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## Redefining Adventure Travel

The Explorer's Passage (TEP) is the premier adventure travel company on the planet. No other tour operator provides more dynamic and immersive experiences in the most raw and stunningly beautiful environments on earth.

We care deeply about our planet and its inhabitants. Each of our adventures have an element of purpose which helps to drive social and environmental change. We partner with the world's greatest visionaries and institutions so that our team members have the opportunity to transform their lives through the power of adventure.

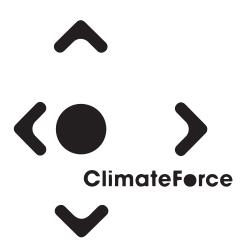
The 2041 ClimateForce Antarctic Expedition in 2022 is no exception, representing the culmination of our thirst for adventure and discovery, alongside our dedication to fostering transformative experiences that leave our team members with a new perspective on our Earth and its people.



# Working Together to Create a Sustainable World

We are proud to be working with Robert Swan, OBE in supporting his personal mission to preserve Antarctica from climate change. A portion of the proceeds of this Antarctic Expedition will go to Robert Swan's 2041 Foundation, which will be utilized for educational initiatives and awareness.

The 2041 Mission was founded by the polar explorer, environmental leader and public speaker Robert Swan, OBE. Robert was the first person in history to trek to both the North and South Poles. Over 25 years ago, his patron – the ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau – gave him a 50-year mission to help save Antarctica from the threat of climate change. Jacques told Robert to engage young people and promote the use of renewable energy. Since then, Robert has dedicated his life to the preservation of Antarctica by the promotion of sustainability practices.



#### **CLIMATEFORCE STRATEGIC EXPEDITIONS**

ClimateForce is a global initiative to train and develop the next generation of sustainability champions. ClimateForce is led by the explorer and conservationist Barney Swan. Through ClimateForce, Barney's mission is to help provide people with convenient solutions on the issue of our survival on earth.

The mission, through the ClimateForce expeditions is to help corporations with their sustainability solutions. ClimateForce Expeditions are an opportunity for participants to reconnect with nature, to understand that sustainability and development must go hand-in-hand for lasting impact and our survival on our only habitat - Planet Earth!

Alumni return home and utilize these expeditions as a catalyst to advance in both their professional and personal lives. Our belief is that our best shot at preserving our lasting wilderness is by bringing together unique people from around the world to complete this program and obtain the knowledge and skills to make their dreams a reality.

# THE STORY

The history of our planet has lasted billions of years, and the reality of climate change has the power to radically reshape our future. The need for massive action to combat this issue has never been more important. In partnership with Robert Swan, OBE and Barney Swan, we will be journeying South on a special Antarctic expedition to train inspirational participants on up-to-date climate science, sustainability, and leadership skills. The Expedition also equips participants and leaders with the tools to create meaningful change in their communities, institutions, companies, and governments in order to benefit this beautiful planet that we all call home.

Furthermore, 2022 will mark 19 years until the year 2041: the original year when the Madrid Protocol protecting Antarctica from exploitation would come up for debate, revision, and/or possible cancellation.

Antarctica represents both our past and future within its ice. If the ice sheets keep melting at the current rate of deterioration, the sea levels will rise and the disastrous effects will be felt on a multi-national scale.

No matter how we look at it, 2041 is coming fast - but we as a team still have time to effect global impact. Join our team on this special voyage that equips leaders with the resources and actionable solutions to become a part of a global force of change.



# 2041 CLIMATEFORCE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION



#### UNPARALLELED TRACK RECORD IN ANTARCTICA

Over the last 26 years Robert Swan OBE has guided more than 3,500 people to the shores of Antarctica and the Arctic. No other person has a stronger record of success and experience in leading Antarctic ventures.

On this Expedition, participants will experience an integration of history and adventure like never before. Participants will enjoy the unmatched service and excellence that guests have come to expect from The Explorer's Passage, from personalized attention and support to some of the most creative itineraries in the adventure travel industry.

#### **BECOME PART OF THE FORCE!**

By joining this expedition, you become part of a vast movement of change leaders from across the globe. With thousands of 2041 ClimateForce and TEP alumni in over 100 countries, you will have access to a diverse set of ideas, resources, and connections to become champions for a more sustainable future.

Our renowned 'Leadership on the Edge' program consists of a unique blend of leadership development, up-to-date climate change training, and sustainability education. We incorporate workshops on storytelling, writing, presentation, and public speaking to help guide you on your leadership journey. Through completing this program our alumni have used our training as a catalyst to enhance their personal and professional development.

# 2041 CLIMATEFORCE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

#### **ANTARCTICA**

Antarctica is truly the perfect setting for this expedition. It is an unforgettable destination and those who venture to this last wild continent return home with a fresh perspective on their place in the world. Antarctica has never known war, belongs to no nation, and is home to no tribe or indigenous race – we are all responsible for Antarctica. It is the most beautiful, untouched, and pristine location on the planet and it is for these reasons that we must do everything we can to preserve it. The key to this mission is to promote the use of renewable energy across the globe. If we can do this effectively, then it will not make financial sense for the world to exploit this continent. Antarctica is a symbol, frozen in time, which represents our united responsibility to steer humanity towards a more hopeful future. Join us on the 2041 ClimateForce Antarctic Expedition for the experience of a lifetime!



