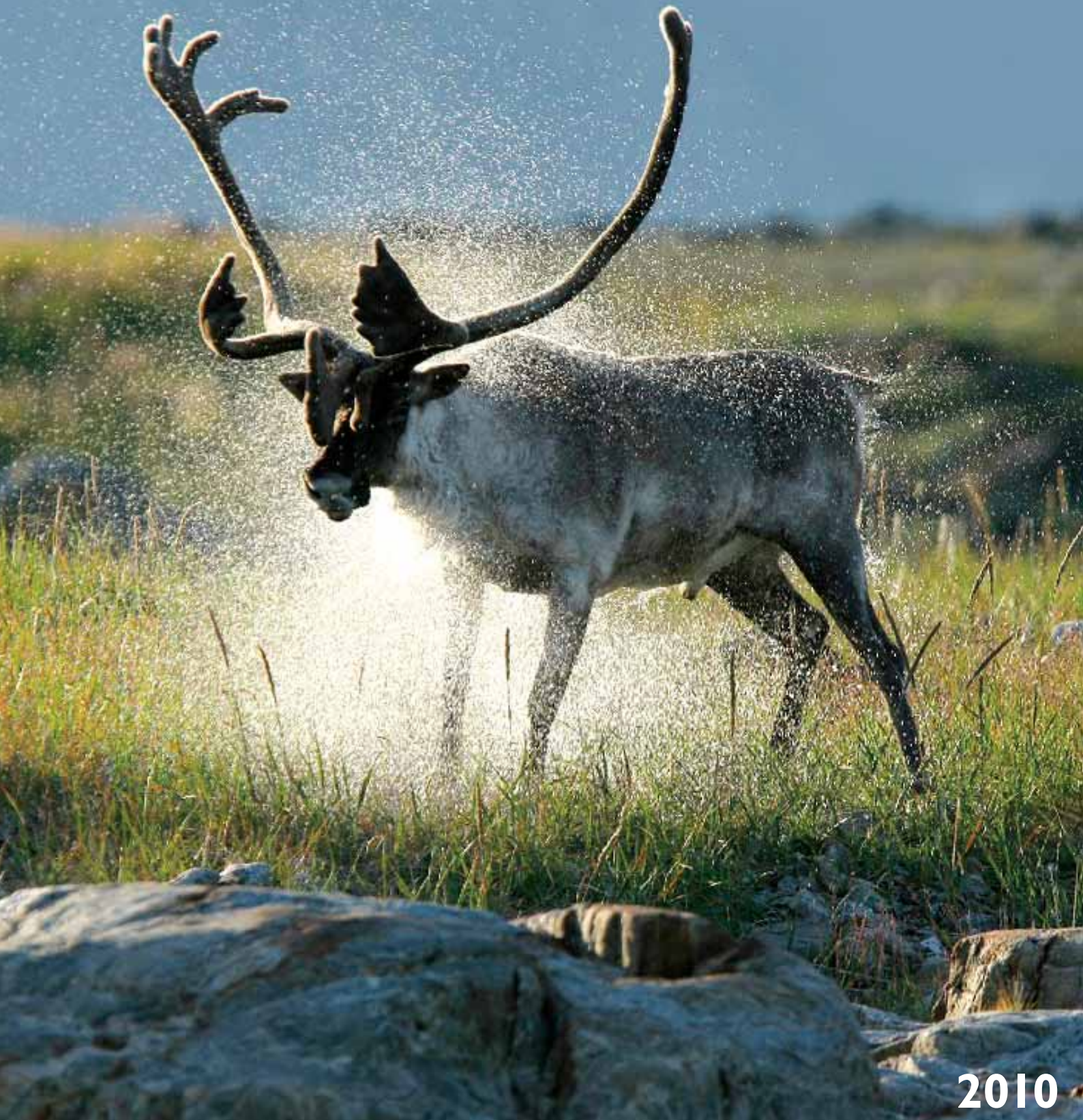



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ACTIVITIES

Our range of Arctic cruises reach the narrow channels and shallow bays many larger ships cannot, providing an unforgettable close-up experience of the regions spectacular environment. Inflatable onboard Zodiacs are also used to visit isolated shorelines, cruise among icebergs or along the base of gigantic cliffs where seabirds nest. Some voyages also offer more adventurous exploration options such as kayaking and camping. The ship's specialist expedition staff will also provide onboard lectures on Arctic history, geology, the birdlife and wildlife.



Arctic shore exploration

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Our voyages offer shore excursions that are equipped for the Arctic environment, weather and wildlife. Explore isolated shorelines, remote communities and encounter incredible wildlife.



Cruising by kayak

SEA KAYAKING

Kayaking is an inspiring way to explore the magical waters of the Arctic. Small groups paddle in amongst stunning bays and mountains of ice. View wildlife up close, led by an experienced guide.



Walking on the remote Arctic ice



Zodiac exploration

ZODIACS

Weather permitting, we will spend time exploring by zodiac. All ships have a fleet of inflatable Zodiacs with outboard motors enabling us to travel in small groups from the ship to isolated shorelines and to cruise in amongst towering icebergs.



Unique camping experience!

