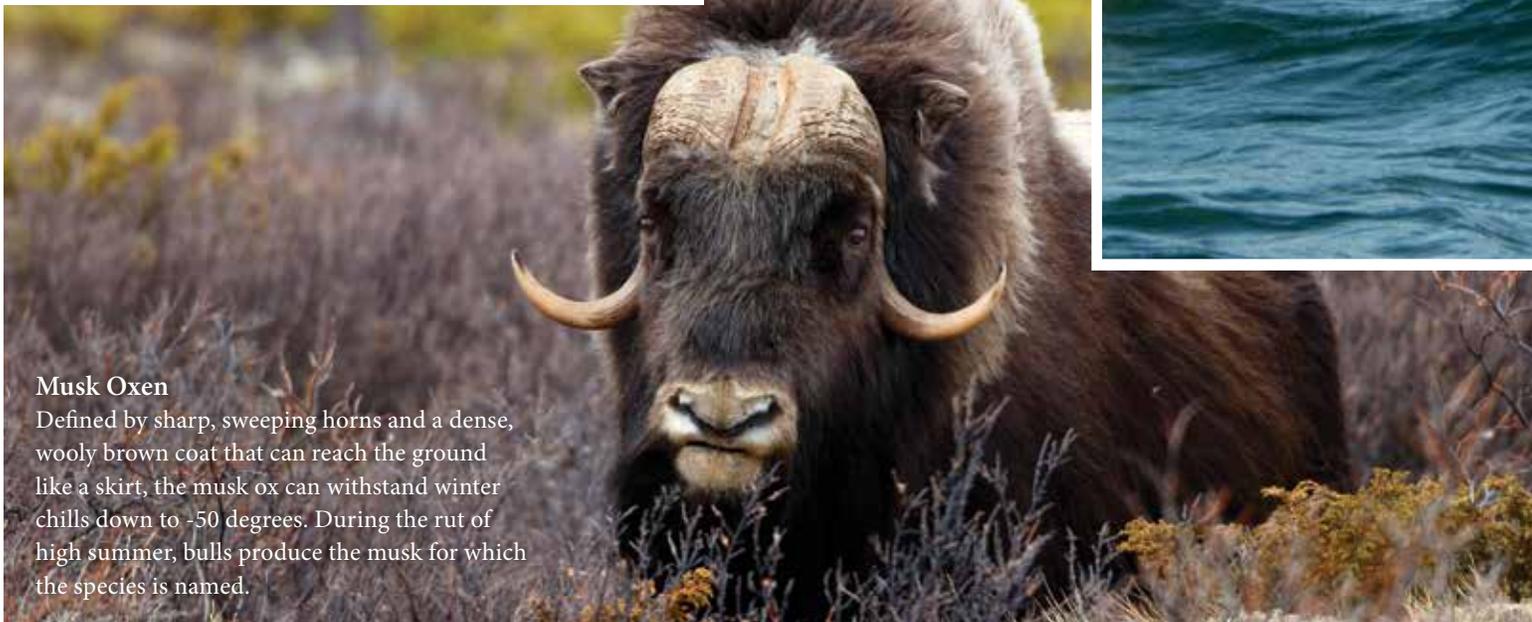
MEET THE LOCAL WILDLIFE

The Arctic's icy waters and shores are home to an astounding array of wildlife rarely found anywhere else in the world. Massive whales, some of which are only recently returning from the brink of extinction, are the stars of the show here, along with some notable land rovers.



**Beluga Whales**

Highly social and audibly vocal, the creamy white beluga was nicknamed the "sea canary" by early sailors. Belugas are true Arctic dwellers found across the circumpolar range.



**Musk Oxen**

Defined by sharp, sweeping horns and a dense, wooly brown coat that can reach the ground like a skirt, the musk ox can withstand winter chills down to -50 degrees. During the rut of high summer, bulls produce the musk for which the species is named.

**DAY 23: Little Diomede, Alaska | Along the Coast**

Continue cruising through the Bering Sea to Little Diomede, an island that sits between Alaska and Russia at the edge of the International Dateline. Disembark for a Zodiac cruise of the island, where the Ingalikmiut still maintain a traditional lifestyle of hunting, fishing and egg gathering. In line with customs and necessity, the Ingalikmiut also use seal, walrus and polar bear hides to make clothing, parkas, hats and mukluks, as well as trade currency for bartering. *'Le Boreal'* | **Meals: B L D**

**DAY 24: Nome | Gold Rush Fever**

Arrive and disembark in Nome, Alaska, among the wildest reaches of mainland America and the final destination for the Iditarod dogsled competition. Gold can still be mined here and you enjoy the opportunity to try gold panning; also experience a dogsled demonstration and a stop at the Bering Sea Land Bridge National Monument visitor's center. Following lunch at Old St. Joe's Church, take advantage of time to explore the downtown area of Nome. Transfer to the airport for your A&K charter flight to Anchorage. Continue on your home-bound flight or extend your stay in Anchorage. **Meals: B L**



**Anchorage Post-Tour Extension**

4 days from \$2,195

**DAY 1:** Visit the bustling seaplane base of Lake Hood, take in expansive vistas at Point Woranzoff and witness a salmon run in Ship Creek. **Hotel Captain Cook | Meals: L**

**DAY 2:** Ride the rails north to Talkeetna to enjoy a jetboat ride or a hike along Talkeetna Lake. **Hotel Captain Cook | Meals: B**

**DAY 3:** Encounter natural icons at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, ride a cable car to the top of Mount Alyeska and celebrate with a farewell dinner.

**Hotel Captain Cook | Meals: B D**

**DAY 4:** Transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Meals: B**

Available on the Aug 21 departure.



DATES & PRICING	'Le Boreal' Cabins							
	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5	Category 6	Category 7	Category 8
<b>Guaranteed Departure Dates</b>	Classic Balcony Stateroom	Deluxe Balcony Stateroom	Premier Balcony Stateroom	Superior Balcony Stateroom	Premier Two-Room Balcony Suite	Prestige Balcony Suite	Prestige Two-Room Balcony Suite	Owner's Balcony Suite
Aug 21-Sep 13, 2017	\$29,995	\$32,495	\$34,495	\$35,495	\$39,995	\$41,995	\$44,995	\$52,995
Early Booking Discount Price*	\$26,995	\$29,495	\$31,495					
Single Supplement	\$14,995	\$16,245	\$20,695	\$21,295	\$37,995	\$39,895	\$42,745	\$50,345

