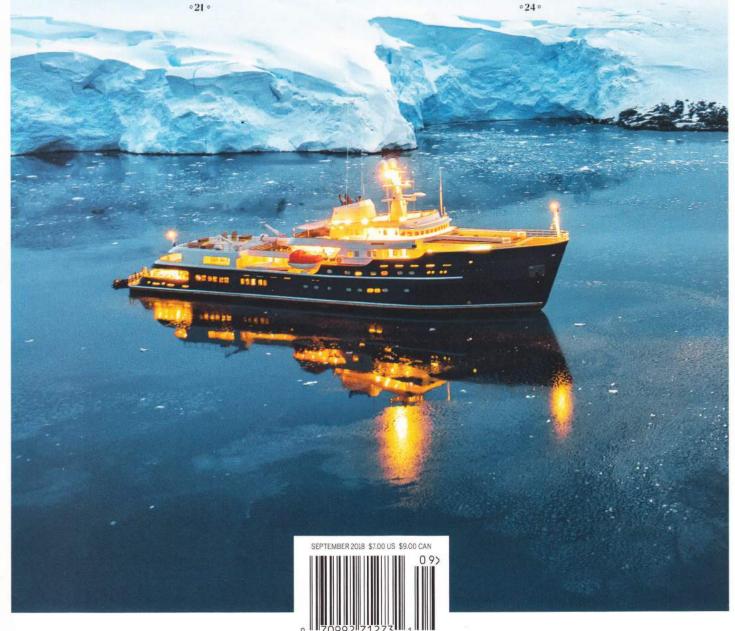
PURE LUXURY PURE NATURE THE 254-FOOT ICE-BREAKING YACHT LEGEND RETURNS TO ANTARCTICA FOR ANOTHER SEASON OF EXTRAORDINARY ENCOUNTERS

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Living the Legend



Legend's owner started decades ago in the charter business with a 124-foot motoryacht. Then he renovated the 228-foot Sherakhan, one of the first charter yachts to take more than 12 guests (she sleeps 26). Legend expands his large-group concept into remote destinations.

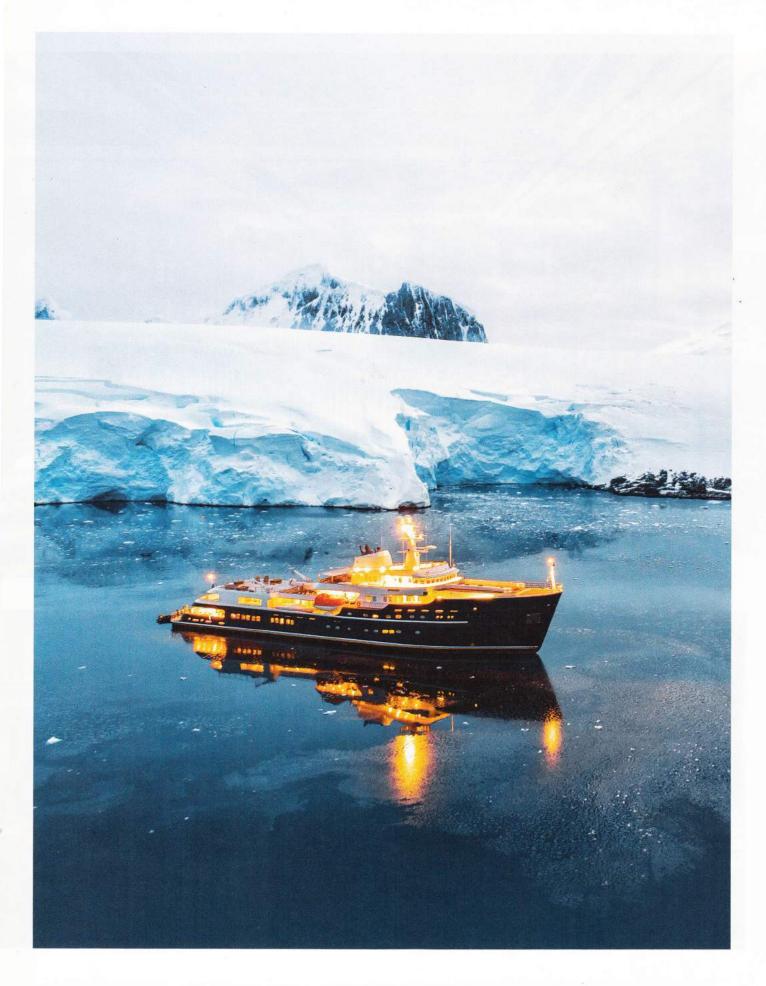
IT WAS MIDNIGHT WHEN Nicolas Benazeth stepped onto the aft deck as the crew prepped the sub for a dive to about 200 feet. The 254-foot expedition yacht Legend was anchored in an Antarctica bay that looked like it was "on another planet. The light - you have these amazing mountains all covered in ice and snow, so everything is smooth with this eerie, moonlight glow," he says. "The sub has this amazing array of lights, and you see these alien life forms down on the seabed. And I was thinking, I'm in a submarine at night in Antarctica seeing these jellyfish and worms and things that you see on nature programs." ¶ Even after the sub returned to the yacht, Benazeth remained in awe. ¶ "You think, Did I just do that? Is this real?" he says. "I came out of that night dive thinking nothing could ever top this, and the next day, I was hanging out with a whole pod of killer whales." ¶ Jacqui Lockhart

