

Introducing

# Heritage Adventurer



Heritage Expeditions

Antarctica • Western and South Pacific  
Subantarctic Islands • Russian Far East

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Cruise into a new style of travel

*Heritage Adventurer* is a true pioneering expedition vessel of exceptional pedigree. Often referred to as the 'Grande Dame of Polar Exploration' due to her celebrated history and refined design, she was purpose-built for adventure in 1991 at Finland's Rauma shipyard and specifically designed for Polar exploration.

Setting a peerless standard in authentic expedition travel, *Heritage Adventurer* (formerly known as *MS Hanseatic*) combines the highest passenger ship ice-class rating (1A Super) with an impressive history of Polar exploration. Having held records for the most northern and southern Arctic and Antarctic navigations, and for traversing both the Northwest and Northeast Passages, makes *Heritage Adventurer* perfect for pioneering New Zealand-based Heritage Expeditions signature experiential expedition travel.

Originally designed to accommodate 184 guests, *Heritage Adventurer* now welcomes just 140 expeditioners ensuring spacious, stylish and comfortable voyages, while a fleet of 14 Zodiacs ensures all guests are able to maximise their expedition adventure. *Heritage Adventurer* proudly continues our traditions of exceptional, personalised expedition experiences as Heritage Expeditions flagship.



Setting the new standard in remote expedition travel



## Technical Specifications

**Year Built:** 1991

**Shipyard:** Rauma, Finland

**Classification:** Lloyds 1AS, GL E4

**Accommodation:** 140 guests

**Length:** 124 metres

**Beam:** 18 metres

**Draft:** 4.97 metres

**Gross Tonnage:** 8,378gt

**Engines:** 3,940 horsepower (x2)

**Maximum Speed:** 15 knots

**Cruising Speed:** 12 knots

**Range:** 8,600 nautical miles

**Zodiacs:** 14

# Welcome on board

## Your adventure begins



### Adventures in style

True to her origins as an iconic, purpose-built expedition ship, *Heritage Adventurer* wraps stylish, contemporary surrounds in a striking, ice-reinforced vessel to create an unrivalled platform for exploration. On board discover spacious, well-appointed accommodations, visit the captain and crew in the Bridge with our Open Bridge Policy, dine on international gourmet fare from leading chefs across two restaurants and celebrate the day's activities in the Bar and Lounge.

Watch your adventure unfold from numerous spectacular viewing locations including *Heritage Adventurer's* famed Observation Lounge resplendent with 270-degree views. Discover the relaxed atmosphere of the Bar and Lounge, or head outside on the stylish teak decks of the open-topped Observation Deck and numerous weather protected locations including the expansive space aft of Deck 6.

Join our world-renowned team of naturalists, botanists, historians and experts as they interpret the natural and human history uncovered during your voyage, as well as hosting regular lectures in the Presentation Theatre. Should you require a little R&R, unwind in the library, heated salt water pool, well-equipped gym, enclosed hot tub, sauna and steam room, indulge in some retail therapy or find a quiet place to enjoy a coffee or wine.



## Unparalleled viewing options



## Exceptional views



**Observation Lounge** – One of the most celebrated and best-known features of *Heritage Adventurer* is the awe-inspiring Observation Lounge, Library and Bar. Located on Deck 7 and perched directly above the Bridge, enjoy sweeping 270-degree views through floor to ceiling windows, perfect for wildlife spotting and quick access to the outer deck. Bring your binoculars to spot wildlife, observe the ever-changing landscape, write in your journal or relax with a book.

**Observation Deck** – Enjoy 360-degree views from the highest point on the ship. The Observation Deck sits above the Observation Lounge and provides exceptional outside viewing options. Stretching the full width of the vessel, this is the perfect spot to take in the surrounding land and seascapes. Perfect on a sunny day, recline in the comfortable sun loungers protected from the wind and elements and watch your voyage unfold.



**The Bridge** – No expedition is complete without visiting *Heritage Adventurer*'s busy nerve centre. Located on Deck 6, Heritage Expeditions' Open Bridge Policy means you are welcome to observe the Captain and crew at work while enjoying some of the ship's best views. It's a fascinating place to learn about navigation and vessel operations, however please note the Bridge will be closed when departing or arriving at port.