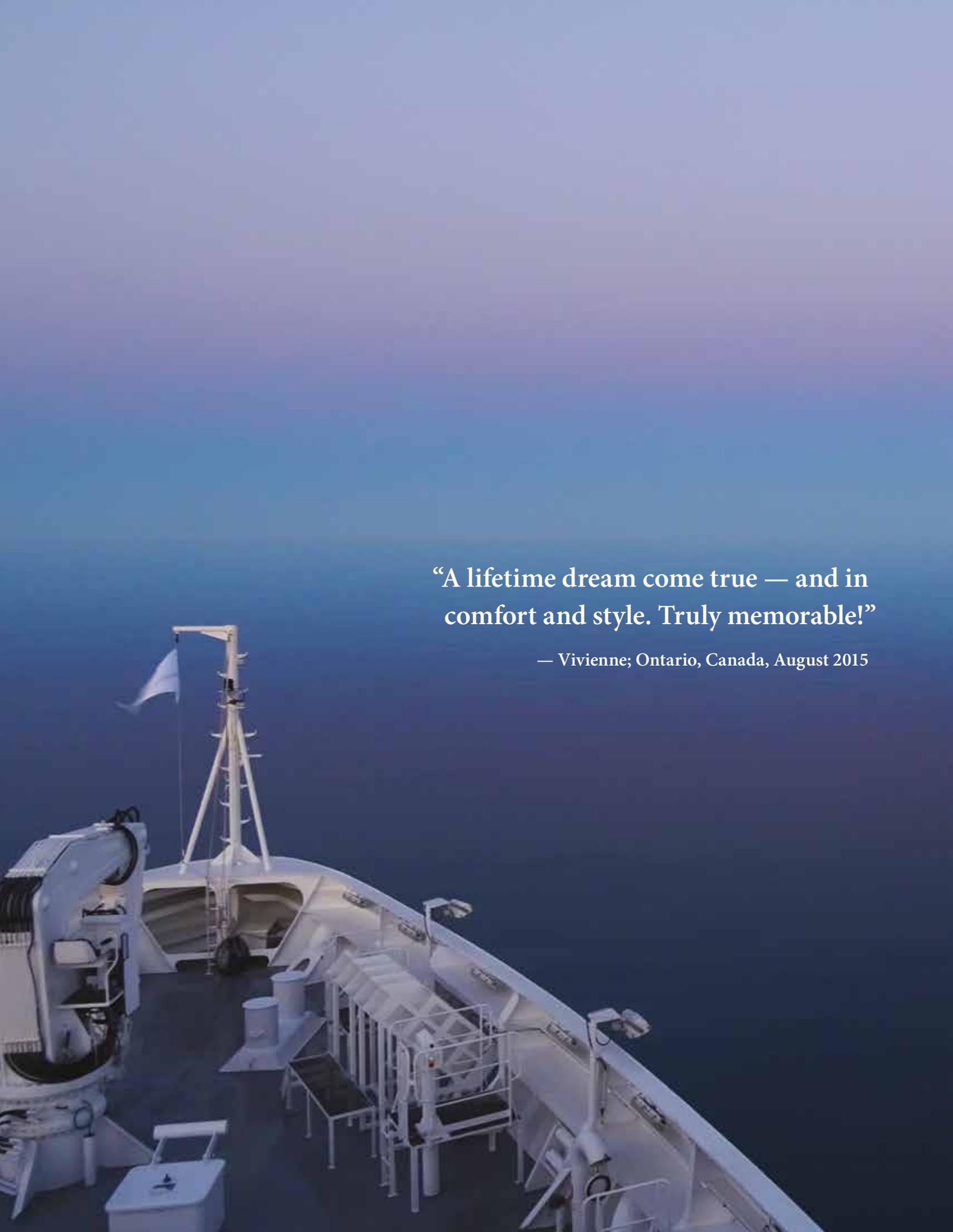
**Internal Air:** Economy class from \$2,750

Montreal/Kangerlussuaq; Nome/Anchorage

\*Book categories 1-3 by October 31, 2016, and save up to \$6,000 per cabin.

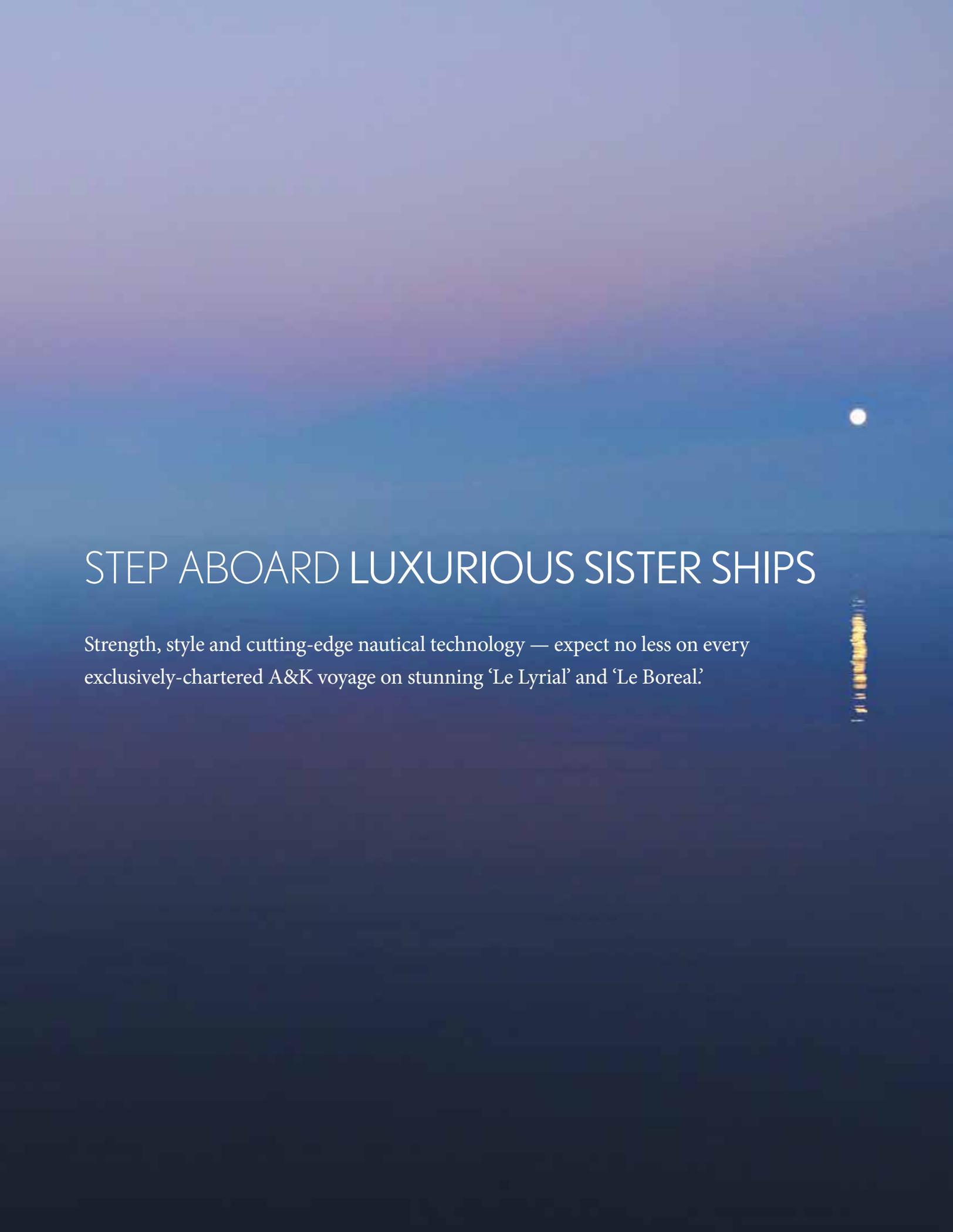
**Journey Details**

This itinerary is subject to change based on weather, wildlife, ice and other conditions beyond A&K's control. The final itinerary will be determined at the sole discretion of the captain and Expedition Leader. This journey contains some active elements. Minimum age is 10 years. Cabin butler service is included in categories 6-8. First group event: city tour in Montreal, Canada at approximately 2:00 p.m. on Day 2. Last group event: lunch in Nome, Alaska at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Day 24.



“A lifetime dream come true — and in  
comfort and style. Truly memorable!”

