Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

Join our exclusive expedition to encounter the spectacular Antarctic Peninsula, the biggest wilderness on the planet. We’re heading all the way to 66 degrees, 33 minutes of latitude, the official position of the Antarctic Circle, to experience the exquisite vastness of the frozen sea and the seemingly endless daylight of the Antarctic high summer. I visited Antarctica on this very ship in 2013 with my family, and to this day we consider it the most impactful experience we have had. And this trip will be amazing for the Reed community because our content expert is Kelly Falkner ’83, the Director of the Office of Polar Programs of the U.S. National Science Foundation and the U.S Antarctic Program. Kelly even has a glacier named after her!

This exciting Antarctic expedition maximizes your time exploring. By flying to and from Punta Arenas, Chile at the start and end of the voyage, you experience a full eight days of off-ship exploration along the Antarctic Peninsula.

You will hike amidst stunning landscapes, observe sizable penguin rookeries up close, take Zodiac boats around massive icebergs carved by the wind and water into fantastical shapes, listen to the rumbling of glaciers calving mammoth chunks of ice, and have the chance to camp overnight on the Antarctic continent.

This expedition is on board the exclusively chartered Akademik Sergey Vavilov, our mobile wilderness lodge for this spectacular voyage of discovery. This purpose built vessel is the ideal platform for polar exploration, affording us unique opportunities to chart a course through remote waters. The feel on board is casual, the entertainment is the magnificent Antarctic landscape all around us. Scandinavian built and Canadian operated, this ship was designed to be exceptionally stable, maneuverable, and quiet.

With a maximum of just 86 passengers on board, we have unrestricted access to all landing sites and using 10 Zodiacs, we enjoy explorations in very small groups.

Please join us for an exceptional voyage to the Antarctic Circle.

Mike Teskey
Director, Alumni Initiatives
Reed College
Detailed Itinerary

Friday, Feb. 9: Meet in Punta Arenas
Our journey commences in the southern Chilean city of Punta Arenas. Please ensure that you arrive here by noon today. You will be met on arrival and transferred to our hotel. Meet your fellow travellers at our Briefing and Welcome Dinner this evening.

Saturday, Feb. 10: Fly from Punta Arenas to Port Stanley, Falkland Islands and embark the ship
A 90-minute flight this morning takes us to Stanley, home to just over 2,000 residents and reminiscent of a rural town in coastal Britain with its brightly coloured houses, flower-filled gardens, a quaint cathedral, and several pubs. There is time to explore the town before we make our way to the ship for embarkation. Excitement is in the air as we enjoy a welcome cocktail, dinner, and cast off, bound for Antarctica – and the adventure of a lifetime.

Sunday, Feb. 11 to Monday Feb. 12: At sea towards Antarctica
We chart a southerly course for Antarctica. There’s plenty going on – get out on deck and observe the South Atlantic’s rich bio-diversity and keep watch for the wandering albatross and northern giant petrels; Join the Captain on the bridge and learn about the operations of this modern research vessel; take in presentations by onboard experts about the environment, wildlife, and history of the locations we hope to visit in the coming days. We plan to land at historic Elephant Island – it is from here that Shackleton and four of his companions set off on their epic ocean crossing to South Georgia over 100 years ago.
**Tuesday, Feb. 13 to Wednesday, Feb. 14: King George Island and the Antarctic Peninsula**

This morning we are in position at King George Island with opportunities for shore landings at Penguin Island and nearby Turret Point to view Adelie, chinstrap, and gentoo penguins. Continuing south we navigate into the broad expanse of the Bransfield Straight, an important migration corridor for whales. Large icebergs will be present from this point onwards and make for striking photographs in the evening light. By morning, the towering mountain peaks of the Antarctic continent loom into view and we should make landfall around Wilhelmina Bay, a place we are likely to encounter sizable pods of humpback whales. We navigate under the towering cliffs of Spigot Peak and into the Errera Channel aiming for a shore landing at Cuverville Island – home to a rookery of gentoo penguins.

**Thursday, Feb. 15 to Saturday, Feb. 17: Toward the Antarctic Circle**

Spend time on the outer decks soaking up the scenery as we navigate south, passing through the ice strewn waters towards a celebration at the Antarctic Circle. A favoured landing site here is Detaille Island, home to an abandoned British science hut from the 1950’s.

