In March 2015, we invite you to join us at the foot of the Andes Mountains in Ushuaia, Argentina for the start of our International Antarctic Expedition 2015 (IAE 2015). As the heartiest of heroic explorers did a century ago, we journey by ship to the last wilderness on earth, a place so vast and desolate - and yet so full of life, it promises to awaken all of your senses.

We bring together a team of present and future leaders who want to take responsibility to build resilient communities and seek change for sustainability. As a team member you will participate in Robert Swan’s ‘Leadership on the Edge Program’. During the program you will learn from global experts on today’s issues of climate change and energy use - and how they affect us worldwide. Your days will be filled with life lessons on leadership, team building and personal unique wildlife experiences, all while building lifelong relationships with your teammates.

Join us, as we take you on a life changing adventure like no other on this planet.
“We don’t inherit our time on earth from our parents, we borrow it from our children”

David Brower - Founder of the Sierra Club
2041 was founded by Robert Swan, Order of the British Empire (OBE), and the first person in history to walk to both the North and South Poles. As a polar explorer, environmental leader and public speaker, Swan has dedicated his life to the preservation of Antarctica through the promotion of renewable energy and sustainability projects that combat mankind’s effects on climate change.

The Antarctic has no government. Human activities are governed by an international agreement known as the ‘Antarctic Treaty System’. Established in 1959, this unique document ensures that Antarctica is used for peaceful and scientific purposes. Under the treaty, drilling and mining are banned by the ‘Environmental Protocol’, established in 1991 and ratified in 1998. This protocol, however, can be reviewed beginning in 2041. As that year quickly approaches, Robert is committed to ensuring that today’s youth will be in a position to make informed and sustainable decisions in the future, thus protecting this last great wilderness.

“In our own backyards we can take small achievable steps to protect and preserve the beauty and integrity of our environment and our planet for future generations.”

Robert Swan, OBE
By utilizing the experiences Robert Swan and those of the early Antarctic explorers (Shackleton, Scott, Amundsen and others), Robert Swan’s “Leadership on the Edge” Program focuses on personal development, improving communication skills, and team building. It challenges individuals who are compelled to make a difference by deepening their awareness of themselves in relation to the world around them. In doing so, they adopt new ways of seeing, thinking, interacting and working with the world resulting in sustainable solutions.

Each day the program is filled with skill building, presentations, debates, and group discussions from our team of experts on the environment, climate change, sustainable development, and outdoor leadership. Team members build upon their skills as we take the classroom ashore and work together to face the challenges the Antarctic naturally provides. By enhancing leadership abilities, we work to create strategies for successful team and individual development.
When Robert first delivered presentations 25 years ago, his talk of climate change was not well received. Global warming was not considered a business issue. Now more than ever, our planet is speaking to us. The number of complex catastrophes have increased worldwide: sea level rise is changing our coastlines; tornadoes are landing in unheard of numbers; floods of biblical proportions wash out homes; larger and longer forest fires are burning; typhoons are becoming more frequent. These catastrophes all point to one indisputable fact- the climate is changing, and the earth is calling us to action. Robert Swan believes the list of solutions outweighs the list of problems and that people have an extraordinary ability to turn complex challenges into platforms for change.

2041 is committed to providing responsible expeditions. Our ship burns low-emission marine gas oil, uses eco-friendly and biodegradable laundry chemicals and serves only sustainable seafood. As a member of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), we adhere to stringent guidelines designed to ensure that the Polar Regions will remain pristine for generations to come.
In partnership with industry and the Russian Antarctic Expedition (RAE), Robert fulfilled his dream in developing the first Education Base (E-Base) in the Antarctic. By remote access, the E-Base enables young people in our schools to learn about the importance of preserving Antarctica, promoting the use of renewable energy, and raising awareness of climate change. It was opened in February 2008 when Robert and his small team spent four weeks living at the E-Base powered solely by renewable energy.
Antarctica is vast; twice the size of Australia. It is an island continent east of the sun, west of the moon, and south of everything else. The continent holds 90% of the world’s ice and 70% of the world’s fresh water. It is the highest, driest, coldest and windiest continent on earth. In the 21st Century, scientists forecast significant warming in the Antarctic resulting in a chain reaction of events. The reduction of sea ice and the breakoff and melting of large tabular icebergs will contribute to rising sea levels, changing the ocean’s salinity and therefore its biodiversity. This will in turn affect the animals that inhabit the Antarctic.