— Vivienne; Ontario, Canada, August 2015



# STEP ABOARD LUXURIOUS SISTER SHIPS

Strength, style and cutting-edge nautical technology — expect no less on every exclusively-chartered A&K voyage on stunning ‘Le Lyrial’ and ‘Le Boreal.’

# THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS: 'LE LYRIAL' AND 'LE BOREAL'

Expect sophisticated design, high-touch service and elegant comforts on luxury sister ships, both exclusively chartered by A&K.

## Beauty and Convenience at Sea

From 'Le Boreal's' striking design to 'Le Lyrial's' stunning blue palette inspired by the Vega star, both luxury expedition cruisers boast a contemporary decor, and a smart and convenient layout, aided by three passenger elevators. The spacious Panoramic Lounge and Terrace are ideal for social gatherings with ocean views, while the Main Lounge offers live music. The Theater is a show lounge, perfect for enrichment lectures and nightly entertainment. In the library, find a range of book titles with cozy reading areas and guest computer stations with Internet access. Both ships feature an outdoor heated pool, salon and spa, steam room, and fitness center. Guests may also arrange a visit to the bridge on either vessel with the captain.

## Perfect Dining Options

Each ship features two restaurants and al fresco dining by the pool. There are no formal evenings, so "dressing for dinner" doesn't mean a tuxedo or gown. Light fare and vegetarian dishes are always available, and most special diets can be accommodated with advance notice.

## Exceptional Staterooms and Suites

Guest quarters on 'Le Lyrial' and 'Le Boreal' are among the most comfortable you will find on any polar expedition cruise. An exclusive offering only on A&K voyages, every cabin features an outside balcony. Bedding configurations range from king-size beds to two single beds. Two-room suites feature a sofa seating area and a king-size bed as well as the option to convert into a two-room cabin — perfect for families. In addition, 'Le Lyrial' offers more spacious suites, including a three-room suite. Laundry services and 24-hour room service are available throughout your cruise.

## Your Personal Butler Awaits

For the ultimate in luxurious adventure cruising, complimentary private butler service is offered on Deck 6 for Cabin Categories 5-9 on 'Le Lyrial' and 6-8 on 'Le Boreal.' From ensuring your suite exceeds expectations to organizing cocktails on your private balcony, your personal butler is ready to tend to your every need.





## 'LE BOREAL' AND 'LE LYRIAL' DETAILS

- › Overall length: 466 feet
- › Beam: 59 feet
- › Draft: 15.3 feet
- › Average speed: 16 knots
- › Ice class: 1C
- › Passenger decks: 6
- › Passenger capacity: Limited to 199 (A&K charters only)
- › Crew: 142 (crew-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.3)
- › Gross tonnage: 10.700 GRT
- › Electric Motors: 2 x 2.3 MW
- › Standards: USPHS – U.S. Coast Guard's Rules Comfort Class 1 – "Clean" Ship Certification (meets or exceeds all IMO, EPA, IAATO and AECO operating standards)
- › Technology: Advanced dynamic positioning system
- › Flag: French

## AMENITIES

- › English language on board
- › Private balcony with every cabin (A&K charters only)
- › Complimentary butler service on Deck 6 for Cabin Categories 5-9 ('Le Lyrial') and 6-8 ('Le Boreal')
- › Sun Deck and multiple outer deck observation areas
- › Outside heated pool
- › Library with selection of books
- › Two restaurants: Main and Grill
- › Open bar (excluding premium wines and spirits)
- › Two lounges with bars: Club with live music and Panoramic with Terrace
- › Three passenger elevators
- › Fitness Center with Kinesis® wall
- › Full-service salon with spa and steam room
- › Theater for more than 200 guests
- › Boutique shop
- › 24-hour medical facilities with certified doctor
- › 24-hour room service and laundry services
- › Electricity: 110/220 volts
- › Wireless Internet (due to remote destinations, access and speed varies)

# 'LE LYRIAL' DECK PLAN

With a stunning palette inspired by the Vega star, stylish 'Le Lyrial' features luxurious comforts and a multitude of spacious suites.

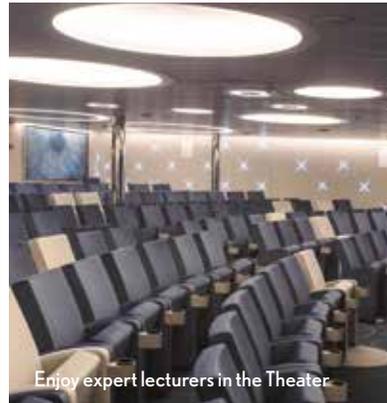


Savor fine dining on board

Our welcoming staff is always on hand to help



Unwind in the Club Lounge

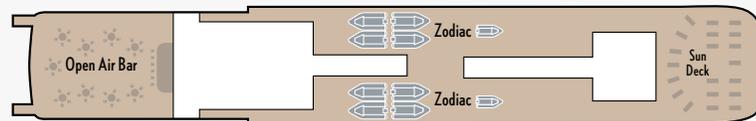


Enjoy expert lecturers in the Theater

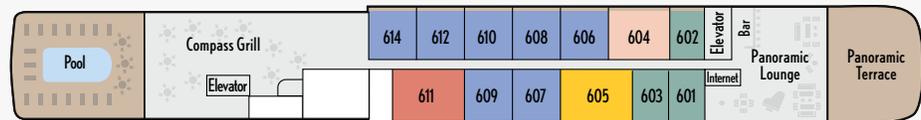
## CABIN CATEGORIES

BUTLER SERVICE INCLUDED

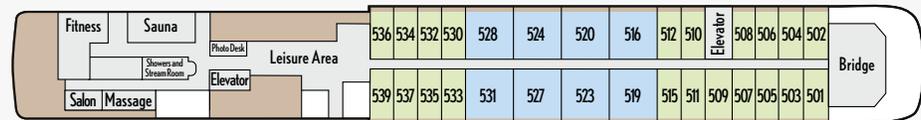
- **Category 9**  
Owner's Balcony Suite
- **Category 8**  
Grand Privilege  
Three-Room Balcony Suite
- **Category 7**  
Grand Deluxe Two-Room  
Balcony Suite
- **Category 6**  
Privilege Two-Room  
Balcony Suite
- **Category 5**  
Prestige Balcony Suite
- **Category 4**  
Premier Two-Room  
Balcony Suite
- **Category 3**  
Premier Balcony Stateroom
- **Category 2**  
Deluxe Balcony Stateroom
- **Category 1**  
Classic Balcony Stateroom



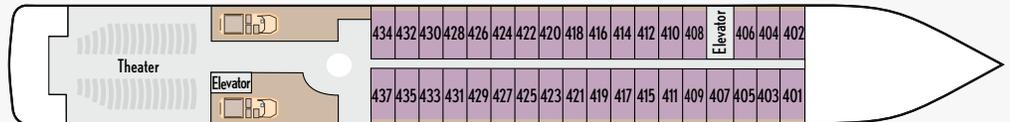
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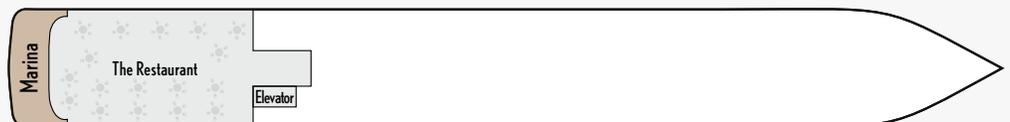
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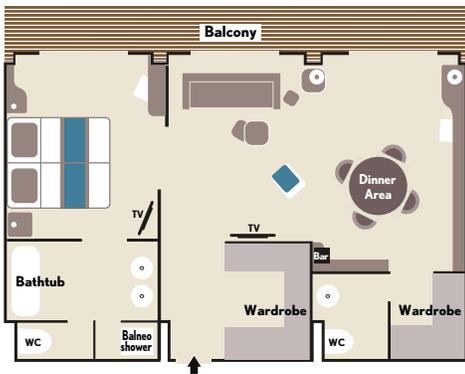
# 'LE LYRIAL' CABIN FLOOR PLAN



