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EXPEDITIONS



The world of superyachts and high-end luxury travel is often viewed against a backdrop of golden sand beaches and blue lagoons, however there is an increasing appetite amongst discerning travellers to seek new adventures in far-flung areas of the globe. How about a superyacht trip with penguins on the beach, or the blue lagoon is swapped for sea ice and a patrolling Polar bear? Expedition cruising can have you visiting places once only read about in the diaries of hardy explorers.

EYOS Expeditions represent a worldwide network of travel and marine professionals with knowledge and experience that leaves virtually none of the globe unknown. Collectively, the team at EYOS have thousands of expeditions to their credit – an unparalleled wealth of expertise in delivering once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Well-equipped, intrepid vessels can take you off the beaten track. Some of these expedition destinations are surprisingly close to sea lanes, requiring only a short deviation from normal cruising routes. To say 'the world is your oyster' may be perceived as a cliché however an increasing number of charter vessels are becoming capable of realising that adage and taking new explorers to places rarely – if ever – visited by a yacht.

To many, the polar regions represent the pinnacle of expedition cruising, where the

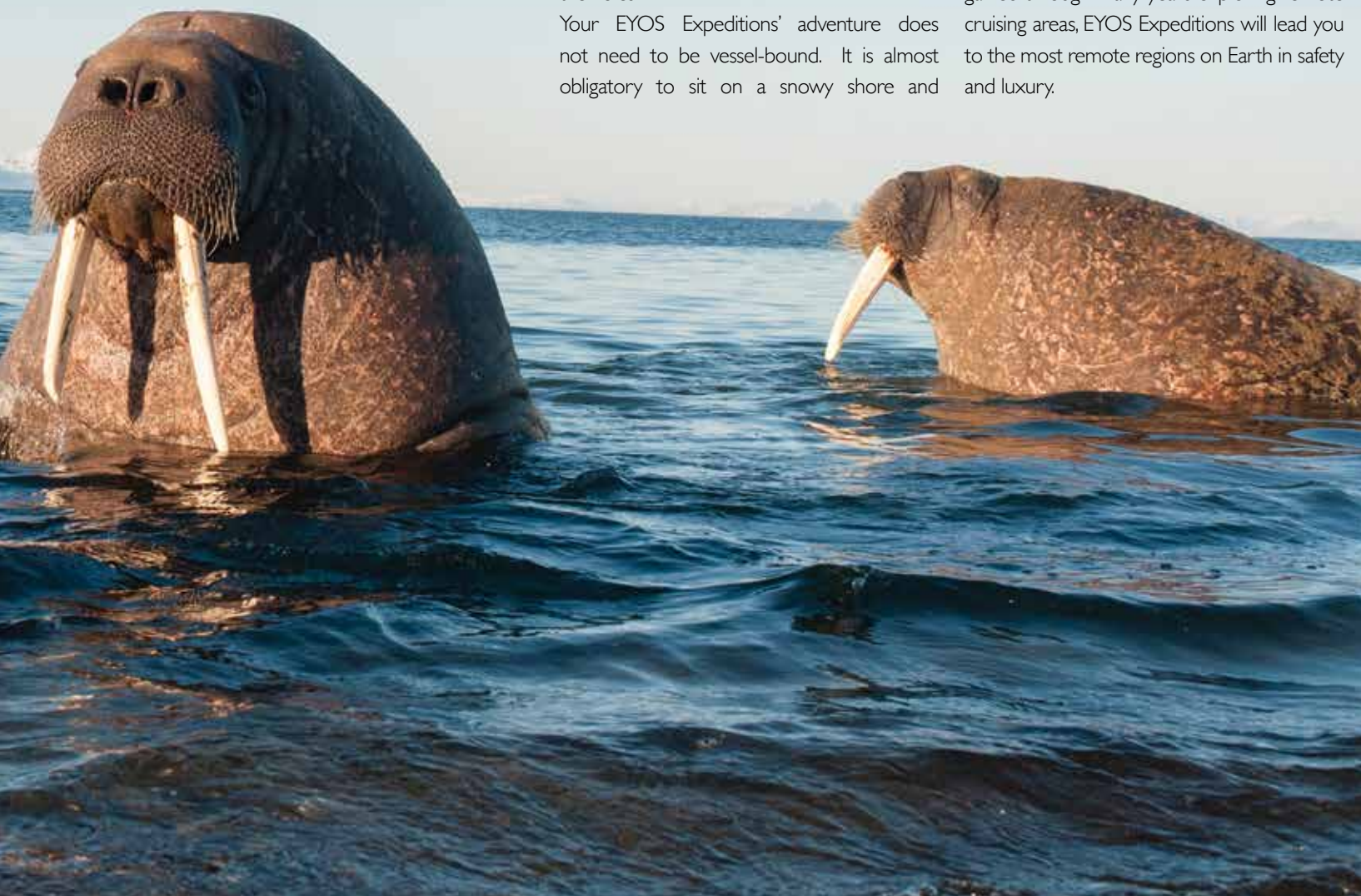
echoes of epic explorations still ring clear: A traveller can literally travel the route taken by Amundsen as he pioneered sailing through the Northwest Passage in the Canadian Arctic, or visit the historic huts built by Scott and Shackleton as they attempted to reach the South Pole. In 2014, an EYOS Expeditions' trip reached what was at the time the furthest-south-ever by a vessel. Pioneering expeditions are not consigned to the history books.