## **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Journey to the last great wilderness on Earth with Robert Swan, one of the world's greatest living explorers, and the first person to trek to both the North and South Poles.
- Explore the Antarctic with Barney Swan, the first person in history to trek to the South Pole powered entirely by renewable energy.
- Venture to the bottom of the world as you follow in the footsteps of some of the bravest explorers in history for a once-in-a-lifetime achievement.
- Observe the massive icebergs and glaciers while viewing the abundance of Antarctic wildlife including whales, penguins, and seals as we cruise through the icy waters in Zodiac boats.
- Make a continental landing and set foot on the pristine landscape of Antarctica. As you contemplate preserving this biosphere, visit the renowned research station of Vernadsky Research Base.
- Explore the magnificent 7th Continent as you hike up the icy landscape alongside resident penguins.
- Travel through Neptune's Bellows and step into the deep-rooted whaling history of the famed Deception Island as you witness the volcanic formations around you.
- Feel the exhilaration as you leap into the sub-freezing waters during the world famous Polar Plunge.

# **EXPEDITION SUMMARY**

Countries:Argentina & AntarcticaHost City:Ushuaia, ArgentinaDates:March 17 - 28, 2022Duration:12 Days / 11 Nights

**Accommodations:** 2 Nights Hotel / 9 Nights Ship's Cabin

**Adventure Activities:** Trekking, Zodiac Cruises, etc.

**Adventure Activity Level:** Moderate

#### \*\*DUE TO WEATHER AND SEA CONDITIONS, THE DAILY ITINERARY COULD CHANGE FROM WHAT IS OUTLINED BELOW

Day	Primary Activities	Lodging	Rest City	Meals
1	Arrive in Ushuaia, Check into hotel, Program Overview, Free time to explore in the Evening	Arakur Resort	Ushuaia	-
2	Expedition Team Leaders' lectures and presentations from fellow explorers	Arakur Resort	Ushuaia	B, D
3	Set Sail for Antarctica - disembark from Ushuaia through the Beagle Channel	Expedition Ship	Antarctica	B, L, D
4	Continue heading South towards Antarctica, Turn the Horn, and Journey through Drake Passage	Expedition Ship	Antarctica	B, L, D
5	Travel through Drake Passage, and follow in the footsteps of history's greatest explorers	Expedition Ship	Antarctica	B, L, D
6	Journey to Crystal Sound, Fish Islands, and Prospect Point to see Antarctica for the first time	Expedition Ship	Antarctica	B, L, D
7	Zodiac to witness the iceberg graveyard, and visit Vernadsky Research Base	Expedition Ship	Antarctica	B, L, D
8	Hike around Neko Harbor, visit Meditation Rock and watch for Minke whales	Expedition Ship	Antarctica	B, L, D
9	Deception Island - travel through the famed Neptune's Bellows, witness the relics of the whaling industry, experience volcanic activity, and visit the Aitcho Islands	Expedition Ship	Antarctica	B, L, D
10	Travel through the Drake Passage, reflect on the adventure as we head to Ushuaia	Expedition Ship	Antarctica	B, L, D
11	Travel though the Drake Passage, discussion on Climate Change, closing film screening of excursion	Expedition Ship	Antarctica	B, L, D
12	Arriving at Ushuaia, Final View of Glacier Martial, Transfer to Airport	N/A	N/A	В

#### DAY 1: USHUAIA

Welcome to Ushuaia! This world class adventure hub is the southernmost city in the world, and our point of embarkation. A port city located on the Beagle Strait, Ushuaia will be the launching point for our expedition to Antarctica! Located in Tierra Del Fuego, the land of fire, a region nicknamed for the many bonfires that dotted the landscape created by natives of the area, Ushuaia has intense, historical significance. The British dominated the region after the HMS Beagle first reached the channel, for which it is named, in 1833 under the command of



Captain Robert FitzRoy. In an attempt to get more Argentines to the area, a penal colony was setup and subsequently a prison. Intensifying the British-Argentine tension, an Argentine naval base was established. Many years later, this base held significance during the Falklands/Malvinas War.

Join us for this afternoon's opening ceremony where Robert Swan OBE and the entire Expedition Leadership Team will formally introduce themselves. Rob and Barney will each tell their stories on their times in the Poles and introduce their renewed mission. Here, you will meet your fellow explorers and mingle with climate change fighters from nearly every professional field. Afterwards, take advantage of the free time to explore Argentine cuisine and the vibrant and friendly social scene in Ushuaia.

Accommodations: Arakur Resort & Spa • Meals: Not Included

### DAY 2: USHUAIA

Rise and shine as we have an action packed day for you! We will begin with more inspiring tales of global exploration from Robert and Barney Swan followed by talks on leadership and public speaking. Our team will do a final gear check to ensure we have everything needed for the Antarctic!

Your fellow explorers will also give in-depth presentations and keynotes describing the goals and actions they are taking to combat climate change within their region of the world. This evening we will gather as a team for a special team dinner!



**Accommodation:** Arakur Resort & Spa • **Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

### DAY 3: THE BEAGLE CHANNEL



Today, a new chapter for planet Earth begins! We will have a final briefing and gear check in the morning. Together we will celebrate the historic moment with a big team photo at the obelisk near the harbor before arriving at the ship by 2:30 PM, in time for a 4:00 PM departure. Sail down the ancient and untouched terrain of the Beagle Channel, and begin forging unique connections with your fellow explorers and the planet itself. The Beagle Channel is a strait in the Tierra del Fuego Archipelago, a gunmetal-grey, water-filled place, with picturesque glaciers and

rocky isles. In the channel there is an opportunity to enjoy ample wildlife watching, with seals, whales, and more populating the area. This valiant geography was inhabited by the Yaghan people approximately 10,000 years ago. Get a feel for their lifestyle as you begin to move along this incredible seascape.

