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AE EXPEDITIONS' SYLVIA EARLE DEPARTS FOR ANTARCTICA



The *Sylvia Earle* inaugural sailing departs with CEO and filled to capacity

13 December 2022, London, United Kingdom – Award-winning expedition travel company [Aurora Expeditions](#)' second purpose-built small ship, *Sylvia Earle*, departed on her inaugural voyage from Ushuaia, Argentina on 10 December 2022, heading to Antarctica.

Chief Executive Officer, Michael Heath is on board the *Sylvia Earle* along with 120 passengers on this 12-day [Spirit of Antarctica](#) expedition.

“We are excited to be leaving Ushuaia behind us and sailing to Antarctica on the *Sylvia Earle*, as she explores the white continent for the first time,” says Heath. “She is looking amazing and performing well.

“With our focus on education and conservation, our goal is to immerse our expeditioners in some of the world’s most secluded and wondrous places such as the Antarctic Peninsula in a relaxed, fun and informal onboard setting,” adds Heath.

“Our highly experienced Expedition Team will be guiding and enriching our passengers while we experience myriad excursions by water and land, with enthralling activities ranging from Zodiac cruises to walks and hikes, sea kayaking, scuba-diving, snorkelling, photography, wildlife watching, camping and snowshoeing. All while creating lifelong ambassadors for the planet,” concludes Heath.

The *Sylvia Earle* features the Ulstein X-BOW®, a revolutionary inverted bow design, for sailing across tempestuous waters creating smoother and faster crossings which helps increase the passenger comfort and importantly, reducing fuel consumption. Public spaces include multiple restaurants and bars, social relaxation and wellness areas, an outdoor heated swimming pool and Jacuzzis, a gym, sauna, a library lounge, lecture theatre, and expansive decks offering panoramic views of wilderness and wildlife, making it the ideal ‘base camp’ for exploring.

The *Sylvia Earle* will operate nine voyages in Antarctica this season before heading to Costa Rica and the Panama Canal in April 2023.

** For more information on the new *Sylvia Earle* including departures, visit [here](#).

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About AE Expeditions

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

Aurora Expeditions Group is an award-winning, Australian-owned expedition company pioneering experiential travel for over 30 years. A pioneer in Polar Expeditions, [AE Expeditions](#) is deeply committed to environmentally respectful travel to preserve 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. AE Expeditions takes travellers on perspective-altering experiences to some of the most remote and incredible places on the planet.

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

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