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Quark
Expeditions

Polar Voyages to the
Arctic & Antarctica
2012-2013



Every day is an adventure.

You can say this about both the Arctic and Antarctic regions — there are no places like them on Earth.

These are environments that boast their own unique climates, wildlife and histories. Ask anyone who has traveled there and they'll tell you you're never quite the same afterwards. A trip to a polar region isn't for everyone — but for some, there's no place they'd rather visit.

For over 20 years, Quark Expeditions has been the leading provider of polar adventures.

Quark isn't like other travel companies. We only travel to the polar regions, and we only offer guided expeditions aboard specially equipped vessels built for these environments. While we do offer

exceptional amenities and cuisine, it's important to note that Quark offers expeditions, not cruises. We offer specialized vessels and crews catering to a relatively small number of travelers. At Quark we pride ourselves on the experience of our team — leading polar scientists, historians, ornithologists and biologists. They are unparalleled polar specialists. No team knows these regions better.

Considering a trip to some of the most inspiring places on Earth? Consider the experts. To find out more about our unique polar adventures, call 1.888.892.0073 or visit QuarkExpeditions.com





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“Thanks for making my
fairy tale come to life.”

Christine Glanfield, Quark traveler

ON THE COVER: *Making new friends with Gentoo Penguins.*

THIS PAGE: *Hiking and taking photos at Portal Point, Antarctic Peninsula.*



QUARK EXPEDITIONS SUPPORTS THE CONSERVATION OF THE POLAR REGIONS BY HELPING THESE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Quark Expeditions has been a proud ambassador of the polar regions since 1991. Together with our travelers and staff, Quark has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars and supported important organizations dedicated to sustainability and conservation.

Oceanites

Fosters conservation of the world's oceans, islands, and their wildlife, as well as a better appreciation of the sensitive connections we humans have to our watery globe.
oceanites.org



New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust

Ensuring the preservation of expedition bases and artifacts in the Ross Sea region of Antarctica.
nzaht.org



Save the Albatross

(In partnership with Birdlife International and RSPB)

The RSPB speaks out for birds and wildlife, tackling the problems that threaten our environment.
savethealbatross.net



Clean-up Svalbard

The Governor of Svalbard, through Clean Up Svalbard, enlists the aid of tourism companies like Quark Expeditions to collect refuse from beaches and wilderness areas.
QuarkExpeditions.com



AWARDS FOR QUARK EXPEDITIONS



50 Tours of a Lifetime,
National Geographic Traveler for:
Three Arctic Islands, 2011
The Far Side, 2007
Emperor Penguin Safari, 2006



New Trips of a Lifetime,
for Emperor Penguin Safari,
Outside Magazine, 2006



Number One Antarctic Outfitter,
National Geographic Adventure, 2006

Over 20 Years on Top

To truly experience the polar regions you need the right vessels, the right equipment, *and the right people*. The team at Quark has led the way since 1991.

Seasoned expedition leaders — with the highest mariner safety accreditations including STCW, IAATO and AECO — offer travelers unique adventure options and access to the most remote regions on Earth.

For 2012-2013 Quark has added nine new itineraries in Antarctica, new adventure options like snowshoeing and ballooning, and a family departure.



QUARK EXPEDITIONS: THE LEADER IN POLAR ADVENTURES.

Quark has set many firsts in expedition travel by passenger vessels. Here are just a few:

August 1991

First ever tourism transit of the Northeast Passage, the historic route across the Russian Arctic.

November 1992

First expedition to the Far Side of Antarctica. First to visit an Emperor Penguin rookery.

November 1997

First circumnavigation of the Antarctic continent.

July 1999

First circumnavigation of the Arctic Ocean.

January 2006

Broke Roald Amundsen's record, set nearly 100 years ago, attaining the most southerly latitude of any surface vehicle.

SNOWSHOE ACROSS VIRGIN SNOW.

GET CLOSER TO SEA LEVEL IN A KAYAK.

**CLIMB A PEAK AND SAVOR A 360° VIEW
UNLIKE ANY OTHER ON EARTH.**

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKI OVER A LANDSCAPE
THAT WILL AMAZE AND INSPIRE YOU.**

CAMP OVERNIGHT AND LIE IN WONDER.

Quark can offer you these experiences.

We couldn't do it without the best team in the industry. Our expedition leaders are affiliated with The Explorer's Club, the Royal Geographic Society, the Arctic Club and the British Antarctic Survey Club — and, one of our expedition team members literally wrote the chapter on Antarctica for the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.



LETTER FROM CHRIS EPTING

Chris Epting sailed with us to Antarctica in 2010 and was our special guest aboard 'Introduction to Spitsbergen' as a travel blogger. Chris is a frequent guest on radio and television programs such as National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and "The Savvy Traveler", plus international programs in Australia, Japan and the United Kingdom.

The Great Blue Beyond



ABOVE: Chris Epting and his daughter enjoy the sun on the deck of the Kapitan Khlebnikov en route to Snow Hill Island, Antarctic Peninsula.

BELOW: Surveying a placid vista from the Zodiac.



I may never be the same again.

How privileged I've been to have traveled with Quark Expeditions to both Antarctica and the Arctic.

The adventures left deep, profound impressions in both my heart and mind; imprints that I will draw from for the rest of my life. My teenage daughter and son who, respectively, accompanied me to these places, feel the same way.

The actual places certainly impacted us. But so did the people. The Quark expedition team members imbued each trip with exceptional levels of professionalism, knowledge, expertise and, above all, fun. Their collective spirit on the seas, ice, tundra — everywhere — was as impressive as it was inspiring. They care for the travelers. They care for the Earth. They care, period. At both ends of the world, I found our fellow travelers to be equally unique.



FROM TOP: *Gentoo Penguins; Taking a polar plunge; Our first iceberg sighting approaching the Antarctic Peninsula.*

With trips like this, I think the travelers become more important than usual. After all, you don't usually meet people ashore. And so your fellow travelers are your primary company. Simply by virtue of the fact that they take a trip like this says something about them; that they view the world through a different prism; that they look beyond the typical and reach for the rare experience.

We made friends — good friends — in both places. As for where we visited, it's hard sometimes to find the right words.

I often think of the power, peace, and occasional fury of the "Great Blue Beyond" as I now call polar destinations. The mystery, the history, the sense of the unknown, the education, the immersion in the environment, the seamless bonds we created with nature, the anticipation of entering wild places where so few people have ever been or will ever go — it all resonates.

To be in unspoiled and uninterrupted lands, untethered from the world we know, is marvelous. To be ushered into majestic places of mythical beauty and almost incomprehensible natural force is breathtaking. The elements are unbridled; the earth shifts, reshapes and becomes recast right before your eyes. Polar regions are where you can experience crisp, crystal clear, cleansing moments of clarity and reflection. It's where you can hear the planet breathe, groan, whisper and bellow.

Antarctica was more rugged and unpredictable than the Arctic. Crossing the Drake Passage was as thrilling as anything we'd ever experienced — and to read Ernest Shackleton's diaries during the passage was a gift I will cherish forever. The Arctic trip, though calmer and more temperate (even slightly lush once we walked across the beautiful, boggy tundra) was a perfect counterpoint to Antarctica.

Of course, there are variables that apply to both places. But now having been to both, I believe that they complement each other — that together they represent "bookend" experiences that are equally valuable and unforgettable. They both share pristine, rugged, otherworldly environments. And both create a euphoric and invigorating sense of awe.

Overall, I think the magic of polar travel is real, tangible and exhilarating. It is life affirming. With Quark Expeditions, as I have learned, you're not a tourist or even a traveler in the usual sense.

YOU'RE AN EXPLORER; AN ADVENTURER.

YOU TASTE A NEW SENSE OF WONDER AND DISCOVERY.

YOU RETURN HOME.

BUT YOU MAY NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN.

Chris Epting

The Best Team in the Polar Regions...by Far

Every aspect of a Quark adventure is supported by the most passionate and knowledgeable team in polar travel.

*Laurie Dexter, Expedition Leader,
Franz Josef Land.*



The experience and credentials of our expedition leaders and team are second to none, and many of the administration and sales teams have extensive field experience and can speak at length about their own personal experiences.

The expedition leaders at Quark meet and exceed the industry's top safety and environmental standards and are affiliated with The Explorer's Club, the Royal Geographic Society, the Arctic Club and the British Antarctic Survey Club. All Quark expedition leaders complete a special safety mariners course (STCW) as well as IAATO and AECO exams. A diverse group of researchers, academics and travel experts with backgrounds in marine biology, history and geology, the expedition team at Quark offers travelers unique insights into these regions and their own fields of expertise, whether they're telling you about the fascinating history of Scott's Hut, the ability of Polar Bears to swim great distances, or the multiple penguin species that inhabit the Antarctic.

Like the regions themselves, the expedition leaders are a limitless source of inspiration and education, allowing Quark travelers to make the most of the special time that they enjoy with these polar leaders.

Get to know our expedition team — read their stories and view their images on the following three pages or visit our website at QuarkExpeditions.com

Whales!

BY CHELI LARSEN, EXPEDITION LEADER

*Thrilling Humpback Whale sightings
at Cierva Cove, Antarctica.*



Put together Quark Expeditions, M/V Sea Spirit, Wilhelmina Bay and Humpback Whales and expect the unexpected, then some more! During the latter part of last season, the Sea Spirit entered the bay on the lookout for Humpback Whales and, soon, all you could hear from the decks were guests yelling “Two at 10 o’clock!...One at 3 o’clock!...Five at 12 o’clock!”

Within minutes we had launched the Zodiacs, boarded the guests, and were soon in the middle of a Humpback Whale ‘get together’. With over 30 whales surrounding us, everyone ‘claimed their own’. Imagine having a whale, approximately 50 ft. long and weighing 35 tons, interacting with you. Cruising in our Zodiacs as each whale ascended from below with fins outstretched, the sound of thousands of gallons of air being forced through the blowhole, and having a whale surface beside you with its fluke the length of the Zodiac is truly unforgettable. The hardest part is trying to explain to your friends and family afterwards what we were hearing, feeling, smelling and seeing. I always finish by saying “You can’t explain it, you just have to experience it.”



“One whale
at 12 o’clock!”



CHELI LARSEN

A seasoned skipper, divemaster and polar expedition leader, Cheli Larsen has worked in the tourism industry all her life.

Cheli has accompanied many adventures to the Antarctic: in 2009 and 2010 she was part of the expedition team to Snow Hill, Antarctica: Emperors and Kings, Antarctica: Semi-Circumnavigation and the voyage to the Ross Sea. In 2010 and 2011 she led voyages to the Falklands, South Georgia and six expeditions to the Antarctic Peninsula.

Polar Bear Encounter

BY JOHN RODSTED, EXPEDITION TEAM MEMBER

Any time in the Arctic is privileged time. The environment is hostile to man, so I always feel lucky to be there. Svalbard is one of the last true wildernesses where you come to experience wildlife and nature in its purest state; and, of course, what everyone wants to see is a Polar Bear. This large but elusive animal is the king of the food chain, curiously roaming these lands for food.



TOP: *The ultimate ice bath.*

RIGHT: *The Polar Bear has a distinctly confident stride.*

One day I was driving a Zodiac with travelers along the edge of the sea ice, enjoying its magnificence, when a bear popped its head up a few meters back from the ice edge. I put the engine in neutral as we drifted and watched. The bear was an adolescent male and he curiously came to the edge trying to work out what we were. There was no aggression, just youthful curiosity. He sniffed and stretched to try and get a better view. We were far enough off the ice to be safe, and we drifted with the wind and the current.

Everything was perfect. The cameras clicked and everyone got exceptional, close-up photographs of *National Geographic* quality. As we drifted the bear matched our relaxed speed.

The magic moment came when the travelers stopped taking photographs and just sat and watched the bear. We drifted like this for 15 or 20 minutes.

Eventually he slipped into the water and glided a few yards to the next ice floe. When he hauled himself out he did what wet bears always do, which is shake and roll on the ice, sitting up like a human and instantly becoming a very cute bear. The forgotten cameras were at full click again. After drying himself he gave us one last look, lifted his head, took a big sniff, and turned and walked away. A perfect bear encounter in a truly wild place — it's why you visit Svalbard.



JOHN RODSTED

Historian, Zodiac driver, and Nobel Prize-winning photographer, John Rodsted began working in the polar regions in 2003.

John has accompanied many Quark voyages to the Arctic region: in 2009 he was an expedition team member for the Spitsbergen in Depth, Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland, and Iceland, Greenland and Canada voyages. In 2010 he helped lead the Introduction to Spitsbergen expedition, as well as the Spitsbergen Explorer voyage. In 2011 he was an expedition team member for the Spitsbergen Explorer and Spitsbergen In Depth voyages.

Frozen in Time

BY BOB HEADLAND, EXPEDITION TEAM MEMBER

I always tell polar travelers to consider where you are on the Earth and what it was like when the earliest discoverers reached this place. The time between ancient and modern is relatively short in both polar regions. In other words, the cold, largely inhospitable environments offer travelers a unique opportunity to really learn about those who preceded us.