**Accommodation:** Ship • **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

### DAY 4: DRAKE PASSAGE

Settling into the sailor's life, today we will cross the middle of the Drake Passage – the body of water between the South Shetland islands of Antarctica and South America's Cape Horn. As you pass by the Cape you will hear about Robert Swan's incredible journeys through these seas, and Jeff Bonaldi's recounting of the history of Antarctic exploration. Cape Horn is on the small island of Hornos, marking the point at which the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans come together. We will have an opportunity to "Turn the Horn", a traditional reference to sailing from 50 degrees south of one coast to 50 degrees south of the other, literally moving around Cape Horn itself to enjoy the scenery from all angles. As we cross the Antarctic Convergence you will imagine how centuries ago the great explorers made the same voyage in wooden ships as we close the evening sharing old ship stories while staring into the endless seas and starry night.



**Accommodation:** Ship • **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner

#### DAY 5: DRAKE PASSAGE

This is the second full day of your exploration at sea. At last, we will experience the end of the mighty Drake Passage. Historically the Drake Passage brings potentially turbulent seas, but this comes with the benefit of a wealth of incredible local wildlife including petrels, albatross, whales, dolphins, and penguins. As we head through the South Shetland Islands, all eyes will be on the horizon watching for the first iceberg as Antarctica comes to meet us.

Accommodation: Ship • Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner

### DAY 6: CRYSTAL SOUND & PROSPECT POINT

We have reached Antarctica! Cameras at the ready! Our first destination will be Crystal Sound, a supremely impressive body of water. Take in the blueish-white ice around you, this location is nothing short of stunning. After crossing the Crystal Sound we will journey to the Fish Islands which are home to thousands of penguins and other wildlife. East of the Fish Islands is Prospect Point, final destination of the day, which will immerse you in the pristine scenery of the continent. Take in the beauty of the landscape on your first day in Antarctica.



**Accommodation:** Ship • **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner

#### DAY 7: NEKO HARBOR

Drop anchor in Neko Harbor! An opportunity to explore and hike through the poignant scenery and coastline is upon us. Set against steep rock cliffs and glacier fronts, the site boasts a unique topography that is a temptation for geologists and explorers alike. Visit Meditation Rock where you can reflect on the scenery and this extraordinary adventure. Gentoo penguins mate here, leopard seals play in the water, and if you're lucky you might also see a Minke whale or two! As you scour the biosphere for wildlife, ponder the history of Neko Harbor. Neko Harbor was discovered in the early 20th century and named for the Scottish whaling boat, the 'Neko', which operated in this area between 1911 and 1924, making it a source of rich history for climate change observers. Today, you also pass Cuverville Island via the Errera Channel.

#### DAY 8: DANCO ISLAND AND WILHELMINA BAY

Another glorious expedition day awaits. Today, we visit Danco Island and Wilhelmina Bay. Both locations gained recognition through the Belgian Antarctic Expedition (1897-1899) under Adrien de Gerlache. Danco Island has sprawling peaks and cliffs as well as beautiful glaciers. The remarkable scenery depicts the true beauty of the continent. After Danco Island, we'll head to another



popular destination known as Wilhelmina Bay. Equally impressive as Danco Island in its offering of natural beauty, Wilhelmina Bay has jagged mountain peaks rising out of a snow-filled landscape. Be on the lookout for Humpback Whales as Wilhelmina Bay is a favorite spot for whales and whale watchers alike.

**Accommodation:** Ship • **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner

### DAY 9: DECEPTION ISLAND, WHALER'S BAY, AND AITCHO ISLANDS

Day 9 features one of the most popular destinations of the journey: Deception Island. The site of an active volcano, Deception Island will transport you to another world entirely, as you survey the ash-layered glaciers, steaming beaches, and barren volcanic slopes. The island itself is a very distinctive horseshoe shape, opening out through a narrow channel to the sea from what is known as Neptune's Bellows. Experience the volcano up close, as we sail directly into the middle of the volcano from the comfort of the ship. Penguins will be standing by to say hello as you explore the dark, volcanic sand beaches. The island is a window back in time to the Antarctic whaling industry of the 19th and 20th centuries. You will see skeletons of whales and the infrastructure of buildings still preserved in Whaler's Bay. In the past, whaling in Antarctica was so prevalent that it almost brought the population of whales in the region to the point of extinction. The volcanic activity also gives you the opportunity to swim in the waters of Pendulum Cove, where the water itself is nice and warm! It makes for a relaxing break in a location like no other, soothing away the hours in a comfortably warm spa. Finally, visit the Aitcho Islands for a friendly encounter with Chinstrap and Gentoo Penguins.

**Accommodation:** Ship • **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner

### DAY 10: DRAKE PASSAGE

As we navigate further north, we head to the South Shetland Islands and begin our journey back to Ushuaia through the mighty Drake Passage. Reflect upon the splendor of Antarctica. Consider the weight of the mission as well, as it is up to all of us to preserve Antarctica and the Earth. You have now seen for yourself the effects of climate change on Antarctica and, to a larger degree, the planet. Your trip leaders will teach you more about the actions you can take, equipping you with the tools you need to help make real change in the world. You will start to learn more about how to take the message beyond the confines of the ship, and cement this trip as a life-changing experience to change the world. The journey doesn't end when you sail back to Ushuaia.



Accommodation: Ship • Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner

#### DAY 11: DRAKE PASSAGE TO USHUAIA

As you continue back through the Drake Passage, while the end of the expedition may seem near, this is really the beginning of your new life as an explorer and a member of the 2041 ClimateForce family. Your trip leaders will help develop your ideas of possible solutions to the problems we face as a species, which will help you reflect on your plan for the future. We will provide you with the information you need to aid in the fight against climate change. A film screening and slideshow of the journey taken so far will close out the day, and we will get to share photos and memories.

