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AE Expeditions Unveils New 2026-27 Antarctica Season



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AE Expeditions (part of Aurora Expeditions) Antarctica 2025 - 2027 season brochure [available here](#)

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA – December 5, 2024 – Today, [AE Expeditions](#), a pioneer in responsible and immersive small ship exploration, has released its new Antarctica 2026-27 season, which will introduce several special edition expeditions catering to adventure enthusiasts, photographers, science and enrichment seekers and women travellers. The season features 27 unique voyages ranging from nine to 34 days, sailing aboard AE Expeditions three state-of-the-art, purpose-built expedition vessels the *Greg Mortimer*, *Sylvia Earle* and the brand-new *Douglas Mawson*.

As a part of the new season, travellers will experience the White Continent's pristine beauty including the Antarctic Peninsula, East Antarctica & Ross Sea, South Georgia and Falklands~Malvinas. Returning for the 2026-27 season are the best-selling 'Spirit of Antarctica' and 'South Georgia, Falklands & Antarctic Odyssey' itineraries along with fly voyages the 'Antarctic Explorer' and 'Antarctic Explorer Express.' The action-packed 'Antarctica Active: All-Inclusive Activities' voyage also returns, featuring camping, snorkelling, snowshoeing, paddling, and more.

New for the 2026-27 season, AE Expeditions' is introducing the 10-day 'Taste of Antarctica', perfect for time-conscious travellers seeking a stunning introduction to the remote destination. In addition, the season is packed with specialty voyages including the expedition travel company's beloved Photography Expedition, a Women's Only Voyage aboard the *Sylvia Earle*, and two trips in partnership with [New Scientist Discovery Tours](#).

"Antarctica continues to inspire and captivate explorers from all walks of life, and our 2026-27 season is designed to deepen those connections," said Michael Heath, Chief Executive Officer, AE Expeditions. "With the addition of new itineraries like 'Taste of Antarctica' and a dynamic lineup of themed expeditions, including our new Women's Only Voyage and itineraries in partnership with New Scientist, we are thrilled to offer travellers even more ways to immerse themselves in the beauty, science, and adventure of Antarctica. This season truly reflects our commitment to creating transformative journeys that leave both our travellers and the destinations they visit enriched."

Season highlights include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **New Scientist Discovery Tours**

New Scientist Discovery Tours, inspired by the renowned science and technology publication, offers a unique way to explore the polar regions through a scientific lens. In partnership with AE Expeditions, these experiences blend stunning landscapes with discovery and education. As a part of the voyage, guests will enjoy expert-led talks, workshops, and excursions on topics like glaciology and marine biology, joined by Marine Biologist Dr. Russell Arnott.

- [Spirit of Antarctica: In Partnership with New Scientist Discovery Tours](#)

Ushuaia/Ushuaia, 12 Days, Dec. 7 -18, 2026 on the Douglas Mawson

Join a voyage to the Antarctic Peninsula with fellow curious travellers, in collaboration with New Scientist Discovery Tours. While crossing the legendary Drake Passage, participate in lectures and workshops in the onboard Science Centre, observe seabirds in flight, or connect with your fellow passengers and expedition team. Upon reaching the Antarctic Peninsula, experience the awe-inspiring icy landscapes and encounter the region's remarkable wildlife.

- [Wild Antarctica featuring the Weddell Sea: In partnership with New Scientist](#)

Punta Arenas/Ushuaia, 13 Days, March 2 - 14, 2027 on the Sylvia Earle

The Weddell Sea, known for its expansive sea ice, pack ice and colossal icebergs, provides a striking backdrop for a voyage in partnership with New Scientist Discovery Tours. Beyond its icy vistas, the Weddell Sea offers rich opportunities for exploring wildlife, geology and paleontology. Travelers may spot ice seals in their natural habitat and, during onshore excursions, search for ancient fossils, including gastropods, large clams and spiral-shaped ammonites.

- **[Antarctic Women's Expedition: Fly the Drake](#)**

Punta Arenas/Punta Arenas, 10 Days, Feb. 23 - March 4, 2027 on the Sylvia Earle

Embark on an Antarctic adventure with like-minded women, sailing on AE Expeditions small-ship expedition vessel, the *Sylvia Earle*, which pays tribute to Dr. Sylvia Earle, an ambassador to conservation on the planet. In addition, the decks highlight six pioneering women in conservation and their incredible achievements and causes. AE Expeditions is proud to launch this new voyage, which is led by a female Expedition Leadership team, opening the door to new experiences, and new challenges.

- **[Taste of Antarctica](#)**

Ushuaia/Ushuaia, 10 Days, Feb. 9 - 18, 2027 on the Douglas Mawson

Ushuaia/Ushuaia, 10 Days, March 11 - 20, 2027 on the Greg Mortimer

This expedition offers an ideal introduction to the White Continent, blending breathtaking scenery with moments of discovery. Crossing the legendary Drake Passage by sea, as early explorers once did, expeditioners will witness magnificent seabirds and approach Antarctica in a way that connects deeply with its history and grandeur.

For more information about AE Expeditions visit www.aexpeditions.co.uk

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About AE Expeditions

AE Expeditions is part of Aurora Expeditions headquartered in Sydney, Australia.

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

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

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