There are other wild, beautiful and remote locations that don't require parkas and mittens, but are just as expeditionary in nature. The islands and seas of Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the South Pacific offer a colourful mixture of ancient human culture, spectacular wildlife and breath-taking scenery. The desire to seek adventure and exploration, or to relax and unwind with the family away from it all, can be satisfied from the Tropics to the Poles.

Your EYOS Expeditions' adventure does not need to be vessel-bound. It is almost obligatory to sit on a snowy shore and

commune with penguins as they waddle over to investigate you. Hiking across Arctic tundra amongst reindeer harks back to our prehistoric beginnings. Some charter yachts now carry helicopters, submersibles, kayaks and scuba diving facilities. Seeing a glacial landscape from the air; paddling along at sea-level or exploring a reef deep below the waves will augment your trip with cherished and unique memories.

Certainly, visiting these vast and challenging wildernesses requires expert knowledge in the preparation and management of such an expedition. From the office arranging special permits to field guides interpreting the behaviour of whales feeding ahead of the vessel, EYOS Expeditions is a one-stop shop. Each trip is bespoke, designed around the interests of a client; expert input is provided at every stage. With hard-won knowledge, gained through many years exploring remote cruising areas, EYOS Expeditions will lead you to the most remote regions on Earth in safety and luxury.



ARCTIC

To voyage on a private vessel in polar waters harks back to very core of polar exploration and seems to nurture the spirit of pioneers such as Amundsen, who was the first to traverse the Northwest Passage aboard the converted fishing vessel Gjoa in 1903-06. Today's sleek and comfortable vessels are an infinite improvement on the conditions aboard Gjoa, and allow modern day owners and adventurers the chance to visit both the Arctic and Antarctic with relative ease. With good planning and preparation, yachts can reach adventures and experiences that remain true to the spirit of the explorers of the Heroic Era, and to do so in complete luxury.

The myriad of islands of the Svalbard archipelago (previously known as Spitzbergen, after the largest island of the group) is only a few days north of Europe. When the sea ice retreats, the islands can be explored beyond 80 degrees North – a mere six hundred miles from the North Pole. The main islands each offer a different landscape and a yacht offers a chance to experience them all; steep-sided fjords with jagged peaks, contrast with stark, rolling polar desert grazed by groups of reindeer. The frigid, rich waters surrounding Svalbard provide food for a breathtaking myriad of marine life. Seabirds in their millions plunge below the surface, exploiting the plankton explosion sparked by 24-hour sunlight. Joining them are globetrotting whales that have travelled north to gorge themselves, including consistent sightings of Blue whale. Seals and tusked walrus are found lounging on

ice floes and shallow beaches, wary of what is undoubtedly the Lord of the Arctic – the Polar bear. Svalbard is one of the best places to see ice bears, from mothers with precious cubs to intimidating, battle-weight males. Sailing along the sea ice edge and observing a Polar bear as it stalks, hunts, devours its blubbery prey is an unforgettable life experience.

