



BIG ACE — ARCTIC CLIMATE EXPEDITION

Aurora Expeditions, in partnership with Dr Sylvia Earle and Ocean Geographic, is excited to invite you aboard the "Arctic Climate Expedition 2025"

The BIG ACE - the Bears, Ice, Glaciers, Arctic Climate Expedition 2025 begins from Longyearbyen, Svalbard, and navigates northward to go beyond 80°N in pursuit of the remaining Arctic ice shelf. The voyage will aim to proceed (weather permitting) eastward towards Kvitøya, circling around Austfonna, one of the largest glaciers on the planet. Throughout, the aim will be to encounter and observe a diverse array of Arctic wildlife, including polar bears, walrus, puffins, and arctic foxes, amidst the stunning backdrop of sea ice platforms and calving glaciers. With Svalbard boasting an astounding 2100 glaciers, this expedition promises an unparalleled natural spectacle.

Hosted by Dr Sylvia Earle in her 90th birthday year, this expedition will honour Dr Earle's lifelong advocacy for the world's oceans by inviting changemaker passengers to use their own voice, contributing their various talents or 'superpowers' to instigate meaningful conversations and spur action to safeguard the planet for future generations.

BIG ACE seeks to lobby for the protection of the Arctic, foster a collective appreciation of our planet's fragility and mitigate the impact of climate change through the power of the arts. The Arctic, where warming occurs at a rate four to five times greater than the global average, is undergoing significant degradation.

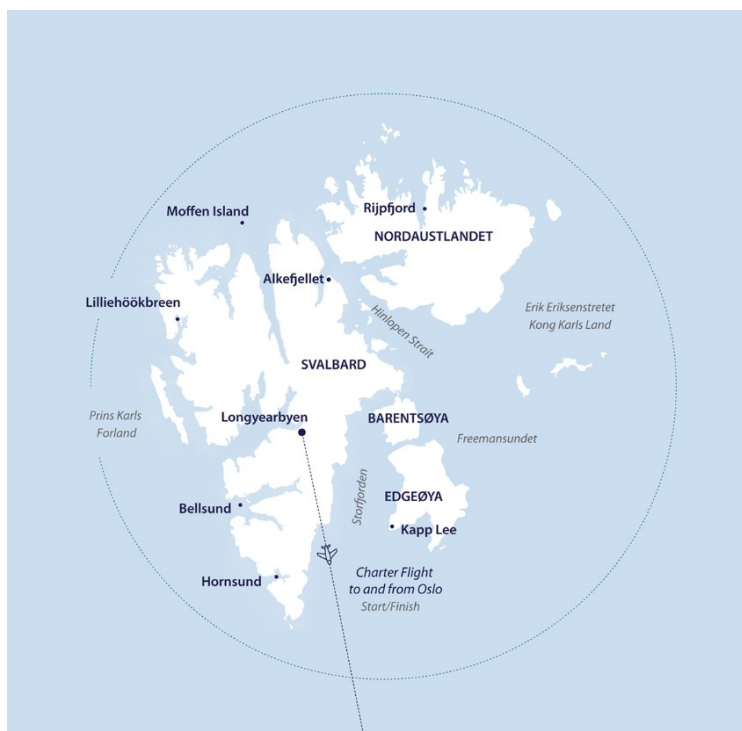
As a Certified B Corporation™, we're committed to driving positive change and contributing to a more sustainable future. The Arctic Climate Expedition 2025 is a key initiative towards fulfilling that goal - building ambassadors for the conservation and preservation of our planet.

BIG ACE isn't confined to scientists and researchers; this epic project calls for an assemblage of 110 global citizens and we welcome people of all ages, nationalities, educational and professional backgrounds. Each participant will be asked to contribute their specialised expertise for a collective cause, using their unique voice. Whether through storytelling, film production, poetry, music, art, education, lobbying, or other avenues, every participant will play a vital role in championing the Arctic's cause.



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Meals: All inclusive

Day 3 Fly to Longyearbyen

Following breakfast, walk to Oslo Airport for your included charter flight to Longyearbyen (flight details will be available in February 2025). You will be met by a representative of Aurora Expeditions at the hotel and taken to the check in counter for your charter flight.

Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, you will be transferred to our group hotel. Upon arrival at your included hotel, please visit the Aurora Expeditions hospitality desk to collect your luggage cabin tags and to speak with our ground operations team, who may have information to share with you about pre-embarkation or to provide you with information about where to dine or purchase last minute items from a local pharmacy or supermarket. The remainder of your time is at leisure. All meals today are at your own expense.

Accommodation: Radisson Blu Polar Hotel, Spitsbergen

Day 4 Embarkation

This morning, your luggage will be collected from your hotel and transferred directly to the port for sanitisation, clearance and delivered to your cabin ahead of your arrival on board. Please ensure that your cabin luggage is fitted with cabin tags clearly labelled with your name and cabin number. Any valuables or personal items should be kept on you throughout the day.

Enjoy breakfast in the hotel before joining your fellow expeditioners on a guided city tour of Longyearbyen. After the tour, you will be transferred directly to the pier to embark in the late afternoon. Settle into your cabin before attending important safety briefings and enjoy the thrill of departure as we 'throw the lines' and set sail.

