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Aurora Expeditions Unveils 2027 Small Ship Cruises: Storytelling at Sea Across 22 Countries

(Sydney, Australia)– September 3, 2025 – Aurora Expeditions, the award-winning leader in small-ship adventure travel, is thrilled to announce the launch of its Small Ship Cruises 2027 Season, officially opening for sale today.

With 21 extraordinary voyages across 22 countries, the season explores the sun-soaked Mediterranean and Adriatic, the vibrant Atlantic & African Coast, and the wild landscapes of Central America (Costa Rica & Panama), along with the historic treasures of Northern Europe and the UK & Ireland. Each journey ranges from 9 to 17 days aboard Aurora’s three purpose-built small ships - *Greg Mortimer*, *Sylvia Earle* and the soon-to-launch *Douglas Mawson* - vessels designed to take travelers closer to the heart of each destination, and into harbors that larger ships simply cannot reach.

Onboard, every sailing is enriched by Master Storytellers: acclaimed historians, genealogists, art experts and more who bring destinations to life through captivating presentations and personal insights in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. Crafted pre- and post-voyage city stays ensure effortless travel from beginning to end. Together, these elements make each voyage a seamless blend of iconic sights and untold stories.

On shore, travelers enjoy a selection of immersive “Your Choice” excursions allowing them to personalize each journey, while enrichment programs - from wine tastings to historical immersions - make every day a delight. Highlights range from UNESCO World Heritage sites and marquee ports like Rome, Dubrovnik and Edinburgh, to hidden gems such as Alberobello’s whitewashed trulli houses, the Isle of Lewis in Scotland, or the olive groves of Istria.

“Our new season goes beyond cruising - it’s storytelling at sea,” said Katie Malone, CMO, Aurora Expeditions. *“Whether it’s a wine tasting in Bordeaux, tracing Viking sagas in Scandinavia, standing on the battlegrounds of Culloden, or visiting Prince Albert’s private vintage car garage in Monaco, every voyage connects travelers to history, culture and community in a way that only small ships can.”*

Season Highlights

- 21 extraordinary voyages across 22 countries, the season spans the Mediterranean, the Adriatic, the Atlantic & African Coast, and Central America (Costa Rica & Panama), as well as Northern Europe and the UK & Ireland
- 9 Brand-New Itineraries, including:

A Mediterranean Feast (MAS001D)

A voyage for the senses, celebrating the Mediterranean's rich culinary culture. From local markets to family-run vineyards and coastal kitchens, discover the flavors and stories that have shaped this region for centuries.

La Dolce Vita (Nice to Rome, FRI001D)

Trace the romance of the French and Italian Rivas, from the cliffside villages of Cinque Terre to Tuscany's Renaissance towns and Rome's timeless streets - with exclusive visits such as Prince Albert's private garage of vintage cars in Monaco.

Treasures of the Adriatic (Valletta to Zagreb, MAC001D)

Sail from Malta through Italy, Montenegro and Croatia, uncovering Dubrovnik's medieval walls, Alberobello's UNESCO trulli houses, Korčula's traditions, and the charm of Rovinj before arriving in Zagreb.

Costa Rica & Panama: Crossing the Canal (PAC001S)

Discover Central America's tropical landscapes and vibrant cultures, from cloud forests to coastal mangroves, before transiting the legendary Panama Canal — one of the greatest engineering feats in history.

Engineering Europe (Amsterdam to Copenhagen, HSC001D)

Journey through Europe's greatest engineering marvels, from Amsterdam's iconic canals and Denmark's capital to a daytime Kiel Canal transit and Berlin's Cold War landmarks.

Spirited Shores (Ireland to Portugal, IRP001D)

Raise a glass along Europe's spirited shores - from Irish whiskey and Guinness to the wines of Bordeaux and the ports of Portugal. Vineyard tours, riverside tastings and coastal markets connect travelers to centuries of tradition.

For Kin and Kingdom (England & Ireland, SCU001D)

From Jacobite battlefields to Dublin's Guinness brewery, explore royal castles, ancient stone circles and Scottish Highlands - meeting the rebels, revolutionaries and royals who shaped these lands.

What Sets Small Ship Cruises Apart

- Access Beyond the Ordinary: Dock in small ports and secluded harbors unreachable by larger vessels
- Immersive Excursions: Tailored, locally guided experiences that reveal the essence of each destination
- Master Storytellers: Acclaimed historians, genealogists, art experts and cultural hosts enriching every sailing

- A Welcoming Atmosphere: Just 154 passengers per ship, creating a relaxed, social environment where travelers become friends
- Exclusive Offers: Savings of up to 20% on select voyages, plus 10 dedicated solo staterooms per sailing with no single supplement

For more information, visit www.aurora-expeditions.com

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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 33 years. A Certified B Corporation™ and proudly Carbon Neutral, at the heart of each experience is a commitment to the protection and preservation of our planet.

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* and *Sylvia Earle*, are designed for global discovery. The company's third ship, *Douglas Mawson*, will set sail in December 2025.