Take Scott's Hut on Cape Evans, Antarctica. First erected in 1911 by the celebrated explorer Robert Falcon Scott to house 25 men, it exists today largely as it was — to walk in is to feel as if the men had just stepped out and might return shortly. This is a different kind of learning, one that can't be gained through research or typical historical monuments — it's not often that you walk in the footprints of those who struggled a century before, experiencing the same sights, sounds, and smells.



Scott's Hut
on Cape Evans:
1911 or 2011?



BOB HEADLAND

A Senior Associate of the Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Bob Headland is an authority on the geographical history of the polar regions.

Bob has been an expedition team member for voyages to the Arctic and Antarctica: In 2009 and 2011 he helped lead a North Pole expedition. In 2010 he was part of the Northwest Passage, Tanquary Fjord, Ellesmere Island and Greenland voyages. In 2011 he went south to join the Weddell Sea, Antarctic Semi-Circumnavigation, and Ross Sea expeditions.

A WEEK IN THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Highlights from My Dream Trip

"Antarctica is a dream. I look forward to returning to my new friends, the penguins."

Klaas-Jan Bouius, Quark traveler



Quark traveler Klaas-Jan Bouius took the Antarctic Explorer: The Classic Adventure expedition. Here are some of the many photos he snapped on that trip, with accompanying notes.



It was a voyage I will never forget.



EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

We knew what we wanted to see, but when this incredible Humpback Whale arrived we had no idea how magical it would be.

Everyone loves penguins, and on this trip I found out why. Right away we became fast friends — I've never encountered friendlier or more curious creatures.



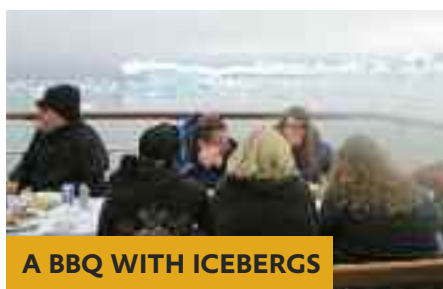
BREATHTAKING TERRAIN

Peace and unbelievable quiet. Honestly, you cannot imagine it until you get there.



POLAR PLUNGE!

I have to admit there was a point when I thought "this is crazy" — but after I did it I've never felt more alive! It was the most refreshing swim of my life.



A BBQ WITH ICEBERGS

Antarctica is huge — the place, the wildlife, the experience. A big part of it was the meal times, when people came together and talked about what we were seeing and about our lives. I didn't expect this part of the trip, but I really appreciated it. I met some incredible people on this voyage that I still consider friends.

For more photos, visit us online at QuarkExpeditions.com or on Facebook.



**So long, penguins.
Until next time.**

“The sea-kayaking was a most brilliant addition to the trip. We had Beluga Whales dive under our boats, spotted a Polar Bear meandering along the shore where we were kayaking, and got to immerse ourselves (almost literally) in the stillness and wonder of the Arctic waters.”

Alisa Fiddes, Quark traveler



Scoresbysund, East Greenland.

Make the most of your polar trip with one of our exclusive adventure options.

Kayak in waters unlike any you've ever seen. Climb a peak and savor a 360° view that is unlike any other on Earth. Cross-country ski over a landscape that will continually amaze and inspire you. And, finally, spend an evening camping and lie in wonder as you consider that only a select few have shared this experience.

SEA-KAYAKING IN THE ARCTIC AND ANTARCTICA

*Per person from \$525**



There's nothing quite like sea-kayaking in one of the most extreme and beautiful environments on Earth. Glide through water that's like glass and take in an experience that you'll cherish forever. Some experience required.

CAMPING IN ANTARCTICA

*Per person from \$225**



The ultimate camping experience. Nearly 24 hours of daylight in a magical environment where you will feel like you are the last — or the first — person on Earth. No experience required.

MOUNTAINEERING IN ANTARCTICA

*Per person from \$575**



Those who climb swear by it. Those who have climbed in Antarctica take with them an experience that's truly unmatched. Treat yourself to an adventure option that will test your fitness — and your spirit — and reward you with memories that you'll carry with you forever. No experience required, but you need to have a fitness level as specified in our waiver.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING IN ANTARCTICA

*Per person from \$575**



What better way to travel through these stunning environments, covered in endless blankets of virgin snow. Take in Antarctica the same way it was experienced by Amundsen, Shackleton and the explorers of old. Some experience required.

SNOWSHOEING

NEW!

(Cost included in select voyages)



For people who like to hike... no matter where they are. Snowshoeing enables travelers to visit places that would otherwise be inaccessible — there is no better way to truly 'get away'. No experience required.

BALLOONING

NEW!

*Per person from \$250**



100 lucky people will be among the select few human beings who will view the Arctic from a hot-air balloon — bragging rights of the 'highest' order. A certificate of proof will be given to all participants. No experience required.

*All prices in US dollars



A polar bear is the central focus, lying down on a large, soft pile of white snow. The bear's fur is a creamy white, and its black nose and eyes are prominent. It is looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. The background shows a rugged, rocky coastline under a clear, bright blue sky. The lighting suggests a sunny day, casting soft shadows on the snow.

*A Polar Bear in quiet repose on Isispynten,
off the coast of Nordaustlandet, Svalbard.*

The Arctic

"Seeing the Polar Bears on the ice and in their natural habitat was a dream come true. It was a spiritual moment for me, and a feeling that I will never forget."

Elizabeth Forslund, Quark traveler



Spitsbergen: Arctic Wonderland

What better introduction to the Arctic than the marvels to be found in and around Spitsbergen, where Polar Bears, walrus, puffin and many other native species thrive. Continuous daylight offers endless opportunities to revel in and explore this truly unique habitat.

Choose from four different and distinct trips — Spitsbergen Snowshoeing, Spitsbergen Explorer, Spitsbergen Circumnavigation, and Spitsbergen Family Adventure.



*Kayaking in beautiful Liefdenfjorden. BELOW: Little Auks take flight;
Catching a nap on Isispynten, off the coast of Nordaustlandet, Svalbard;
An Atlantic Puffin shows off its colorful bill; Heading out for adventure.*



"I am feeling as if I have
seen a part of Heaven!"

Melissa Corley, Quark traveler



11 DAYS

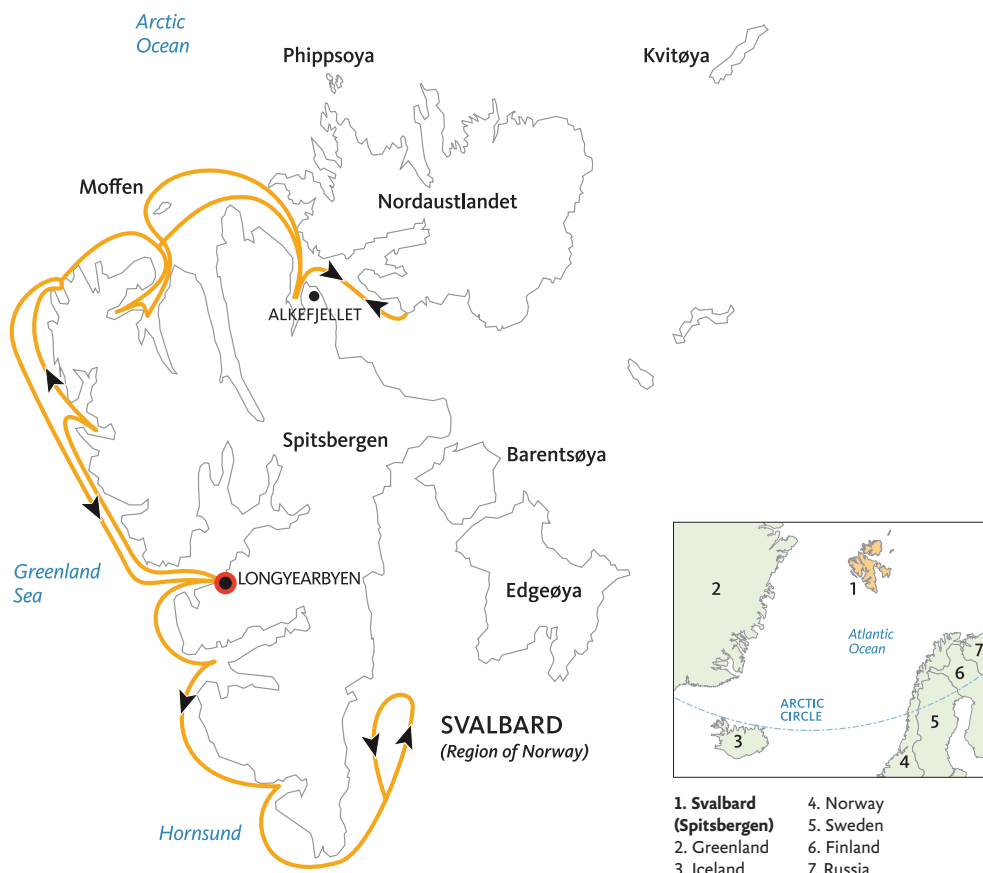
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"Svalbard holds a very special secret. You come face to face with Spitsbergen's wildlife, meeting Polar Bears, Beluga Whales and walrus as you explore the nooks and crannies of awesome fjord complexes and glacier faces."

Richard Angelidis, Quark staff



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QuarkExpeditions.com

LEFT: Snowshoeing in Spitsbergen.
RIGHT: Ice sculptures in Liefdefjorden
make a sublime landscape.

Per person
prices from

\$4,590*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 50

Spitsbergen Snowshoeing

Exploring Norway's Arctic Paradise

Polar Bears, icebergs, tundra, magnificent fjords, glaciers...take in this magical place by following in the paw and hoof prints of the Arctic's most celebrated inhabitants. With a moderate level of fitness you can take part in this once-in-a-lifetime travel experience and snowshoe amidst scenes of incomparable beauty.



11 DAYS

2 departures:
Jul 1, 2012 and Jul 23, 2012

SHIP: VAV

See page 46 for details

"I've done three trips around Svalbard and Spitsbergen. The geology is like nothing else that I have experienced in either polar region. It has minerals that date back to the early stages of dateable time — 4.3 billion years ago. It has fossil evidence of trees that lived 300 million years ago, and dinosaur fossils."

Robert W. Gilmore, Quark staff



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LEFT: A walrus at Poolepynten displays its impressive tusks.

RIGHT: Glacial cliffs and majestic peaks enthrall a hiking expedition.

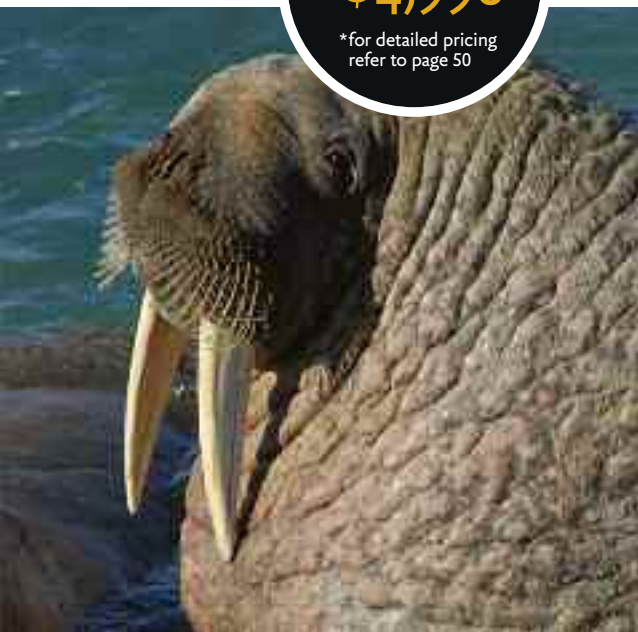
Per person
prices from
\$4,990*

*for detailed pricing
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Spitsbergen Explorer

Wildlife Capital of the Arctic

Cruise half way around Spitsbergen, the largest of Norway's Svalbard Islands, and experience the Arctic's many charms, from magnificent seabirds, to walrus and Polar Bear to stunning fjords and glacial cliffs that glisten under a continuous daylight. Whether by ship, by kayak, or by foot, this is the ultimate introduction to the many natural wonders of the Arctic.



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13 DAYS

1 departure:
Jul 11, 2012

SHIP: VAV

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"The highlight for me was kayaking in a place called Liefdenfjord. The gorgeous mountain tops and glacier profile were reflected in the water around us. There was no sound — no engine, no wind. A fantastic experience of sincerity and incredible beauty."

Hans Lagerweij
Quark President and CEO

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LEFT: *Approaching the jagged façade of the Monaco Glacier.* RIGHT: *Walrus in Poolepynten soak up the sun...and the attention.*

Per person
prices from
\$5,990*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 50



Spitsbergen Circumnavigation

Big Island, Big Adventure

This all-encompassing Spitsbergen trip offers more opportunities for photography and wildlife sightings. Circle the big island and visit outlying smaller islands. Stroll a polar desert and stand in awe while a Polar Bear cares for her cubs. You'll be amazed by the vistas and the adventures.



8 DAYS

1 departure:
Aug 2, 2012

SHIP: VAV

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"I can't forget the sheer beauty of the locations, and the excitement of seeing Polar Bear cubs walking with their mother along the icy shoreline."

Quark traveler



Adventure Options: ✈

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LEFT: Building snowmen with fresh Arctic snow. RIGHT: A curious native greets travelers in Hornsund, Spitsbergen.