**Accommodation:** Ship • **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner

#### DAY 12: USHUAIA

As dawn rises over the horizon, it is time to return to the world beyond this icy landscape. Before boarding a plane home, you will have the final opportunity to take in Glacier Martial and the diverse wildlife. With wonderful photographs, unique memories, and new friends, you will feel inspired by all you have learned with a deeper appreciation for the effects of climate change. More importantly, you leave with the understanding that we can work together for the betterment of mankind.



Accommodation: N/A • Meals: Breakfast

# TALKS & WORKSHOPS

# LET'S SAVE THE LAST PRISTINE CONTINENT ROBERT SWAN, FOUNDER, 2041 FOUNDATION

The preservation of the last pristine continent is paramount. As the world struggles with overconsumption of natural resources, we look to protect Antarctica. In the year 2041, a 50-year treaty created to preserve this great landscape will expire. Listen to Swan as he discusses how he took up the mission to preserve Antarctica. From the inspiration of other explorers' accomplishments, to becoming the first man to trek to both Poles, and his journey to the South Pole where he experienced physical hardship caused by climate change, Swan will captivate you with his stories. As he accepted the challenge from the incredible Jacques Cousteau, Swan will discuss the problems facing the success of the mission and what we can do to save the last pristine continent.

# HISTORY OF EXPLORATION IN ANTARCTICA JEFF BONALDI, CEO, THE EXPLORER'S PASSAGE

Jeff Bonaldi will discuss the fascinating history of Antarctic exploration which, in many ways is the last frontier. It is as beautiful as it is inhospitable, and that interests many of the bravest explorers. For some background, in 1773 James Cook first crossed the Antarctic Circle, however, he and his crew did not witness the continent itself. Several groups claimed to have had the first sighting in 1820, but Captain John Davis is most likely the first to have stepped on the continent. Since the recognition of its existence, many explorers have journeyed to Antarctica. Explorers Roald Amundsen of Norway and Robert Falcon Scott battled to be the first to the South Pole. Sir Ernest Shackleton was another polar explorer, who led three British voyages to Antarctica. Journeying with us on this voyage, Robert Swan became the first to trek to both poles. These explorers paved the way for a better understanding of the Antarctic.

# THE SOUTH AND NORTH POLE CHALLENGES ROBERT SWAN, FOUNDER, 2041 FOUNDATION

In this talk, Robert Swan, Founder of 2041, will talk about the challenges he faced in becoming the first man to trek to both the North and South Poles. He will discuss the many obstacles he had to overcome in hopes to inspire against adversity. Swan looks to demonstrate the ability and mindset to turn setbacks into opportunities, and failures into successes. While retelling the tales that brought him success, Swan will talk about the key lessons he has learned throughout his extraordinary life of adventure. His tales of inspiration will be sure to have a positive message to use in your own lives.

## TALKS & WORKSHOPS (CTD)

# THE CHALLENGES & SCIENCE BEHIND CLIMATE CHANGE DAVID HONE, CLIMATE EXPERT

Climate change is threatening our planet. Large statistical variations in weather patterns are changing at an alarming rate. Although climate change refers to the broader causations, it is most closely associated with the human impacts. Through our overconsumption and negligence, global warming has become disastrous, and nowhere is this more evident than in the polar regions. Unfortunately, the political landscape around climate change is muddied. Despite the scientific evidence, naysayers continue to block the change needed to preserve our environment. Some things we can do to focus on change are to monitor our natural resource consumption, use renewable energy, recycle, and adopt sustainability practices. We must facilitate dialogue with leaders in industry, business, and government to create change.

### STORYTELLING 101 BARNEY SWAN, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR, CLIMATEFORCE

Storytelling is an art form. It has been an integral part of humanity's culture since inception. In this workshop, Barney Swan, the International Director of ClimateForce will deconstruct how to effectively tell a story or convey a message. By walking you through his life story Swan will explain how he decided to lead a life of conservation and will show you the tools of constructing your story to have a positive impact on your life and those around you. As the art of understanding your own story begins to be illuminated, Swan will explain the power of mastering it in order to create the best version yourself.

# THE SHIP

#### **OCEAN VICTORY**

We are pleased to be sailing to Antarctica on the brand new Ocean Victory expedition ship. The Ocean Victory uses 60% less energy than other ships of comparable size, and has the lowest carbon emissions per passenger in the entire industry.

With a total of 93 comfortable staterooms for our guests, all with a view of the ocean, (and 90% with their own balcony), several restaurants, a wellness area, a Nordic Bar, an open deck dining facility, a modern lecture lounge, and other amenities, the vessel will also be environmentally-friendly onboard, with an implementation of our Green Initiative Program, ensuring both absolute comfort and sustainability for guests.

With the highest Polar code 6 and Ice class 1A, Ocean Victory is the ideal vessel for small-ship cruising due to her sturdy construction and X-Bow\*-Infinity class, which provides high stability in rough weather and allows for the smoothest movements on high waves, and a Solas 2012 classification which facilitates a safe return to port.

The vessel is part of a brand new generation of low-energy vessels, with 4 diesel engines and 2 electro engines, all controlled electronically to optimize speed and fuel consumption.



# ACCOMMODATIONS - LAND

#### **ARAKUR RESORT & SPA**

For the first two nights in Ushuaia, we will be staying at the Arakur Resort & Spa. Located in a privileged environment, on a natural balcony inside Reserva Natural Cerro Alarkén, Arakur is much more than

a luxury hotel - it is an experience that will be etched in the memory of its visitors. With a standards-based sustainable architectural design, Arakur Resort & Spa extends along a spectacular, natural balcony situated 800 feet above sea level, surrounded by stunning panoramic views, native forests, natural terraces, and green areas harmoniously integrated into the environment. The magnificent lobby welcomes guests with its large windows, the warmth of their fireplaces, and a sophisticated decor made with materials such as wood, stone and natural fabrics.



