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2012 - THE 100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY DIVING INTO HISTORY

The RMS Titanic was the brainchild of the famous White Star Line, which specialised in luxury passenger vessels, and Harland & Wolff, the Irish shipyard which designed and built her. One-sixth of a mile long, Titanic was not only the largest moving object ever built by man, she was also the most opulent. More than 14,000 labourers and craftsmen poured their hearts and souls into her design, construction and appointment, toiling on her for four long years. So mighty was Titanic, with her sheer size and cutting-edge watertight features, she was promptly touted as 'unsinkable'.

That epithet proved particularly ironic the night of April 14, 1912, (our 2012 expeditions will mark the 100th Anniversary of her sinking) when Titanic, just days into her maiden transatlantic crossing, struck an iceberg and immediately began to take on water. Within a few short hours, the greatest ship in the world had come to rest on the bottom of the ocean, taking with her the lives of more than 1,500 people.

The mystique surrounding the Titanic disaster has diminished little over time. Each generation has held the memory close, preserving it in books, music and movies. Today, the story stands as modern myth: a luxurious dream ship brimming with the Gilded Age's celebrities and its steerage class; a technological wonder so sophisticated, so sound, as to be deemed invulnerable. Add to that the tragic elements of human error and the inexorable power of nature and the tale of Titanic, with its myriad stories of heartbreak and heroism, becomes a poignant chapter in humanity's collective history.

YOUR TITANIC EXPEDITION ITINERARY

DAY 1 ST JOHNS, NEWFOUNDLAND

Arrival St Johns, Newfoundland. After arrival make your way to the designated hotel for overnight accommodation.

DAY 2 ST JOHNS - EMBARKATION

Embark vessel and evening departure for RMS Titanic site.

DAY 3 AT SEA

At sea enroute to wreck site of RMS Titanic



DAYS 4-10 DIVING

Diving on RMS Titanic. Our lecture, ocean awareness and activity programmes continue.

- Each dive is approximately 11 hours duration
- 2 hours to reach the RMS Titanic, 7 visiting the site, 2 hours returning to the surface.
- Each submersible carries 2 passengers per dive
- Refreshments are available throughout the dive
- Average temperature inside the submersible (10-12°C)



DAY 11 DIVING AND DEPARTURE

Diving on RMS Titanic and evening departure for St Johns, Newfoundland.

DAY 12 AT SEA

At sea enroute St Johns, Newfoundland.

DAY 13 ST JOHNS - DISEMBARKATION

St Johns, Newfoundland morning arrival and disembarkation. After disembarkation passengers continue to the airport for onward flights or individual arrangements.

CRUISE COST

FOR DIVERS (ONE DIVE ON THE TITANIC)	US\$ 59,680
FOR NON DIVERS	US\$ 10,000

COSTS ARE TWIN SHARE, PER PERSON IN US DOLLARS AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Seat on MIR submersible for scientific expedition tour of the RMS Titanic wreck; Accommodations aboard the vessel; One night accommodation in St. John's; Orientation meeting; Three meals daily (starting with breakfast on Day 2 and ending with breakfast onboard on Day 13 disembarkation day); Activities within the programme: lectures, briefings, slide/film shows; Baggage handling, amenities/gifts, personal video.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

Air transportation to/from port of embarkation/disembarkation, transfers to/from airport, airport arrival and departure taxes; Excess baggage charges; Personal items such as laundry, bar charges, gratuities to service staff, telephone/fax/cable charges, travel insurance; Passport and visa fees; Pre or post-voyage arrangements.

MIR SUBMERSIBLES

OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE PP SHIRSHOV INSTITUTE OF OCEANOLOGY, RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, MOSCOW.



THE MIR SUBMERSIBLES WERE BUILT IN FINLAND IN 1987 AND ARE OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE PP SHIRSHOV INSTITUTE OF OCEANOLOGY, RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, MOSCOW. THE DESIGN OF THE MIR SUBMERSIBLES WAS A JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN THE SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS OF THE PP SHIRSHOV INSTITUTE OF OCEANOLOGY AND THE ENGINEERS OF THE FINNISH COMPANY RAUMA REPOLA OY.

