



MEDIA RELEASE

Explorer and Environmentalist Tim Jarvis AM to Join Inaugural Voyage of *Douglas Mawson MV*, Circumnavigating Tasmania

Sydney, Australia — 6 October 2025 - Aurora Expeditions, the award winning leader in small ship adventure travel, today announced that renowned explorer, author and environmental scientist Tim Jarvis AM will sail as Special Guest on the inaugural voyage of the company's new ship, *Douglas Mawson MV*, on an expedition that will circumnavigate [Tasmania](#).

Jarvis, celebrated for retracing Sir Douglas Mawson's Antarctic story and Sir Ernest Shackleton's legendary survival journey, will contribute expert talks, film screenings and on deck interpretation throughout the voyage. His participation reflects Aurora Expeditions' longstanding commitment to exploration with purpose, conservation storytelling and hands on learning at sea.

"Douglas Mawson's legacy is one of courage, scientific curiosity and environmental stewardship," said Tim Jarvis AM. *"To help launch a ship that bears his name, while exploring Tasmania's remarkable wilderness and marine environments, is a privilege. I look forward to sharing field insights and practical ways we can all contribute to protecting the places we visit."*

Named for Australia's pioneering geologist and polar explorer, *Douglas Mawson MV* will carry a maximum of 130 passengers and is designed for small ship adventure with a light footprint and a suite of immersive activities. Its inaugural Tasmania circumnavigation will showcase the state's wild coastlines, islands and marine reserves, with opportunities for coastal hikes, Zodiac cruises, wildlife encounters and enrichment programming led by Aurora Expeditions' expert team alongside Jarvis.

"Tim's connection to Mawson's legacy, combined with his decades-long conservation work - from 25zero to the Forktree Project - make him an ideal partner for this milestone voyage," said Michael Heath, CEO, Aurora Expeditions. *"Tim brings unparalleled expertise, passion and perspective to our expedition team, and we're thrilled to have him aboard for Douglas Mawson MV's first adventure."*

Jarvis is uniquely placed to help mark the launch of *Douglas Mawson MV*. Having spent years exploring and interpreting the life of Sir Douglas Mawson for global audiences, he has retraced the explorer's remarkable journeys and brought historic feats into contemporary focus. Beyond his connection to polar history, Jarvis is a passionate environmentalist whose work spans the globe - from 25zero, a project highlighting the rapid disappearance of the world's tropical glaciers, to the Forktree Project, which is rewilding degraded farmland in South Australia. His ability to connect scientific issues with practical, on

the ground solutions has made him a compelling speaker and filmmaker who inspires action and empowers people to contribute to conservation in their own communities.

The Maiden Voyage & How to Book

The maiden voyage of *Douglas Mawson MV* will be a historic expedition circumnavigating [Tasmania](#), taking in some of the island state's most remote and beautiful wilderness regions. From rugged coastlines and secluded islands to marine reserves teeming with wildlife, expeditioners will enjoy a rich program of off-ship adventures and expert-led experiences. The voyage is now open for bookings via Aurora Expeditions' website and preferred travel advisor partners

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