Per person
prices from
\$3,690*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 50

Spitsbergen Family Adventure

Polar Bear Safari

Awaken your child's inner naturalist with this family-based Arctic expedition, featuring arts and crafts and kid-focused programming like photography lessons and biology. Do you remember the excitement your kids felt the first time they saw a bear at the zoo — the largest carnivore on the planet? Imagine that...times one million. Treat yourself and your children to an unforgettable adventure.



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Greenland: Like No Other

The largest island that isn't a continent, Greenland is a magical place that offers limitless opportunities to discover the unique wildlife, land, ice and seascapes of the Arctic.

Choose from two expeditions: Three Arctic Islands and Greenland's Northern Lights.

*A breathtaking hike along Røde Fjord, Greenland.
BELOW: Musk Ox stand proud in Kap Hoffman Halvø;
Looking from Røde Fjord, Greenland, into the "Iceberg
Graveyard"; Purple Saxifrage dot the Arctic tundra;
An Arctic Hare can reach a top speed of 37 mph.*





"It's a dream come true.
I will not forget this
adventure for a long time."

Levy Uzi, Quark traveler



14 OR 15 DAYS

Depending on departure location

3 departures:

Aug 9, 2012

(departing from Spitsbergen)

Aug 21, 2012

(departing from Iceland)

Sept 4, 2012

(departing from Spitsbergen)

SHIP: VAV

See page 46 for details

"I woke up in the middle of the night and outside my window I could see huge, colossal icebergs scattered around the ship at the entrance to Scoresbysund. We just stared in awe from the bridge."

Quark blogger

Adventure Options: ✈

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LEFT: Colorful architecture on the eastern coast of Greenland. RIGHT: Hiking in a small bay just west of Sydkap under a midnight sun.

Per person
prices from

\$6,390*

*for detailed pricing
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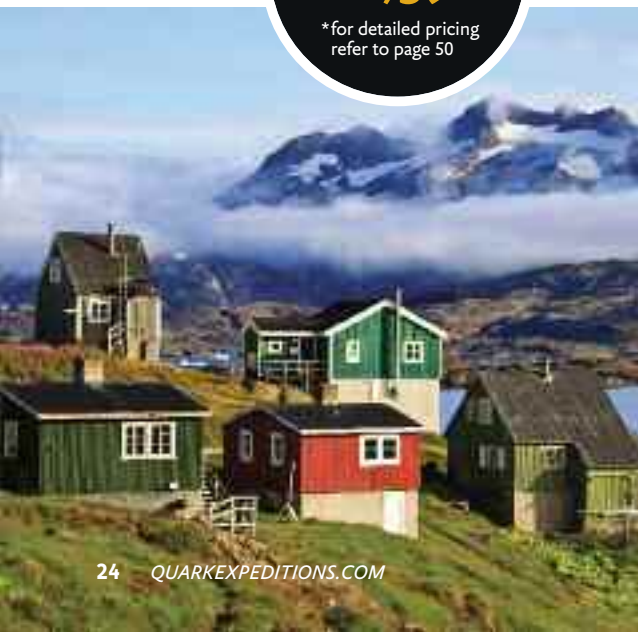


Three Arctic Islands

Iceland, Greenland, Spitsbergen



Three Arctic islands, one very exclusive itinerary. Voted one of *National Geographic's* '50 Tours of a Lifetime', this Quark expedition offers travelers a unique window into one of the most extraordinary places on the planet. Hiking, glaciers, icebergs, Polar Bears, kayaking... now you can dig deeper into the Arctic experience.



14 DAYS

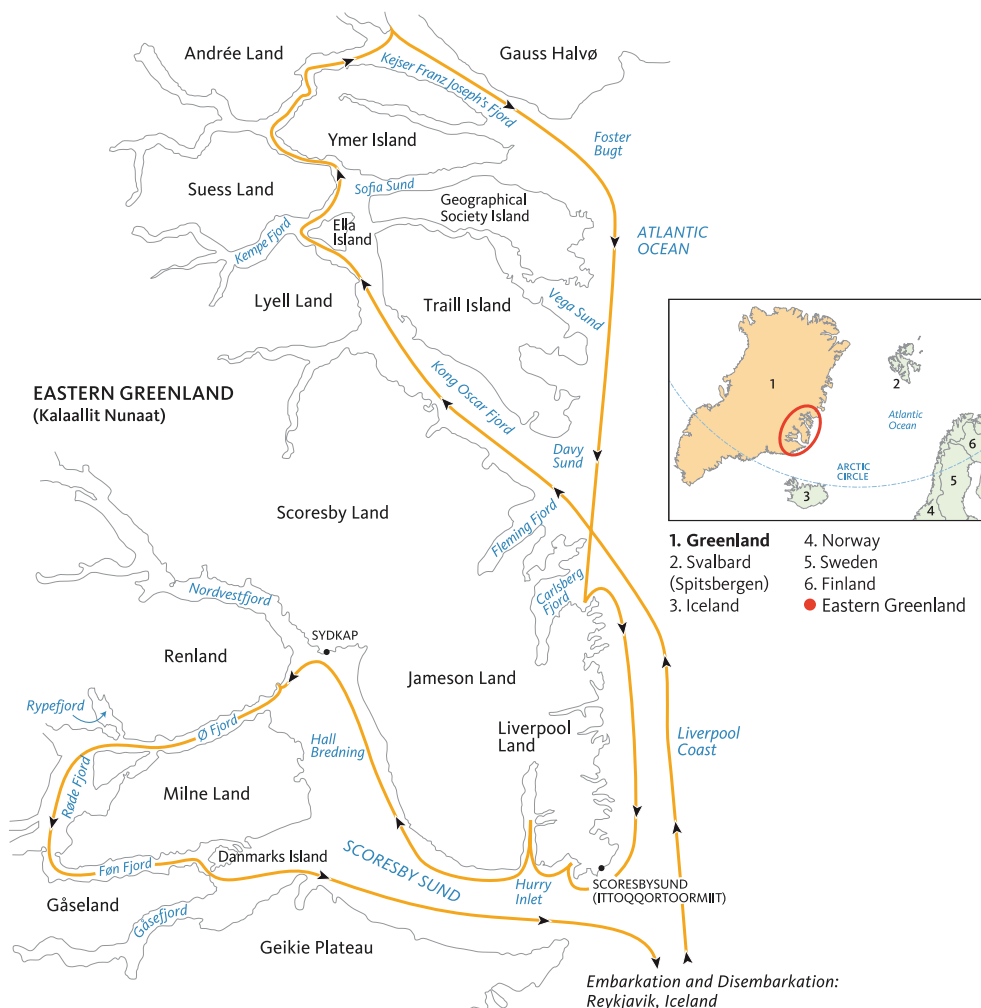
1 departure:
Sept 16, 2012

SHIP: VAV

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"It was amazing how active and involved the entire group of travelers became. There's an instant friendship that comes from sharing this unique experience."

Quark traveler



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LEFT: An Inuit girl in traditional dress.
RIGHT: The northern lights in Eastern Greenland provide a majestic display.

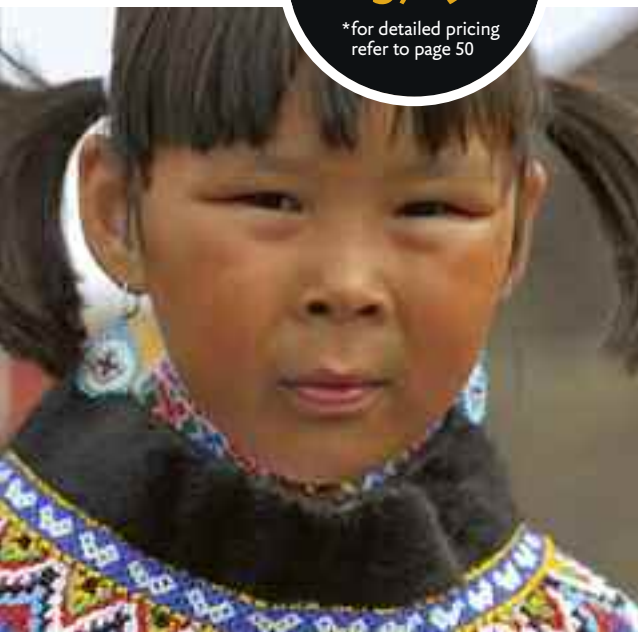
Per person
prices from
\$5,890*

*for detailed pricing
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Greenland's Northern Lights

Fjords and Tundra Treks

Beginning and ending in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, this expedition takes travelers on a 14-day journey up and down the east coast of Greenland. See the magnificence of the northern lights, and revel in the wildlife and natural beauty of the Arctic while visiting the Inuit of Ittoqqortoormiit (Scoresbysund) — one of the most northerly settlements in the world. With the largest national park in the world, Greenland — and this expedition — has something for everyone.



North Pole and Franz Josef Land: The One and Only

Take the journey that most can only dream of. Travel to the top of the world — where the only direction you can look is south — aboard the 50 Years of Victory, a 75,000 horsepower, nuclear-powered Russian icebreaker that crushes ice up to ten feet thick.

Choose from the exclusive North Pole expedition, or voyages to Franz Josef Land and Novaya Zemlya, aboard the Kapitan Dranitsyn icebreaker.

“A magnificent ship that takes you on an unusual voyage — it doesn’t get better than this!”

Juan Galan Jr, Quark traveler

Pulling the ship through the ice — are you strong enough? BELOW: The ultimate refresher; Visitors to the North Pole are truly international; An intimate moment; 50 Years of Victory breaking through ice approaching Franz Josef Land.





14 DAYS

2 departures:
Jun 25 and Jul 6, 2012

SHIP: VIC

See page 48 for details

"As I stepped down the ship's ladder to the ice pack my heart started to beat louder. I was about to put my feet on the North Pole! Few had done what I was about to do. And few will do it in the future."

Quark blogger

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LEFT: *Fog bow over horizon.*
RIGHT: *Feel the giddy elation
of reaching the top.*

Per person
prices from
\$22,790*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 50



North Pole

The Ultimate Arctic Adventure

Standing at the top of the world may be a big enough thrill, but we don't think so. We've added helicopter and balloon options, whether you want aerial views of the icebreaker crushing through pack ice or the invigorating thrill of a flight aboard a hot-air balloon. Shore landings will be made on the remote islands of Franz Josef Land.



13 DAYS

Franz Josef Land
1 departure:
Jul 17, 2012

SHIP: KDT

See page 49 for details

15 DAYS

Franz Josef Land/Novaya Zemlya
1 departure:
Jul 27, 2012

SHIP: KDT

See page 49 for details

"Franz Josef Land looks stark at first sight, but at closer inspection is full of life. The land itself surprises you with its ability to thrive in that climate."

Morten Risager, Quark traveler

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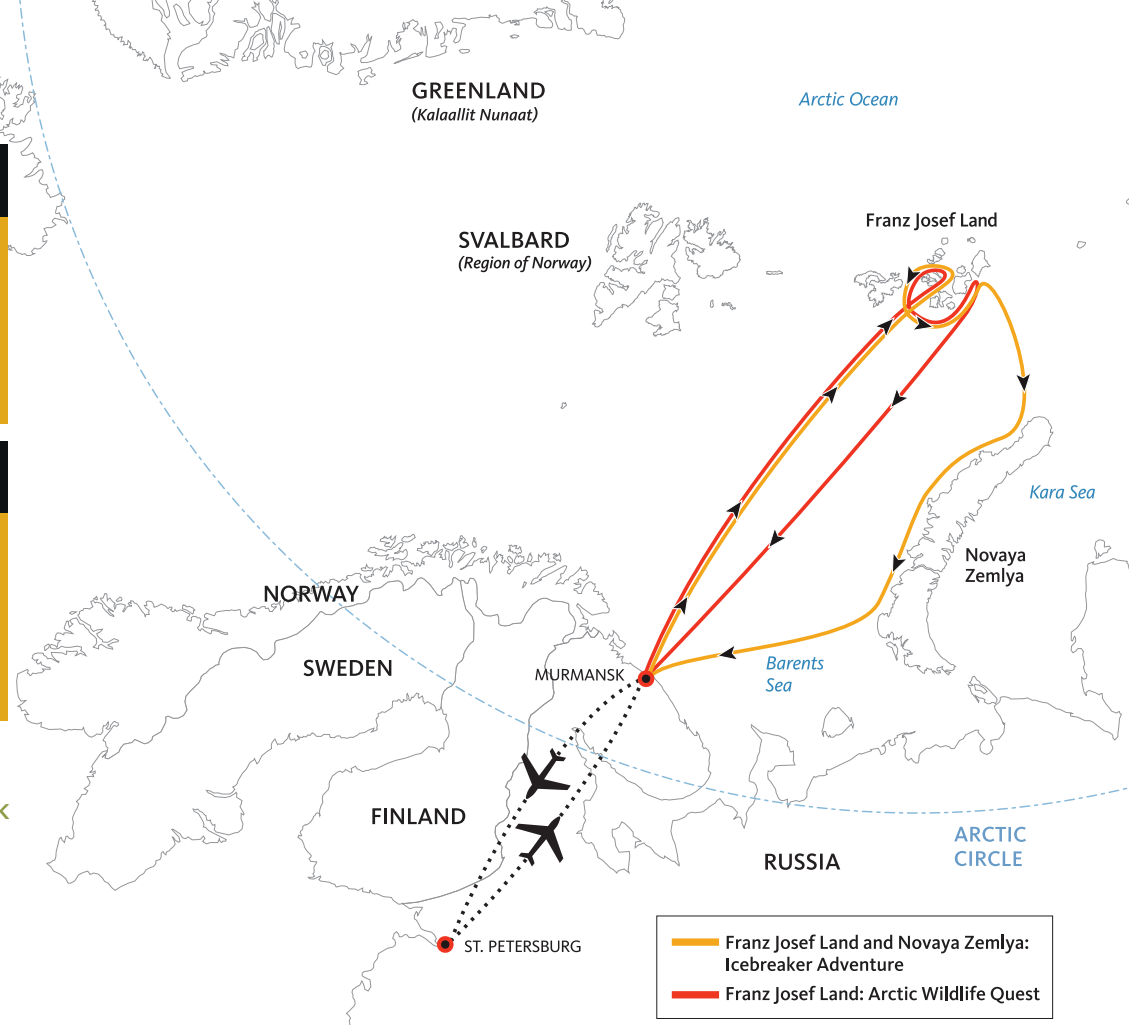
LEFT: *Exploring an outpost used by past scientists.* RIGHT: *Cape Tegethoff, Franz Josef Land.*