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was with Benazeth as the orcas encircled *Legend*'s tender.

¶ "I was on my knees on the
bottom of the tender with my
elbows on the tube, on the side,
and I took this picture, and this
whale was coming straight at
me," she says. "And then it went
under the tender. It was crazy.
That same bull whale kept
going alongside and looking
me in the eye — it was looking right at me." ¶ Liz Howard was there too, and equally
speechless. ¶ "I have spent, I

don't know how much time with whales in Alaska," she says. "I was crew up there for three years. Nothing was like this. They would come right up to us - their eyes and face would be less than a foot from the tender - and then they'd go under the tender, and we could feel them there." These people may sound like gushing schoolchildren after a first trip beyond their hometown borders, but they're actually three of the most experienced charter brokers in the world. Benazeth, who is director of charter at CharterWorld, has been in Australia's Kimberley coast, Indonesia's Raja Ampat Islands and the South Pacific islands, Lockhart, a broker with Camper & Nicholsons International, knows top-end vachts so well that she was tapped to run the MYBA Association's boat-show committee. Howard, a broker with Fraser, has cruised everywhere from Fiji and Dubai to the Galapagos and



 ${\it Jacqui\,Lockhart\,of\,Camper\,\&\,Nicholsons\,International\,recalls\,guests\,being\,in\,the\,sun-deck\,pool, as\,snow\,fell,\,when\,the\,first\,icebergs\,appeared.}$



1. Intricate sole inlays in Legend's interior. 2. Penguins at play ashore. 3. Legend's three-person submersible for exploring under the ice.





