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Departure: November 09, 2011

A 29-day End of an Era cruise marking the centennial of Amundsen and Scott's expeditions to the South Pole. Also visit Ross Sea Emperor Penguin rookeries. This Antarctic adventure includes far flung Pacific islands – The Snares, Auckland and Campbell. Travel with special guest, Nigel Watson, of New Zealand's Antarctic Heritage Trust. Tour the historic huts built by Shackleton and Scott..

Expedition Summary

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Day 3 At sea
Day 4 The Snares
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Day 7 Campbell Island
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Day 11-21 The Ross Sea
Day 22-23 Balleny Islands
Day 24 At sea
Day 25-26 Macquarie Island
Day 27-28 At sea
Day 29 Hobart, Tasmania, Australia



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Christchurch, New Zealand

One hundred years ago, on a map of Antarctic exploration two solid lines ran from Lyttelton to the Ross Sea. Both were labelled - Shackleton. One represented his expedition itinerary in 1908 and the other his return in 1909. We know that "the Boss" stayed overnight in Christchurch before he embarked for Antarctica. You do the same.



Day 2 - Embarkation Day

Like Shackleton, Robert Falcon Scott boarded a ship in Lyttelton when he began his cruise to the South Pole. As this voyage celebrates the 100th anniversary of his departure and Amundsen's success, it is appropriate that you embark Kapitan Khlebnikov in Lyttelton.



Day 3 - At sea

In addition to commemorating the most significant year in Antarctic history, we celebrate the End of an Era. This will be the penultimate expedition itinerary for the legendary Kapitan Khlebnikov. While cruising at sea, the Expedition Team reminisces about the discovery of Emperor

Penguin rookeries, the first visit to the Dry Valleys, and the other firsts made possible by this icebreaker.

Special guest Nigel Watson, Director of Antarctic Heritage Trust (NZ), cares for the expedition bases left by Scott, Shackleton and Borchgrevink in the Ross Sea Region of Antarctica. He provides insight into the current efforts to save the historic bases for current and future generations.



Day 4 - The Snares

Cruise in Zodiacs along the shoreline of one of the New Zealand subantarctic islands - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Five million Sooty Shearwaters populate The Snares. Three species of Albatross breed on the islands, including the Buller's Mollymawk. You may observe the endemic species of penguin - the Snares Crested Penguin. Pack binoculars.

Day 5-6 - Auckland Islands

The Auckland Islands are part of the UNESCO designated New Zealand subantarctic islands. Enderby, the largest island, is one of two of the islands visitors may explore. The rare Yellow-eyed Penguin breeds here, as do the endemic Auckland shags. During this cruise itinerary, a wildlife watch is established. You can volunteer to participate.



Day 7 - Campbell Island

The third and final New Zealand subantarctic island to visit is Campbell Island. The complimentary Quark Expeditions parka comes in handy, as rain falls 325 days a year, mainly as light showers or drizzle. However, the total annual accumulation is astounding - 1450 mm (57 inches).



Since New Zealand declared Campbell Island a nature reserve in 1954, vigorous eradication of introduced species has resulted in the successful recovery of native vegetation and invertebrates, and the return of seabirds. The rarest duck in the world, the Campbell Island Teal, has been reintroduced successfully. Perhaps you will spot one during your visit? Birders could increase your penguin life list by sightings of two additional species - Erect-crested Penguins and Eastern Rockhopper Penguins.

Day 8-9 - At sea

You have reached Antarctica, when the icebreaker crosses the Antarctic Convergence aka the Antarctic Polar Front. This biological boundary is unique to Antarctica. Encircling the continent, it is an irregular, invisible curve where the cold, northward-flowing Antarctic waters meet and mix with the warmer waters of the Indian, Pacific or Atlantic Oceans. The zone is about 32 to 48 km (20 to 30 miles) wide, somewhere between 48° and 61° S.



While cruising, learn about distinctive marine life and climates that are associated with the Polar Front and the area just to the north of it. The Expedition Team leads seabird identification on deck.

Day 10 - Cape Adare

Step ashore at Cape Adare, and step into Antarctic history. Ten men overwintered in 1899, by spring only nine were alive. An Adelie Penguin rookery has over run the historic hut that still stands on the Cape. Special guest Nigel Watson provides an insider's insight into the hut's preservation.