Per person
prices for Franz
Josef Land from
\$12,995*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 50

Per person prices for
Franz Josef Land &
Novaya Zemlya from
\$15,995*

*for detailed pricing
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Franz Josef Land and Novaya Zemlya (2 itineraries)

Icebreaker Adventure

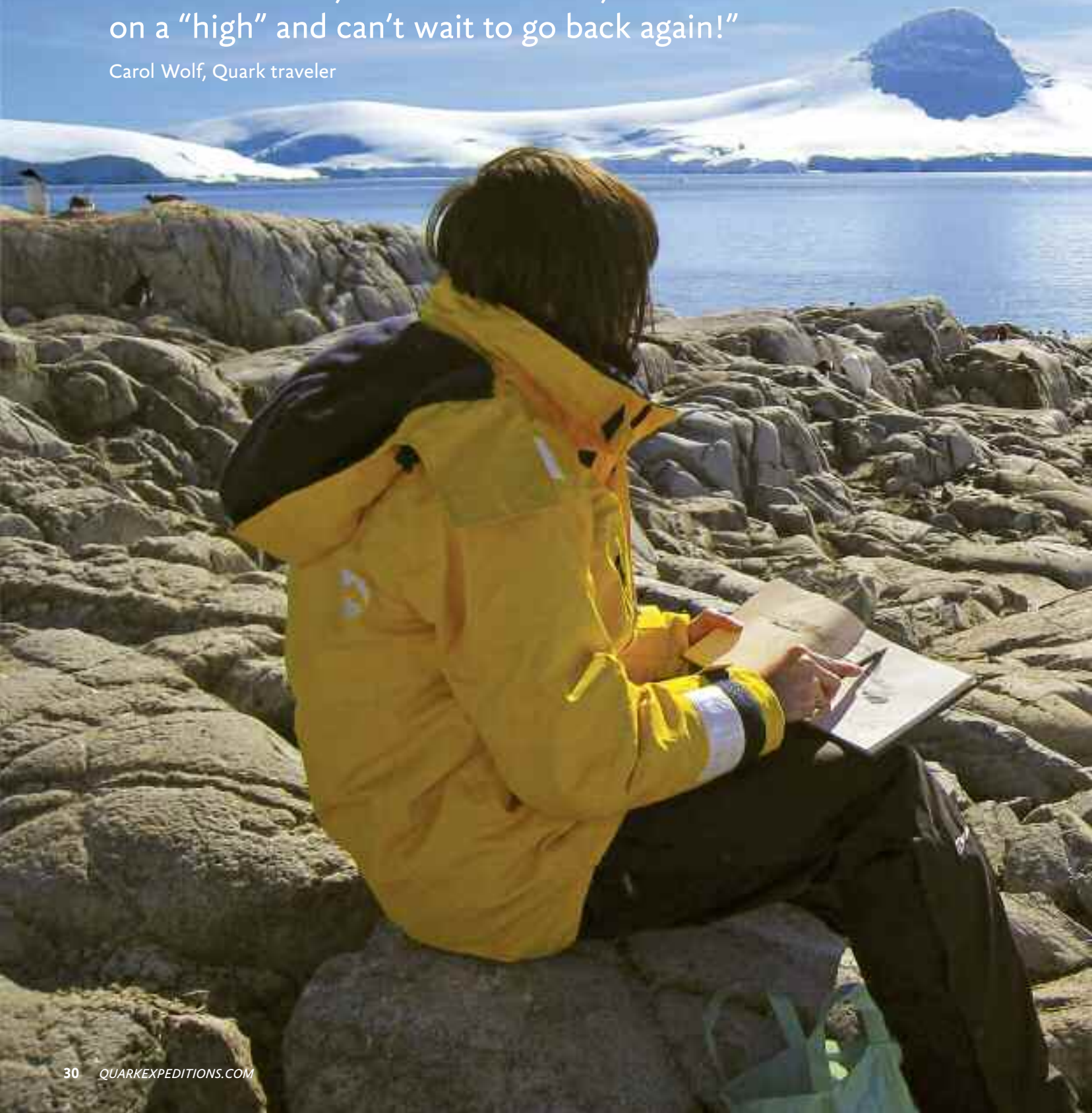
Unique wildlife and rugged landscapes in a land of extremes: see Polar Bears, historic landmarks, extinct volcanoes, massive walrus rookeries, icy mountains and whales. Your journey through these exotic regions begins in St. Petersburg, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Consider the itinerary featuring the unbelievably spectacular Novaya Zemlya mountain ranges. Helicopter landings take you places you can only imagine.



Antarctica

"I had wanted to visit Antarctica for a while, but never thought I would want to go more than once. Now, four months later, I'm still on a "high" and can't wait to go back again!"

Carol Wolf, Quark traveler





*Art imitates life on Joula Point,
Antarctic Peninsula.*

Antarctic Peninsula: Discover the Wild Life

Antarctica, the seventh and final continent — where penguins and seals are the only permanent residents — is a land of mystery and wonder, with many areas yet to be discovered. Make the most of our adventure options to get a truly unique perspective on this surprising and breathtaking environment.

Choose from the Classic Adventure, Crossing the Circle, or fly over the Drake Passage with our Antarctic Express expeditions.

Zodiac cruising in the Antarctic Sound.

BELOW: Macaroni Penguins; Crabeater Seals are a popular site in the peninsula; Adélie Penguins on the move; The marvelous fluke of a Humpback Whale.

"It's like visiting another planet without ever leaving this one."

Robert W. Gilmore, Quark staff





11 OR 12 DAYS

Multiple departures:
Nov 11, 2012 to Feb 23, 2013

SHIP: SEA or CPA

See pages 45 and 47 for details

SPECIAL FAMILY PRICING

Enjoy a white Christmas.


Kids get special treatment:
Christmas gift, kid's menu, parka, jacket,
and 15% discount for ages 12-17.

11 DAYS

1 departure: Dec 25, 2012

SHIP: CPA

Per person prices from \$6,995

Adventure Options: 



Adventure Options: 

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LEFT: *Taking it higher with a climb on the peninsula.* RIGHT: *Approaching a landing site to walk among Adélie Penguins.*

Antarctic Explorer

The Classic Adventure

Introduce yourself to the wonders of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands with penguins, seals, and ice in all its myriad forms. Ramp up the excitement with a range of optional adventure activities.

Per person
prices from
\$5,495*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 52



15 DAYS

1 departure:
Jan 16, 2013

SHIP: SEA

See page 45 for details

"Exploring Antarctica is a soul-humbling experience. Its vast expanse makes it unlike any place on Earth. Penguins curiously waddle up and around you in wonder. You want time to stand still, preserving the moment forever. Antarctica is life-changing."

Richard Angelidis, Quark staff

Adventure Options:  

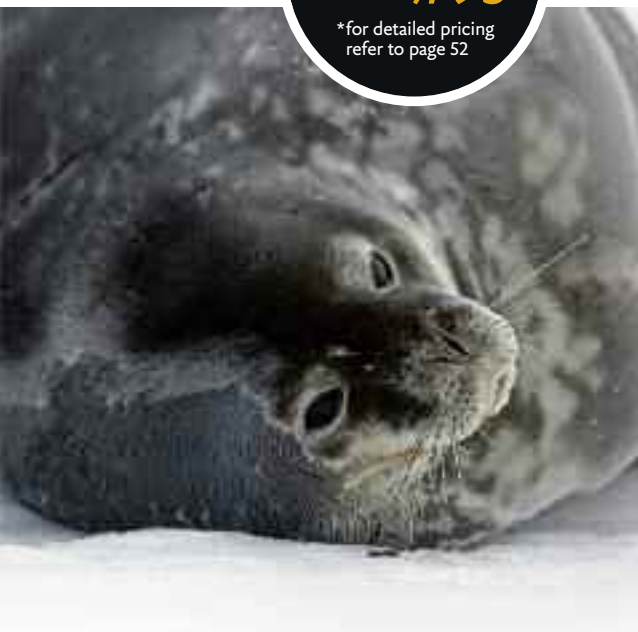
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LEFT: A Weddell Seal.

RIGHT: Where to explore first
in Neko Harbor?

Per person
prices from
\$12,795*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 52



Crossing the Antarctic Circle

Land of the Midnight Sun

Check 'Crossing the Antarctic Circle' off your list. Venture south to Marguerite Bay, where the sun never sets in summer, and enjoy more of everything the Peninsula has to offer: daylight, wildlife and photo opportunities. Add to the fun with kayaking and camping adventure options.



8 DAYS

2 departures:
Feb 6 and Feb 11, 2013

SHIP: CPA

See page 47 for details

"I'll never forget sitting with the Chinstrap Penguins on a rocky beach as they came up to see what I was. And a pod of 15 Humpback Whales that gathered around the ship feeding on krill."

Quark traveler

Adventure Options: 

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LEFT: *Preparing for a night on the peninsula.* RIGHT: *The expedition arrives on Danco Island.*

Per person
prices from
\$7,995*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 52



Antarctic Express

Fly the Drake

Start your Antarctic journey right away by skipping the customary sea crossing of the Drake Passage. Once you're there dive right into the wonders of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands — penguins, seals and ice in its many forms. Fly north after seven days of magic.

For all voyages that involve a flight, please remember to book interruption insurance with Quark Expeditions, due to possible delays caused by unpredictable weather.



10 DAYS

Cruise South, Fly North
1 departure:
Jan 30, 2013

SHIP: CPA

See page 47 for details

9 DAYS

Fly South, Cruise North
1 departure:
Feb 16, 2013

SHIP: CPA

See page 47 for details

"The highlight of my trip was waking up in the morning to see the sunrise after we'd camped out overnight on land."

Quark blogger

Adventure Options: 

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QuarkExpeditions.com

LEFT: Chinstrap Penguins stand at attention. RIGHT: A sight to take your breath away as a Humpback Whale comes up for air.

Per person prices
for Cruise South,
Fly North from
\$7,995*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 52

Per person prices
for Fly South,
Cruise North from
\$6,395*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 52



Antarctic Express (2 itineraries)

Cruise South, Fly North, or Fly South, Cruise North

Want to get the full Antarctic experience without spending the full amount of time typically required? Consider one of these trips. Cross the legendary Drake Passage only once while you fly down to or return from Antarctica by plane.

For all voyages that involve a flight, please remember to book interruption insurance with Quark Expeditions, due to possible delays caused by unpredictable weather.



14 DAYS

1 departure:
Feb 8, 2013

SHIP: SEA

See page 45 for details

"A highlight for me was going onto the deck in the early morning or late evening and having a moment to myself. You can see the amazing beauty of Antarctica in front of you. It is almost like being on an alien planet. You can't describe it."

Courtenay Oswin, Quark staff



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LEFT: *Visiting an early explorer's hut.*
RIGHT: *The serenity of kayaking along a glacial face.*

Per person
prices from
\$11,995*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 52

Weddell Sea and the Antarctic Peninsula

East and West Discovered

This extended voyage combines the best of the western Peninsula with the less visited, more remote eastern side. You will be astounded by the abundant penguin rookeries, incredible icebergs, and unforgettable landing sites. A perfect voyage if you're looking for an in-depth exploration of this majestic continent.



10 DAYS

2 departures:
Jan 8 and Mar 2, 2013

SHIP: SEA

See page 45 for details

"You can climb up the side of a snowfield, get well above the height of the ship, and take in the incredible view. Icebergs the size of small towns float by, and glaciers continue up slopes far beyond the field of vision."

