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INTREPID AND CHIMU LAUNCH ANTARCTIC OPERATIONS

Flagship range marks a return for Polar pioneer Peregrine Adventures

Intrepid Group and Chimu Adventures have today announced a new program of sustainable small-group polar expeditions operated by the joint venture partners under the Peregrine Adventures flag.

Starting in October 2020, the expeditions will operate on the newly refurbished Ocean Endeavour; marking the next step in the joint partnership between Intrepid and Chimu, with the two companies now one of the largest sellers of Antarctica globally.

The new range also marks the return of Intrepid Group's Peregrine Adventures brand to Antarctic waters and makes Intrepid Group a truly seven continent operator, says Intrepid Group CEO James Thornton.

"We know there is a huge appetite for a more sustainable and experiential style of cruise, so we're thrilled that this partnership will take Peregrine back to operating Polar expeditions in our own small group sustainable style," says Thornton.

The Ocean Endeavour carries 199 travellers and has a range of accommodation options, including single cabins, as well as a health and wellness centre on board with saunas, a well-equipped gym, yoga classes, and a salt water pool.

With an industry-leading ratio of one expedition leader to eight guests, a superb range of on- and off-board activities, and rigorous sustainability standards, Greg Carter, Co-Founder of Chimu Adventures says travellers can feel assured the most important details are taken care of.

Travellers will have the chance to explore the White Continent on a range of optional activities with specialised guides such as sea kayaking, snowshoeing, photography tours and even ice-camping.

All departures will be carbon offset and eco-friendly measures will include no single-use plastic onboard, a reusable water bottle for every guest and only sustainable seafood will be served onboard.

“We are seeing an increasing appetite from travellers of all ages to visit Antarctica, they want to get closer to nature and understand the world we live in,” says Carter.

“Antarctica needs advocates and tourism creates a global constituency of people ready to support - and indeed fund - its preservation. When you’re there, you see how fragile the earth is and that really does inspire travellers to come back with a renewed momentum to protect the planet.”

With voyages starting from AUD\$7090, Intrepid Group CEO James Thornton said the new polar program makes the Antarctic more affordable than ever before, without compromising on sustainable tourism.

Peregrine Adventures is celebrating 27% growth in its 40th year, driven by growth in the brand’s Adventure Cruising range, including a new boat in the Galapagos Islands.

For more information, please visit www.peregrineadventures.com/en-gb/antarctica-2021-season

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Notes to editors:

Artists impressions of the new Peregrine-branded expeditions are available to download here:
<https://intrepidgroup.bynder.com/web/5c0e91474ae8e540/launch-of-new-polar-charters-for-2020/>

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About the Intrepid Group

Independently-owned by the original founders of Intrepid Travel, the Intrepid Group is now a collection of four tour operator brands and 21 destination management companies united by the vision of changing the way people see the world. For almost 30 years, Intrepid has been taking small groups to travel the local way, on real life experiences that give back to the places and people we visit. As this style of travel has caught on, the Intrepid Group family has grown to now offer around 2,700 trips to more than 120 countries and on all seven continents. We cater for all ages, budgets, and appetites for adventure through Adventure Tours, Intrepid Travel, Peregrine Adventures and Urban Adventures. Globally-renowned as a leader in responsible travel, Intrepid has been a carbon-neutral business since 2010. Our not-for-profit, the Intrepid Foundation has raised AUD \$6M for over 100 local and international charities by matching traveller donations dollar-for-dollar. For further information, visit: www.intrepidgroup.travel

About Chimu Adventures

Founded in 2004, Chimu Adventures is an Australian owned company offering fully flexible, guaranteed itineraries to Latin America, plus cruises to Antarctica and the Arctic. Catering to clients of all ages, Chimu's philosophy is simple: "use specialised knowledge to work with our clients, accommodating their individual needs at reasonable prices". Our team is committed to the destinations which we operate in and are proud members of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO), the Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO) and International Galapagos Tour Operators Association (IGTOA). For more information visit www.chimuadventures.com