



Welcome to BC Retired Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association Travel Newsletter!

We hope you had a nice Thanksgiving long weekend with your family and friends!

Last week we had a group start their tour throughout the country of Egypt! To see photos specifically on the various highlights and attractions in Cairo, visit our Trip Merchant Facebook page [HERE](#).

In this newsletter we are featuring the following:

- *Antarctica & Falklands Expedition Departure & Recorded Online Presentation
- *Icelandic Adventure - Only 4 rooms remaining...Book by October 15th and receive a complimentary excursion, and save \$400 a person
- *All Group Departures!

- *Special Offers: Atlas Ocean Voyages - Second Guest Sails FREE
 - *Why Private/Tailor Made travel?
 - *Ever wanted to host a group? Calling all group leaders!
 - *India on your travel list? Fall 2024
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GROUP DEPARTURE/RECORDED ONLINE PRESENTATION

Antarctica & Falklands Expedition
February 23-March 10, 2024 - Join the Founders



*Join the Founders, Ryan and Tom, on this trip you do not want to miss, to the “the last continent” – Antarctica! **With several bookings already, space is limited.***

Explore Antarctica during its summer, touring icebergs and visiting penguin colonies ashore. You’ll also go to the Falkland Islands, visit its capital Stanley and see penguins and seals. In February and March, penguin chicks start growing up, and these are the peak months for whale-watching. Whenever you visit, you can join the Hurtigruten Expedition Team in fascinating lectures, landings and ice-cruises. *Onboard the impressive MS Roald Amundsen!*

Nature reigns in the Antarctic summer

- *16-day expedition cruise from Ushuaia to Antarctica and the Falkland Islands, will five days exploring Antarctica on included and optional activities.
- *Get close to icebergs, go whale watching and see penguins, with chances to go hiking and ice-cruising on the Antarctic ice.
- *Explore the scenic, sandy beaches and wildlife of the Falkland Islands and visit the charming capital, Stanley.

Starting at Trip Merchant Group Rate: \$10,458 USD

*Per person, based on double occupancy in an RR cabin - spacious Polar Outside cabin on lower or middle deck (land/cruise/domestic flights).
Upgrades available.

***We have a solo female traveller interested in sharing a room.
Please contact us for the opportunity to be matched.***

To learn more about the itinerary, the cruise ship, the many inclusions/experiences, and cabin categories, click the button below:

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Recorded Online Presentation:

Learn all about Antarctica & the Falklands, Hurtigruten Expeditions and our February 2024 group departure. **Watch by clicking the button below!**

[RECORDED ONLINE PRESENTATION - SEPTEMBER 26](#)

ALL GROUP DEPARTURES - 2023

Icelandic Adventure - **ONLY 4 ROOMS AVAILABLE!**

Departure Date: May 9-17, 2023

Optional Post-Tour Extension - Snæfellsnes & Borgarfjörður: May 17-21, 2023



Book by **October 15th, 2022 and receive a complimentary included optional excursion (see below for more details)*

Early Booking Price Expires **October 30th, 2022 (or until sold out)*

For more information, click the button below:

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**Tanzania: The Great Migration - *ONE ROOM
AVAILABLE!***

***Departure Date: August 19-September 2, 2023 - Join the
Founders***

Optional 7-Day Kenya (Or Uganda) Pre-Tour Extension



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The Society Islands & Tuamotus Cruise
Save \$1400 USD Per Person + An Onboard Ship Credit!
November 8-18, 2023: Join the Founders



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***Click the button below to explore all available group departures - including Southern Africa, Belize and Italy Long Stay. Treasures of Portugal to be released in the next travel newsletter...**

[ALL GROUP DEPARTURES!](#)

TRIPS & SAVINGS

Atlas Ocean Voyages
Second Guest Sails FREE!



Second Guest Sails Free when you book any yacht-style cruise to the Mediterranean, British Isles and Northern Europe, Arctic and Norwegian Fjords, and Iceland and Greenland. Including more overnights and late departures, Atlas Ocean Voyages allow more time to become immerse in captivating destinations. Save up to \$14,499 USD, with fares from only \$4,299 USD for two guests (*April 24, 2023 departure - Lisbon to Malaga). PLUS, take advantage of reduced deposits.