Quark traveler

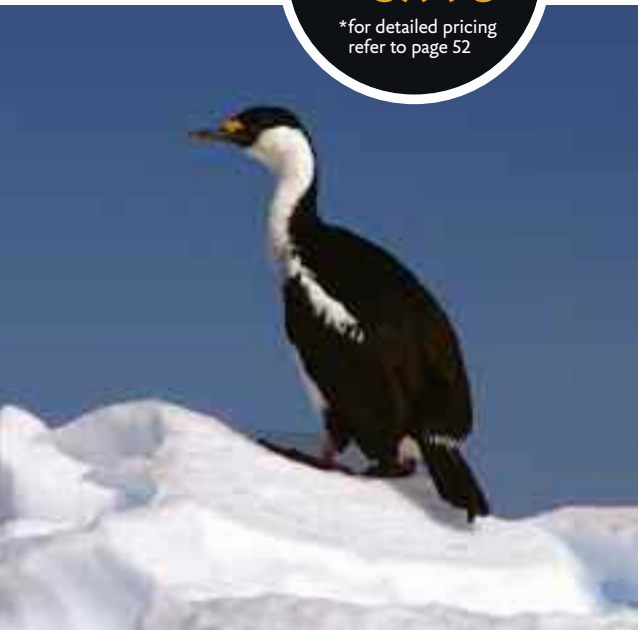
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LEFT: A Blue-Eyed Shag keeps watch.
RIGHT: A huge tabular iceberg meets the shoreline.

Per person
prices from
\$5,995*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 52



Introduction to Antarctica

The White Continent

Get to know the fifth largest land mass on the planet without spending the time and money typically associated with such an experience. Introduction to Antarctica: The White Continent offers travelers the perfect balance of wildlife, adventure options, and atmosphere.



Antarctica, Falkland Islands and South Georgia: The Quintessential Antarctic Experience

Now with South Georgia — The Galapagos of the Poles — these trips offer travelers truly unforgettable experiences. Wildlife, sea, land and icescapes, history...these expeditions really do have it all.

"This trip was one of the most amazing things I have ever done!"

Nina May, Quark traveler





*An impressive King Penguin colony on South Georgia.
BELOW: A typically spectacular South Georgia sunset;
Kayakers take a closer look; Black-browed Albatrosses
patiently await their next meal; Reaching the peak at
Saint Andrew's Bay.*



20 DAYS

3 departures:
Nov 7 and Dec 11, 2012,
and Jan 3, 2013

SHIP: SEA or CPA

See pages 45 and 47 for details

"There is so much going on once you hit the shore that you are completely taken aback. 1,000 lb Elephant Seals haul up on the beach to rest in numbers. Fur Seals are everywhere. King Penguins cover the inland beaches in the thousands."

Quark traveler

Adventure Options: ✈

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LEFT: *Magellanic Penguins showing their unique double-band striping.* RIGHT: *King Penguins on South Georgia gladly pose.*

Per person
prices from
\$9,995*

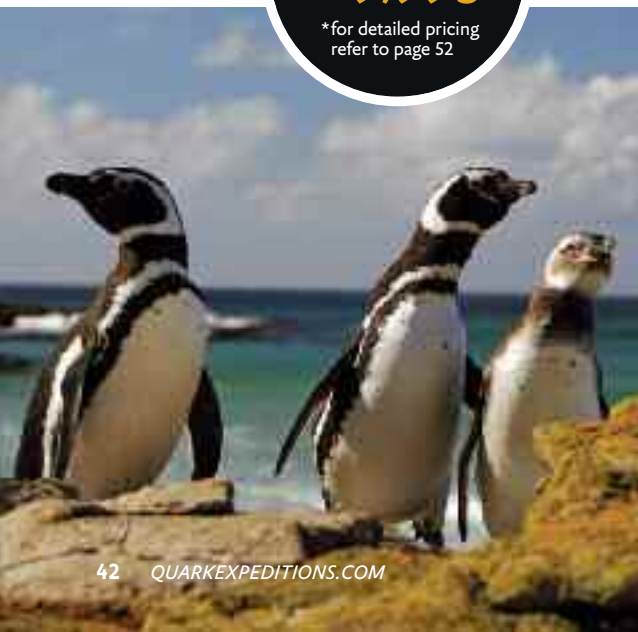
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Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica

Explorers and Kings

A rare opportunity to experience three special environments, each with its own unique wildlife, landscape and history. Take part in penguin field trips. Follow in Ernest Shackleton's footsteps. Soak up the spectacular beauty of the Antarctic Peninsula. This expedition has it all.



16 DAYS

1 departure:
Oct 28, 2012

SHIP: SEA

See page 45 for details

"There were many Snow Petrels, my favorite next to the albatross. To watch these beautiful little white creatures float over the ice and soar across the bow made me realize how very lucky I am to experience this unbelievable beauty."

Quark blogger

Adventure Options: ✈️

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LEFT: A *Black-browed Albatross* soars above the colony. RIGHT: Low-slung clouds descend upon Fortuna Bay, South Georgia.

Per person
prices from
\$10,295*

*for detailed pricing
refer to page 52



Explore South Georgia

The Ultimate Wildlife Expedition

A naturalist's dream come true. As the 'Galapagos of the Poles', South Georgia boasts over 30 species of birds (including four types of penguins) and one of the most biodiverse ecosystems on Earth. 16 days of bliss for the traveler who is interested in wildlife and nature.



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Introducing the Quark Expeditions Fleet: Top of the Line

As you can imagine, traveling to the polar regions places a unique set of demands on the vessels that go there. For that reason the Quark Expeditions fleet meets and exceeds the highest possible safety and environmental standards.

Taking a closer look at King Edward Point, Grytviken, South Georgia.

VESSEL CODE:

SEA



SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Staff & Crew	94
Guests	114
Lifeboats	4, partially enclosed
Length	90.6 m
Breadth	15.3 m
Draft	4.16 m
Propulsion	Diesel (4,720 horsepower)
Ice Class	1D
Cruising Speed	14.5 knots in open water
Registered	Bahamas

Sea Spirit

'Luxury adventure' featuring some of the largest cabins in the Quark fleet.

CABINS AND AMENITIES

- Open bar
- Hot tub on the Sports Deck
- Largest cabins in the fleet
- Satellite phone access in every cabin
- Every cabin has an exterior view, some with balconies
- Flat screen TVs and DVD players in every cabin
- Stabilizers for smooth sailing
- Private facilities in every cabin
- Gift shop
- Clinic, with licensed doctor
- Gymnasium
- 2 bars
- Internet access
- 10 MB communication
- Library
- Ice-strengthened hull

ABOVE LEFT: A beachmaster guards his harem on a rocky South Georgia beach. ABOVE RIGHT: Sea Spirit's king-size beds and well-appointed cabins take expedition cruising comfort to a new level.

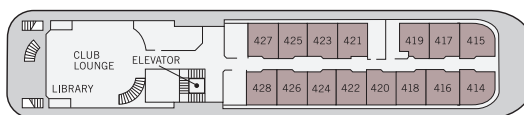
SUN DECK



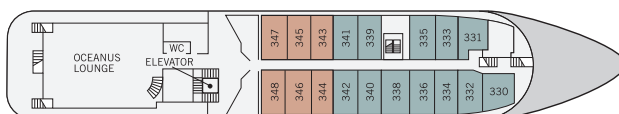
SPORTS DECK



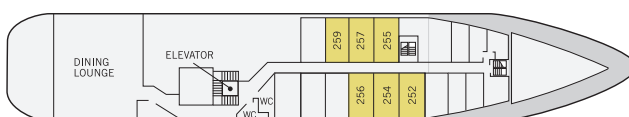
CLUB DECK



OCEANUS DECK



MAIN DECK



Deck Plan

- Triple - Classic
- Main Deck
- Classic
- Superior
- Deluxe (balcony)
- Suite (balcony)
- Owner's Suite (sun deck)

VESSEL CODE:

VAV



SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Staff & Crew	53
Guests	107
Lifeboats	2, fully enclosed
Length	117 m
Breadth	18.2 m
Draft	6.0 m
Propulsion	Diesel Twin Engines (6,700 horsepower)
Ice Class	L1
Cruising Speed	13 knots in open water
Registered	Russia

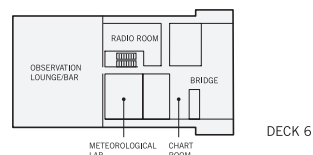
Akademik Sergey Vavilov

A scientific vessel with a wide range of adventure options, attractive observation lounge and a smooth, quiet ride.

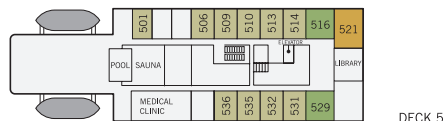
CABINS AND AMENITIES

- All cabins have exterior views
- Cabins have either shared, semi-private or private facilities (See deck plan)
- One dining room with unreserved seating
- Theater-style presentation room
- Observation lounge and bar, open afternoons and evenings
- Library, with a collection of polar-themed books
- Ship-to-shore communications via satellite
- Gift shop
- Clinic, with licensed doctor
- Gymnasium, sauna and swimming pool
- One elevator, between decks 3 and 5
- Ice-strengthened hull

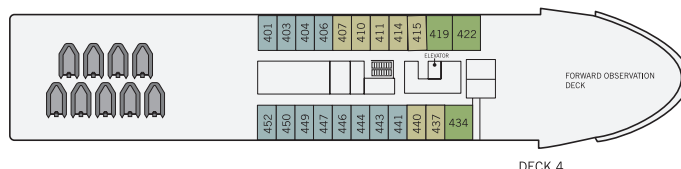
ABOVE: *The cook suite on the Vavilov.*



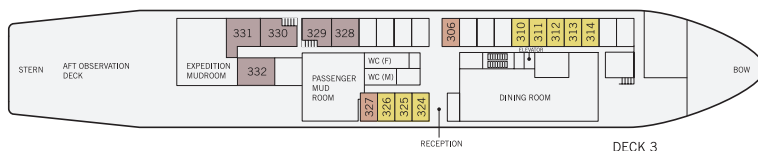
DECK 6



DECK 5



DECK 4



DECK 3

Deck Plan

- Triple (*shared facilities*)
- Twin (*shared facilities*)
- Twin (*semi-private facilities*)
- Twin (*private facilities*)
- Superior
- Suite
- Cook Suite

VESSEL CODE:

CPA



SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Staff & Crew	72
Guests	122
Lifeboats	4, partially enclosed
Length	101.1 m
Breadth	16.2 m
Draft	4.5 m
Propulsion	Diesel Twin Engines (5,200 horsepower)
Ice Class	1A
Cruising Speed	12 knots in open water
Registered	Bahamas

Clipper Adventurer

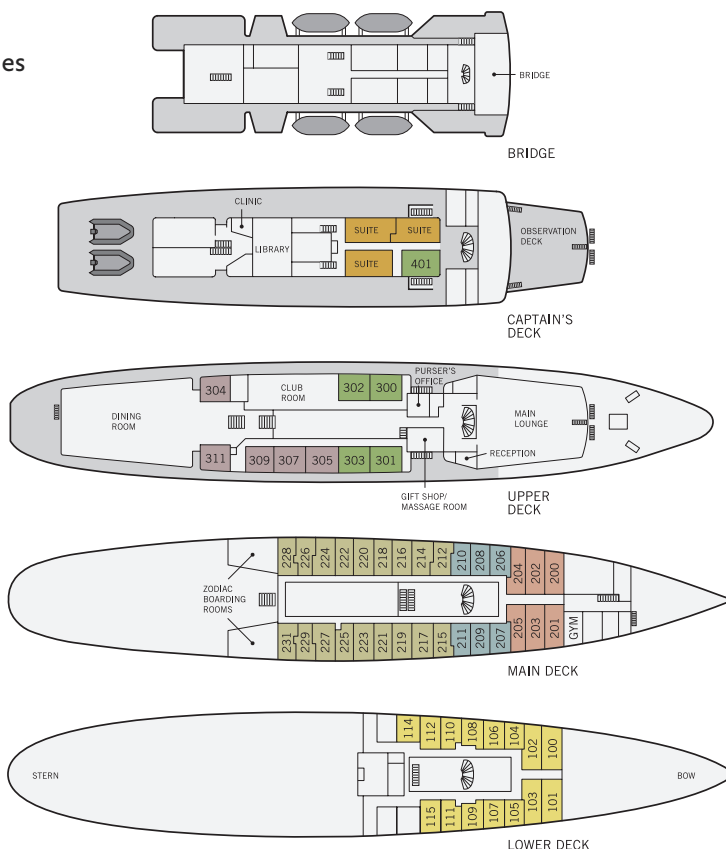
Affordable elegance with comfortable cabins and a wide range of creature comforts.

