

Small Ships Make the Difference

The key to really making the most of your time in Polar waters is to ensure maximum shore and Zodiac time. Ships with more than 200 passengers often find their landing sites are limited, and the logistics of disembarking the ship's complement into Zodiacs can be slow. Our small expedition ships generally offer twice daily 'off-ship' activities – both morning and afternoon – with waiting time being almost non-existent.



Akademik Sergey Vavilov

Finnish-built for the Russian Academy of Science, this ship was designed to travel quietly during hydro-acoustic research. External stabilisers and a built-in trimming system provide exceptional stability. She has an ice-strengthened hull and a cruising speed in open water of 14.5 knots.

Max capacity: 92-100 | Staff: 63



Akademik Ioffe

The Ioffe was built for the Russian Academy of Science to the same specifications as the Vavilov. All cabins have exterior views and she has plenty of open deck space. Facilities on board include a bar, sauna and plunge pool, as well as a library and a presentation room for wildlife talks and briefings.

Max capacity: 96 | Staff: 63



Spirit of Enderby

The Spirit of Enderby is a fully ice-strengthened expedition vessel, built in 1984 for Polar and oceanographic research. She has a combined bar/library and lounge area and a dedicated lecture room. All twin share cabins have outside windows or portholes.

Max capacity: 50 | Staff: 43



Ocean Adventurer

The Ocean Adventurer was built in 1976 and underwent significant refurbishment in 2017. She has a reputation as a well-appointed and elegant expedition ship. She offers fine dining and en suite cabins with exterior views.

Max capacity: 132 | Staff: 87



World Explorer

The World Explorer is distinct and comfortable, refined and spacious. Every cabin has either a private walk-out or Juliet balcony for direct ocean views. There are also plenty of public areas to unwind in, including the glass-domed observation lounge with full skyline views. Presentations and discussions are facilitated in a dedicated lecture theatre.

Max capacity: 176 | Staff: 125



Ocean Diamond

The Ocean Diamond is a modern, stable super-yacht. This outstanding ship features on board amenities such as a massage and wellness programme with yoga classes, massage therapy and aromatherapy treatments. The ship also has a well-stocked Polar library.

Max capacity: 189 | Staff: 144



Ocean Nova

Designed to carry passengers in comfort to the most remote corners of the world, Ocean Nova was built in Denmark. This ship delivers clean, crisp Scandinavian styling with a reputation as an excellent ship in the Polar regions. Ocean Nova's ice-strengthened hull has enabled the ship to sail the ice-choked waters.

Max capacity: 78 | Staff: 38



Ocean Endeavour

Ocean Endeavour is a comfortable, well-appointed expedition ship expertly engineered to explore the Polar regions. The ship offers a superb guest experience with a nautical lounge, two restaurants, sundeck, and plenty of deck space for observation of Polar landscapes.

Max capacity: 199 | Staff: 124



50 Years of Victory

The largest, most sophisticated and powerful ice breaker ever constructed. Twenty years in the making, she is the first Arktika-class ice breaker to have a spoon-shaped bow. She can break through ice up to 2.5 metres thick, allowing us to reach the North Pole.

Max capacity: 128 | Staff: 140



We believe in small environmentally aware ships and small groups to ensure we travel responsibly. Our vessels burn Marine Gas Oil (MGO) – a clean burning fuel with a low emission factor that will remain on the surface and breakdown rapidly from UV and wave action, rather than settling to the ocean floor and taking decades to breakdown.