THE MIR SUBMERSIBLES CAN REACH A MAXIMUM DEPTH OF 6000 METRES (19,680 FEET), THUS GIVING THEM ACCESS TO UP TO 98% OF THE WORLD'S OCEANS. THE MIR SUBMERSIBLES ARE TWO OF ONLY FIVE MANNED SUBMERSIBLES IN THE WORLD THAT CAN DIVE BEYOND 3,000M (9,840 FEET).

THE MIR SUBMERSIBLES ARE VERY SAFE AND RELATIVELY SPACIOUS; THEY ARE EQUIPPED WITH VIEW PORTS, EXTERIOR LIGHTS AND AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF INSTRUMENTS.

THE MIR SUBMERSIBLES ARE CLASSIFIED WITH GERMAN LLOYD, A LEADING SHIP AND SUBMERSIBLE CLASSIFICATION BUREAU. THEY ARE INSPECTED AND CERTIFIED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND UNDERGO A FULL REFIT EACH FIVE-YEARS.

THE PRESSURE SPHERE IS CONSTRUCTED OF SPECIAL NICKEL STEEL. IT IS DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND THE ENORMOUS PRESSURES AT THESE OCEAN DEPTHS. THE MIR SUBMERSIBLES HAVE AN OVERALL LENGTH OF 7.8 METRES (25 FEET) AND THEIR CABIN IS 2.1 METRES (7 FEET) IN DIAMETER, ACCOMMODATING ONE PILOT AND TWO PASSENGERS.

AIR PRESSURE INSIDE THE CABIN REMAINS AT A CONSTANT ONE ATMOSPHERE: THE AIR IS RECYCLED IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT USED ON BOARD SPACECRAFT, WITH LITHIUM HYDROXIDE SCRUBBERS REMOVING ACCUMULATED CARBON DIOXIDE.

THE DISCOVERY OF HYDROTHERMAL VENT LIFE AND CHEMOSYNTHESIS ON OUR OCEAN FLOOR WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST DISCOVERIES OF THE 20TH CENTURY. THE MIR SUBMERSIBLES HAVE VISITED 12 OF THESE HYDROTHERMAL VENT SITES, BOTH IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND ATLANTIC OCEAN. THREE OF THESE SITES WERE VISITED FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER BY THE MIR'S.

OTHER VOYAGES COMPLETED INCLUDE EXTENSIVE OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND SAMPLING EXPEDITIONS AND FILMING ON THE LEGENDARY RMS TITANIC INCLUDING SUCH PRODUCTIONS AS IMAX TITANICA, JAMES CAMERON'S HOLLYWOOD BLOCKBUSTER TITANIC AND GHOSTS OF THE ABYSS.



HOW TO BOOK

Ask us for airfare prices to the port of embarkation, St. John's, New Foundland, Canada. Cruise costs shown are per person quoted in US dollars and are subject to change due to exchange rate variations and other factors. Please check with us at the time of booking.

TRAVELLER'S NOTES

Should you be travelling alone and wish to share, we will endeavour to match you with a roommate of the same gender. However, if this is not possible or the allotted roommate cancels you will be required to pay the single cabin cost (1.8 times the per person twin share price).