Days 5-12 Svalbard

Svalbard offers Arctic wilderness at its best. The members of our experienced Expedition Team, who have made countless journeys to this area, will use their expertise to tailor our day-to-day itinerary, choosing the best options, based on

ic's cause.

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Days 1-2 Arrive in Oslo & BIG ACE Conference

Having made your way to Oslo, you will be met on arrival by the Ocean Geographic team and directed to your hotel. Take the international arrivals exit on the ground floor, follow the signs and walk 500m through the direct walkway from Oslo Airport to the Radisson Red Oslo Airport hotel. Journey time: 6 minutes.

Enjoy pre-expedition workshops and lectures led by Ocean Geographic, Dr. Sylvia Earle and Aurora Expeditions.

Accommodation: Radisson Red Airport Hotel, Oslo

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the prevailing weather, sea-ice conditions and the possibility of encounters with wildlife.

Phenomenal fjords, magnificent mountains ranges, and a polar desert rich in fossils, set the stage for heroic tales of early exploration. See walrus hauled-out on sea ice or on beaches. On land, we stretch our legs on walks across tundra carpeted in brightly coloured wildflowers. We visit towering cliffs noisy with nesting guillemots and puffins, and scree slopes that hold Svalbard's largest little auk colonies. Most memorable will be encounters with the majestic polar bear on pack ice.

Distinct from conventional polar expeditions, expeditioners on the Arctic Climate Expedition 2025 will have the chance to engage in hands-on workshops and activities designed to foster environmental stewardship and promote sustainable living. These engaging sessions encompass a variety of subjects, including essay writing, fine art painting, photography, and public speaking, empowering participants to express their commitment to conservation through diverse creative outlets.

If you have chosen an optional activity such as kayaking, you will have an opportunity to enjoy that activity when conditions allow. For those who are enthusiastic to participate in a polar plunge, as soon as conditions are suitable, you will hear the announcement to prepare for an exhilarating dip - a memory you will savour for years to come.

Day 13 Disembark in Longyearbyen, fly to Oslo

During the early morning, we cruise into Longyearbyen and disembark at approximately 8.00 am. Farewell your Expedition Team and enjoy some free time before transferring to the airport for your return charter flight to Oslo to continue your journey.

Note: the arrival time in Oslo is contingent on the approved allocated flight slot of our charter flight to Longyearbyen, which we expect to receive in February 2025.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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YOUR SHIP: SYLVIA EARLE

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VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury Expedition
LENGTH:	104 meters
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	126
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2020/2021

Launching in October 2021, the Sylvia Earle honours renowned oceanographer and marine conservationist Dr. Sylvia Earle. As the first female chief scientist of NOAA and a Time Magazine Hero for the Planet, Sylvia's legacy lives on through this state-of-the-art expedition vessel designed for sustainability and exploration.

Built for challenging waters like the Drake Passage, the Sylvia Earle features the cutting-edge Ulstein X-BOW® for smoother sailing, reduced fuel consumption, and better speed through rough seas. Inside the bow, the stunning Glass Atrium Lounge offers panoramic views.

Between landings, enjoy the heated saltwater open-air pool, jacuzzis, gym, sauna, and optional massages in the Wellness Centre. The ship is fitted with advanced safety features, including dual propulsion systems and a fully equipped medical clinic for remote travel.

A champion of responsible travel, the ship runs one of the world's cleanest marine engines, reducing emissions by up to 80%. Virtual anchoring protects delicate seabeds by avoiding traditional anchors.

Expedition-ready, the Sylvia Earle includes four sea-level Zodiac

platforms for fast and safe transfers to shore. Adventure gear is prepped in spacious, expert-designed activity areas with lockers and drying zones for wetsuits and dry suits—perfect for kayaking, diving, and other optional activities.



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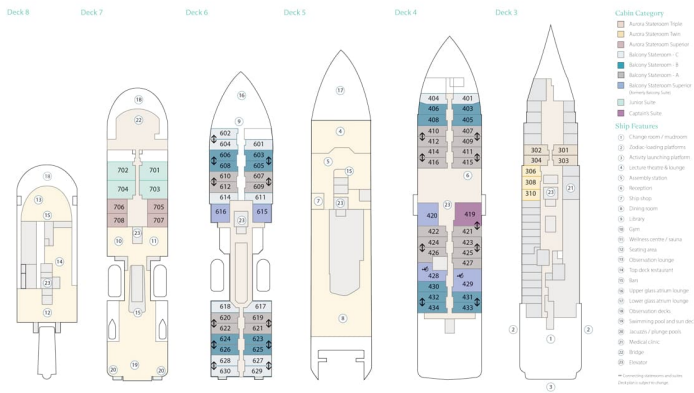
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The Sylvia Earle Deck Plan



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Balcony Stateroom Category C



Balcony Stateroom Superior



Captain's Suite



Junior Suite





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PRICING

23-Jun-2025 to 05-Jul-2025

Aurora Stateroom Triple Share	26990 AUD pp
Aurora Stateroom Superior	29180 AUD pp
Balcony Stateroom Category C	29910 AUD pp
Balcony Stateroom Category B	31370 AUD pp
Balcony Stateroom Category A	33410 AUD pp
Balcony Stateroom Superior	36330 AUD pp
Junior Suite	0 pp
Captain's Suite	0 pp

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