Day 11-21 - The Ross Sea

From Cape Adare, Kapitan Khlebnikov negotiates the ice of the Ross Sea. The cruise itinerary is southward into the historic heart of Antarctic exploration. Visit Emperor Penguin rookeries and tour research stations. If conditions permit, participate in a farewell flight to the Dry Valleys, accessible only by helicopter. Plan to visit McMurdo Station and Scott Base, the contemporary legacy of the explorations of a century ago. Kapitan Khlebnikov's farewell voyage to the Ross Sea is not to be missed!



Day 22-23 - Balleny Islands

The uninhabited Balleny Islands straddle the Antarctic Circle. They form a chain that stretches across the Southern Ocean for 160 km (99 miles) from southeast to northwest. Adelie and Chinstrap Penguins breed on the volcanic islands. Go ashore and cruise in Zodiacs past ice tongues in the channels and bays.



Day 24 - At sea

During this portion of the expedition itinerary, you can - enjoy birding on deck, attend illustrated presentations and recaps, or just laze in your cabin, while you complete your journal.



Day 25-26 - Macquarie Island

Visit another UNESCO World Heritage Site today. Four species of penguin - Royal, King, Gentoo and Rockhopper breed on the island. Significantly, Macquarie is the only place on Earth where the white-chinned Royal Penguin is found. Elephant and fur seals laze about on the beaches. Australian researchers have been conducting studies on the island for half a century. The island has wonderful boardwalks laid down for visitors.



Day 27-28 - At sea

Throughout this expedition itinerary enjoy fabulous dinners - not the least will be the Captain's farewell dinner. This time the event is made even more momentous by the fact that Kapitan Khlebnikov will never return to the Ross Sea as an expedition vessel.



Day 29 - Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

After breakfast on board the ship, you will be transferred to the airport for a homeward flight.

KAPITAN KHLEBNIKOV

A polar-class icebreaker, combining power and technology with creature comforts. Originally designed for the rigors of northern Siberia, *Kapitan Khlebnikov* is one of a few vessels of its kind in the world.



Cabins and Amenities

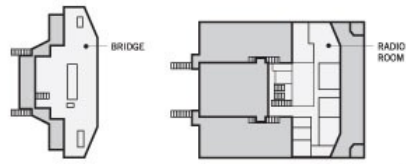
- 54 first-class outside cabins and suites, all with private facilities, large windows, desk, hair dryer, robes and large closets.
- Twin cabins have one fixed berth and one convertible sofa bed.
- Triple cabins are identical to twin cabins, with a third pull-down berth.
- All suites have a sitting room separate from the bedroom, DVD player and television.
- Dining rooms with unreserved seating where an abundant breakfast is served with a wide choice of hot and cold items; and lunch and dinner with menus that change daily.
- 24-hour coffee, tea and hot chocolate self-service station.
- Lounge and bar staffed by a professional bartender; open late afternoon and evening with a wide selection of wines and spirits.
- Heated indoor swimming pool, exercise room and sauna.
- Theater-style auditorium for Expedition Team presentations.
- Onboard shop and library books and videos.
- Ship-to-shore communications via satellite.
- Passenger elevator.
- Clinic with licensed doctor.

Ship Specifications

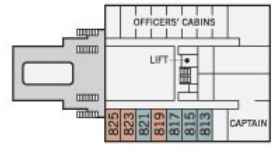
Staff & Crew:	70
Guests:	112
Lifeboats:	4, fully enclosed, capacity of 184
Length:	122.50 m
Breadth:	26.50 m
Draft:	8.50 m
Propulsion:	Diesel-electric engines - 24,000 total horsepower
Ice Class:	LL3
Cruising Speed:	15 knots in open water
Registered:	In Russia by Far Eastern Shipping Company

DECK PLANS

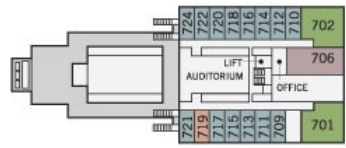
Triple	1 lower berth, 1 sofa bed, 1 pull-down upper berth, private facilities, opening window, desk and chair
Twin	1 lower berth, 1 sofa bed, private facilities, opening window, desk and chair
Suite	1 wider bed and sofa bed, private facilities, separate sitting room, 2 opening windows, 2 desks/chairs, table, TV/DVD
Corner Suite	1 wider bed, 1 sofa bed, private facilities, separate sitting room, 4 opening windows, 2 desks/chairs, table, refrigerator, TV/DVD