Through the centuries, this harsh continent has attracted a variety of pioneers. These explorers, adventurers, hunters, researchers, and scientists all share similar characteristics: daring and idealistic, they are prepared to face the unknown dangers in their attempts to better understand the Antarctic. Deep cold, pack ice, storms, scurvy, and the long polar night have acted like a magnet. Antarctica’s inaccessibility has been an enticement rather than a limitation.

We follow in the footsteps of the great explorers and seek to understand the magnitude and beauty of the great white continent.

**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

- **Day 1:** Ushuaia: Arrive in the southernmost city in the world
- **Day 2:** Ushuaia: Program and team workshops begin
- **Day 3:** Antarctic Departure Day
- **Day 4:** The Drake Passage
- **Day 5-10:** The Antarctic Peninsula / Leadership Program
- **Day 11:** King George Island
- **Day 12:** At Sea
- **Day 13:** Disembark and return home
Sail aboard the Sea Spirit and you’ll experience Antarctica in grand style. Carrying a maximum of 100 passengers this outstanding vessel, approved for polar waters, is one of the most spacious and luxurious expedition vessels currently operating. The ship has two large lounges, library, gym and hot tub, elevator access to all passenger levels, and stabilizers to help provide smoother sailing. All cabins are outside suites with private facilities.

Lifeboats: 4 partially enclosed
Length: 90.6 m
Breadth: 15.3 m
Draft: 4.16 m
Ice Class: 1D
Propulsion Diesel: 4,720 hp
Cruising Speed: 14.5 knots in open water
Registered: Bahamas

Deck Plan

- SUN DECK
- SPORTS DECK
- CLUB DECK
- OCEANUS DECK
- MAIN DECK

- Triple - Classic
- Deluxe Suite
- Main Deck Suite
- Premium Suite
- Classic Suite
- Superior Suite
- Owner’s Suite
The International Antarctic Expedition 2015 will be an exhilarating and unpredictable adventure - a life changing experience for the international group of men and women joining Robert Swan and the 2041 Team to the last great wilderness on earth. The following itinerary outlines a typical daily program you can expect on a 2041 Expedition, with examples of Antarctic locations and sights we may visit along the way.

Please note: All Antarctic travel is completely dependent on local weather and ground conditions at the time of the actual expedition, so flexibility and an open mind are essential for a truly positive and successful experience!
You will fly into Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world. This windy and desolate outpost is tucked into the Beagle Channel and surrounded by peaks and glaciers. You will be met at the airport by Robert Swan and his team leaders and taken to your hotel. We will stay two nights in our hotel high up on the mountain above town. Depending on your arrival time, the remainder of the day is yours to relax and get ready to begin your expedition. One of our 2041 Team Leaders will check your clothing and gear to ensure you have everything you need for your Antarctic journey. Dinner is on your own.

Today begins with a hike up to the Martial Glacier on the mountain behind town. We will work together in teams to reach the top! Once we return to the hotel, we will regroup to review our team work on the mountain and continue with our Program. Tonight is an introductory team dinner.
DAY 3 - ANTARCTIC DEPARTURE DAY

Sunday 15 March 2015

We prepare for our departure today. You will have a few hours after lunch to go into town and do any final shopping, make calls home, etc. In the late afternoon we embark our ship the Sea Spirit. As you step aboard, you will realize just how far you have come - and the adventure has just begun! We enjoy our first dinner onboard after we attend the Antarctic safety briefing on the deck of the ship. It’s time to start our voyage south!

DAY 4 - THE DRAKE PASSAGE

Monday 16 March 2015

Cape Horn, the most southerly point of the Americas, has stimulated the imagination of mankind since Sir Francis Drake inadvertently circumnavigated it in 1580. Sometimes misty and grey, other times calm and clear, crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable - a milestone in any adventurer’s personal travel history. Some of us will approach this historic crossing with more than a little trepidation. Despite its reputation, there are times when it is called the “Drake Lake”; at other times we have encountered rough crossings with large waves. Regardless, the size of the waves and the force of the gale winds will take on gigantic proportions when relayed to folks back home.