# Wining and dining

## Bars & restaurants

A gastronomic odyssey awaits



**Dining Room** – Indulge in fine international cuisine from our talented chefs in the lavish surrounds of our Dining Room on Deck 4. Sensational 270-degree views provide a stunning backdrop to meals here along with an international wine list featuring many outstanding regional wines. With relaxed seating arrangements, all guests can enjoy dining in a single sitting from hearty breakfasts setting you up for the day's adventure to sumptuous lunches and multi-course evening dining.



**Bistro** – Simple fast and delicious meals and snacks are on offer in our relaxed Bistro on Deck 6. Perfect for early risers to enjoy tea, coffee and light breakfast options the Bistro provides great views and opens directly onto a covered and heated teak-deck outdoor dining area.



**The Bar and Lounge** – The social hub of *Heritage Adventurer*, the Bar and Lounge on Deck 5 features seating for all guests. Enjoy a beverage at the bar, sink into an armchair, relax on one of the many spacious loungers and watch the world go by through the panoramic windows or make new friends at the communal seating. This multi-tasking space also doubles as the location of daily briefings and evening recaps with the expedition team.



Turn up your downtime

## Relaxation & lectures



**The Gym** – Featuring spectacular ocean views, the well-equipped gym is adjacent to the pool, hot tub and sauna in Deck 7's wellbeing zone. Maintain your routine with an elliptical cross trainer, treadmill, rowing machine, stationary bikes, TRX as well as free weights, yoga mats and fitness balls. Towels are provided with change room and shower amenities nearby.

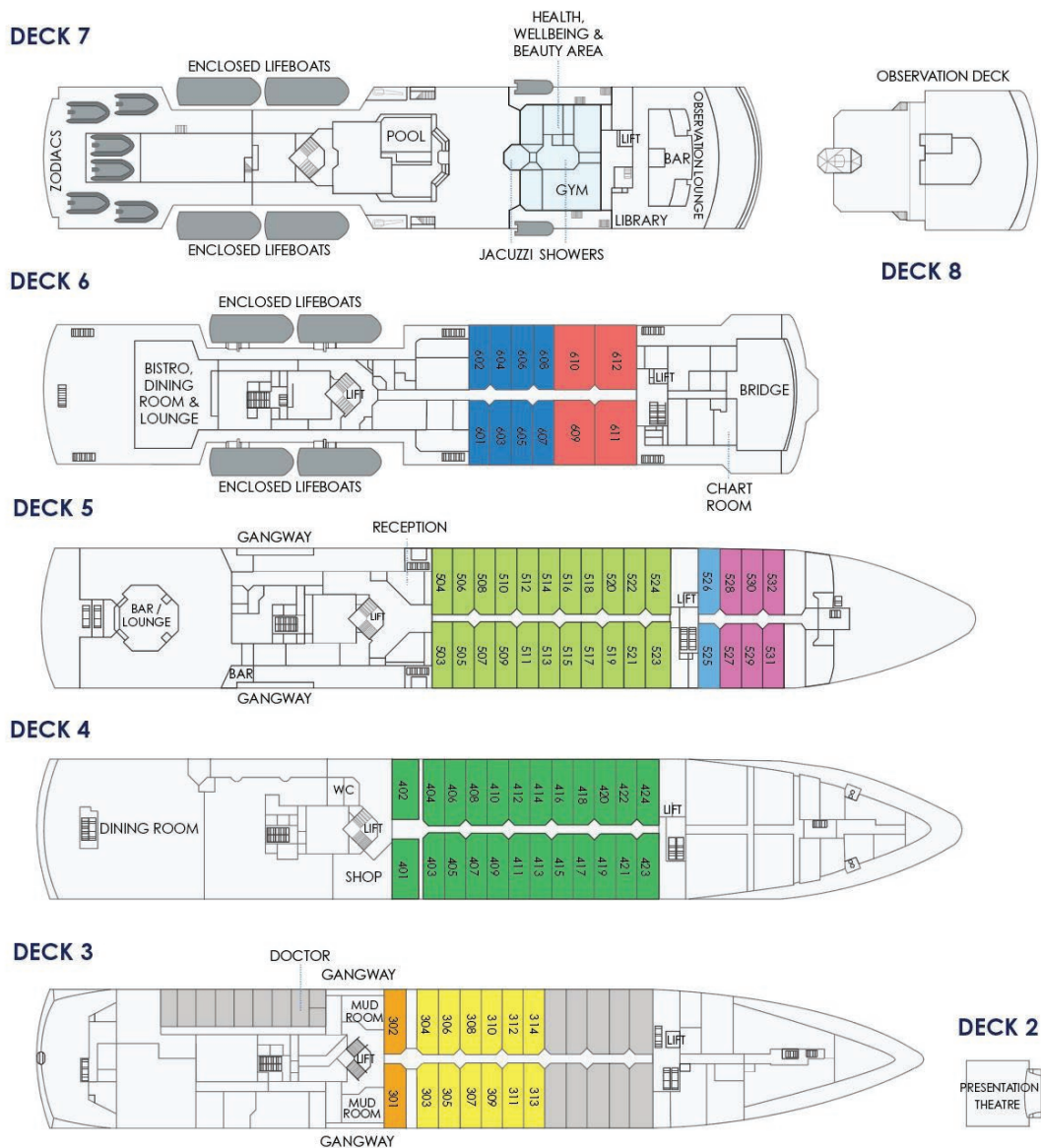
**Sauna and Steam Room** – True to her Nordic origins, *Heritage Adventurer* features a dry-heat Finnish sauna and European steam room on Deck 7. Perfect for warming up post Polar plunge or unwinding after a day's adventures, the sauna and steam room include change room facilities, showers and towels.



