



Kapitan Khlebnikov. End of an Era

The world's most legendary polar expedition vessel will retire from passenger service in March 2012.

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The legendary icebreaker *Kapitan Khlebnikov* will retire as an expedition vessel in March 2012, returning to escort duty for ships sailing the Northeast Passage. As Quark's flagship, the vessel has garnered more polar firsts than any other passenger ship. Under the command of Captain Petr Golikov, *Khlebnikov* circumnavigated the Antarctic continent, twice. The ship was the platform for the first tourism exploration of the Dry Valleys. The icebreaker has transited the Northwest Passage more than any other expedition ship. Adventurers aboard *Khlebnikov* were the first commercial travelers to witness a total eclipse of the sun from the isolation of the Davis Sea in Antarctica. In 2004, the special attributes of *Kapitan Khlebnikov* made it possible to visit an Emperor Penguin rookery in the Weddell Sea that had not been visited for 40 years.



End of an Era at a Glance

Itineraries	Start	End	Special Guests
Northwest Passage: West to East	July 18, 2010	August 5, 2010	Andrew Lambert , author of <i>The Gates of Hell: Sir John Franklin's Tragic Quest for the Northwest Passage</i> .
Tanquary Fjord: Western Ellesmere Island	August 3, 2010	August 18, 2010	BBC Film Crew , filming <i>Frozen Planet</i> the sequel to <i>Planet Earth</i> .
Ellesmere Island and Greenland: The High Arctic	August 16, 2010	August 31, 2010	
Emperor Penguins: Snow Hill Island Safari	October 13, 2010	October 26, 2010	Julie Scardina , SeaWorld and Busch Gardens Animal Ambassador
Emperor Penguins: Snow Hill Island Safari	October 25, 2010	November 7, 2010	Peter Fretwell , mapping expert for the British Antarctic Survey, used satellite imaging to discover previously unknown Emperor Penguin rookeries.
The Weddell Sea and South Georgia: Celebrating the Heroes of <i>Endurance</i>	November 6, 2010	December 5, 2010	Jonathan Shackleton , Expedition Team historian and cousin of Sir Ernest provides a unique perspective.
Epic Antarctica via the Phantom Coast and the Ross Sea	December 3, 2010	January 3, 2011	Doug Allan , Emmy and BAFTA winning wildlife cameraman, who specializes in polar filming on and below the ice. Shot <i>Planet Earth</i> and <i>Blue Planet</i> for the BBC.
Circumnavigation of the Arctic	July 10, 2011	September 13, 2011	Peter Schmidt Mikkelsen and John Murray
Northeast Passage: Siberia and the Russian Arctic	July 10, 2011	August 6, 2011	
Greenland Semi-circumnavigation: The Final Frontier	August 4, 2011	August 24, 2011	Peter Schmidt Mikkelsen , author and former member of the SIRIUS Dog Patrol in Greenland.
Arctic Passage: Amundsen's Route to Asia	August 22, 2011	September 13, 2011	John Murray , producer, director, cameraman and explorer who has made 8 polar films, including one about Franklin.
Ross Sea Centennial Voyage: Farewell to the Emperors of Antarctica	November 9, 2011	December 7, 2011	Nigel Watson , Director of the Antarctic Heritage Trust (New Zealand), responsible for preserving the historic huts of Scott, Shackleton and Borchgrevink.
Antarctica's Far East—The Farewell Voyage: Saluting the 100th Anniversary of the Australasia Antarctic Expedition	December 6, 2011	January 5, 2012	Captain Petr Golikov , first Master of Quark's <i>Kapitan Khlebnikov</i> and the only master mariner to have circumnavigated Antarctica in an expedition vessel—twice.