Upgrade to a spacious Grand Privilege Three-Room Balcony Suite

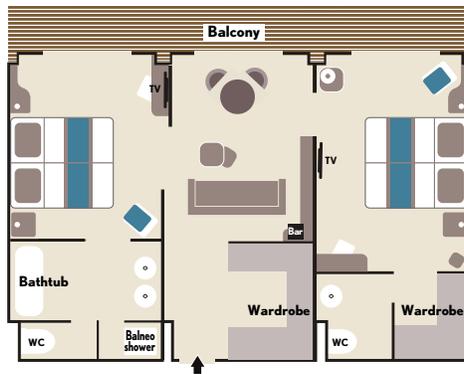


Gaze out to sea from a Balcony Stateroom



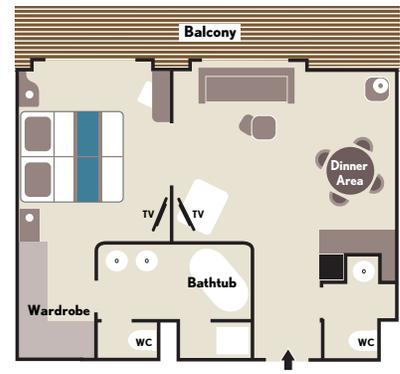
**OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE (Category 9)**

Cabin: 581 sq. ft. (52 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 129 sq. ft. (12 sq. m.)



**GRAND PRIVILEGE THREE-ROOM BALCONY SUITE (Category 8)**

Cabin: 581 sq. ft. (52 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 129 sq. ft. (12 sq. m.)



**GRAND DELUXE TWO-ROOM BALCONY SUITE (Category 7)**

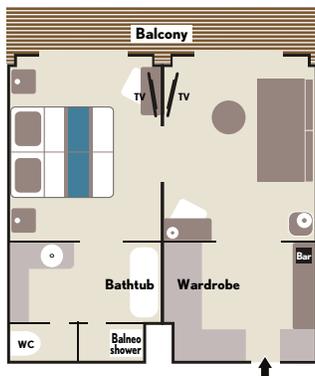
Cabin: 484 sq. ft. (45 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 108 sq. ft. (10 sq. m.)



Stretch out in a Grand Deluxe Two-Room Balcony Suite

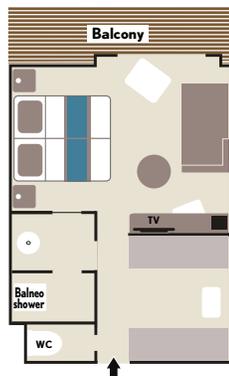


Retreat to a comfortable Balcony Stateroom



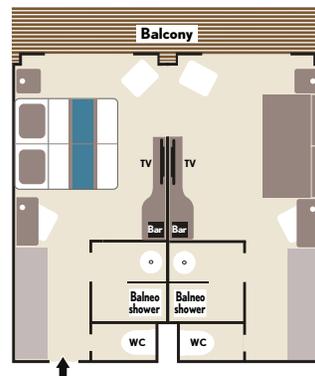
PRIVILEGE TWO-ROOM  
BALCONY SUITE (Category 6)

Cabin: 388 sq. ft. (36 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 86 sq. ft. (8 sq. m.)



PRESTIGE BALCONY  
SUITE (Category 5)

Cabin: 291 sq. ft. (27 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 65 sq. ft. (6 sq. m.)



PREMIER TWO-ROOM  
BALCONY SUITE (Category 4)

Cabin: 388 sq. ft. (36 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 86 sq. ft. (8 sq. m.)



BALCONY STATEROOMS  
(Categories 1-3)

Cabin: 200 sq. ft. (18 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 43 sq. ft. (4 sq. m.)

# 'LE BOREAL' DECK PLAN

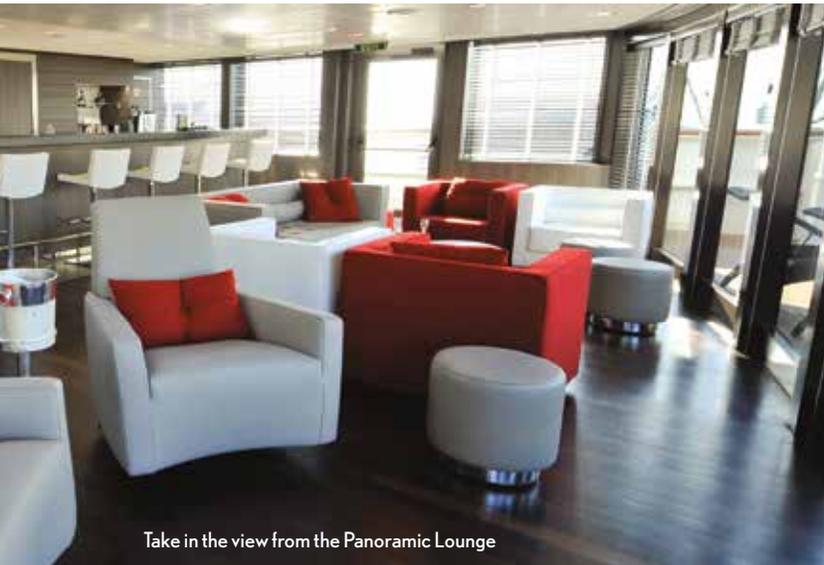
Elegant and bold, 'Le Boreal' offers sophisticated design and all the right luxuries, including all-balcony staterooms only when chartered by A&K — just like her sister ship, 'Le Lyrial.'