CAMPING

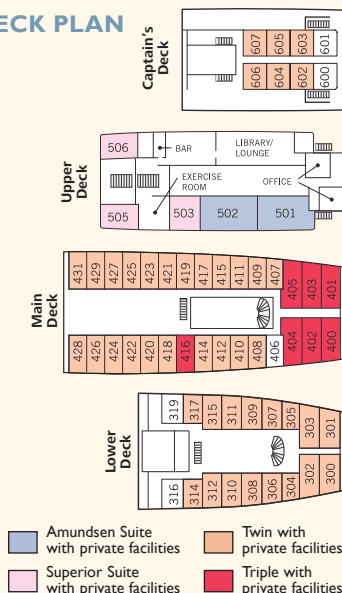
Enjoy a night camping on the Arctic. A select number of voyages offer camping ashore for one night. This is a very popular activity and a great way to experience the silence of the polar wilderness. All camping gear is provided.



LYUBOV ORLOVA

A spacious and comfortable ice-strengthened vessel that accommodates 110 passengers. Built in the former republic of Yugoslavia in 1976, she underwent extensive renovations to the forward lounge, dining room and cabins in 2006.

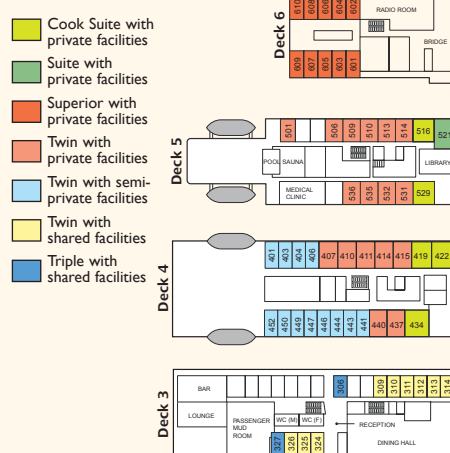
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AKADEMIK SERGEY VAVILOV & AKADEMIK IOFFE

Finnish-built in 1989 for hydro-acoustic research, these two vessels are exceptionally stable, yet maneuverable. Both feature an ice-strengthened hull, and extremely comfortable, expedition-style cabins offering outside views.

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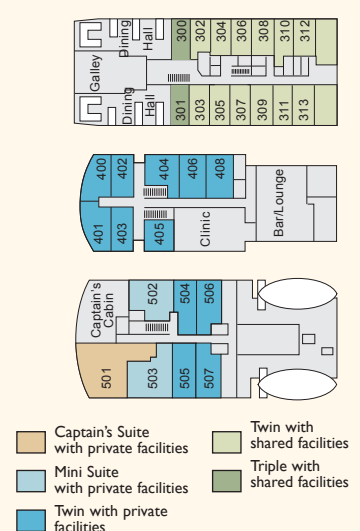
*Note: On Akademik Sergey Vavilov Deck 6 features no cabins, and Deck 3 features 5 Superior Plus cabins in place of the bar and lounge as illustrated above.



POLAR PIONEER

The Polar Pioneer expedition ship was built in Finland in 1983 as an ice-strengthened research ship. Although not a luxury ship, the vessel offers comfortable accommodation for 56 passengers, dining hall, a bar/lounge area, a library/lecture room and spacious decks for unobstructed viewing.

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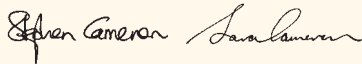
THE ARCTIC

Journey with us northwards to the ethereal beauty of the Arctic, where you will discover dreamlike landscapes of snow and ice, rugged mountains, dazzling glaciers and the tranquil shores of sheltered fjords and inlets. This is a region of spectacular wildlife, from huge polar bears measuring 11 feet in length, muskox and massively tusked walrus, to giant colonies of birds and seals. White Beluga Whales glide silently through the cold waters, which are also home to Humpback and Bowhead whales, Bearded seals, and the mysterious Narwhal.

Many of our journeys also include visits to remote Inuit communities and historic and archaeological sites dating back thousands of years.

Natural Focus Safaris specialise in visiting some of our planet's great wilderness areas and we are thrilled to have an Arctic program to complement both our Canada & Alaska brochure and our Antarctica brochure. Our program of Arctic cruises, tours and adventures has been carefully chosen to provide spectacular scenery and wildlife opportunities for our clients. We hope this e-brochure will inspire you to visit one of our planet's most pristine wilderness areas.

Kind regards,



Stephen and Sara Cameron – Founders

TRAVEL WITH THE SPECIALISTS

Natural Focus Safaris is a specialist tour company which focuses on the world's great natural wonders. For 25 years, with parent company African Wildlife Safaris, we have been organising tours to Africa, and more recently to India, Bhutan, Canada, Alaska, South America, Antarctica and the Arctic. Our destinations offer stunning wilderness, incredible wildlife, or outstanding architectural and historic treasures. Our ground operators are all carefully chosen for their local knowledge and professionalism. All our staff have a passion for travel and the knowledge and expertise to create individual journeys to suit every traveller.

ARCTIC EXPLORATIONS

Because of the exploratory nature of these voyages there is no set itinerary. The daily programs will make best use of local ice and weather conditions, spontaneous opportunities and wildlife.

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Polar bear & cub

WEATHER

The Arctic climate is characterized broadly by long, cold winters and short, cool summers. There is a large amount of variability in climate across the Arctic. Some parts of the Arctic are covered by ice (sea ice, glacial ice, or snow) year-round, and nearly all parts of the Arctic experience long periods with some form of ice on the surface. Average January temperatures range from about -40 to 0 °C, and winter temperatures can drop below -50 °C over large parts of the Arctic. Average July temperatures range from about -10 to +10 °C, with some land areas occasionally exceeding 30 °C in summer.

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