To ensure your place on this exciting adventure, please contact us to reserve a place, then complete a Booking Form* and return to us with your deposit. Reservations are established when you receive written confirmation and acceptance of the deposit and Booking Form.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENTS

FOR DIVERS

DEPOSIT REQUIRED: US\$10,000
PER PERSON AT TIME OF BOOKING
SECOND PAYMENT: US\$20,000
DUE BY 31 OCT 2011 - PER PERSON

BALANCE DUE: 120 DAYS PRIOR TO
ALLOTTED DEPARTURE DATE

IF BOOKING WITHIN 120 DAYS OF
DEPARTURE FULL PAYMENT MUST BE
MADE

FOR NON DIVERS

DEPOSIT REQUIRED: US\$5,000 PER
PERSON AT TIME OF BOOKING

BALANCE DUE: 120 DAYS PRIOR TO
ALLOTTED DEPARTURE DATE

IF BOOKING ON OR WITHIN 120 DAYS
OF DEPARTURE: FULL PAYMENT MUST
BE MADE

CANCELLATIONS

Written instructions only will be accepted by Adventure Associates to cancel a reservation. Cancellation charges are subject to regulations of airlines, shipping company, coach and tour operators, hotels/boats/trains and other principals involved. If it is necessary to cancel your arrangements, the following non-refundable charges will apply.

IF A PARTICIPANT CANCELS AFTER
THE INITIAL DEPOSIT AND BEFORE 31
OCTOBER 2011, A NON-REFUNDABLE
BOOKING FEE OF \$2500 WILL BE
RETAINED.

IF A PARTICIPANT CANCELS AFTER
OCTOBER 31ST AND BEFORE 120
DAYS PRIOR TO THEIR EXPEDITION,
50% OF THE MONIES DUE AS OF THAT
DATE SHALL BE REFUNDED. IF THE
SECOND PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN
PAID BY THE DUE DATE THEN ANY
CANCELLATION AFTER THE SECOND
PAYMENT DUE DATE WILL RESULT IN
FULL FORFEITURE OF THE DEPOSIT
AMOUNT PAID.

IF A PARTICIPANT CANCELS WITHIN
120 DAYS OF THE EXPEDITION, NO
REFUNDS ARE DUE.

All cancellation charges will be strictly applied. If the cancellation charge is more than your advance payment you remain liable for the difference. For these and other reasons mentioned above you are strongly recommended to take out travel insurance. Once the cruise has departed there will be no refund for any unused portions of the trip.

* You will be also be required to complete a ship's contract prior to final cruise documents being issued.

The expedition itinerary may vary depending on weather conditions and on the final number of dive days required.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

REQUIREMENTS FOR AUSTRALIAN PASSPORT HOLDERS

Please note that your passport must be valid for a minimum six months from the date of arrival back into Australia at the conclusion of your travel. Please check with us for any requirements for other countries or for non-Australian passport holders who may also require a re-entry visa for Australia. Note information current at time of brochure publication and subject to change.

PARTICIPATION & HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Participants should have good mobility and be in good health to ensure that their participation does not restrict their fellow travellers. We regret that this voyage is not considered suitable for participants over 70 years unless they forward to us medical certification as to their fitness to participate. If you are on prescribed medications, please bring an adequate supply for your journey. As situations are constantly changing, please consult your doctor of travellers medical centre for current requirements and personal recommendations. We will forward nearer to departure further guidelines regarding clothing, packing etc, for your voyage.

PRICE AND ITINERARY AMENDMENTS

Prices shown in this brochure are per person in US dollars, based on tariffs current at time of printing and are subject to price increases, tax increases, fuel surcharges, rate of exchange variations and other imposts and these costs will be passed on to the tour member. In the event of a re-scheduling or unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary to alter or re-route some or all of the published itinerary and any increased costs resulting therefrom will be passed on to the tour member. Alterations will be done with as little inconvenience as possible to the tour member and include, to the best of the tour operator's ability. Where advice is received by Adventure Associates (herein referred to as AA), we will endeavour to make alternative arrangements prior to departure. We can accept no responsibility for itinerary changes after departure which are beyond the control of AA.

INSURANCE

Travel insurance is strongly recommended which may protect you against loss of deposit or payment, cancellation fees, illness, injury or death, baggage or personal items loss, delays, strikes, war, force majeure, or default by any suppliers or Principals. In certain circumstances within the Terms and Conditions of the Insurance Policy document, tour members may be covered for contingencies such as these.