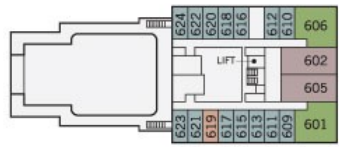
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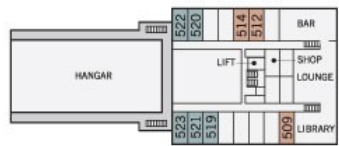
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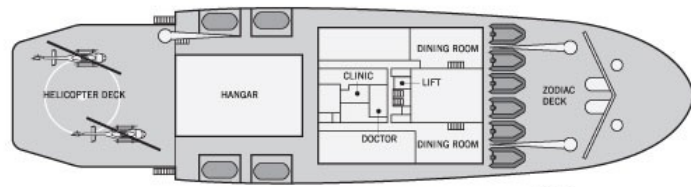
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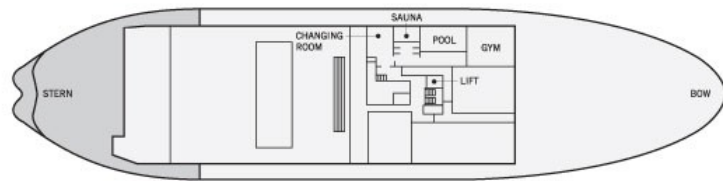
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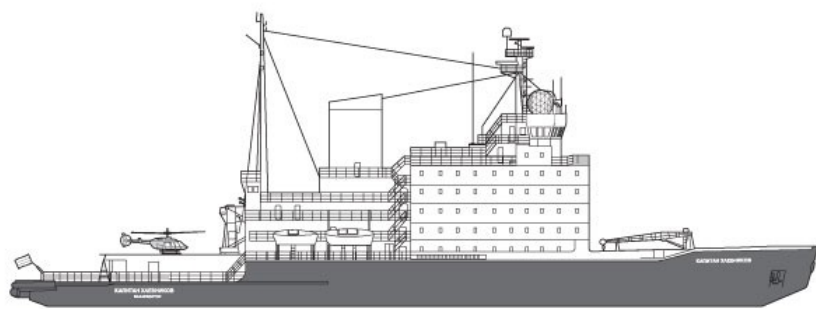
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RATES INCLUDE

Inclusions for Antarctic Icebreaker Adventures 2010-2011:

- One night pre-expedition hotel accommodation 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.)
- All helicopter transfers and aerial sightseeing according to each day's program.
- 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 Album on DVD, documenting the voyage.
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for shore landings.
- A Quark Expeditions parka – yours to keep.
- Coffee, tea, cocoa available around the clock.
- Hair dryer and bathrobe in every cabin.
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials, including a map and an informative Antarctic Reader.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program.
- All luggage handling aboard ship.
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of \$100,000 per person.

FAQ

If I book this expedition, what additional major expenses will I incur?

1. Transportation to Santiago, Chile and from Lyttelton, New Zealand is not included in the cost of the expedition. The charter flight from Santiago to Stanley, Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) is available at an additional cost.
2. Wearing the right clothes is essential. Mean coastal temperatures are seldom far below freezing. However sunny conditions may swiftly shift to storms with very cold winds and snow flurries. A complimentary parka is provided and we loan you a pair of boots for the duration of the expedition. Once you have booked, we will provide you with a complete list of what to pack.
3. Of course gratuities are always at your discretion, but we recommend \$10-15 per person day if you were pleased with the service level on board. This will be anonymously collected at the end of the voyage and distributed amongst staff and crew. You can make this payment in cash or charge to your shipboard account.

What is the average age and nationalities of travelers on this expedition?

Icebreaker travelers range in age from 45 to 80 - with the majority between 55 and 75. Most members of Icebreaker Expeditions are sophisticated, independent-minded travelers from around the world.

Must I understand English to participate?