As we cross the Drake Passage, there will be a selection of multimedia lectures about Antarctica, the timing of which is dependent on safety and weather conditions. We will also learn about the wildlife, geology, history and geography of the Antarctic Peninsula from our onboard experts. We will be given IAATO guidelines for approaching the wildlife and begin to discuss the importance of renewable energy and how it plays a vital role in the preservation of Antarctica. A favorite pastime onboard is to stand at the stern watching the many seabirds, including majestic albatrosses and giant petrels, following our wake.
DAY 5-10
THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Tuesday 17 March 2015 –
Sunday 22 March 2015

Depending on ice and weather conditions, the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula is ours to explore. Our experienced leaders will use their local knowledge to design our voyage from day to day capitalizing on the best weather and ice conditions. Once we arrive in the calmer waters of the Peninsula, we will make numerous shore landings in inflatable rubber boats called zodiacs. Cruising along spectacular ice shelves or following whales that are feeding near the surface, we will soon appreciate the distinct advantage of being on a small vessel, which gives everyone the opportunity to experience these very special close encounters with the environment.
There are many exciting places that we may visit if time and weather permit. Shore excursion decisions will be made daily onboard. Below are some places we may visit:

**CUVERVILLE ISLAND**

Cuverville Island is a domed shape 250m tall island hosting several large gentoo rookeries, making it one of the largest gatherings of this penguin in Antarctica at 40,000 strong. We take this opportunity to closely observe them and their habits as we stand beneath the giant peaks that rise around the island.

**NEKO HARBOUR**

Named after the Norwegian whaling ship working in these waters at the beginning of the 20th century, Neko Harbour gives us an opportunity to enjoy a true continental landing. Our time among its calving glaciers and statuesque icebergs is a clear reminder of our goal of respecting and protecting this beautiful continent for future generations.
PARADISE HARBOUR

Named by the whalers for its stark beauty, Paradise Harbour is arguably one of the most aptly named spots on earth! Surrounded by glaciers that dramatically calve into the sea, Paradise Harbour offers breathtaking mountain reflections into clear, unspoiled waters. During our visit, we embark on a group hike and enjoy an incredible vista above the bay, towering over Argentina’s now-abandoned Brown Station. Whales often seek shelter in this bay, and as we explore the shoreline by zodiac boat, we may be lucky enough to encounter a few humpback or minke whales up close.

THE LEMAIRE CHANNEL

Surrounded by near vertical peaks on either side, this extremely steep sided channel is only visible once you are almost inside providing one of the most dramatic landscapes to sail through. Sometimes blocked by ice, the Lemaire reminds us that we must always be ready to adapt to the Antarctic elements.
CAMPING IN THE ANTARCTIC

For those who wish to join, Robert and his team leaders will take the team on an overnight camping expedition on the Antarctic ice, weather permitting. This gives us the chance to experience the Antarctic night as the early expeditions did at the turn of the century; however we are fortunate to have the latest expedition equipment provided.

“We should have the sense to leave just one place alone”

Sir Peter Scott – Founder of the WWF and son of Robert Falcon Scott
Monday 23 March 2015

The largest island the South Shetland Islands of the Peninsula, King George Island is also the location of the 2041 E-Base, the first education station built in Antarctica of sustainable products and run on renewable energy. You will have a chance to visit the site of Robert Swan’s 2008 “E-Base Goes Live” mission where he successfully became the first person in Antarctic history to live for two weeks solely on renewable energy. Later in the day we enter the Drake Passage.
DAY 12: AT SEA

Tuesday 24 March 2015
Sailing home towards Argentina, team members enjoy a day at sea to with fellow team members and reflect on all that has taken place during the expedition. A final wrap up and award ceremony takes place as we leave Antarctic waters.

DAY 13: USHUAIA - DISEMBARK

Wednesday 25 March 2015
We disembark in Ushuaia in the early morning. A location that mere days ago seemed wild and remote is now, in contrast to the isolation of Antarctica, cozily familiar. We say our farewells all around and make our way to the airport with the 2041 Team Leaders who will assure your safe departure.
OUR MISSION FOR 2041

Our mission is to engage and inspire the next generation of leaders to take responsibility to build resilient communities and know that now is the time for action in policy development in government for the promotion of recycling, renewable energy and sustainability.