Look forward to entertaining presentations in 'Le Boreal's' Theater



Stop by 'Le Boreal's' Reception Desk with any request, large or small



Take in the view from the Panoramic Lounge

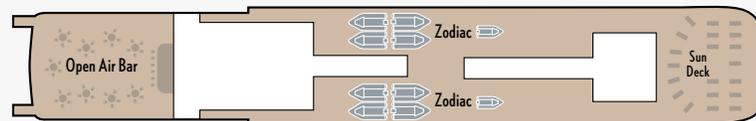


Experience elegance at every turn

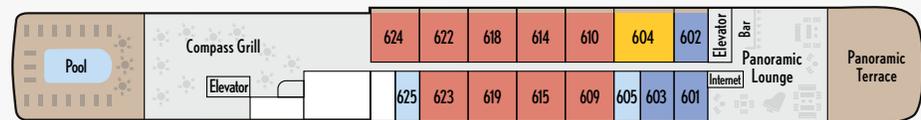
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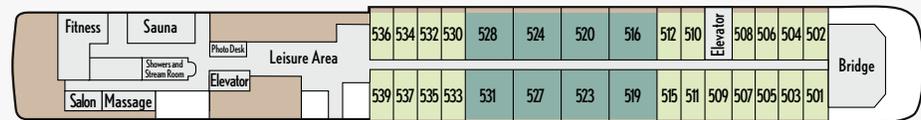
- **Category 8**  
Owner's Balcony Suite
- **Category 7**  
Prestige Two-Room Balcony Suite
- **Category 6**  
Prestige Balcony Suite
- **Category 5**  
Premier Two-Room Balcony Suite
- **Category 4**  
Superior Balcony Stateroom
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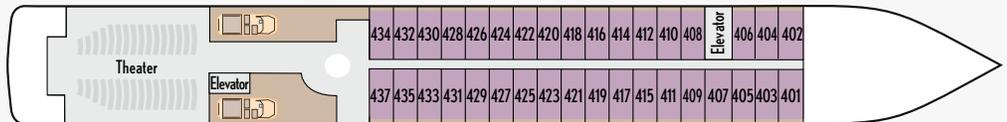
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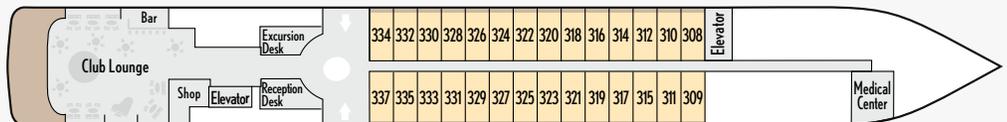
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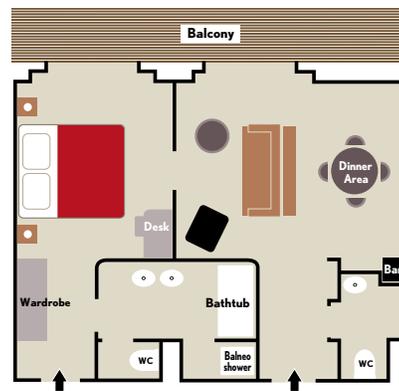
# 'LE BOREAL' CABIN FLOOR PLAN



Relax with a book in a Balcony Stateroom



Enjoy a tranquil respite in a Prestige Balcony Suite



**OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE  
(Category 8)**

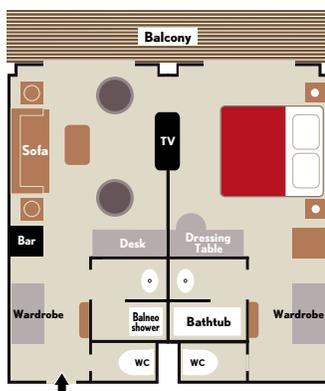
Cabin: 484 sq. ft. (45 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 97 sq. ft. (9 sq. m.)



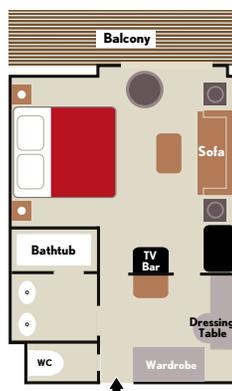
Indulge in the spacious Owner's Balcony Suite



Rest easy in a Prestige Balcony Suite



PREMIER AND PRESTIGE TWO-ROOM BALCONY SUITES (Categories 5 and 7)  
Cabin: 400 sq. ft. (37 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 86 sq. ft. (8 sq. m.)



PRESTIGE BALCONY SUITE (Category 6)  
Cabin: 290 sq. ft. (27 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 54 sq. ft. (5 sq. m.)



BALCONY STATEROOMS (Categories 1-4)  
Cabin: 200 sq. ft. (18 sq. m.)  
Balcony: 43 sq. ft. (4 sq. m.)

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

These Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC ("A&K") Terms and Conditions apply to group journeys including Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo, Connections, Connections European River Cruise, and Wings Over the World Journeys, as well as Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions, departing between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, Luxury Expedition Cruises departing between March 1, 2017 and February 28, 2018 and bookings for future years until updated. For all other terms and conditions including all journeys to Cuba and Signature Series Journeys, please refer to [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com).

## GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

All group journeys excluding Connections European River Cruise, Luxury Expedition Cruises, Private Jet, Wings Over the World, and Inspiring Expeditions by Geoffrey Kent are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of two (2) persons. Guaranteed departures will operate except only in cases of force majeure, which could include any major world event adversely affecting international travel patterns or other circumstances beyond A&K's control.

## A&K PRICE ASSURANCE

The A&K Price Assurance applies to all group journeys available through A&K excluding Luxury Expedition Cruises, Private Jet, Inspiring Expeditions by Geoffrey Kent, international and internal air and extra services. The A&K Price Assurance applies only to advertised rates on [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com) for the same program, travel date and accommodation classification. A&K reserves the right to modify or cancel the A&K Price Assurance for future bookings without prior notice.

## INCLUDED IN JOURNEYS

All accommodations, meals and fully guided sightseeing (including park and entrance fees) as noted in the itinerary; airport transfers to/from hotel/ship in the first/last published city regardless of day of arrival and departure (on Expedition Cruises, transfers may be included on start and end dates only); services of A&K Resident Tour Director or appropriate Guide on Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions; coffee/tea/soft drinks/water at included meals; local wine and beer at all welcome and farewell dinners and with all lunches and dinners on Connections European River Cruise Journeys; local bottled water during sightseeing; portage of two (2) pieces of baggage; complimentary Internet access (where available on land; excluded on all trains and cruises; service levels are not guaranteed); hotel taxes; and gratuities throughout, except to the Resident Tour Director/Extension guide/East Africa safari driver-guides.

**Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo and Wings Over the World Journeys Additional Inclusions:** A&K's Travelling Bell Boy Service is provided; however, because of security regulations, this service may be limited at airports, rail stations and points of embarkation for cruises. A&K's Traveller's Valet includes laundry service for eight (8) pieces (excludes Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions and Mount Kilimanjaro). Dry cleaning is not included.

**Expedition Cruises (Antarctica, Arctic, Japan) Additional Inclusions:** Complimentary standard bar drinks, beer, house wine, soft drinks, coffee drinks, juices and bottled water (excluding premium wines, spirits and Champagnes) while on board; all shore excursions and full lecture program while on board; services of an A&K Expedition Staff and local guides; gratuities for the ship's crew and A&K Expedition Staff; a post-cruise expedition logbook; and a complimentary expedition parka and backpack provided on board Antarctica/Arctic cruises.

**Africa Journeys Additional Inclusions:** Medical evacuation service, when available, including air transportation to medical care facilities, is included within Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. For Climb Kilimanjaro program participants, medical evacuation is included from the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro to Nairobi. Hospitalization and medical expenses are at an additional cost.

## NOT INCLUDED IN JOURNEYS

A&K's Guest Protection Program; international and internal airfares, unless otherwise noted; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; reciprocity and other border fees; airport departure taxes, unless otherwise

noted; excess baggage charges; gratuities to the Resident Tour Director/Extension guide/East Africa safari driver-guides; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; beverages other than those noted in inclusions above; sightseeing not included in the published itinerary; and personal expenses such as laundry (except for A&K's Traveller's Valet as noted), communication charges, Internet access for all cruises and trains; and optional activities (which are subject to availability).

## HOTEL CHECK-IN

Most hotels allow check-in to take place during the midafternoon. Should you wish to have a guaranteed room ready for your immediate check-in upon arrival, it can be arranged for an additional charge. Please ask A&K for details and prices.