The world's second largest ice-cap covers over 80% of the mighty island of Greenland, and along the West Coast, at the boundary between ice and land are some incredible fjord and mountain vistas. In a country with a massive land area but only 56,000 people (and 29,000 dogs), there are few settlements or signs of human life to interrupt your view. Repeatedly described as 'spectacular' it is easy to understand why. 2,000-metre-high peaks overlook tumbling, crumpled glaciers that spill into blue ocean. Small, exclusive trips can be augmented with activities such as heliskiing, with access to extensive runs over powder snow right down to the coast. Your transport to the aircraft is often a powerboat to shore, and your meal afterwards might be fish or muskox procured by the local hunters.

The Arctic regions offer a plethora of wild and beautiful landscapes, intriguing human history and magnificent wildlife spectacle. The majestic granite spires of Baffin Island, launch point for a westbound transit of the Amundsen's fabled Northwest Passage is less than a week's sail from New York. Your exploration of the Arctic may be closer than you think.







ANTARCTIC

Antarctica, the White Continent, is the last, unspoilt wilderness and sits at the zenith of expedition travel. This hostile yet spectacular world maintains a mythical status; careful preparation, planning and permitting is required – all designed to protect this special and important place. Expedition guides and ice-pilots will share their specialist knowledge, and guide you safely through a land that can be physically-demanding, but ultimately - and always - completely spellbinding.

Touring Antarctica by private yacht is unarguably the best way to explore this most pristine of continents. All yachts offer the ability to investigate the lesser known parts of the Antarctic Coast and to meet the amazing wildlife that inhabits these abundant seas. Time with friends and family 'off the grid' but in unparalleled luxury; it's the best of both worlds. No matter what you pack for Antarctica, you'll never have enough superlatives; it is a life altering experience.

Your yacht will carry additional equipment to enhance your enjoyment and understanding of this frozen world. Sturdy boats take you to shore to sit near penguins, or to cruise amongst sculpted icebergs. Kayaking can provide an intimate connection with the landscape; from this near-sea level perspective, the snow-capped peaks seem higher; the distant icebergs more grand. Seeing Antarctica from the same level as the seals and penguins, is an experience that connects and bonds you with the world around you. Some expedition yachts can go one step further; with the addition of a

submersible and a helicopter it is possible to explore deep below the surface and above the towering ice-scapes.

You can enjoy wildlife encounters found nowhere else. As you are endeared by the countless penguins you'll also appreciate why these often-comical characters are hardy survivors with a lot of grit. Various seal species swap languid lounging on the ice for acrobatic turns through the water; and having a Humpback whale pay a visit to your boat for a closer look is both utterly thrilling and quietly humbling.

Ice is dynamic, and the weather is the true master; a well-organised expedition will always respect that. Cruising, paddling, hiking, diving or flying through this raw, frozen wilderness is an encounter with a soul-enriching and primal need for exploration.

Perhaps the most exclusive destination on the planet, the South Pole has been an iconic goal of exploration for over 100 years. At 9000ft and 700 miles from any shore, the South Pole will never be accessible by yacht (!) but EYOS Expeditions leads personalised trips there by air or by all-wheel-drive vehicle. Participants follow in the footsteps of polar giants such as Amundsen, Scott and Shackleton in their quest for the Pole. Today, modern transport (think ski-equipped aircraft and 6-wheel drive all-terrain vehicle) make this experience far easier but no less rewarding. The very few who visit the South Pole are literally able to circle the world in a few footsteps, and camp overnight at 90degrees South under the midnight sun. The ultimate Antarctic experience!

