

MEDIA RELEASE



Aurora Expeditions Announces Special Guests Program



SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (27/07/2022) – Australia’s award-winning adventure travel company, Aurora Expeditions, has today announced its upcoming program of Special Guests, who will be joining a variety of voyages for the remainder of 2022 and into 2023.

The program aims to match inspiring and educational guests from around the world with voyages where they can share their expertise and personal insights into the incredible and remote destinations that Aurora visits.

“Education and enrichment are at the heart of the way we explore, and we are thrilled to share our Special Guests program featuring experts in the fields of exploration, conservation, science, photography, art, culture and more to enrich our expeditions with their unique perspectives, insights and experiences,” commented Michael Heath, CEO of Aurora Expeditions.

“We want our expeditioners to be inspired and connect more deeply to the places, wildlife and their fellow travellers, and to leave our voyages richer in knowledge and understanding of our planet than when they stepped on board,” added Heath.

Upcoming featured Special Guests include:

- **Dr. Karl Kruszelnicki** is a beloved Australian author, science communicator and media commentator whose career has spanned radio, TV, books, newspapers, magazines, podcasts and more. Dr. Karl's infectious enthusiasm for science will be shared with Aurora's passengers via a series of talks including lectures on climate change, space exploration, travel and more.

Voyage: [South Georgia & Antarctic Odyssey](#), 10-30 March 2023

- **Richard Morecroft** is a presenter and interviewer, narrator, speaker and author, best known for his two decades as the 7pm news presenter for ABC Television. He has always had a strong interest in wildlife and the environment and has been a longtime trustee of the WWF, is a patron of WIRES, a Governor of the Taronga Foundation and one of the Directors of the Zoological Parks Board of NSW. Richard will be delivering talks on a range of subjects, including landscapes, wildlife and art, as well as interactive and participative talks involving members of Aurora's Expedition Team.

Voyage: [Antarctic Explorer](#), 19 February-02 March 2023

- **Lisa Blair** is the first woman to sail solo around Antarctica with one stop, and in 2017 led the first all-female team in 16 years to race in the Rolex 2017 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race on board her yacht Climate Action Now. Later that year, she became the first woman to sail solo, non-stop and unassisted around Australia. Lisa has now sailed over 70,000nm and is now working on her first book, Demasted, which is to be published by Australian Geographic. Lisa will be sharing a number of talks inspired by her travels and experiences.

Voyage: [Spirit of Antarctica](#), 9-20 December 2022

- **Dr Paul Willis** is the former Director of the Royal Institution of Australia, presenter on ABC TV's Catalyst program, paleontologist and career science communicator. Paul has been on 11 expeditions to Antarctica with Aurora where he specialises in interpreting the palaeontological treasures to be found on the eastern side of the Antarctic Peninsula.

Voyage: [Wild Antarctica](#), 28 February-11 March 2023

- **Lucas Handley** is a marine biologist, underwater photographer, and Master Freedive Instructor. He has appeared as a host on the Discovery Channel and contributed to internationally acclaimed film, 'BLUE'. Lucas is passionate about ecologically sustainable development, saving our oceans and sustainable underwater tourism. He regularly runs 're-wilding' experiences; taking groups of people back into the remote corners of the watery globe to learn how to freedive, spearfish and live off the land. Amongst delivering talks, Lucas will be freediving in Antarctica with some of Aurora's passengers.

Voyages: [Antarctic Climate Expedition](#), [Wild Antarctica](#) 4-15 February 2023, [Antarctic Explorer](#) 26 January-6 February 2023, [Antarctic Explorer](#) 18-28 January 2023

- **Dr. Sylvia Earle** is the namesake of Aurora's second purpose-built vessel – an oceanographer, explorer, author, and lecturer with an insatiable passion for underwater exploration and marine conservation. Referred to as Her Deepness, Dr Earle is the recipient of more than 100 national and international honours and awards including being named Time Magazine's first Hero of the Planet. She was also the first woman to become chief scientist of the US National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration and is currently President and Chairperson of Mission Blue and the Sylvia Earle Alliance.

Voyage: [Antarctic Climate Expedition](#)

For more information on Aurora Expeditions' Special Guests program, including the full schedule, visit <https://www.auroraexpeditions.com.au/special-guests/>

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About Aurora Expeditions

Aurora Expeditions is an award-winning, Australian owned expedition company celebrating its 30th anniversary year. A pioneer in Polar Expeditions, Aurora is truly committed to environmentally responsible travel, we are committed to preserving the beauty and majesty that mother nature possesses, and we take real actions for the care of the planet.

Founded on the guiding principles of adventure and endless exploration, the small ship experience is intimate and friendly, and Aurora Expeditions takes guests on perspective-altering experiences to some of the most remote and incredible places on earth.

Aurora's two purpose-built ships, the *Greg Mortimer* and our brand-new small expedition ship the *Sylvia Earle*, are both designed for global discovery. The new ship is named after acclaimed marine biologist, oceanographer, explorer and conservationist Dr. Sylvia Earle.