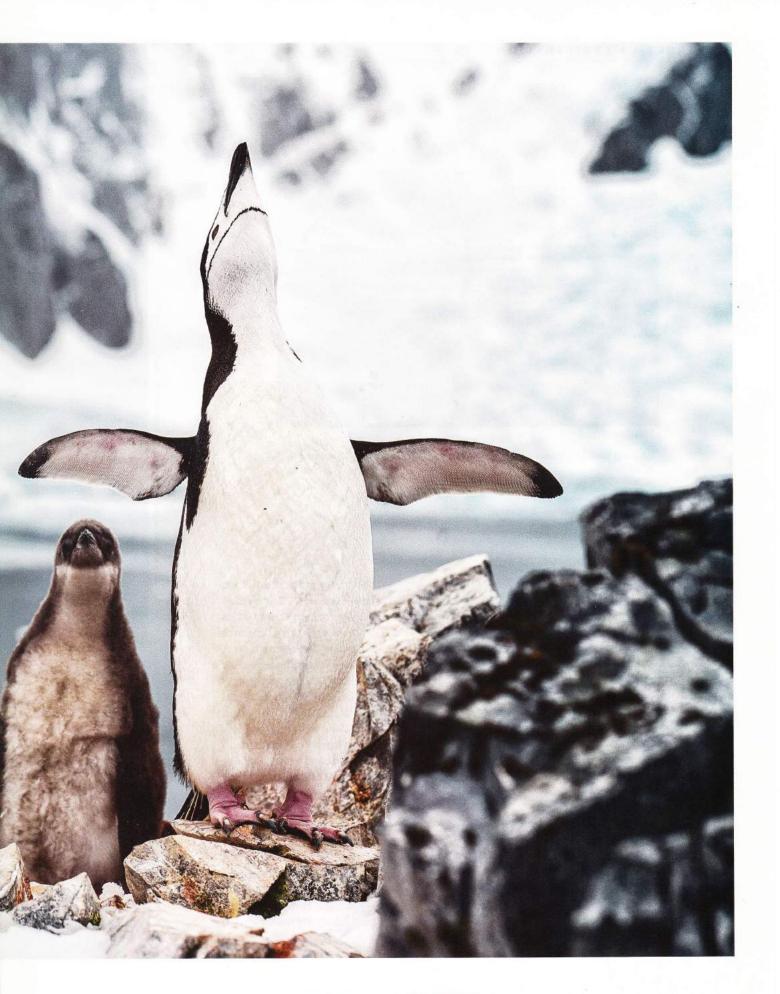


4. Legend has 13 staterooms for 26 guests. 5. The yacht was built with cabins for 10 expedition staff, such as these guides, in addition to 19 crew.

"The penguins are so cool," says Liz Howard, a charter broker with Fraser. "You feel like there's an intelligence that other animals don't have. You can see the care that they have for each other, the way they play together—it's really a unique experience from anything I've seen."







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A guest knelt in a tender while this whale came right at her and dove under it.

Myanmar. ¶ They are people who have seen it all, as far as superyachts and exotic destinations go - and to a person, they've never seen anything like what Legend is now offering in Antarctica. ¶ "The only word that I can use to describe what the experience was like is otherworldly," Howard says. "Amazingly unique doesn't begin to describe the experience." ¶ Legend is the only Class 1 ice-breaking charter yacht, converted during a two-year project at Icon for use in extreme regions. Where yachts in the Caribbean might pile paddleboards, Legend has gear for heli-skiing down Greenland's peaks. Where yachts in the Mediterranean might have

mahogany sailing dinghies, Legend has a commercially rated helipad. ¶ "Inside Legend, you would not know that it's an expedition vessel," Howard says. "But what he's done is that instead of filling it with WaveRunners and Seabobs,

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there's a submarine and iceready tenders." ¶ Ice-ready is a key concept in Antarctica, where vessels often turn back because of the frozen waters. ¶ "Legend is set up where, even the tenders, they can get through the ice fields," Howard says. "It was like sitting in a huge gin and tonic with crushed ice." ¶ The weekly base rate for an Antarctica charter is about \$570,000, and all-in with the sub, helicopter and other expenses, Howard says, the total is about \$1 million. ¶ It's worth it, she and the others say, for anyone who thinks he's seen it all. ¶ "It offers something that there's no other way in the world to do," Howard says. "It's pure luxury in pure nature." •





 $The \ window for \ charters \ on \ \textit{Legend} \ in \ Antarctica \ is \ from \ about \ mid-December \ through \ mid-March. \ Brokers \ need \ months \ to \ plan \ flights \ and \ more.$