#### **SERVICES & FEATURES**

- Buffet breakfast
- Wi-Fi Internet
- Business center
- Guided hiking tours to the Reserva Natural Cerro Alarkén
- Ushuaia city center shuttle
- Heated pool
- Gym

# AIRPORT TRANSFERS

**Arrival:** Due to varying arrival times, TEP will NOT be providing transportation from the airport to the hotel. However, you can reach our hotel by car service, taxi, or bus/taxi combination. To ensure an ease of travel, we recommend booking your airport transfer in advance.

**Departure:** Immediately following your landing back in Ushuaia, TEP will be providing transportation to the airport at one specified time.

# ADVENTURE DETAILS

Our adventures are all-inclusive, crafted with the intent of providing you with an unforgettable adventure travel experience.

During your trip, our knowledgeable guides and support staff take care of the details of your transportation, lodging, meals, and activities. We've even scheduled in a bit of free time for you to explore, relax, shop, or eat on your own.

For the 2041 ClimateForce Antarctic Expedition, the following inclusions/exclusions apply:

#### WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Comprehensive pre-departure information package that includes trip details, all applicable forms, and packing lists
- All lodging (hotel in Ushuaia and cabins on the ship) as noted in the itinerary
- Most meals as noted in the itinerary
- Experienced trip leaders
- Additional support guides
- All support vehicles, ground transportation, and boats (where applicable)
- Most necessary activity equipment

#### WHAT IS TYPICALLY NOT INCLUDED

- Air and land transportation to and from host city
- Airport taxes (if any)
- Excess baggage charges
- Pre- and post-trip accommodations
- Optional activities and spa services
- Personal items
- Insurance
- Cost of medical immunizations
- Most alcoholic beverages
- Optional gratuities for TEP trip leaders, guides, and local staff

### TRIP ACTIVITY LEVEL INDEX

#### MODERATE LEVEL ADVENTURE

"Moderate" trips are more active and require endurance. Hikes may include occasional steep ascents and terrain may be varied.

#### **TREKKING**

This adventure includes a number of trekking excursions on land, glaciers, snow, and ice. While the trip does not require technical climbing or mountaineering skills, excellent physical condition is a must, as terrain is varied.

#### **ZODIACS AND SEA KAYAKING**

This adventure includes a number of Zodiac cruises. There is also an optional Polar Plunge, which is an invigorating chance to immerse yourself in Antarctic waters.

Our skilled Trip Leaders are here to support you throughout your journey, working tirelessly to make your Antarctica experience as seamless, memorable, and comfortable as possible. Also, note that temperatures can drop below 30 degrees (F), and windy conditions can be present on activities, so it is important to pack and dress accordingly.



### **OUR EXPEDITION LEADERS**

#### ROBERT SWAN, OBE

#### **FOUNDER 2041 FOUNDATION**

On November 3, 1984, Robert Swan traveled 14,842 nautical miles (27,487 km) to Antarctica. Swan was Inspired by the great Robert Falcon Scott, the British Navy Officer and Explorer who in 1912 led the 2nd team to ever reach the South Pole. Swan's incredible crossing of Antarctica, some 900 miles (1,400 km), would be even more ambitious, and on January 11, 1986, after 70 days, Swan's team had achieved the longest unassisted march ever made in history. Three years later, on May 14, 1989, Swan and a team of 7 explorers reached the North Pole, making Swan the first man to trek to both the North and South Poles. He was awarded the Polar Medal by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and is a United Nations Goodwill Ambassador for Youth.

The experiences at the Poles allowed Swan to witness the effects of climate change firsthand, and he shifted his life's purpose to working toward solutions to the greatest threat on Earth. Swan is one history's greatest survivalists, and has spent his life doing the impossible and inspiring the world. He has shown us countless times under the most dire of situations his strength, courage and fortitude. There is no better leader on this planet to lead this mission, to lead OUR mission. Join us and be part of history to join Swan's fight and the fight for humanity to solve the greatest threat for survival that our planet faces. Through his organization '2041', Robert Swan has traveled to all corners of the globe to inspire and build leaders in order to create a more sustainable world. Robert is on a 50-year mission to help preserve Antarctica and our planet. His story of unbelievable spirit will take you on a journey of inspiration, courage, and humility.



### **OUR EXPEDITION LEADERS**

#### BARNEY SWAN,

#### INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR, CLIMATEFORCE

Barney Swan was born in the United Kingdom, raised in tropical Far North Australia, and now lives and works in California. Barney is the International Director of ClimateForce, where he manages all expeditions and ventures globally. He has developed and applied his extensive skills in alpine mountaineering, risk management, technical sailing, and leadership. In 2018, Barney completed a first ever polar exploration feat, trekking 600 miles to the South Pole surviving solely on renewable energy. This Expedition was called the South Pole Energy Challenge, and the equipment utilitzed on the Expedition was tested and supplied by NASA, Shell, Patagonia, CSM Bakery, ZeroMass and Siemens.



Using this journey as a platform for engagement, he works closely with sponsors, and partners to empower audiences with solutions, dialogues, and measurable actions plans surrounding sustainable development.

### **OUR EXPEDITION LEADERS**

#### JEFF BONALDI,

#### FOUNDER & CEO - THE EXPLORER'S PASSAGE



Jeff is the Founder & CEO of The Explorer's Passage (TEP). He created the company as a way to provide travelers with perspective on history's greatest stories through adventure travel experiences across the globe. Each of the TEP adventures have an element of purpose which helps to drive social and environmental change. TEP partners with the world's leading visionaries and institutions to provide team members with a more immersive and impactful travel experience so that guests have the opportunity to transform their lives through the power of adventure.