RESPONSIBILITY

Please read this important information carefully. Payment of a deposit of any part or full payment for a reservation on this tour shall constitute consent to all the provisions contained herein.

AA, operators of the cruise outlined herein, give notice that they act only in the capacity



of Booking Agents for the tour member in all matters of transportation, tour operation, accommodation and other services. AA, its directors, representatives, or their subsidiaries and/or associated Agents shall not be held responsible, directly or indirectly, for property loss or damage and/or any damages resulting from illness, personal injuries or death which may be sustained by reason of, or during any tour, whether due to the ownership, maintenance or operation of any aircraft, helicopter, vehicle, bicycle, boat, hotel, or any other conveyance used in carrying out these tours. These terms and conditions extend to protect all persons who are or might be servants of AA.

AA can assume no liability due to any cause whatsoever for failure or delay or other irregularity, acts or omissions of any person or firm occurring during a tour under which the means of transportation or other service provided thereby is offered or supplied by owners, operators or public carriers for whom AA acts only as agent. AA shall not be responsible for any injury or death to person or property damage arising out of any act of nature, war, insurrection, revolt or other civil uprising or military action occurring in the countries of origin, destination or passage. Furthermore, AA cannot be held liable for default by any of their suppliers or Principals. These are rare events and tour members are strongly recommended to take out travel insurance.

Without limiting the foregoing, AA shall have no liability to the tour member in the event of such person's dissatisfaction with any such service or accommodation, or for any transportation delay, including but not limited to liability for inconvenience, shortened vacation time, additional expense, or any other kind of damage. No monetary or other allowance can be made where a tour member departs from the itinerary or does not utilise any of the services described in a brochure. In the event of any tour cancellation, AA cannot be held responsible for any costs incurred by a tour member's purchase of any special or non-refundable air, tour, accommodation or other transportation tickets. The expression "tour member" where used in these terms and conditions includes

the person who signed the booking form and all persons on whose behalf it is signed.

By forwarding of deposit, the tour member certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other tour members. AA reserves the right to cancel or withdraw any person as a member of the tour/cruise at any time. AA reserves the right to alter or omit any part of the itinerary or change any reservation, feature and/or means of conveyance without notice and for any reason whatsoever. AA reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on its part.

A booking will only be held on receipt by AA of its Booking Form and of all money due at the time of booking and of all subsequent monies as they fall due. Monies shall not be deemed to have been received by or on behalf of AA until actually paid to it and AA has issued its receipt. Payment of money to AA shall be a direction and authorisation for it to disburse the money. Should the passenger deal through a travel retailer other than AA, that travel retailer is the booking agent for the traveller. It is the passenger's responsibility to check with their booking agent as to whether any variation to itinerary, price or other aspects have occurred. It is also the responsibility of the passenger to make sure that they are in possession of the proper travel documents and that they are in compliance with the current government and transportation companies' regulations. No contract shall be entered into until a completed Booking Form is received and accepted by AA.

AA has done all it can to ensure that its AA are accurate but it cannot accept any liability for any inaccuracy in, or departure from, what is described in the brochure. Maps illustrated in this brochure are for general information and may not necessarily reflect actual routings or services provided. Photographs show places in the geographic area but may not be included in the tours.

The transportation companies concerned are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the tour members are not aboard their carriers or conveyances. The passenger contract in use by the carriers concerned (when issued) shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage. Coupons, tickets and vouchers are issued and accepted by the tour member subject to the service provider's or transportation companies' terms and conditions. All legal questions and actions against AA must be brought in New South Wales, Australia, and by payment of monies to AA and embarking on the tour the tour member waives the right to bring an action against AA into any other forum. Nothing in these terms and conditions shall in any way detract from rights and privileges given to consumers by the Trade Practices Act or similar consumer protection legislation where such rights cannot according to the terms of that legislation be amended, varied or modified.

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