



PRESS RELEASE



DISCOVER SHACKLETON'S WHITE CONTINENT WITH SILVERSEA EXPEDITIONS, 100 YEARS AFTER THE EXPLORER SET OUT TO ACHIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE

Explore Antarctica on unique
Silversea Shackleton
Voyages during 2015 and
2016

Silversea Expeditions, the ultra-luxury cruise line, will be operating a series of unique voyages to Antarctica in 2015 and 2016 to mark the centenary of explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton's Endurance Expedition. It is one of humankind's most remarkable stories of leadership, determination and survival.

Shackleton's ship *The Endurance* sailed from Plymouth, UK towards Antarctica but in 1915, just 200 miles from the Antarctic mainland, she was trapped between two ice floes in the Weddell Sea. The crew initially stayed put, hoping that the winds would change and free the ship but, after 10 months, they were forced to abandon *The Endurance* and strike out across the ice in search of help.

The story of how Shackleton led his men in the Weddell Sea Party over ice and ocean to safety is one of the greatest survival tales in human history.

Guests booking on to *Silver Explorer's* unique voyages in November, 2015, January, February, and December 2016, will visit iconic areas of the Antarctic including Elephant Island, South Shetland Islands and hear from distinguished historians onboard.

Guests will discover how six men travelled in a tiny lifeboat across the Southern Ocean to fetch aid for their stricken crewmates and hear how the rest of the party managed to endure 138 days in one of the most inhospitable places on earth.

Leaving from Ushuaia, guests will not only follow in the footsteps of the great explorer Shackleton but also encounter

See iconic images in an
exclusive exhibition onboard
Silver Explorer



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wild and birdlife like nowhere else in the world, including Rockhopper, Gentoo, King, Adelie, and Chinstrap Penguins. They will watch for seals, dolphins and whales, albatross, shearwaters and petrels as well as visit historic sites of the early explorers and remains of whaling operations.

Silversea's longterm partnership with the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) will bring other benefits for those booked to travel on *Silver Explorer*. An exclusive onboard exhibition will show a specially curated gallery of images by *The Endurance's* official photographer Frank Hurley, who documented the expedition on film and through iconic stills photography.

There will also be a major exhibition, "The Enduring Eye: the Antarctic Legacy of Sir Ernest Shackleton and Frank Hurley", which will be held at the headquarters of the RGS in London from the end of November 2015 to the end of February 2016, before a UK and international tour commences in 2017. Silversea guests sailing on Antarctica voyages will have VIP access to the exhibition, with special tours arranged pre- or post-departure for the White Continent.

The Society's historical collection relating to Antarctica provides a wealth of artefacts, photographs, archives, maps, charts and books which tell the story of *The Endurance* and Antarctica from its beginnings to the present day with a focus on the early explorers who gave us a greater understanding of the White Continent.

Voyages on *Silver Explorer* include gourmet food, wine and spirits, exceptional service with butlers for each suite and all excursions including Zodiac tours. A special Shackleton Centenary Dinner Menu onboard will include dishes such as Dover Sole Mousseline, Beef Wellington, Antarctic Bass Fillet and Bitter Chocolate Souffle.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

To find out more about Silversea's unique voyages to Antarctica, please visit

<http://www.silversea.com/expeditions/royal-geographical-society/shackletons-centenary/>.

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[cruises](#) to the Mediterranean, Caribbean, both polar regions and over 800 fascinating destinations in between.

About Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)

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