**Swimming Pool and Hot Tub** – Surrounded by relaxed teak seating including sun loungers, the open-air saltwater pool can be heated or chilled. Encased in glass the hot tub ensures all-weather use, perfect for those who like to relax with a view following a day of exploring.

**Lectures and Presentations** – Enjoy informative and entertaining lectures on history, biology, wildlife, and ecology in the comfort of the Presentation Theatre. With state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, our world-renowned expedition team will bring your adventure to life through interactive presentations and discussions.

# Accommodation



**DECK 6 | HERITAGE SUITES**  
SIZE: 44m<sup>2</sup> (475.SqFt)



Located on Deck 6, Heritage Suites are an expansive 44m<sup>2</sup> and feature large double panoramic windows, king bed, large living area with a sofa, coffee table and chairs, large writing desk and grand marble bathroom with a double basin, bathtub and shower, floor to ceiling storage and a flat screen entertainment system.



**DECK 6 | WORSLEY SUITES**  
SIZE: 22m<sup>2</sup> (235.SqFt)



Located on Deck 6, Worsley Suites are a spacious 22m<sup>2</sup> and feature large panoramic windows, king or two single beds, comfortable chaise-style lounge suite, writing desk, private en-suite bathroom with shower, ample storage and a flat screen entertainment system.

## Suites

## Superior



**DECK 5 | SUPERIOR CABINS**  
SIZE: 22m<sup>2</sup> (235.SqFt)

Superior Cabins on Deck 5 are a spacious 22m<sup>2</sup> and feature large panoramic windows, king or two single beds, lounge area, writing desk, private en-suite bathroom with shower, ample storage and a flat screen entertainment system.



**DECK 4 | SUPERIOR CABINS**  
SIZE: 22m<sup>2</sup> (235.SqFt)

Superior Cabins on Deck 4 are a spacious 22m<sup>2</sup> and feature large panoramic windows, king or two single beds, lounge area, writing desk, private en-suite bathroom with shower, ample storage and a flat screen entertainment system.

## Single



**DECK 5 | SUPERIOR SINGLE CABINS**  
SIZE: 22m<sup>2</sup> (235.SqFt)

Superior Single Cabins on Deck 5 are a spacious 22m<sup>2</sup> and feature large panoramic windows, king bed, lounge area, writing desk, private en-suite bathroom with shower, ample storage and a flat screen entertainment system.



**DECK 3 | MAIN DECK SINGLE CABINS**  
SIZE: 22m<sup>2</sup> (235.SqFt)

Main Deck Single Cabins on Deck 3 are a spacious 22m<sup>2</sup> in size and feature two porthole windows, king bed, lounge area, writing desk, private en-suite bathroom with shower, ample storage and a flat screen entertainment system.

## Triple



**DECK 5 | SUPERIOR TRIPLE CABINS**  
SIZE: 22m<sup>2</sup> (235.SqFt)

Superior Triple Cabins on Deck 5 are a spacious 22m<sup>2</sup> and feature large panoramic windows, two single beds and one Pullman bed which folds down from the wall, lounge area, writing desk, private en-suite bathroom with shower, ample storage and a flat screen entertainment system.