CABINS AND AMENITIES

- 61 outside cabins with exterior views and private facilities
- TV and DVD player in every cabin
- Upper Deck and Captain's Deck have exterior access, with outside seating
- Window-lined dining room on Upper Deck with unreserved seating
- Lounge/Presentation Room
- 2 bars
- Library, with films to borrow
- Gift shop
- 24-hour beverage station
- Ship-to-shore satellite communications, with email and wireless internet access
- Clinic, with licensed doctor
- Gymnasium
- Massage therapist
- Ice-strengthened hull
- Photography program available

Deck Plan

- Triple
- Lower Deck twin
- Main Deck twin porthole
- Main Deck twin window
- Superior
- Deluxe
- Suite



ABOVE: *The Clipper's dining room offers panoramic views.*

VESSEL CODE:

VIC



SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Staff & Crew	140
Guests	128
Lifeboats	4, fully enclosed
Length	150.7 m
Breadth	30 m
Draft	11.00 m
Propulsion	2 nuclear reactors (74,000 horsepower)
Ice Class	LL1 (the highest rating possible)
Cruising Speed	21 knots in open water
Registered	In Russia by Rosatomflot

50 Years of Victory

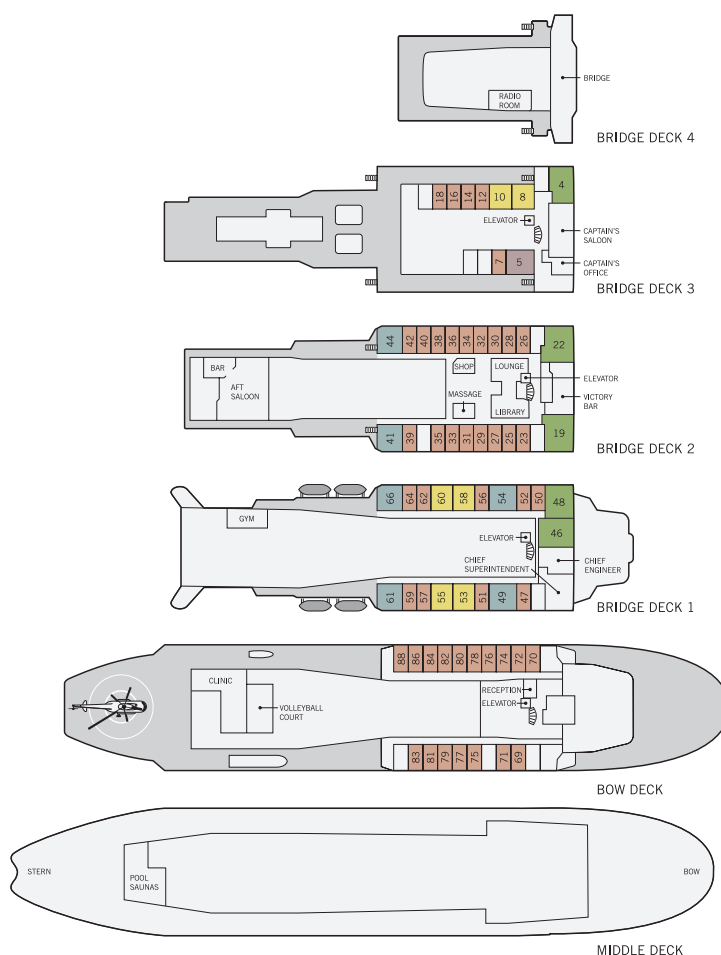
The most powerful icebreaker on Earth with its own helicopter, fleet of Zodiacs, and onboard gym and sauna facilities.

CABINS AND AMENITIES

- All cabins have private facilities
- Open bar
- One dining room with unreserved seating
- Aft Saloon, for presentations and socializing
- Library, with books and board games
- Gift shop
- Victory Bar, staffed by a professional bartender, open afternoons until late evening
- Gymnasium, 2 saunas, and small swimming pool
- Clinic, with licensed doctor
- One passenger elevator
- Helicopter, for sightseeing and some landings

Deck Plan

- Twin
- Victory
- Mini Suite
- Arktika
- Suite



ABOVE: *Jumping rope at the Pole is allowed.*

VESSEL CODE:

KDT



SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

Staff & Crew	60
Guests	104
Lifeboats	4, fully enclosed
Length	131 m
Breadth	26.50 m
Draft	8.50 m
Propulsion	Six Wartsila Diesel-electric 24,000 hp
Ice Class	LL3
Cruising Speed	13 knots in open water
Registered	Russia
Ice Breaking	up to 1.5 m closed ice

Kapitan Dranitsyn

A powerful icebreaker with advanced navigation capabilities, offering travelers simplicity and comfort.

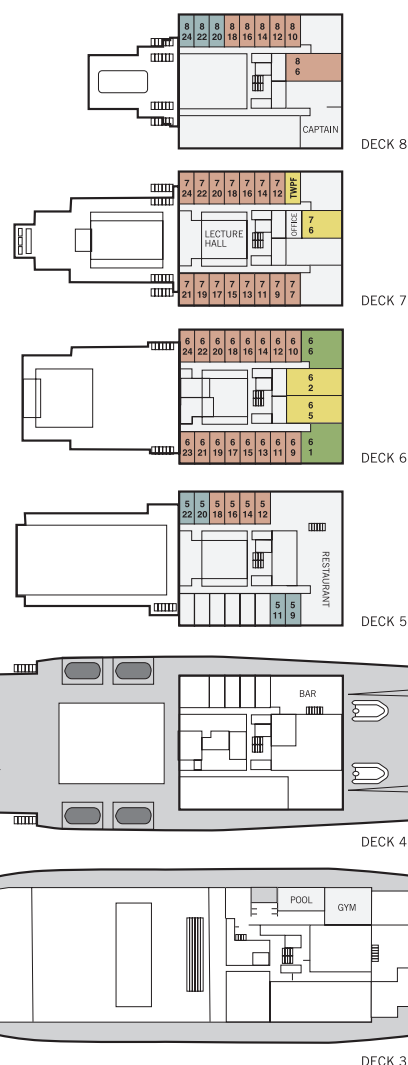
CABINS AND AMENITIES

- All cabins and suites have private facilities and exterior views
- Restaurant with reserved seating
- Afternoon saloon for socializing
- Clinic, with licensed doctor
- Gymnasium, swimming pool and sauna
- Gift shop
- Lecture hall, for presentations and lectures
- Helicopter, for sightseeing and some landings

Deck Plan

- Triple
- Twin
- Suite
- Corner Suite

ABOVE: Helicopters at rest on the Dranitsyn.



Arctic 2012 Dates and Rates

Dates	Number of days	Ship	Adventure Options	Price per person*	Charter Flight
SPITSBERGEN SNOWSHOEING <i>Exploring Norway's Arctic Paradise</i>					
Jun 9 - Jun 19, 2012	11	VAV Akademik Sergey Vavilov	•	\$4,590	
SPITSBERGEN EXPLORER <i>Wildlife Capital of the Arctic</i>					
Jul 1 - Jul 11, 2012	11	VAV Akademik Sergey Vavilov	•	\$4,990	
Jul 23 - Aug 2, 2012	11	VAV Akademik Sergey Vavilov	•	\$4,990	
SPITSBERGEN CIRCUMNAVIGATION <i>Big Island, Big Adventure</i>					
Jul 11 - Jul 23, 2012	13	VAV Akademik Sergey Vavilov	•	\$5,990	
SPITSBERGEN FAMILY ADVENTURE <i>Polar Bear Safari</i>					
Aug 2 - Aug 9, 2012	8	VAV Akademik Sergey Vavilov	•	\$3,690	
THREE ARCTIC ISLANDS <i>Iceland, Greenland, Spitsbergen</i>					
Aug 9 - Aug 22, 2012	14	VAV Akademik Sergey Vavilov	•	\$6,390	
Aug 21 - Sept 4, 2012	15	VAV Akademik Sergey Vavilov	•	\$6,390	
Sept 4 - Sept 17, 2012	14	VAV Akademik Sergey Vavilov		\$6,390	
GREENLAND'S NORTHERN LIGHTS <i>Fjords and Tundra Treks</i>					
Sept 16 - Sept 29, 2012	14	VAV Akademik Sergey Vavilov		\$5,890	
NORTH POLE <i>The Ultimate Arctic Adventure</i>					
Jun 25 - Jul 8, 2012	14	VIC 50 Years of Victory	•	\$22,790**	\$1,690
Jul 6 - Jul 19, 2012	14	VIC 50 Years of Victory	•	\$22,790**	\$1,690
FRANZ JOSEF LAND <i>Arctic Wildlife Quest</i>					
Jul 17 - Jul 29, 2012	13	KDT Kapitan Dranistyn		\$12,995	\$1,290
FRANZ JOSEF LAND AND NOVAYA ZEMLYA <i>Icebreaker Adventure</i>					
Jul 27 - Aug 10, 2012	15	KDT Kapitan Dranistyn		\$15,995	\$1,290

ARCTIC 2012 ADVENTURE OPTIONS

- ✈ **Kayaking**
\$525 USD /person
- 🎈 **Hot Air Ballooning**
\$250 USD /person
- 🏂 **Snowshoeing**
Included in cruise

* Price per person is based on triple occupancy. All prices in USD.

** This is a twin price — no triple accommodation on Victory.

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or go online at QuarkExpeditions.com



Arctic 2012 Inclusions

More flexibility and adventure options and the most skilled, experienced team in the industry.
Find out why Quark is the Leader in Polar Adventures.

Expedition rates for Arctic 2012 include:

ON ALL SHIPS, RATES INCLUDE:

- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping.
- All breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and snacks on board throughout your voyage. (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- All shore landings per the daily program.
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities.
- A daily program of lectures by noted naturalists.
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program.
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and Special Guests as scheduled.
- Photographic Journal on DVD, documenting the voyage.
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings.
- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep.
- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock.
- Hair dryer and bathrobe in every cabin.
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.
- All luggage handling aboard ship.
- On disembarkation day, group transfer from the ship to the airport or other local designated drop-off location.
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance for all travelers to a maximum benefit of USD \$100,000 per person.

ALSO INCLUDED DURING EXPEDITIONS ABOARD THE KAPITAN DRANITSYN AND 50 YEARS OF VICTORY:

- All helicopter transfers and aerial sightseeing according to each day's program.
- On embarkation day, a group transfer from the host hotel to the airport and from the airport to the ship.
- 1 night pre- and 1 night post-expedition hotel accommodation in Helsinki or St. Petersburg as specified in the itinerary.

ADDITIONALLY AVAILABLE ABOARD THE 50 YEARS OF VICTORY:

- An "open bar" offering unlimited alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

ADDITIONALLY AVAILABLE ABOARD THE KAPITAN DRANITSYN:

- A welcome dinner hosted by a Quark Expeditions representative on arrival day in St. Petersburg.
- An arrival transfer from St. Petersburg airport to the city center as per the itinerary.

ALSO INCLUDED DURING EXPEDITIONS EMBARKING IN SPITSBERGEN:

- Arrival transfer from Longyearbyen airport to the city center or hotel as per the itinerary.
- On embarkation day, a group transfer from the host hotel or city center to the ship.

ALSO INCLUDED DURING EXPEDITIONS EMBARKING IN REYKJAVIK:

- 1 complimentary night pre-expedition hotel accommodation in Reykjavik with breakfast, as indicated in the itinerary. (The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel.)
- On embarkation day, group transfer from the host hotel to ship.

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- For some specified departures, the purchase of arrival transfer packages and charter or domestic flights in conjunction with the expedition is mandatory. The applicable per-person cost is indicated on the Dates and Rates summary.
- Passport and any applicable visa expenses.
- Government arrival and departure taxes.
- Any meals ashore with the exception of breakfast at the host hotel before embarkation, when applicable.
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption, and medical travel insurance.
- Excess baggage charges.
- Bar and beverage charges, except on board 50 Years of Victory.
- Laundry and other personal charges.
- Telecommunications charges.
- The voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew.
- On icebreakers, any private helicopter flying time that may be available for optional flights can be purchased at an hourly rate to be announced on board.

Antarctica 2012-2013 Dates and Rates

Dates	Number of days	Ship	Adventure Options or Special Interest	Price per person*
ANTARCTIC EXPLORER <i>The Classic Adventure</i>			     	
Nov 11 - Nov 22, 2012	12	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$7,295
Nov 21 - Dec 2, 2012	12	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$7,295
Nov 25 - Dec 6, 2012	12	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$5,495
Dec 1 - Dec 12, 2012	12	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$7,295
Dec 5 - Dec 16, 2012	12	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$5,495
Dec 15 - Dec 26, 2012	12	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$6,795
Dec 25 - Jan 4, 2013	11	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$6,995
Dec 29 - Jan 9, 2013	12	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$9,895
Jan 21 - Jan 31, 2013	11	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$6,795
Jan 29 - Feb 9, 2013	12	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$9,895
Feb 20 - Mar 3, 2013	12	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$7,995
Feb 23 - Mar 6, 2013	12	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$5,495
CROSSING THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE <i>Land of the Midnight Sun</i>				
Jan 16 - Jan 30, 2013	15	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$12,795
ANTARCTIC EXPRESS <i>Fly the Drake</i>				
Feb 6 - Feb 13, 2013	8	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$7,995
Feb 11 - Feb 18, 2013	8	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$7,995
ANTARCTIC EXPRESS <i>Cruise South, Fly North</i>				
Jan 30 - Feb 8, 2013	10	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$7,995
ANTARCTIC EXPRESS <i>Fly South, Cruise North</i>				
Feb 16 - Feb 24, 2013	9	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$6,395
WEDDELL SEA AND THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA <i>East and West Discovered</i>				
Feb 8 - Feb 21, 2013	14	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$11,995
INTRODUCTION TO ANTARCTICA <i>The White Continent</i>				
Jan 8 - Jan 17, 2013	10	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$7,895
Mar 2 - Mar 11, 2013	10	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$5,995
FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND ANTARCTICA <i>Explorers and Kings</i>				
Nov 7 - Nov 26, 2012	20	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$9,995
Dec 11 - Dec 30, 2012	20	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$17,790
Jan 3 - Jan 22, 2013	20	CPA Clipper Adventurer	• • • • •	\$13,895
EXPLORE SOUTH GEORGIA <i>The Ultimate Wildlife Expedition</i>				
Oct 28 - Nov 12, 2012	16	SEA Sea Spirit	• • • • •	\$10,295

ANTARCTICA 2012-2013 ADVENTURE OPTIONS

-  **Kayaking**
\$950 USD / person
-  **Camping**
\$225 USD / person
-  **Cross-Country Skiing**
\$575 USD / person
-  **Snowshoeing**
Included in cruise
-  **Mountaineering**
\$575 USD / person
-  **Photography Program**
Included in cruise

* Price per person is based on triple occupancy. All prices in USD.

