# Quark Expeditions® Launches Series of Ultimate Expeditions

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**Bespoke Antarctica and Falkland Islands and Galapagos Itineraries** In honour of its 25th anniversary, Quark Expeditions®,the world's leading polar travel company has introduced the Explorers' Collection, an assortment of extraordinary expedition experiences for today's adventure traveller.

A specially curated portfolio of unique adventures, the trips in the Explorers' Collection showcase Quark's pioneering pedigree in expedition travel and offer unparalleled access to remote destinations, featuring unique modes of travel and one-of-a-kind accommodation.

The six special itineraries in the Explorers' Collection are as follows:

- **Bespoke Falkland Islands and Antarctica aboard Small Exploration Boat *Hans Hansson*** – For those interested in intimate, off the beaten path adventures, the 12-passenger *Hans Hansson* itineraries are ideal. Choose from a Falkland Islands circumnavigation, or a fly/cruise to the most remote coves and inlets of Antarctica to explore remote, rarely-visited areas of the world with two landings each day and longer, flexible onshore explorations. Prices start from £8,700 per person based on a twin share for 19 days. Obligatory transfer package £1,300 and flights not included.
- **Galapagos Islands aboard Small Expedition Ship *Evolution***– Explore the legendary Galapagos Islands and interact with sea lions, turtles and other marine life as you sea kayak, snorkel, swim or Zodiac cruise from calm waters, or hike and explore from land. Passengers will discover the diversity of life on the inner islands, as well as from the less traveled, more remote outer islands. Itineraries can also be booked with an Antarctic itinerary, for an epic Equator to Pole adventure. Prices start from £4,000 per person for 10 days based on a twin share, flights not included
- **North Pole Express: Barneo Ice Camp** – This 3-day expedition features an overnight at this unique fly-in basecamp and temporary Russian scientific station. Passengers spend time in the camp as the scientists and explorers do, and board a helicopter to 90 degrees north for a champagne toast.
- **Arctic Icebreaker Expedition: Arctic Circumnavigation** – Onboard the legendary icebreaker *Kapitan Khlebnikov*, this circumnavigation travels the legendary Northwest and Northeast Passage, the Canadian High Arctic and Greenland, as passengers experience wildlife, wild lands, and the spectacular beauty of the North.
- **North Pole: The Ultimate Adventure** – Board the most powerful icebreaker in the world, *50 Years of Victory,* as itcrushes through thick pack ice on the way to theNorth Pole. Enjoy aerial helicopter views, search for polar bears on the sea ice, and visit remote Franz Joseph Land.
- **Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge** – At Canada's northernmost wilderness lodge, guests can witness hundreds of beluga whales, explore the tundra, and take advantage of included adventure activities such as kayaking.

"The Explorers' Collection caters to travelers who are seeking unique and immersive high adventure experiences," said Andrew White, Quark Expeditions® President. "The trips in the collection will continue to change annually, but will be truly exceptional in expedition travel."

"We're finding passengers are seeking out more adventure in their experiences – they want more unique and intimate ways to explore the world's most stunning and pristine locales," White said.

"Quark is proud to offer these six trips and several unique modes of travel such as storied icebreakers, small exploration ships and extraordinary basecamps which provide really special access and optimal adventure."

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**Notes to Editor: About Quark Expeditions®**

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