**DECK 3 | MAIN DECK TRIPLE CABINS**  
SIZE: 22m<sup>2</sup> (235.SqFt)

Main Deck Triple Cabins on Deck 3 are a spacious 22m<sup>2</sup> and feature two porthole windows, two single beds and one Pullman bed which folds down from the wall, lounge area, writing desk, private en-suite bathroom with shower, ample storage and a flat screen entertainment system.

# Explore more Remote destinations

Unique discoveries, wild locations



Founded in 1985 by conservationists Rodney and Shirley Russ, Heritage Expeditions pioneered authentic small ship expedition cruising to some of the most wild, least-explored and biologically rich regions on the planet as a way of increasing awareness and conservation of the natural world through responsible expedition travel.

From the heart of Antarctica – the Ross Sea – to the Subantarctic Islands of New Zealand and Australia, through the tropical South Pacific and on to high Arctic adventures in the Russian Far East including the world's Polar Bear denning capital Wrangel Island, Heritage Expeditions continues to share some of the world's best kept secrets with intrepid travellers.

It is through a proven track record of experience and well-established relationships with government departments, reserves and sanctuaries, as well as long-standing partnerships with conservation organisations that we are able to take guests to regions off limits to other operators. In many instances we are the original concessionaires and hold permits unique to our expeditions.

Each voyage is meticulously planned and designed by an experienced team to explore the freedom of the seas and visit locations typically off the beaten track. Harnessing true expedition style travel, every voyage is different, and every experience unique.

The abilities of our itineraries to provide inspiring, one-of-a-kind experiences is matched only by the skills of our expedition team allowing a true interpretation of the region visited from the most remote shores and islands through to the creative cuisine on your plate.

Heritage Expeditions continues to be a pioneer in small ship expedition cruising and remains family-owned and operated. Rodney and Shirley's sons Aaron and Nathan now run the company they grew up in and proudly continue the family's legacy of creating 'ambassadors' for these remarkable places and the unique wildlife which thrives there.

Explore new frontiers



## Our itineraries



Join us as we explore the ends of the Earth, from remote shores and unknown islands to unforgettable wildlife encounters, thrilling cultural exchanges and bucket-list adventures. Our one-of-a-kind itineraries have been created by our industry-leading expedition team specifically for those with an appreciation of the natural world, conservation and history.

Travel in style alongside fellow expeditioners who share your spirit of adventure, our authentic small group expeditions ensure each journey is as unique as our rarely visited destinations and the people, cultures and wildlife we encounter. Designed to engage with a wide range of interests, expedition days start early in order to observe wildlife starting their day and make the most of the morning light excellent for photography. Explore by Zodiac safari, on foot and local transport well off the beaten path, engage in citizen science projects and actively support conservation efforts as we follow in the footsteps of some of history's most famous explorers.

Discover new frontiers alongside our world-renowned team of naturalists, botanists, geologists, historians and experts interpreting the natural and human history as your voyage unfolds.

# What is Expedition cruising?

**Be a traveller, not a tourist**



Expedition cruising is a unique form of travel and offers intrepid travellers (not tourists) the opportunity to go where few have been before and experience wilderness, wildlife and cultures in a genuine and responsible way.

For those who have never experienced authentic expedition cruising we recommend joining your voyage with an open, enquiring mind and a sense of adventure. Authentic expedition cruise ships are smaller vessels, designed to navigate areas inaccessible to larger ships and thus avoid the negative impact of large cruise ships and groups on a culture or ecosystem.

Compared with traditional cruising where the ship is the main destination, with expedition cruising the ship is more akin to an exclusive lodge which provides access to wild and remote destinations. On a Heritage Expeditions voyage, the aim is get guests ashore and out enjoying Zodiac safaris as much as possible with the clear objective of gaining a greater understanding and appreciation of the region or culture, not simply just sightseeing.

As pioneers in expedition cruising, Heritage Expeditions has acquired an internationally renowned expedition team of naturalists, botanists, historians and experts

to interpret the natural and human history discovered during each voyage. Regular presentations ensure guests maximise every opportunity to learn, discover and experience as much as possible during their voyage. Our expedition team are teachers and interpreters, not entertainers – their objective is to inform, enthuse and create ambassadors for the conservation of the regions visited.

Genuine expedition cruising appeals to people from all walks of life from around the world and can be enjoyed regardless of age, interests, knowledge or physical prowess. Expedition cruises are embarked on with a sense of 'rigid flexibility', with their itinerary able to change to take advantage of any opportunities as they arise.

Heritage Expeditions was founded, and is still owned and operated, by a family of biologists and adventurers committed to providing authentic expedition cruising.