## ROOM UPGRADES/SPECIAL REQUESTS

Luxury Small Group Journeys suite upgrade package with preferred pricing based on availability. Upgrades available on request at individual hotels on Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo and Wings Over the World Journeys. Hotel upgrades not available on Connections Journeys. Specific requests such as adjacent or connecting rooms, bedding requests, smoking rooms and special dietary needs should be advised at time of booking. Please note that while every effort will be made to secure a special request, it cannot be guaranteed.

## ITINERARIES

A&K reserves the right to modify program itineraries, including arranged sightseeing, and substitute accommodations, including vessels, aircraft and trains, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K's control. Every effort will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

## AIR TRANSPORTATION

International airfare (to the journey starting point and from the ending point) is not included in program pricing. A&K has special agreements with many air carriers and can offer quotations from any gateway. Some journeys require internal flights as specified in the itinerary. This airfare is typically not included and must be purchased from A&K in addition to the journey. In the instance where charter flights are used and seating is limited, A&K reserves the right to substitute and confirm air reservations on a suitable alternative scheduled air flight. All internal air is based on economy class seating and is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply). All international and internal air quotes are subject to change until final payment has been received by A&K. Flight confirmation is based on availability. Air reservations cannot be confirmed until a passport copy is received by A&K.

All air carriers are independent contractors and are not owned, managed, controlled or operated by A&K. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between yourself and the airlines (and not A&K), even if purchased through A&K. A&K is not liable for, and does not assume responsibility or accept claims with regard to, seat assignments, name changes, schedule changes, flight changes and/or cancellations. Should you change or cancel your air transportation arrangements before or after your travel begins, all airline change and cancellation fees will apply.

## BAGGAGE

A&K provides portage of two (2) pieces of baggage per person. Please note should your journey include internal/domestic or charter flights, your luggage allowance may be less than two (2) pieces of baggage and weight/size restrictions and additional costs may apply.

Details will be provided in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the travel program, and A&K assumes no liability for lost or damaged baggage. Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions and fees applicable to your international flights.

## PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Quoted program prices are per person, double occupancy except where indicated. Marco Polo Club discount is not eligible on Connections and Connections European River Cruise Journeys for memberships established prior to November 1, 2015. For full program terms and conditions visit [akmarcopolo.com](http://akmarcopolo.com). Marco Polo Journeys have two prices; a higher price that allows us to guarantee departures for small groups of two to six guests and a lower price

for groups of seven or more guests. The higher price will be noted on your initial invoice and reduced before you depart if your group has seven or more guests. Although not expected, published prices may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted at the time of printing. A&K is under no obligation to give a breakdown in costs of any journey. Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions are only available to guests booked on related group journeys. Modification of program content to accommodate a smaller group size will not affect the published program price.

## CHILD POLICY

The minimum age is 10 years old unless noted on the itinerary and all children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Minimum age is 12 years old for Connections European River Cruise Journeys and varies for Family Journeys. Some activities contained within an itinerary may have a different age restriction than the overall minimum age requirement. Details will be provided at the time of booking. A&K reserves the right to marginally exceed the published maximum group size on Family Journeys to accommodate a family.

## ACTIVE ELEMENTS AND CONDUCT

Some active elements have been incorporated into select itineraries. To enjoy the trips as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. A&K will require prior notice if any participant has any physical or other condition or disability that would prevent them from participating in active elements of any trip and/or could create a hazard to him or herself or to other members of the group. Due to ship restrictions, women over six (6) months pregnant are not permitted to travel on Expedition Cruises. The guest represents that neither he nor she nor anyone travelling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or herself or other members of the tour. A&K reserves the right to decline acceptance of anyone whom it considers unsuitable due to fitness level. A&K also reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the participant's own expense, anyone whose physical condition or conduct negatively impacts the enjoyment of the other guests or disrupts the tour.

## A&K'S GUEST PROTECTION PROGRAM

Our Guest Protection Program, which provides cancellation coverage, medical coverage and protection against lost or damaged luggage, is not included in the program price and is recommended. The plan must be purchased within 14 days of deposit in order to waive the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. Call A&K for details.

## Special Requirement for Antarctica and Arctic Cruises:

Due to the remote locations, A&K requires proof of a minimum of \$50,000 per person in emergency evacuation/repatriation insurance for all Antarctica and Arctic cruises. This minimum amount is included in the A&K Guest Protection Program; upgrades can be purchased for higher coverage on request. If you do not purchase the A&K Guest Protection Program, we require proof of alternative coverage. Please note emergency evacuation insurance provides for covering the cost associated with emergency evacuation and repatriation up to the limits of the respective policy; however, it does not guarantee the timing, method or mode of such evacuation and repatriation, which is subject to weather, location and other conditions or variables outside of A&K's control.

## PASSPORTS AND VISAS

It is the guest's sole responsibility to obtain and have available when necessary the appropriate valid travel documents. All guests are advised to check with the appropriate government authority to determine the necessary documents. A valid passport is required for U.S. citizens travelling to all international destinations. Passports must be valid for six (6) months after the return of your journey and should also have sufficient blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps. Many destinations also require a visa for U.S. citizens; this will be indicated in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Non-U.S. citizens should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey. You may be refused boarding or disembarked from a vessel without liability for refund, payment, compensation, or credit of any kind if you do not have proper documentation, and you will be subject to any fine or other costs incurred by A&K which result from improper documentation or noncompliance with applicable regulations.

## RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposit per Person Required at Time of Booking	
Luxury Small Group and Marco Polo Journeys	\$1,000
Connections and Connections European River Cruise Journeys	\$500
Expedition Cruises	\$2,450
Wings Over the World Journeys	\$2,500

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 90 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of the request in order to secure confirmation. For all Expedition Cruise, Connections European River Cruise, Wings Over the World and Select Journeys indicated below, final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. An additional non-refundable permit fee is required at time of booking for Uganda: Gorillas & Beyond (\$1,350 per person) and the Uganda Extension (\$600 per person).

**Select Journeys:** Amazon Adventure: Rainforest & River Cruise; Britain's Great Stately Homes; Cruising the Mekong; Siam, Saigon & Angkor Wat; India: The Taj Mahal & a Ganges River Cruise; Myanmar & the Irrawaddy; Southern Africa Safari by River & Rail; Taj Mahal & the Treasures of India (Holiday and Pushkar Fair departures); India Wildlife Safari: Lions, Tigers & Leopards; Legends of the East by Luxury Train: Bangkok to Singapore & Bali; Mongolia: Naadam Festival & the Gobi Desert; Namibia & Botswana: Dunes, Delta & the Kalahari; Paris, Champagne & Alsace: Villages & Vineyards by Barge; Scotland & Ireland by Luxury Train; and The Royal Palaces of India.

## CANCELLATION CHARGES

Cancellations must be received in writing and will become effective on the date of receipt, fax or email. Cancellations received by A&K are subject to the following:

### CANCELLATION FEES PER PERSON

Luxury Small Group Journeys, Marco Polo Journeys, Connections Land Journeys, and related Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions	
91 days prior to departure or more	\$500
90-61 days prior to departure	20% of program price
60-31 days prior to departure	50% of program price
30 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price
Expedition Cruises, Connections European River Cruise Journeys, Select Journeys indicated above and related Group Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions	
121 days prior to departure or more	\$500
120-91 days prior to departure	20% of program price
90-61 days prior to departure	50% of program price
60 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price
Wings Over the World Journeys	
121 days prior to departure or more	\$2,500
120-91 days prior to departure	20% of program price
90-61 days prior to departure	50% of program price
60 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price

**Partial Room Cancellation:** If a guest cancels or leaves a journey and a roommate remains, an additional supplement may apply to the price for the remaining guest.

## CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR INTERNAL AIR

All internal air is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply).

## CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR EXTRA SERVICES

Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in connection with A&K journeys are subject to specific cancellation penalties. These will be provided at the time of booking and noted on the invoice.

## CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

Refunds are not made for any missed services, except for verifiable extenuating circumstances. Please see our **Limits on A&K's Responsibility** clause below. For verifiable claims to be considered, they must be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program and be accompanied by supporting documentation and/or a statement from the local destination company verifying the claim. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual price of the services involved and not on a per diem basis. Adjustments will not be made for unused sightseeing trips or meals. A&K will not accept any liability for any claims that are not received within 30 days of the termination of your travel program.

## PHOTOGRAPHY DURING TRAVEL

A&K reserves the right to take photographs and video during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes during the program and thereafter. By booking a program with A&K, guests agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs and video. Guests who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to their Resident Tour Director at the beginning of their program.

## LIMITS ON A&K'S RESPONSIBILITY

A&K, its employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents and assigns, does not own or operate any property or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip. It purchases transportation (by aircraft, coach, train, vessel or otherwise), hotel and other lodging accommodations, restaurant, ground handling and other services from various independent suppliers (including from time to time other affiliated A&K companies). All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, A&K is not liable for any negligent or willful act of any such person or entity or of any third person. In addition and without limitation, A&K is not responsible for any injury, financial or physical loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means of transportation or for failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

There are many inherent risks in adventure travel of the type involved here, which can lead to illness, injury, or even death. These risks are increased by the fact that these trips take place in remote locations, far from medical facilities. Guest assumes all such risks associated with participating in these trips.

If you decide to participate in any activities including, but not limited to, any excursions involving animals, riding on animals, scuba diving, snorkeling, hot air ballooning, ziplining, high altitude treks, climbing, whitewater rafting, primate tracking and any activity which A&K considers to carry inherent risk of serious illness, injury or death ("Activities") then you fully understand and acknowledge that Activities carry with them various inherent risks, including serious illness, injury or death and you take complete responsibility for your own health and safety and agree to assume all risks of injury, illness or death, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall you as a result of participating in any Activities and agree to release A&K and its affiliates, their agents, employees and representatives from any liability whatsoever related thereto.

Further, as consideration for being permitted to participate in the Activities; you release A&K, whether known or unknown, from, and agree not to sue or make claim against A&K for, property damage, cancellation of any Activities

for any reason, illness, negligent rescue operations or procedures, personal injury, or death arising out of your participation in the Activities, and any activity related thereto, including transportation to and from the site of the Activities, regardless of whether such property damage, illness, personal injury, or death results from the negligence of A&K (but not its reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct), and/or from any defect in equipment. You further agree to indemnify and hold A&K harmless with respect to any claim made against A&K by anyone else which (a) related to your participation, or (b) which would be subject to the above release and covenant not to sue if you had made the claim directly yourself.

## TRAVEL ADVISORIES AND WARNINGS

It is the responsibility of the guest to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the U. S. State Department's travel website at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) or by phone at 888 407 4747. In the event of an active State Department Travel Warning against travel to the specific destination location(s) of the trip, should the guest still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, the guest assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

## ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the Limits on A&K's Responsibility clause, to any A&K brochure, to any information regarding any A&K trip, service or package, or to any A&K-related trip, activity, service or package, shall be submitted exclusively to and resolved in binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois under the CPR International Non-administered Arbitration Rules (which can be found at [cpradr.org](http://cpradr.org)), before a single arbitrator appointed by CPR. Any party or their representative may appear for the arbitration by telephone or video conference. Each party shall bear its own fees, costs and expenses and an equal share of any arbitrator and administrative fees.

ANY PAYMENT TO A&K CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET OUT HEREIN AND IN MORE SPECIFIC PRETRAVEL DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING THE GUEST INFORMATION FORM.

A&K accepts all major credit cards.

## ONE NAME: ONE UNPARALLELED STANDARD WORLDWIDE

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## AMENDMENTS

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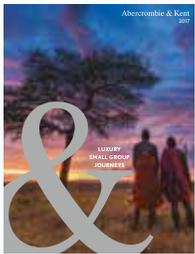
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With 52 local offices and teams of dedicated travel experts worldwide, Abercrombie & Kent creates inspiring adventures in over 100 countries on all seven continents. Choose from our complete portfolio of brochures below.

## LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS



**The finest small-group travel experience, with a maximum group size of 18 guests**

Luxury Small Group Journeys are led by an A&K Resident Tour Director and feature our exclusive insider-access moments, along with the hospitality of the world's finest luxury hotels and leading amenities such as Travelling Bell Boy.

## MARCO POLO JOURNEYS®



**Limited-edition journeys with a maximum group size of 18 guests**

Open to all travellers, Marco Polo Journeys bring adventurous travellers to the world's most exotic destinations and exclusive events, with A&K's finest Resident Tour Directors leading the way.

## CONNECTIONS® BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEYS



**Authentic boutique journeys with a maximum group size of 24 guests**

Connections Boutique Group Journeys feature a Resident Tour Director, Boutique Connections that reveal your destination through authentic local interactions, inspiring dining options and hand-selected boutique hotels.

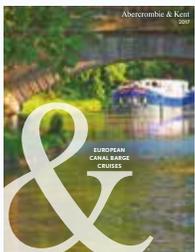
## CONNECTIONS® EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISE JOURNEYS



**Boutique-style travel on Europe's rivers, with a maximum group size of 24 guests**

Embark on the most complete and authentic small-group cruising experience in Europe, featuring A&K-exclusive shore excursions, pre- and post-cruise touring, and sightseeing in Europe's greatest cities led by an A&K Resident Tour Director.

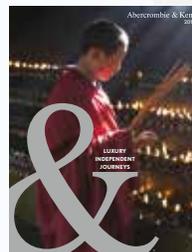
## EUROPEAN CANAL BARGE CRUISES



**Tranquil voyages along Europe's scenic canals and rivers**

Experience France and other countries at their most scenic and serene on a barge cruise, enjoying relaxed sightseeing and delicious food and wines. Book a scheduled cruise or charter a vessel for your family or group.

## SIGNATURE SERIES® JOURNEYS



**Ideal independent itineraries, ready to book for two to four guests**

Explore the world on your own on a journey featuring A&K's recommended must-sees at each destination and the best hotels. Priced and ready to book with a single phone call, and available on your choice of departure dates.

## WINGS OVER THE WORLD JOURNEYS



**A luxurious way to experience the world, by private charter air, for 14–16 guests**

Wings Over the World luxury journeys let you get the most from every day of exploration by featuring private charter flights, so you reach each new destination — and your five-star accommodations — sooner, with more time to enjoy them.

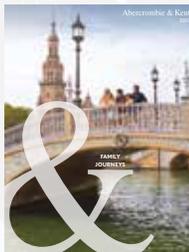
## PRIVATE JET JOURNEYS



**The ultimate in luxury travel, aboard A&K's exclusively chartered private jet**

As one of only 50 privileged guests, step aboard A&K's exclusively chartered Boeing 757, featuring fully lie-flat, first-class seats, on an epic itinerary personally designed by A&K's pioneering founder, Geoffrey Kent, to experience the adventure of a lifetime.