On our way back north, we explore the dramatic coastline of the Antarctic Peninsula. There are many opportunities for shore landings here – a hike over the snowy saddle of Winter Island; a visit to the thriving Adelie penguin rookery at Petermann Island; a contemplative wander along the beach on Pleneau Island. The towering granite sentinels of Mount Shackleton and Mount Scott at the entrance to the Lemaire Channel mark five spectacular kilometres of mountains and wildlife. Here massive icebergs run aground in the shallows sculpted into fantastic shapes by the constant wind and wave action.

If the conditions are right in the area, we aim to offer our overnight camping program to all adventurers. We have all the gear onboard and an experienced team to make this a night to remember!
Sunday, Feb. 18 to Monday, Feb. 19: Antarctic Peninsula, South Shetland Islands
As we continue north, there are opportunities to set foot on the continent of Antarctica itself. At Paradise Harbour observe cliffs of ice descending into iceberg-laden waters. At Neko Harbour listen for the sound of glaciers calving giant chunks of ice. Both locations offer terrific hiking opportunities up to panoramic view points. For the sea kayakers, the paddling opportunities here are endless.

By morning we arrive in the South Shetland Islands. If weather conditions allow, we sail into the flooded volcanic caldera at Deception Island, the dramatic site rimmed by snow-capped peaks and sheer cliffs. There is an outstanding hike here, high up onto the rim of the crater.

On a sunny day, cruising along the coast of Livingston Island is a memorable experience. There are several other landing sites in the vicinity including Half Moon Island and the broad pebbly beach at Yankee Harbour, where we sometimes encounter Weddell seals sunning themselves. This is another great spot for a hike or a Zodiac cruise and a fitting place to reflect on a wonderful expedition.

Tuesday, Feb. 20: King George Island, fly to Punta Arenas
This morning we are anchored off King George Island. Say goodbye to our ship and crew and transfer ashore by Zodiac to the airstrip for the two-hour-flight back to Punta Arenas where we stay overnight.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Depart Punta Arenas
Transfer to the airport for homeward bound flights.

Please note:
We put safety first and that means weather, ice, wildlife, or other conditions may require us to modify the itinerary as we go. We consider this half the intrigue of polar exploring. Specific sites visited will depend on ice and weather conditions experienced and the itinerary will be updated throughout the voyage in order to take advantage of favourable conditions. Polar exploring is not predictable which is one of the many reasons we think it is so special.
Study Leaders

**Professor Bruno Tremblay**, McGill University, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences. His current research focuses on the presence of sea ice and snow at high latitudes and their effect on global climate and climate change. Bruno will discuss Antarctic ice sheet history and sea ice trends.

**Professor Christoph Richer**, University of Toronto Mississauga, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biology whose research focuses on the impact of human activities – such as fishing, whale watching, and oil exploration – on the behaviour of cetaceans. Christoph will discuss topics such as behavioural ecology, marine mammalogy, and conservation biology.

Our **Expedition Team** is composed of highly experienced staff including naturalists, scientists, historians, kayak guides, and adventurers. Our on board staff includes a physician and an expert photographer. The ship’s crew have many years’ experience sailing in polar waters and are committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience. We provide one of the highest staff-to-guest ratios in polar expeditions to ensure expert guidance for your expedition.

**Dr. Kelly Kenison Falkner** has devoted her entire career to the Polar regions. She currently serves as Director of the Office of Polar Programs of the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S Antarctic Program. During the International Polar Year (2007-08), she founded the Antarctic Integrated System Science Program, which led to having an Antarctic glacier named after her. This followed 26 years as a Professor in the College of Oceanic & Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University.
# Expedition Cost

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**Tour Cost Includes:**

- Accommodation for two nights (pre- and post-expedition) in Punta Arenas, based on double occupancy
- Flight from Punta Arenas to Port Stanley
- Flight from King George Island to Punta Arenas
- Accommodation in selected cabin, based on double occupancy
- All meals
- All excursions and landings
- All onboard activities
- Full program of onboard presentations by our study leaders and expedition staff
- Port dues and taxes
- Transfers between hotel and ship in Punta Arenas
- Complimentary use of “All Weather Gear”: gumboots, waterproof jacket and pants