MEDITERRANEAN

FARES FROM ONLY \$4,299 USD FOR TWO GUESTS

As our small, sleek ships navigate remote coves of the Greek Isles, the Italian and French Rivas, Spain, Portugal and other destinations, Guests can engage in watersports directly from the ship in many ports to experience your world up close.

ARCTIC & NORWEGIAN FJORDS

FARES FROM ONLY \$8,999 USD FOR TWO GUESTS

Guests will explore Svalbard, one of the most remote regions of the Arctic, on yacht-style expeditions, where they may see polar

bears, reindeer, puffins and other incredible wildlife. They'll navigate famous and picturesque fjords of Norway, including the UNESCO- listed Geirangerfjord and Gudvangen.

BRITISH ISLES & NORTHERN EUROPE
FARES FROM ONLY \$7,999 USD FOR TWO GUESTS

Explorers will enter the kingdom of red wine at Port Médoc, a gateway to the Bordeaux Wine Route and discover the hidden gem of Belle-Île, the secret summer getaway for Parisians. With overnights in Belfast, Edinburgh, Dublin and London, they'll enjoy more time to explore historic destinations.

ICELAND & GREENLAND
FARES FROM ONLY \$9,999 USD FOR TWO GUESTS

Delve into the majesty of the largest island in the world, exploring Greenland's breathtaking fjords and possibly even its renowned national park. They'll admire camera-ready landscapes, like the rock pillars and cliffs of Vopnafjörður, Iceland, filled with scenes that often resemble different creatures.

****MEMBER BENEFIT:*** As a Trip Merchant member, you will receive a \$100 USD On Board Credit per Stateroom/Suite booked!

For more information, and to explore various itinerary options, please email us at info@tripmerchant.com.

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Why Private / Tailor Made Travel?



Tailor made, bespoke, customized or custom crafted...these terms essentially have the same meaning when it comes to Private/Tailor Made travel experiences! Click the link below to learn more including the many benefits of this style of travel.

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Trip Merchant Journeys Private / Tailor Made assists in designing tailor made travel experiences to match your taste and budget, whether it be a private trip for 2, a family/friend reunion or a large group. You have the flexibility to choose your accommodations, meals and sightseeing based on your preferences, and at your desired pace. We deliver a stress free 'a la carte' travel experience, where we will look after all the small details.

Here are some of the key destinations *Trip Merchant Journeys* focuses on: Colombia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Egypt, India, South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Morocco, Jordan, Portugal, Ecuador, Peru and more! Click below to learn more.

[TRIP MERCHANT JOURNEYS - PRIVATE/TAILORED MADE](#)

CALLING ALL GROUP LEADERS!

Want to host a trip for your association or friends/family?



Do you want to organize a group departure? Think you would be a good group leader?

Interested in putting a group trip together for your family, friends, reunion or other members?

We can help your group departure become a success! Contact us to learn more.

[CLICK HERE!](#)

FUTURE GROUP DEPARTURE

Incredible India - October/November 2024!



India is a destination you will never forget...Incredible India - Rajasthan, Taj Mahal & Ganges Cruise. Join us on this unique, culturally immersive trip of a lifetime to India, featuring the Taj Mahal, Old Delhi, Amber Fort and a 7-night River Cruise aboard the Bengal Ganga! With an optional post extension to Goa. Many more details to come! We will be taking 16-24 passengers only. If you wish to be on the interest list for this well in advance, please let us know and we'll notify you once we have more information (info@tripmerchant.com).

Please Note:

**You may notice on your travel site that various trips/itineraries do not have the most up-to-date 2023 (and beyond) departure dates, and in some cases, the lead in price may be different. With the overflow of demand for travel it has been challenging for us to fully upkeep the trips and the departure dates, aside from the new programs that we've added to the site. Over the course of the next couple months, we will be taking the time to update the current trips, with the addition of new programs being added.*

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