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at QuarkExpeditions.com

Antarctica 2012-2013 Inclusions

More flexibility and adventure options and the most skilled, experienced team in the industry.
Find out why Quark is the Leader in Polar Adventures.

Expedition rates for Antarctica 2012-2013 include:

ON ALL SHIPS, RATES INCLUDE:

- One night pre-expedition hotel accommodation with breakfast in Ushuaia or Punta Arenas as indicated in the itinerary. (The number of guests per room is the same as cabin occupancy on the ship. Due to limited availability, travelers who reserve a suite on board are accommodated in standard rooms at the hotel.)
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping.
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners on board throughout your voyage. (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- All shore landings per the daily program.
- Leadership throughout the voyage by our experienced Expedition Leader, including shore landings and other activities.
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising per the daily program.
- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled.
- Photographic Journal on DVD, documenting the voyage.
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings.
- An official Quark Expeditions parka to keep.
- Coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock.
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin.
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials.
- A group transfer upon disembarkation in Ushuaia from the ship to the local airport.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.
- All luggage handling aboard ship.
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance for all travelers to a maximum benefit of USD \$100,000 per person.
- Group transfers in Ushuaia from the airport to any local hotel.

ALSO INCLUDED DURING EXPEDITIONS THAT EMBARK IN USHUAIA:

- Group transfers from a designated location in Ushuaia to the ship on embarkation day.

ALSO INCLUDED IN ALL ANTARCTIC EXPRESS PROGRAMS:

- All flights to or from Antarctica as specified in the itinerary.
- Pre-night hotel on all Fly and Cruise programs in Ushuaia or Punta Arenas.
- Included lunch in Punta Arenas prior to boarding the charter flight to Antarctica.
- Group transfers between the hotel and airport in conjunction with the charter flight to/from Antarctica.
- A group transfer in Punta Arenas or Ushuaia from the airport to any local hotel.
- One night post-expedition hotel accommodation with breakfast as indicated in the itineraries.

ALSO INCLUDED DURING EXPEDITIONS ABOARD THE SEA SPIRIT:

- A four star hotel in Ushuaia for the pre-expedition night.
- A five star hotel for guests in Superior class cabins and higher for the pre-expedition night.
- Fine dining and an "open bar" offering unlimited alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.
- A 10 MB card providing internet access via the ship's wireless connection.

ALSO INCLUDED DURING EXPEDITIONS ON THE CLIPPER ADVENTURER:

A comprehensive photography program that includes:

- The services of a resident photography instructor.
- A program of lectures on photography and digital image manipulation.
- Photography focused excursions at landing sites with hands-on instruction.

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Any airfare unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Passport and visa expenses.
- Government arrival and departure taxes.
- Any meals ashore with the exception of breakfast at the host hotel before embarkation and lunch on specified Fly and Cruise programs.
- Baggage, cancellation interruption and medical travel insurance.
- Excess baggage charges.
- Laundry, bar, beverage and other personal charges unless specified.
- Telecommunications charges.
- The voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew.



TRIP EXTENSIONS

Extend your adventure and increase the fun.

In years past, adventure travelers were on their own in booking what we call “essential extras” to expedition travel. Thankfully, those days are over. Quark personnel can now book your entire trip, door to door, with lots of friendly advice along the way.

EXTENDING YOUR ADVENTURE IN ARGENTINA

Most travelers to Ushuaia fly through Buenos Aires. Discover more of Argentina by arriving in Ushuaia a few days early or delay your return home with a trip to Iguazú Falls, or a few nights in Buenos Aires. Only your dreams limit the possibilities. All packages are available both as pre- or post-tour extensions.



3-DAY: INTRODUCTION TO BUENOS AIRES PACKAGE

Discover the elegant beauty of Buenos Aires, a city that melds European charm with the frenzied pace of Latin life. This package includes a guided tour of all of the city’s impressive highlights, from the quaint, cobbled squares to its most sophisticated neighborhoods. In the evening, you will enjoy a spectacular Tango and Dinner show accompanied by a live orchestra.



8-DAY: PATAGONIA DISCOVERY PACKAGE

A land of immense space, snarled grasses and towering mountains, Patagonia awes even the most seasoned traveler. This package includes jaw-dropping highlights that will provide you with an in depth glimpse into the rugged beauty of this majestic land, from the monolith glacier of Perito Moreno to the towering Andean peaks of Torres Del Paine NP. Your journey begins in Ushuaia — the most Southern city in the world.

All packages are available in:

Comfort style: Pooled tours and transfers and four-star accommodations.

Luxury style: Private tours and private transfers with five-star accommodations.

To book, for information regarding pricing, or for custom itineraries contact a Quark polar travel advisor at 1.888.892.0073 or +1.203.803.2666



3 TO 5-DAY: EXPERIENCE IGUAZÚ FALLS PACKAGE

One of the great natural wonders of the world, the grandeur of Iguazú Falls includes over 275 cascades spread over nearly two miles of the Iguazú river. This package includes a guided tour of the falls on the Argentinian side, with the additional option to visit the Brazilian side. You will also experience Buenos Aires, and be captivated by its European inspired charm.



6-DAY: ARGENTINA'S WINE COUNTRY PACKAGE

For both the casual and serious wine aficionado, the Mendoza region of Argentina is hailed as one of the best growing regions in the world, especially for its most beloved grape, the Malbec. This tour allows you to sip and learn from some of the best vintners in the region and explore the Andean foothills. Also included in this package is an introduction to Buenos Aires, a sophisticated Latin city.

EXTEND YOUR POLAR ADVENTURE IN ICELAND, RUSSIA, NORWAY OR FINLAND

All pre- and post- packages are designed to complement your polar adventure! Visit some of Europe's most intriguing, historic cities and spectacular, natural sites.



4-DAY: ICELAND EXPERIENCE PACKAGE

From the charming city of Reykjavik, the therapeutic waters of the Blue lagoon and the bubbling hot springs of Thingvellir NP, you will be mesmerized by the unique beauty of this Nordic island.



2-DAY: EXPLORE ST. PETERSBURG PACKAGE

Extend your stay in this magnificent city with included visits to the famous Hermitage museum and a tour through the city's historic streets.



2-DAY: EXPLORE OSLO PACKAGE

Enjoy an extra night in Norway's vibrant capital city where you will get a guided tour of this modern, beautifully situated town. Extend the package to five days to include a trip to Bergen on the unforgettable Flåm Railway.



2-DAY: EXPLORE HELSINKI PACKAGE

This package includes an extra night and tour of Helsinki, a capital with an intriguing blend of eastern and western influences and extraordinary architecture. Extend this package to five days to include a visit to Tallinn, Estonia's medieval, walled capital.

SHARE AND SAVE OFFER

Refer your friends and we'll reward all of you.

Quark Expeditions is rewarding travelers who refer their friends on polar expeditions and we're rewarding their friends too!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

You tell friends why you think Quark is the only way to travel to the Arctic and Antarctica. Then you tell us who you told by completing a form at QuarkExpeditions.com/share-and-save. When they travel you get to take \$500 off the cost of your voyage — and they get a savings of \$500 too.

SPECIAL OCCASION TRAVEL IS ESPECIALLY REWARDING

If you celebrate a special occasion on one of our ships, and share that celebration with five friends — your reward will be \$2,500. Remember, every one of your friends will save \$500 too!

For more information including conditions, visit QuarkExpeditions.com



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Start planning your Arctic or Antarctic expedition today and earn United MileagePlus® award miles!

Earn 1 award mile for every \$1 you spend on a Quark Expeditions voyage to the Arctic or Antarctica. With your first purchase you can earn up to 80,000 award miles.

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Terms and Conditions: standard Terms and Conditions of Quark Expeditions will apply. One 1 MileagePlus award mile will be awarded for every \$1USD spent on eligible product booked directly with Quark Expeditions. Valid on new bookings only. Award miles will be posted to the recipient's account no sooner than 90 days prior to voyage departure upon receipt of full payment for services rendered. Any flights, travel insurance, as well as goods and services booked on board the vessel are excluded from the mileage program. Recipient of award miles must be a passenger traveling with Quark Expeditions and cannot receive miles beyond what their individual purchases make them eligible for. MileagePlus account number must be presented at time of booking. A maximum of 80,000 award miles can be awarded to any one recipient in a given calendar year. MileagePlus award miles are calculated based on total payments on eligible product.

*May only be combined with past passenger discount, may not be combined with any other promotional offer.

THE QUARK EXPEDITIONS GEAR SHOP

Everything You Need for the Adventure of a Lifetime



THE QUARK EXPEDITIONS GEAR SHOP, operated by New Headings LLC, offers hand-selected gear and apparel from brands you can trust. Make sure to consider the unique Polar Works Package — a lightweight package consisting of 10 essential gear items. They all fit into the included waterproof backpack which makes for easy transport.

To enjoy shopping for the appropriate polar apparel and gear, visit QuarkExpeditions.com and click on Gear Shop.

*Polar Works Package:
\$493.45 USD*



Terms and Conditions of Sale

Arctic 2012 & Antarctic 2012-2013

The purchase of any travel services offered by Quark Expeditions, Inc. (hereinafter with its affiliates, owners, officers, agents and employees collectively referred to as "Quark" or "QEI") creates a contractual relationship between QEI and you, the customer/participant in the travel package by QEI and represents your acceptance of the terms and conditions of your travel package set out herein (the "Terms and Conditions"). Please read the following information carefully. In order for your tour reservation to be completed, you must indicate your acceptance of the Terms and Conditions by checking the appropriate box when paying your deposit for online reservations, or, for reservations made by telephone, by signing and returning the Acknowledgment Form sent to you by Quark. You are advised to check on the Quark website located at quarkexpeditions.com or to request the latest version of the Terms and Conditions from Quark prior to booking your travel package.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT

Reservations by Telephone

Deposits — To confirm reservations on all Quark products a deposit of 20% (minimum \$1000 per person) is required at time of booking. The deposit may be paid by bank wire transfer, check, money order or major credit card. For any booking within 120 days of departure full payment is required.

Final Payments — Balances are due 120 days prior to departure. Final payment can be made by calling Quark Expeditions and may be paid by bank wire transfer, check, money order or major credit card.

Deposits and payments for Pre- and Post-travel options are specific to each item and are explained and communicated at time of purchase.

Booking Online

Deposits — To confirm reservations on all Quark products a deposit of 20% (minimum \$1000 per person) is required at time of booking. The deposit must be paid by major credit card. For any bookings within 120 days of departure full payment is required.

Final Payments — Balances are due 120 days prior to departure. Final payment can be made by calling Quark Expeditions (final payment cannot be made online) and may be paid by major credit card, bank wire or check.

Deposits and payments for pre-expedition and post-expedition services are specific to each item and are explained and communicated at time of purchase.

Late payments — All late payments are subject to a penalty of 1.5% interest per month, or 18% per annum. Quark reserves the right to cancel any booking that is not paid within 120 days of departure or deny boarding on any unpaid balances.

Special requests — Quark Expeditions will always try to accommodate special requests, but will not guarantee such things as cabin number, bedding type, special meals and airline seats. Please ensure all special requests are conveyed to your booking agent at time of reservation.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION INSURANCE

Emergency evacuation insurance, to a maximum benefit per paying traveler of \$100,000 USD, is included in the cost of Quark Expeditions voyages from Travelex insurance company. Included coverage is applicable only to travel occurring between the first and last day of program purchased from Quark Expeditions. Additional days of travel prior to the expedition and/or after the expedition purchased from suppliers other than Quark Expeditions are not covered by the included emergency evacuation insurance.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of the booking that you and all members of your party have comprehensive travel insurance coverage. Due to the remoteness of the areas in which we travel, travelers must have a minimum \$50,000 of emergency medical coverage. Quark Expeditions requires proof of coverage prior to embarkation. The travel insurance policy should also cover trip cancellation insurance, trip delay (interruption or after departure coverage), baggage and repatriation. Quark Expeditions will not be held responsible for delays due to force majeure. Any additional costs accrued will be the responsibility of the traveler.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All requests for cancellation must be received in writing. Cancellations received 180 days or more prior to departure, are refunded less an administrative fee of \$1000 per person. If cancellation is received between 179 days and 120 days, the deposit is forfeited. If cancellation occurs less than 120 days prior to departure, all payments are forfeited. If full payment has not yet been received, the full penalty will still apply and any unpaid balance is due immediately. To protect the traveler's investment, we recommend that you obtain adequate trip cancellation insurance. Cancellations cannot be made online.