Our voyages appeal to an international audience. About 40% of the travelers who join our voyages come from countries where English is not the first language. English is the language used for all documents, communications, shipboard announcements and education program presentations. While most of our travelers have a working knowledge of English, their level of proficiency with the language varies greatly. If you have questions on how your knowledge of English may impact your experience, please contact our office and one of our Sales Representatives will be happy to discuss this with you.

Do I have to be fit to join one of these expeditions?

Travelers must be able to make their way down a steep, narrow gangway, on the side of the ship to the Zodiac for shore landings. You should be able to walk steadily about the ship, keeping one hand free for the railing, and be able to negotiate through a heavy steel sea door. This expedition is not appropriate for people with restricted mobility as none of our ships offer handicap facilities. Shore landings usually offer a choice of a shorter hike and longer hikes. Of course, if you wish to remain back at the landing site with some of the staff, you are welcome!

May my children accompany me on the expedition?

On this expedition we welcome children that are at least 12 years of age. All children must be accompanied by at least one adult willing to supervise them at all times. Note that the shipboard education programs are designed for adults.

How long will it be light during my trip?

The time of year you travel to Antarctica will determine the amount of daylight. October, November are typically the month where the night falls around 9 or 10pm with sunrise in the early morning. This is the beginning of the Summer Season. Peak daylight is Mid December through early February with nearly 24 hours of sunlight, depending on how far south your voyage travels.

What about seasickness?

In general, the roughest seas encountered are during the open ocean crossings to and from Ushuaia through the Drake Passage; it takes roughly 2 and one half days to get to/from the peninsula and 2 days to/from the Falkland Islands. Everyone reacts differently to the seas, so our Medical Director suggests you consult your physician for a recommendation for your specific circumstances.

Do your ships have stabilizers?

Yes, all our ships have stabilizers.

What is the food like on your ships?

Our passengers rave about the food and the food service offered on our ships. We have standardized our Catering operations on all our ships, so regardless of which ship you travel on, you will receive the same variety of food and excellent service. We offer breakfast, lunch and dinner, and can accommodate most dietary requests and restrictions provided you notify us at time of booking. Afternoon tea with desserts is served each afternoon, and coffee/tea/water service is available in the lounge areas around the clock.

BOOK AIR TRANSPORTATION AT THE SAME TIME AS YOUR EXPEDITION.

Q: What are the benefits of reserving my air arrangements through Quark Expeditions?

A: When you reserve your cruise with Quark Expeditions we can also handle your air arrangements. Our air arrangements offer a seamless, worry-free way to get from your home airport to the cruise ship and back again. You will be speaking with individuals who have been to the airports you will be traveling through, and know and understand the unique logistics of the departure city. Arrangements include round-trip air transportation to and from the port of departure and arrival.

Air arrangements via Quark will also allow you to choose a preferred airline, specific times and/or premium-class seats.

Q: What do air arrangements include?

A: Air arrangements include round-trip air transportation to and from the port of departure and arrival, all airlines taxes and fees.

Q: When do I receive my airline flight schedules?

A: Air reservations receive immediate confirmation of the itinerary.

Q: Can I get airline seat assignments through Quark Expeditions?

A: We will attempt to secure seat assignments (Based on availability as the airlines have ultimate control over all seat selection).

Q: Can I use frequent flyer miles to upgrade my seat?

A: Some of our air carrier contracts restrict you from using any additional incentives, coupons or discounts. However, most carriers allow guests to accrue frequent traveler miles. Please provide your Frequent Flyer information at the time of booking and you will be advised if your purchase qualifies for frequent flyer points.

Q: Can I get one-way air transportation?

A: Yes, our Air Department can assist you with your request. Additional costs may apply. Round trip air add-on will apply.

Q: How does Quark Expeditions notify guests/travel agents of schedule changes?

A: Quark Expeditions will attempt to notify guests/travel agents of schedule changes. However it is the guest's and travel agent's responsibility to reconfirm flights prior to departure. Once tickets have been issued it is the airlines responsibility to protect schedule changes resulting in missed connecting flights.

Q: What if I'm trying to travel with a group?

A: We love groups. Guests from the same departure city that are booked at the same time will be placed on the same flights. We cannot guarantee all other guests from departure cities other than your own will be on the exact same flights. Additional air costs may apply.