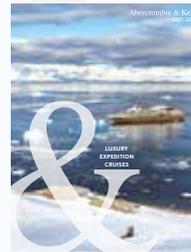
## FAMILY JOURNEYS



**Inspiring adventures for all ages, with a maximum group size of 18–24 guests**

Family Journeys provide the fun and convenience that travelling families need, with departures timed during school breaks and itineraries packed with opportunities to interact with your destination through local encounters and delightful activities.

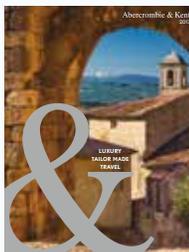
## LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES



**Exclusively chartered, expert-led expeditions to exotic locales, with a maximum group size of 199 guests**

Backed by 25 years' experience, our journeys to Japan, Antarctica and the Arctic take place on luxurious, all-balcony adventure ships exclusively chartered by A&K.

## LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL



**Completely customizable travel for any size party**

A&K offers luxury private travel the world over on a completely customized itinerary. The companion Worldwide Hotel Portfolio features the best luxury accommodations to make your journey complete.

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# ANTARCTICA CRUISE DATES & PRICING

'Le Lyrial'

CABIN CATEGORY	BUTLER SERVICE INCLUDED								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	CLASSIC BALCONY STATEROOM	DELUXE BALCONY STATEROOM	PREMIER BALCONY STATEROOM	PREMIER 2-ROOM BALCONY SUITE	PRESTIGE BALCONY SUITE	PRIVILEGE 2-ROOM BALCONY SUITE	GRAND DELUXE 2-ROOM BALCONY SUITE	GRAND PRIVILEGE 3-ROOM BALCONY SUITE	OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE

## CLASSIC ANTARCTICA

December 27, 2017–January 7, 2018: Family New Year

Early Booking Discount if reserved by March 31, 2017, Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$11,995	\$13,495	\$14,495						
Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$14,495	\$15,995	\$16,995	\$21,995	\$22,995	\$24,995	\$28,995	\$32,995	\$35,995
Single Supplement	\$7,245	\$7,995	\$8,495	\$19,845	\$20,845	\$22,845	\$26,845	\$30,845	\$33,845
Child (7-18 years old) sharing with adult(s)	\$7,245	\$7,995	\$8,495	For more details, please contact A&K.					

January 6–17, 2018: Understanding Climate Change

Early Booking Discount if reserved by March 31, 2017, Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$13,495	\$14,995	\$15,995						
Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$15,995	\$17,495	\$18,495	\$24,495	\$24,995	\$26,995	\$30,995	\$33,995	\$36,995
Single Supplement	\$7,995	\$8,745	\$9,245	\$22,345	\$22,845	\$24,845	\$28,845	\$31,845	\$34,845

## ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

December 12–28, 2017: Family Holiday

Early Booking Discount if reserved by March 31, 2017, Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$17,995	\$19,995	\$20,995						
Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$20,995	\$22,995	\$23,995	\$30,995	\$31,995	\$34,995	\$39,995	\$43,995	\$47,995
Single Supplement	\$10,495	\$11,495	\$11,995	\$28,045	\$29,045	\$32,045	\$37,045	\$41,045	\$45,045
Child (7-18 years old) sharing with adult(s)	\$10,495	\$11,495	\$11,995	For more details, please contact A&K.					

January 16–February 1, 2018: Photography Expedition

Early Booking Discount if reserved by March 31, 2017, Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$19,495	\$21,495	\$22,495						
Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$22,495	\$24,495	\$25,495	\$32,995	\$33,495	\$36,995	\$41,995	\$45,995	\$49,995
Single Supplement	\$11,245	\$12,245	\$12,745	\$30,045	\$30,545	\$34,045	\$39,045	\$43,045	\$47,045

\*Upgrade to Suite accommodations at Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires included for Cabin Categories 4 through 9.

Early Booking Discount is valid in Cabin Categories 1-3. Offer is subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time.

Note: Triple and quad pricing is available for Cabin Categories 4, 6 and 8 two- and three-room balcony suites, upon request.

## A&K CHARTER AIR

For your convenience, A&K charts your round-trip flight between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia to ensure uninterrupted, on-time boarding of your expedition cruiser.

Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires From \$850

Per person, round trip. Taxes are included. All air quotes are subject to change and carry penalties and surcharges. A&K reserves the right to substitute scheduled air as needed based on charter capacity. Flight confirmations are based on availability. Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

# ARCTIC CRUISE DATES & PRICING

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CABIN CATEGORY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	CLASSIC BALCONY STATEROOM	DELUXE BALCONY STATEROOM	PREMIER BALCONY STATEROOM	SUPERIOR BALCONY STATEROOM	PREMIER 2-ROOM BALCONY SUITE	PRESTIGE BALCONY SUITE	PRESTIGE 2-ROOM BALCONY SUITE	OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE

## ARCTIC CRUISE ADVENTURE: NORWAY, GREENLAND & ICELAND

July 17–31, 2017

Early Booking Discount if reserved by October 31, 2016, Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$13,995	\$15,495	\$16,495					
Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$15,495	\$16,995	\$17,995	\$18,495	\$23,495	\$24,495	\$26,995	\$29,995
Single Supplement	\$7,745	\$8,495	\$13,495	\$14,245	\$22,325	\$23,275	\$25,645	\$28,495

## NEW! THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE: FROM GREENLAND TO THE BERING SEA

August 21–September 13, 2017

Early Booking Discount if reserved by October 31, 2016, Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$26,995	\$29,495	\$31,495					
Per Person, Double Occupancy	\$29,995	\$32,495	\$34,495	\$35,495	\$39,995	\$41,995	\$44,995	\$52,995
Single Supplement	\$14,995	\$16,245	\$20,695	\$21,295	\$37,995	\$39,895	\$42,745	\$50,345

Early Booking Discount is valid in Cabin Categories 1-3. Offer is subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time.

Note: Triple and quad pricing is available for Cabin Categories 5 and 7 two-room balcony suites, upon request.

## A&K CHARTER AIR

To ensure convenient and seamless boarding times with your expedition cruiser, A&K charts your flights from Oslo to Longyearbyen on July 18 (Arctic Cruise Adventure), and from Montreal to Kangerlussuaq on August 23 and Nome to Anchorage on September 13 (The Northwest Passage: From Greenland to the Bering Sea).

### Arctic Cruise Adventure: Norway, Greenland & Iceland | July 17-31, 2017

Oslo/Longyearbyen From \$395

Per person, one way. Taxes are included. All air quotes are subject to change and carry penalties and surcharges. A&K reserves the right to substitute scheduled air as needed based on charter capacity. Flight confirmations are based on availability. Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

### NEW! The Northwest Passage: From Greenland to the Bering Sea | August 21-September 13, 2017

Montreal/Kangerlussuaq; Nome/Anchorage From \$2,750

Per person, round-trip. Taxes are included. All air quotes are subject to change and carry penalties and surcharges. Flight confirmations are based on availability.

## BOOK YOUR AIR WITH A&K

For the ultimate seamless travel experience, Abercrombie & Kent can arrange your international airfare, guarantee rates and refund your tickets up to the day before departure. Choose from a variety of global carriers who have partnered with A&K to extend special fares and earn mileage credits from your preferred airlines. Contact A&K for details.



## PROTECT YOUR JOURNEY

Travel worry-free with A&K's Guest Protection Program, which offers insurance protection in the event you are forced to cancel your trip at short notice or if a medical emergency arises while travelling. The plan also assists with replacing lost travel documents and covers you in case of baggage loss. For more information, contact A&K.