Adventure Options

Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate, including kayaking, camping, skiing, mountaineering or ballooning (if applicable and which, at the discretion of the Captain and Expedition Leader, may or may not be used). It is understood that refunds cannot be made to travelers who do not complete the services for any reason whatsoever.

Children

Any child under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent prior to embarkation on any Quark vessel.

Pre- and Post-Travel

Pre- and Post-travel options arranged by Quark Expeditions may not be refundable after booked, please consult with your Polar Travel Adviser for full terms and conditions on the product you booked. Cancellations received less than 120 days before departure are 100% non refundable.

CANCELLATION BY QUARK EXPEDITIONS

Quark Expeditions begins planning our voyages many months in advance of departure. Occasionally, we have to make changes both before and after bookings have been confirmed. Quark reserves the right to cancel any service prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. Please note that in the event of cancellation Quark Expeditions will not be responsible for the cost of any additional travel arrangements beyond the voyage or other items not purchased through Quark Expeditions. Due to the nature of **Quark's Antarctic Express (Fly South, cruise North; Fly the Drake; and cruise South, Fly North)** programs QUARK EXPEDITIONS WILL NOT OFFER PASSENGERS A REFUND IN THE EVENT OF TRIP CANCELLATION IF THE CHARTER FLIGHT IS NOT ABLE TO TAKE OFF BY 1400 HRS ON DAY 3 (*Travel insurance is STRONGLY recommended. The Travelex Travel insurance sold via Quark Expeditions would cover a cancellation due to weather on the charter flight.*) Cancellation policy for Quark's **Antarctic Express (Fly South, cruise North; Fly the Drake; and cruise South, Fly North)** programs are set forth in the Contingency Plan below.

AMENDMENTS TO BOOKINGS

Quark Expeditions will make every effort to assist in changing your reservation; however, changes must be submitted in writing a minimum of 120 days prior to departure. If the amendment is possible it will be subject to a \$100 change fee per person plus any difference in fare if applicable.

TRANSFERS OF DEPOSITS OR PAYMENTS TO ALTERNATE VOYAGES

Should travelers be unable to take the expedition they originally booked, but would like to travel on an alternate date, it may be possible to transfer deposits or payments from the original booking to an alternate booking, subject to the following conditions: The new expedition must occur within one year of the original expedition date and a request to transfer must be made in writing to Quark Expeditions more than 120 days prior to the departure of the original voyage. Quark Expeditions reserves the right to prohibit transfers on any of its voyages. Should a transfer request be granted, a fee of \$250 per person will be charged.

2012-2013 QUARK'S ANTARCTIC EXPRESS (FLY SOUTH, CRUISE NORTH; FLY THE DRAKE; AND CRUISE SOUTH, FLY NORTH) PROGRAMS CONTINGENCY PLAN

FOR "ANTARCTIC EXPRESS (Fly South, Cruise North; Fly the Drake; and Cruise South, Fly North)" ONLY. Quark Expeditions will make every effort to ensure the Antarctica Express programs takes place, but due to weather conditions, flying in this region can be difficult and is beyond the control of Quark Expeditions. We strongly recommend that all expedition guests purchase a travel insurance policy including trip delay, cancellation and interruption insurance. Please ask your Polar Travel Advisor about travel Insurance. In the unlikely event that the charter flight is unable to fly on day 2 due to weather delays, Quark Expeditions will provide an additional night hotel accommodation in Punta Arenas and a ½ day tour.

On day 3 should the charter flight not be able to take off by 1400 hrs, Quark Expeditions will officially cancel the voyage and provide letters for all clients to submit to their travel insurance providers under trip delay/Interruption and cancellation clause.

QUARK EXPEDITIONS WILL NOT OFFER PASSENGERS A REFUND IN THE EVENT OF TRIP CANCELLATION. QUARK EXPEDITIONS WILL NOT OFFER PASSENGERS COMPENSATION IN THE EVENT OF A DELAY.

IF THE CHARTER FLIGHT IS NOT ABLE TO TAKE OFF BY 1400 HRS ON DAY 3. Quark Expeditions will make every effort to assist passengers with rebooking hotels or flights, but this will be at the cost of the passengers, and Quark Expeditions strongly recommends that all clients contact their insurance provider prior to changing any reservations.

Passengers on board the ship during these delays will remain on board with no additional cost until the time in which the charter flight is able to arrange transport.

Quark Expeditions advises all clients to book changeable airlines tickets along with cancellation and interruption insurance to assist with additional airline change fees. We advise all passengers to have flexible travel arrangements upon disembarkation of the voyage if delays arise. Quark Expeditions will not be held responsible for any change/cancellations fees due to weather related delays or any other delays arising from force majeure.

FOR CANCELLATION DUE TO ALL OTHER EVENTS OF FORCE MAJUERE, THE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF QUARK EXPEDITIONS SHALL APPLY.

MEDICAL FORMS

Medical forms will be sent to you via e-mail link once the deposit has been received. You must review and complete the forms and immediately return them. Questions that relate to your physical or mental suitability must be completed by a medical practitioner. Quark Expeditions cannot offer medical advice. Medical forms must be filled out in full, honestly and accurately, and disclose all medical history and information. Should your medical situation change after submitting the medical forms, it is your responsibility to advise Quark Expeditions immediately. Quark Expeditions will review the information submitted and reserves the right to ask for further information, clarity on information, or for documentation from your medical practitioner. Quark Expeditions reserves the right to deny passage to any traveler on reasonable medical grounds. For travelers that book within 120 days of departure, completed medical forms must be received within 7 days of making payment. Quark Expeditions reserves the right to deny boarding, without refund or resulting expenses, to any traveler at the pier for any reason at its sole discretion, including but not limited to in the event that the on board medical officer determines that the traveler has not disclosed accurate medical information.

ADVENTURE OPTIONS

All adventure options require a signed Adventure Option waiver, which will be sent to you once you have booked and paid for your adventure option. This form MUST be completed prior to you taking part in the adventure option. The Expedition staff reserve the right to deny participation to any client who has not signed the adventure option waiver, does

not follow the rules set out by expedition staff or is not medically/physically able to participate safely.

ITINERARY

The itinerary described is subject to change at the discretion of the ship's Master and Quark Expeditions' Expedition Leader. This is an expedition to a remote part of the world and Quark Expeditions reserves the right to change the itinerary due to weather conditions, availability of anchorages, political conditions or other factors beyond its control, without consulting the travelers. It is understood that such decisions will be made in the best interests of all travelers aboard and with regard to the safety of the vessel. Travelers have no right to any refund or other considerations in the event of these itinerary changes. Nothing in this brochure or website is meant to signify the use of any specific design or model of helicopter. The images featured are inspirational in character and do not necessarily depict the exact people, animals and places encountered by travelers. The traveler must be in possession of a valid passport and any visas, permits and certificates that are required for the duration of the services provided by Quark Expeditions and shall arrange such vaccinations as are normally recommended for the countries through which they intend to travel. Information about these matters and climate, clothing, baggage, gear, and similar items is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of Quark Expeditions.

RATES

All fares are quoted in U.S. dollars (USD). Rates for voyages, flights, as well as optional pre-expedition and post-expedition extensions are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates and the price of fuel, services and labor sometimes increase the cost of expedition arrangements significantly. Quark reserves the right to alter prices or introduce surcharges accordingly, even if payment has been received in full. All travelers are required to pay for their excursion and additional purchases in conjunction with their excursion in the same currency.

DISCOUNTS AND PROMOTIONS

Quark Expeditions has the right to limit, withdraw or change any and/or all discounts and promotions without notice and/or compensation.

SCHEDULED FLIGHTS

Any tour does not include international airfare or any other flights unless mentioned in the inclusions.

Quotes: All quotes are in USD dollars, unless otherwise stated.

Price changes: Until the tickets are issued, the Quark Expeditions reserves the right to change prices in the event of any price increase for any reason including, but not limited to, airfares wrongfully quoted due to system error, the price of fuel and/or currency fluctuations or government taxes or levies, or any other reasonable cause.

Full payment: Full payment must be received by the Quark Expeditions before the Option period expires to guarantee the reservation at quoted price. A guarantee of payment by the Client is an acceptance of the travel arrangements as requested at the total price quoted. Cancellation fees will apply if the Client subsequently decides to cancel after ticket has been issued.

Changes & cancellations: Unless otherwise stated, airline tickets are 100% non-changeable & non-refundable once tickets have been issued. Changes made prior to ticket issuance may be applied at the Quark Expeditions discretion, and will also have Administrative Fees applied.

Flight reconfirmation: Quark Expeditions strongly recommends flight times and numbers be verified or reconfirmed at least 72 hours prior to departure. Quark Expeditions is not responsible for any change to airline schedules or flight numbers after tickets have been issued.

Airline tickets: Once issued, all airline tickets are non-transferable and are valid only for the dates and routings shown. If an airline ticket is lost, the client is responsible for the full cost of a new ticket and any changes that may occur in replacement.

Airline, airport or weather delays: Quark Expeditions will not be held responsible for any additional expenses or loss that may arise from airline, airport or weather delays. Quark Expeditions will not reimburse for any additional expenses incurred by the Client as a result. Quark Expeditions will not refund any unused portion of air tickets purchased in the event of such delays due to conditions beyond its control.

For scheduled flights, the fare rules of the airline carrier, including payment and cancellation conditions apply.

CHARTER FLIGHTS

Charter flights are at an additional cost unless otherwise stated. Quark Expeditions reserves the right to change charter flight costs based on fuel surcharges or increased charter hire rates.

COMPENSATION

Compensation for personal injury is limited in accordance with the provisions of any applicable International Conventions. These include, for example, in the course of road travel, air travel, rail travel, sea travel, or hotel accommodation and are limited to the provisions of, respectively, the Geneva Convention 1973, the Warsaw Convention as amended by the Hague Protocol 1955, the 1961 Berne Convention, the 1974 Athens Convention and the 1962 Paris Convention.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

QEI purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and other services from various independent suppliers that are not subject to its control. Neither QEI, its affiliates, owners, officers, agents, employees, nor any associate organization shall be held liable for any act, default, injury (including death), loss, expense, damage, deviation, delay, curtailment or inconvenience caused to or suffered by any person or their property, howsoever arising, which may occur or be incurred by any organization or person, even though such act, default, injury, loss, expense, damage, deviation, delay, curtailment or inconvenience may have been caused or contributed to: (a) by the act, neglect or default of QEI, or of any persons for whose acts it would otherwise be responsible, or (b) defects or failures of any aircraft, vessel, automotive vehicle or other equipment or instrumentality under the control of independent suppliers. In issuing tickets for transportation of the travel by any means and making arrangements for travel, hotel or other accommodation, QEI is not acting as principal but only as agent for the companies, corporations, owner, public carriers or persons providing or offering the means of transportation and accommodation. You further understand that QEI neither owns nor operates such third party suppliers and accordingly, agree to seek remedies directly and only against those suppliers and not hold QEI responsible for their acts or omissions. In no event will QEI be responsible for incidental, consequential or special damage or loss suffered by any person. QEI's maximum liability, for any reason whatsoever, will be limited to the amount paid to QEI for its services. Without limitation, QEI is not responsible for any negligent or willful acts of God or force majeure, weather emergencies, breakdown, or failure of diving or mechanical equipment, government actions, inclement weather, sickness, attacks by animals, availability of medical care or the adequacy of the same, criminal activity of any kind, terrorism, war, civil

disturbance, sanitary conditions, quality or sanitation of food, quarantine, customs, regulations, epidemics, strikes, hotel overbooking, safety and/or security standards at hotels or other accommodations, or for any other reason beyond the control of QEI. You understand, agree with, and agree to be legally bound by the terms of the release and waiver of liability set forth herein.

QEI reserves the right (at their discretion) to alter or omit any part of the itinerary or change any reservation, feature and/or means of conveyance without notice and for any reason whatsoever, without allowance or refund and with extra costs, if any, resulting, said changes being paid by the travelers. We reserve the right to cancel any services prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on its part.

QEI shall not be responsible for any injury to person (whether or not resulting in death) or damage to property arising out of any act of war, insurrection, revolt or other civil uprising or military action occurring in the countries of origin, destination or passage.

In case of a medical problem arising during the voyage, either on board or on shore, which results in costs for evacuation, use of aircraft or repatriation, the responsibility for payment of these costs belongs solely to the traveler if costs incurred are above that of the Emergency Evacuation Insurance.

The traveler contract in use by the carriers concerned (when issued) shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies and the purchaser of these services and/or passage. By accepting the ticket, the traveler also agrees to its terms and conditions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

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Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions or the performance there under, including without limitation any claim related to bodily injury, property damage or death, shall be settled by binding arbitration in Atlanta, GA, USA in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing, and judgment on the arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the controversy. This agreement to arbitrate does not waive or modify the liability release contained in this document. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive Delaware law. The dispute will be resolved by a single arbitrator who must be a lawyer admitted to practice in the courts of at least one state in the United States and have a minimum of fifteen years of experience in civil litigation. The arbitrator so described will be selected by the American Arbitration Association. Each party to the dispute shall have the right on a single occasion to veto the designation of an arbitrator so selected. There will be judicial review of the arbitrator's decision if either side can show plain error in the application of law or be able to show an abuse of discretion with respect to factual findings. The parties waive the right to

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