Cruise lightly, leave nothing in your wake

## Expeditions with a conscience

Heritage Expeditions was founded with the purpose of sharing the natural world, and preserving, protecting and respecting the environment is at the core of everything we do. As pioneers and leaders in responsible expedition travel to remote places, our objective is to tread, and cruise, lightly wherever we go.

Each expedition is led by an experienced Expedition Leader familiar with the region and our expedition teams incorporate both internationally recognised and local experts who share their knowledge, experiences and unique insights with our guests. Throughout our voyages scientific research is incorporated, both through the logistical support of research projects and as an integral part of our voyages.

Heritage Expeditions supports conservation programs with funds, advocacy and logistical support. We are a Birdlife International Species Champion for the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper, have worked alongside the New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust to ensure the ongoing preservation and protection of the historic huts of Scott, Shackleton and Borchgrevink, collect air samples for GNS Science and their ongoing research into the Southern Ocean and regularly welcome scientists on board.

Through our True Young Explorer Scholarships we enable young scientists, conservationists, educators, authors and artists to travel and experience wild places otherwise off limits. We minimise waste and employ recycling practices on our ships and in our head office by selecting environmentally friendly products and local produce, and minimise fuel consumption and emissions on our vessels with regular servicing and a proactive maintenance program.

We choose to travel in small groups, maintain industry leading staff to guest ratios ensuring we operate in the most environmentally responsible manner while maximising the opportunities for education and advocacy both ashore and aboard. We are proud to work alongside the government agencies to develop and deliver sustainable best practice visitation from the Department of Conservation in New Zealand to Beringia National Park and Wrangel Island Reserve in Russia.

Heritage Expeditions holds active membership in a number of conservation and travel organisations including the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO), Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO) and the New Zealand Tourism Sustainability Commitment.

# Expert guides

## Our expedition team



### Industry leading expedition team

Heritage Expeditions was founded to share the beauty of the natural world with travellers who are looking to discover, experience and learn, and these principles remain at the core of all our expedition voyages. On board all *Heritage Adventurer* voyages we engage a selected team of Heritage Expeditions renowned naturalists, botanists, geographers, culturalists and historians. Our expedition team is on hand throughout each voyage ensuring their passion and knowledge with all guests as they interpret the world around them.

In the company of our expedition team and with a sense of adventure and discovery, you will truly experience the places. From an insightful lecture by a world-leading university professor to a moment of quiet contemplation witnessing the majesty of nature with your Zodiac driver, being at the centre of a thrilling cultural exchange, wildlife encounter, or casual conversation over dinner our expedition team is at the heart of every Heritage Expeditions experience.

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**Aaron Russ**

Aaron has grown up surrounded by wildlife and wilderness. He has been an Expedition Leader on over 100 expeditions to the world's most remote regions. With a degree in zoology, a passion for photography and a desire to showcase the world's premier natural history destinations, Expedition Leading comes naturally to Aaron.



**Nathan Russ**

Expedition cruising is in Nathan's blood. He has been Expedition Leader on more than 80 voyages to some of the planet's least visited shores. A talented Head Chef, he also Captains our 18-guest expedition yacht *Heritage Explorer*. With over 20 years experience, Nathan brings a wealth of knowledge as Expedition Leader and Director of Operations.



**Chris Todd**

Chris grew up exploring New Zealand's great outdoors. He studied natural history, nature conservation and National Park management and has run ecological restoration projects, worked for the Department of Conservation and Forest and Bird. Chris enjoys sharing his love and knowledge of wildlife and wild places, plants, nature and conservation.



**Courtney Rayes**

Courtney's passion for the life aquatic steered her towards a career in marine biological science. An avid scuba diver, Courtney spent a year-long scholarship working on marine conservation projects around the world including marine education in Papua New Guinea. When she's not working you'll find her in or on the water.



**Chris Collins**

Chris has been a keen birder for as long as he can remember and has visited over seventy countries and territories around the world in search of birds. He fell in love with ship-based expeditions after being the first birder to do the full Atlantic Odyssey (Ushuaia to UK via many of the islands of the Atlantic) in 1998.



**Samuel Blanc**

Samuel grew up in the French Alps and spent 15 months at the French Antarctic research station Dumont d'Urville studying seals, petrels, skuas, Adelle and Emperor Penguins. A keen photographer and passionate polar specialist he has a degree in biological sciences and the management and protection of natural areas.



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