Previously, Jeff spent 15 years in executive leadership roles in sales, marketing, and investment

management within the global financial industry. He also participated on various industry advisory boards, and as part of a team appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York tasked to create a more stringent risk management industry framework following the global financial crisis.

The issue of climate change is a personal one for Jeff. He has been fortunate to have traveled to nearly 50 countries, and through his experiences in oceans, rivers, and mountains he has witnessed the effects of climate change firsthand. TEP's partnership with Robert and Barney Swan, along with 2041 ClimateForce, is a way for Jeff to help utilize adventure as a means to combat climate change.

Jeff's objective is to use his organizations to help tackle the world's most important social issues through ventures across the planet. He believes that business can and should be used as a force for good in the world.

### **OUR EXPEDITION LEADERS**

### ADRIAN CROSS ("JUMPER"), EXPEDITION SAFETY OFFICER



Adrian Cross, known as "Jumper," is a mountain- and arctic-trained ex-member of Her Majesty's British Forces. Jumper has been a key member of Robert Swan's team since 1998. An accomplished Ocean Yachtsman, he was instructed to lead an eight-member strong team by yacht into the Antarctic. The mission's intent was to perform a photographic reconnaissance to record and survey the 1,500 tons of rubbish, which Robert Swan and his crew subsequently removed from King George Island. Jumper and his team also photographed 16 global warming indicator sites along the Antarctic Peninsula; UNESCO awarded him for his efforts in the year 2000. Undertaking numerous expeditions into the ice alongside Robert and the team, he also

worked on the circumnavigation of Africa by the organization's yacht "2041" and its South African crew. Presently, his skills are still used in the Bristol Marine Academy as a Safety & Training Consultant based in the UK.

# **EQUIPMENT LIST**

### ANTARCTICA IS AN UNPREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENT. BELOW YOU WILL FIND WHAT WE RECOMMEND TO KEEP YOU WARM AND DRY.

Our expedition to Antarctica takes place during the austral summer. Although it can be sunny, expect rain, snow, fog, and a high wind-chill factor.

During the summer, the temperature in the Antarctic Peninsula generally doesn't go much below freezing. The average temperature range is between 3°C and 7°C (37°F to 44°F).

You know your body. Adjust our equipment list accordingly if your extremities (hands, feet, ears) easily get cold. Concentrate on quick-drying, lightweight clothing. Fleece and other synthetic materials dry quickly and have good insulating properties, even when wet. It is important to note that cotton is cold when wet, and takes a long time to dry.

We are always happy to talk gear, so if in doubt - call or email!



For pricing, dates, & more details please call 855-208-6800 or visit us at www.explorerspassage.com

# **EQUIPMENT LIST**

### LAYERING OF CLOTHING IS THE SOLUTION TO MAINTAINING COMFORTABLE AND SAFE TEMPERATURES FOR THE BODY IN ANTARCTICA.

Build up layers when it's cold: thermal underwear, fleece/warm shirt, wool sweater, fleece jacket, waterproof jacket. Remove layers to avoid sweating when you start getting hot. Below are some examples on how to layer for shore landings in the Antarctic:

#### 1st Layer:

There is no substitute for thermal underwear top & bottom. Make sure they are not made from cotton.

### 2nd Laver:

Fleece or long sleeve shirt on top.

#### 3rd Layer:

We recommend another layer consisting of a wool sweater or fleece jacket.

#### 4th Layer:

A waterproof jacket that covers your hips. Waterproof rain, ski, or snowboard pants work well on the bottom. When you are on the Zodiac, your backside will get wet. Many ski and snowboard-type jackets and pants now offer a high waterproof rating and are great for Antarctic conditions.

PLEASE NOTE, Ski jackets, pants and gloves are not always waterproof.

Please see WATERPROOFING description at end of this packet.

# **EQUIPMENT LIST**

#### HIKING BOOTS AND MUCK BOOTS

For the Expedition, you should have footwear made of water-resistant material for walks around Ushuaia. Please keep in mind that the conditions could consist of mud, snow, ice, or dry dirt. Proper footwear is necessary.

It is highly recommended that you either bring your own waterproof hiking boots or rent muck boots through one of our partner providers for our water based and on-shore adventure activities. Please contact one of our adventure consultants for more information.

#### BAGS AND GEAR

Luggage for the Antarctic is a challenge. You need to carry adequate cold weather gear, which is bulky and often heavy.

Luggage should be easy to carry, preferably a large soft duffle bag. This will accommodate bulky boots, etc.

Check with your airline for the luggage allowance between your departure destination and Ushuaia. There may be a weight limitation.

Please bring a backpack for day trips ashore, preferably one that is waterproof and is large enough to carry spare clothing, cameras, water, notebooks etc.

Bring a lot of plastic ziploc bags to ensure your gear stays dry. If you don't have a bag liner or waterproof cover, you can line your daypack with a large garbage bag to keep things dry.

We suggest using a drybag for expensive and fragile camera equipment.