**Not Included:**

- Roundtrip airfare from your home to Punta Arenas
- Items of a personal nature
- Ship board expenses
- Gratuities on board (suggested: US$12 – 15 per person per day)
- Travel insurance
- Any item not mentioned in “tour cost includes”
On board the Akademik Sergey Vavilov

We’re sailing on the exclusively chartered M/V Akademik Sergey Vavilov operated by B.C. based One Ocean Expeditions. Built in Rauma, Finland (1988) she is an ice-strengthened (Canadian Type B, Lloyds Register 1A), purpose built oceanographic vessel. She is 117 metres long and travels up to 14.5 knots/hour with exceptional stability, manoeuvrability, and quiet. Expansive observation decks offer 360° views. With just 86 passengers and 63 crew and staff on board, this vessel is the perfect platform for polar exploration.

One of the most enjoyable features of the Akademik Sergey Vavilov is the Captain’s open bridge policy. You are welcome to spend time on the bridge – an excellent vantage point from which to enjoy the spectacular views and observe the officers navigate the ship.

Morning briefings by our expedition leader keep us informed about upcoming landings and any changes to our sail plan. Evening sessions review wildlife sightings and let you ask questions of our onboard experts.

Daily presentations by our study leaders and by our expedition team will cover a range of topics such as history, the environment, geology, marine biology, ornithology, flora and fauna and contemporary issues in the Antarctic.

Level of Activity: Moderate
This voyage is suitable for any person who is in reasonable health and who has the capability of getting in and out of Zodiacs with close assistance from competent sailors and expedition crew members. Walking on rocky shores can be challenging at times; however, such walks and hikes are organized into groups, each with different levels of ability.
**What to Expect**

Our detailed “How to Prepare for your Expedition” booklet will be provided to participants prior to departure.

**Weather**
Daytime temperatures during our expedition will range from -10°C to 10°C. Antarctic weather can change rapidly and dramatically; within minutes fine sunny conditions may shift to grey skies, windy conditions and snowfall.

**Sea Kayaking**
If you have had some previous experience, you can sign up for a kayaking experience through some of the world’s most beautiful polar scenery. The price of US$795 per person for this great optional activity includes your guide, kayaks, paddles, life jackets, dry suits and an accompanying safety kayak and zodiac. This sea kayaking option is subject to availability and should be booked early. Please ask us for further information.

**Optional Pre- and Post-Expedition tours**
Please contact Worldwide Quest for tour details and customized extensions.

**Buenos Aires**
Enjoy Argentina’s vibrant capital. Discover the elegant turn of the century districts and the spectacular Recoleta in guided walking tours, spend the day at an *estancia* with gauchos, and take in a passionate tango performance.

Includes: three nights accommodation in four star hotel based on double occupancy, breakfast and lunch daily, a full program of guided sightseeing including entrance fees.

**Iguazu Falls**
Discover one of the world’s greatest natural wonders. More than 250 spectacular waterfalls span over three dramatic kilometres on the Brazil/Argentina border. Visit the lush Parque de Aves jungle reserve and walk the scenic, elevated walkways, and take the Zodiac boat trip along the lower Iguazu River.

Includes: two nights accommodation at the five star Sheraton Iguazu, breakfast and dinner daily, a full program of guided sightseeing including entrance fees.

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**Payment Details**
A non-refundable deposit of $2000 person is required to reserve a space on this expedition. Further payment of $2000 is required by July 15, 2017. Final payment is due October 15, 2017.

**Guaranteed Single Accommodation**
If you wish to have guaranteed single accommodation, the single supplement is 1.5 times the per person cost of twin cabins and 2 times the per person cost for suites. If you are travelling alone and you are willing to share, we will try to match you up with an appropriate roommate. If we can’t, the single cost will apply.

**Group Size**
Maximum 86 participants.

**Travel Documents**
You will require a valid passport for this Expedition.
How to Book

Please contact Worldwide Quest for more information and to book this expedition.
1-800-387-1483 or 416-633-5666    |    travel@worldwidequest.com

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