

MEDIA RELEASE

Aurora Expeditions Marks Historic Milestone with 100th Passenger Transit of the Northwest Passage



Sydney, Australia – [September 25, 2025] – Aurora Expeditions today announced a historic achievement as its purpose-built expedition ship, *Sylvia Earle MV*, successfully transited the Bering Strait, completing what is officially recorded by the Scott Polar Research Institute at the University of Cambridge as the 100th passenger transit of the Northwest Passage.

The milestone comes as *Sylvia Earle MV* concludes the 2025 Arctic season, securing its place in history as the vessel to achieve this landmark count. The Northwest Passage, stretching through the Canadian Arctic Archipelago, has long been one of the most legendary and challenging sea routes on Earth, symbolizing exploration, endurance, and the human spirit of discovery.

“Reaching the 100th passenger transit of the Northwest Passage is not only a moment of pride for Aurora Expeditions but a recognition of the growing interest in small-ship exploration of this remote and remarkable region,” said Michael Heath, CEO of Aurora Expeditions. *“We are honoured that Sylvia Earle MV and her expeditioners have become part of this extraordinary chapter in polar history.”*

The Northwest Passage has captivated explorers for centuries, with early expeditions often ending in tragedy. Today, modern expedition ships such as *Sylvia Earle MV* combine innovative design and environmental responsibility to provide safe, sustainable access to these wild frontiers, while fostering deep appreciation and understanding of the fragile Arctic environment.

Aurora Expeditions remains committed to responsible travel as a Certified B Corporation™, with its voyages contributing to scientific research, conservation partnerships, and education initiatives that protect and preserve the regions it explores.

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About Aurora Expeditions

Aurora Expeditions is an award-winning Australian-owned adventure travel company that has pioneered experiential travel for over 34 years. A Certified B Corporation™, a commitment to the protection and preservation of our planet is at the heart of each experience.

Founded on the guiding principles of adventure and endless exploration, our carefully curated small-ship voyages offer immersive activities, more time off ship and thoughtful enrichment programs in some of the planet's most remote and incredible places.

Aurora's two purpose-built small ships, *Greg Mortimer MV* and *Sylvia Earle MV*, are designed for global discovery. The company's third ship, *Douglas Mawson MV*, will set sail in December 2025.