# **EQUIPMENT LIST**

#### **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

- Two (2) polyester or wool/synthetic blend thermal underwear bottoms, mid-weight in wicking breathable fabrics
- Three (3) pairs of socks: thick wool/poly blend socks
- Fleece trousers to wear under your waterproof pants
- Waterproof jacket: Gore-Tex or similar
- Waterproof pants: Gore-Tex or similar. Must be able to go over your pants or fleece trousers.
- Balaclava with ear protection or neck warmer/snood.
- One (1) pair of gloves EXTEMELY waterproof with GORE-TEX or similar
- Hiking boots/shoes waterproof
- Comfortable clothes and shoes for on the ship, no open toe sandals or flip flops. Bring enough clothing to see you through your 2-week trip. It will be warm on board the ship so bring comfortable clothing: jeans, t-shirts, sweaters, etc., for everyday use.
- Sunglasses with 100% UV with side protection. Polarization recommended, but not required.
- Sunglass holders
- Watch
- Spare reading glasses/contacts (if you wear them normally)
- Personal medical kit: Small medical kit containing prescription medicines and over-the counter medication for basic ailments such as stomach upsets, allergies, headaches.
- Sunglass strap or holder (often a string that goes around your neck)
- Extra camera batteries and twice the amount of film/memory cards you think you may need
- Laptop computer Computers are not mandatory, but they are very useful for downloading and sharing photos as well as writing onboard.
- Memory stick (USB) to share photos
- Reusable water bottle
- Lip protection (with SPF sun block)
- Sun block (factor 50 or higher is recommended)

# **EQUIPMENT LIST**

#### **OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT**

- Swimsuit or swim shorts (for possible polar plunge)
- Seasickness medication, bracelets or patches if prone to illness on ships
- Country, company, or sponsorship flags for photo opportunities
- Mp3 player/iPod
- Ski goggles
- Diary or journal
- Glove liners (useful for picture taking)
- Walking/ski poles collapsible trekking poles
- Headlamp
- Heated hand warmers (for use inside of gloves)
- 220v/110v electrical converter with adapter plug set (220v- European-style, round two-prong for Ushuaia and 110v - North America style, at 2 prong for the ship)
- Personal snacks (if you have savory and sweet favorites)
- Dry bag for transporting camera and equipment on Zodiacs. Ziploc plastic bags also work well.

# **EQUIPMENT LIST**

#### UNDERSTANDING WATERPROOFING & BREATHABILITY

Most often the specs listed on the garment hangtag have a number (such as 5K or 10,000mm). This figure is supposed to give you an idea of how waterproof the garment is. The term "waterproof" should mean, literally, something that is impervious to water. That's what it meant before the advent of waterproof breathable materials. Metals, glass, and thick rubber are waterproof. Waterproof breathable fabrics, however, are highly water-resistant and allow moisture to move away from the body, keeping you warm while not letting water come in.

Look on the hangtag or clothing tag for these numbers:

#### WATERPROOFING IN MM TRANSLATED

- 0mm:
  - not waterproof in any way. Sieves, screen doors, basketball nets.
- rain resistant, but not rainproof. Most stretch-woven so shells fall here.
- 1000mm-5000mm: rainproof but not waterproof under pressure (sitting on or leaning against wet surfaces). Engineered (laminated) so shells, inexpensive rain shells, low-end ski and snowboard wear.
- 5000mm-15,000mm:
  - ANTARCTICA ACCEPTABLE totally rainproof and generally waterproof unless under serious pressure (extended sitting, submersion, consistent pour). Most proprietary coatings (generally, liquid polyurethane coatings that become porous when applied to fabrics and cured) fall in this range.
- 15,000mm-30,000mm:
  - ANTARCTICA ACCEPTABLE totally waterproof, even under serious pressure. High-end proprietary PU laminates, PTFE membranes like eVent and Gore-Tex fabrics. Can withstand shallow-depth submersion without leaking (fishing waders, drysuits for sailing).
- **35,000mm** and up: Solid vessels and non-porous materials. Will deform or fail catastrophically before leaking. Water bottles, rubber galoshes, aircraft arriers.

#### **BREATHABILITY**

Breathability represents how much perspiration vapor can escape through a fabric from the inside out, pulling sweat away from your body and keeping you dry, which in turn, keeps us warm. There's no standardized test to measure breathability, and sometimes, manufacturers just use whatever number makes their products look the best. Consider a reputable company that offers good guarantees and reputable consumer reviews.

Some brands that Team Leaders use: • Patagonia

- Arc'teryx
- Marmot
- Mountain Hardware
- North Face
- Black Diamond

# **SUSTAINABILITY**

# Responsible travel is at the core of the TEP planning process.

At TEP we're excited not only to introduce you to The Stories behind each of our unique destinations, but also to share with you the sustainable practices we employ when experiencing these delicate environments. From the pristine landscapes we explore, to the local families whose homes we're welcomed into, you'll learn quickly that responsible travel is at the core of the TEP planning process.

Whether on the trail, sailing on the open seas, or getting to know the individuals with whom we come in contact on an adventure, the seven principles of Leave No Trace serve as the pillars of our outdoor ethics:

- 1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
- **2.** Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
- **3.** Dispose of Waste Properly
- **4.** Leave What You Find
- **5.** Minimize Campfire Impacts
- **6.** Respect Wildlife
- **7.** Be Considerate of Other Visitors

As members of Sustainable Travel International (STI), we work hard to adhere to these guidelines, as well as to the tenets of our own sustainability management plan.

TEP Keys to Sustainable Management:

- 1 **LOW IMPACT:** Small group sizes and Leave No Trace principles help to minimize the environmental impact on each of our trips.
- **2. THINK LOCAL:** Employing local guides and purchasing local foods and services encourages respectful relationships and supports each of the communities we visit.
- 3. **INTENTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS:** We strive to choose partners who also practice environmentally sound methods in their respective businesses.

TEP is a proud participant in STI's Sustainable Tourism Education Program (STEP), which is built on a foundation of globally recognized best practices for properly interacting with both the cultural and environmental aspects of the places we travel.

