



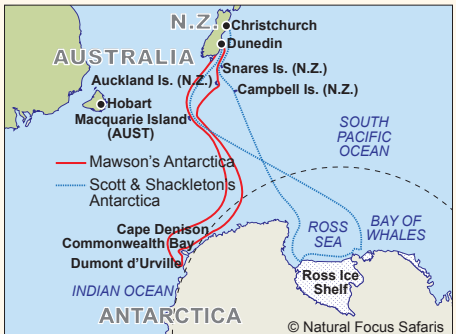
Sir Douglas Mawson's hut © Ken Duncan

COMMONWEALTH BAY, ROSS SEA & SUB-ANTARCTIC ISLANDS

Crossing the Southern Ocean into deep Antarctica has challenged even the best sailors, but is well worth the adventure. The remote Ross Sea is the site of historic huts left by the polar explorers Scott and Shackleton as well as abundant wildlife, whilst the Commonwealth Bay region is an area rich in exploration history including Sir Douglas Mawson's hut, as well as breathtaking vistas of icebergs, penguins, diverse birdlife and seals. The Sub-Antarctic Islands include Snares, Auckland and Campbell Islands, plus the World Heritage site of Macquarie Island, home to 3 million Royal Penguins and hundreds of thousands of King Penguins.



Junior Suite onboard the Orion



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MAWSON'S ANTARCTICA COMMONWEALTH BAY

19 days/18 nights Departs ex Dunedin, New Zealand

For many, the highlight of this voyage onboard the luxurious Orion is a visit to Cape Denison, the site of Sir Douglas Mawson's hut from the historic 1911-1913 expedition; a time capsule from a great era of exploration. The voyage also takes us to Port Martin, the site of 100 stunning grounded icebergs; and Dumont d'Urville, the French base renowned for its rich local wildlife, including a colony of Emperor Penguins.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Embark in Dunedin. **Days 2/3:** Set sail for Snares and Auckland Islands, abundant in birdlife including albatross, Antarctic Terns and Snares Crested Penguins. **Days 4-7:** Sail to the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site of Macquarie Island, home to royal penguins, king penguins, rock hopper penguins and elephant seals. **Days 8-10:** Sail the Southern Ocean enroute to the Commonwealth Bay. **Days 11-14:** Enjoy explorations of the Commonwealth Bay region including Cape Denison, surrounded by spectacular ice cliffs and home to 60,000 Adelie Penguins, profuse birdlife, Leopard and Weddell Seals, as well as the site of Sir Douglas Mawson's historic hut. Also visit Port Martin for a close up experience with icebergs, and Dumont d'Urville. **Days 15-19:** Sail to Dunedin for disembarkation.

Orion	OCEANVIEW STATEROOM B	OCEANVIEW STATEROOM A	JUNIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
28 Dec 2010	\$19365	\$22485	\$26710	\$29250	\$34915	\$40555

Price per person includes: Onboard cabin accommodation, all meals onboard, 24-hour room service, entertainment and educational programmes, use of ship's sporting equipment and facilities, port & handling charges, Zodiac excursions and tender transfers, access to the ship's library, Govt. Fees & taxes, the services of experienced crew.

Price excludes: Items of a personal nature, including but not limited to: travel and medical insurance, laundry charges, shopping onboard, bar expenses, hair dressing and massage treatments, optional shore experiences, medical treatment, telephone and internet charges, gratuities (optional).



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Smiling Leopard Seal

ORION EXPEDITION CRUISES

Orion is a purpose built 5-star vessel combining the best and the latest in design with maritime and environmental technology, comfort and casual elegance. Accommodating just 106 guests, the ship has 53 luxuriously appointed Suites and Staterooms all featuring ocean views, marble bathrooms, 24-hour room service, flat screen TV and DVD/CD player. Onboard facilities include a fitness centre, jacuzzi, library, observation lounge, spa and massage treatments, fine-dining restaurant and internet access. Heavy duty Zodiac boats make it possible to make shore landings and navigate shallow iceberg filled waterways. From the ice-strengthened hull to the chilled champagne and superb cuisine, this is expedition cruising at its finest.



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King and Macaroni Penguins come to shore on Macquarie Island



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Orion amongst magnificent icebergs



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Macaroni Penguins

SCOTT & SHACKLETON'S ANTARCTICA ROSS SEA

21 days/20 nights Departs ex Christchurch, New Zealand

Journey deep into polar regions famously charted during the first race to the South Pole by pioneering explorers Scott and Shackleton. The Ross Sea coast extends from the ice shelf northwards until it reaches the very tip of Victoria Land and Cape Adare. Highlights include the huge Ross ice shelf, the historic huts left by Scott and Shackleton, and wildlife rich Campbell and Macquarie Islands.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Embark in Christchurch. **Days 2-4:** Sail to Snares Islands, nesting grounds for albatross, Antarctic Terns and Snares Crested Penguins. Also visit volcanic Campbell Island, home to Wandering and Royal Albatross, Black-Browed Mollymawk and Erect Crested Penguins.

Days 5-9: Sail the Southern Ocean enroute to the Ross Sea. **Days 10-13:** Explore the Ross Sea region, highlights including Cape Hallett where Weddell Seals and Adelie Penguins abound, the massive Drygalski ice tongue, Cape Adare, breeding ground of over half a million Adelie Penguins and historic huts associated with Shackleton and Scott. **Days 14-17:** Visit Macquarie Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to 3 million Royal Penguins. **Days 18-21:** Sail to Dunedin for disembarkation.

Orion	OCEANVIEW STATEROOM B	OCEANVIEW STATEROOM A	JUNIOR SUITE	DELUXE SUITE	BALCONY SUITE	OWNERS SUITE
01 Feb 2011	\$21515	\$24985	\$29675	\$32500	\$38795	\$45060

Price per person includes: Onboard cabin accommodation, cruise transportation, all meals onboard, 24-hour room service, entertainment and educational programmes, use of ship's sporting equipment and facilities, port & handling charges, Zodiac excursions and tender transfers, access to the ship's library, Govt. Fees & taxes, the services of experienced crew.

Price excludes: Items of a personal nature, including but not limited to: travel and medical insurance, laundry charges, shopping onboard, bar expenses, hair dressing and massage treatments, optional shore experiences, medical treatment, telephone and internet charges, gratuities (optional).



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Zodiac excursion

NEW ZEALAND & SUB-ANTARCTIC WILDLIFE

14 days/13 nights
Orion

Departs ex Hobart 08 Dec 2010

Secluded and seldom visited, the Sub-Antarctic Islands are recognised by UNESCO as one of the worlds' precious regions of unique biodiversity. These remote Nature Reserves are acknowledged for their volcanic and glacial geological formations and extraordinary diversity of flora and fauna - including the endangered Yellow-Eyed Penguin, plus thousands of other endemic birds - petrels, prions and cormorants.

Tour cost per person from: \$10630*

*Oceanview Stateroom B with private facilities

Contact us for further details.