# SUSTAINABILITY (CTD)

The ongoing climate change issues are of great importance to TEP. As we explore the world and take in the beautiful scenery around us, we recognize the mounting need to preserve and care for our planet. TEP is committed to helping protect these landscapes, natural resources, and communities. Climate change is one of the greatest challenges humanity has come up against. It will take a global effort to implement the necessary change. TEP looks to improve the message surrounding climate change in order to accomplish our goals. As we partner with 2041 ClimateForce, we look to leave behind a healthy and beautiful planet.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### **SEASICKNESS**

Everyone reacts differently to sea conditions whether during the crossing of the infamous Drake Passage to Antarctica or during calmer seas.

We advise that you come prepared. Ask your physician if it is appropriate to have seasickness medication prescribed for you and/or if there are other methods which you can utilize to help with potential issues.

Tips: If you are prone to motion sickness, it is best to avoid alcohol, tobacco, excess liquids and confined spaces.

#### ONBOARD MEDICAL CARE AND FACILITIES

Your ship will have a doctor aboard. There is also a medical clinic that is stocked with a supply of common prescription medicines and basic first aid equipment.

If you are under regular treatment for any ailment, you must bring a sufficient supply of medicines for yourself. We cannot accept responsibility for not having a specific brand or type of drug on board.

#### **PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

All passengers are responsible for obtaining all necessary passport and visas prior to the departure of your voyage. It is imperative that you secure any passport updates or necessary visas several months before the start of the Expedition, to guard against any delays or bureaucratic bottlenecks.

You must have a valid passport to participate in our expeditions. When you embark on your voyage, an Expedition Team member will collect your passport and hold it for safekeeping during your entire voyage. Your passport must be valid for six (6) months beyond the return date of your expedition.

#### **RECIPROCITY FEE**

Depending on your country of residence there may be a Reciprocity Fee.

For more information, download the Reciprocity Fee Guidebook, contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date information.

Please Note: This is a government fee and has nothing to do with TEP.

#### **GETTING TO ANTARCTICA**

This voyage begins and ends in Ushuaia, Argentina.

You can arrive in Ushuaia by international flight from many major airports around the world, often connecting first in Buenos Aires. We usually encourage passengers to plan a minimum of two days of travel in case of lay-overs or unexpected airline delays.

# ANTARCTIC TREATY RECOMMENDATION XVIII-1

As our mission is to preserve Antarctica and protect the global biosphere, it is important to adhere to the rules and regulations laid out by the 18<sup>th</sup> Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting. With an increasing number of visitors to Antarctica, this treaty recommendation outlines appropriate behavior while in Antarctica.

#### A. PROTECT ANTARCTIC WILDLIFE

Taking, or harmful interference with, Antarctic wildlife is prohibited except in accordance with a permit issued by a national authority

#### B. RESPECT PROTECTED AREAS

A variety of areas in the Antarctic have been afforded special protection because of their particular ecological, scientific, historic or other values. Entry into certain areas may be prohibited except in accordance with a permit issued by an appropriate national authority. Activities in and near designated Historic Sites and Monuments and certain other areas may be subject to special restrictions

#### C. RESPECT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Do not interfere with scientific research, facilities or equipment

#### D. BE SAFE

Be prepared for severe and changeable weather. Ensure that your equipment and clothing meet Antarctic standards. Remember that the Antarctic environment is inhospitable, unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

#### E. KEEP ANTARCTICA PRISTINE

Antarctica remains relatively pristine, and has not yet been subjected to large scale human perturbation. It is the largest wilderness area on Earth. Please keep it that way.

# **ADVENTURE TERMS & CONDITIONS**

#### TRIP ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Our goal is to provide you with an unforgettable adventure. We take a lot of pride in our itineraries, as we have invested an enormous amount of time and energy into creating and organizing them. Sometimes, however, due to unexpected circumstances trips don't always go according to plan. Because of this, we reserve the right to cancel or change aspects of the itinerary at any time, and for any reason, without notice and for any reason whatsoever, without allowance or refund to you. This includes but is not limited to the right to substitute the headline explorer with another explorer/guest speaker in the event of unforeseen circumstances or circumstances outside of our control. We cannot depart from our cancellation policy if a substitution is required given our financial and other commitments to our independent suppliers, which are made far in advance of the trip departure date. For this reason, we highly recommend that you purchase travel insurance that permits you to cancel for any reason. While we hope that you would still participate on the trip in the event of a substitution, such travel insurance could help protect you financially in situations where you wish to cancel because of a substitution and are subject to TEP's cancellation policy.

#### **TEP CANCELLATION POLICY**

If you must cancel your reservation, cancellation charges will apply. Please see our expedition terms and conditions at <a href="https://www.explorerspassage.com/terms/">https://www.explorerspassage.com/terms/</a>

#### **FLIGHTS**

TEP does not have an air department. When either booking your flights on your own or speaking to a travel agent, please note the time for our welcome orientation and activities begins on the first day at 4:30 PM. TEP does not provide airport transfers at the start of this adventure but does provide a group transfer at the conclusion.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Given the active, often remote and international nature of our adventures, and our strict refund policy, we REQUIRE you to purchase travel insurance. We REQUIRE a policy with a minimum of \$200,000 in Emergency Evacuation / Medical protection. Choose from a number of plan options that include evacuation, medical, and cancellation protection. To learn more, please visit <a href="https://www.explorerspassage.com/support/insurance/">https://www.explorerspassage.com/support/insurance/</a>, or call one of our adventure consultants at 1-855- 208- 6800.

#### HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE 2041 CLIMATEFORCE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION?

To learn more or to sign up for the 2041 ClimateForce Antarctic Expedition, please see below:

- Learn more at https://www.explorerspassage.com/robert-swan-antarctica-expedition/
- Apply at www.explorerspassage.com/climateforceapplication/
- Call toll-free at 1-855-208-6800
- Email us at info@explorerspassage.com

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