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Orion Expedition Cruises

Berlitz Cruise Guide rankings

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[Berlitz Guide to Cruising rates Orion Expedition Cruises as World Class](#)

"Talk about exclusive cruising – this is it. Actually cruising is the wrong word for this type of eco-travel; it is more like having a magic carpet whisk you to destinations that most people have never heard of"

Orion Expedition Cruises' *Orion* has been ranked second in a listing of the world's best expedition cruise ships in the new Berlitz Complete Guide to Cruising and Cruise Ships 2008 annual assessment.

The Berlitz Complete Guide to Cruising and Cruise Ships is a highly regarded authoritative publication that reviews all categories of cruise ships around the world, providing an independent summary of findings and rankings. Within the Expedition Cruise Ships category the assessment is summarised into two areas – ship/facilities and the expedition experience.

Orion received a #2 ranking in both categories.

Sarina Bratton, Founder and Managing Director of Orion Expedition Cruises is understandably thrilled by the news saying *"for Orion to be ranked second behind the established benchmark world leader Hapag-Lloyd Cruises' Hanseatic in just our third year of operation is a great honour for us and a powerful endorsement of the quality of ship, personnel, services and expedition itineraries. My thanks go to the dedicated crew onboard who have contributed to this result - and I am proud Orion has been recognised as a truly world-class Australian product."*

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Further Orion quotes from the Berlitz Cruise Guide include:

"This is about as far away from big cruise ships as you can get, with well planned itineraries to some of the most remote regions of the southern hemisphere, including the islands of Papua New Guinea, the Kimberley region of Australia ... and Antarctica's Mc Murdo Sound and Ross Sea regions."

"This ship is for those in search of life enrichment in high-class surroundings and the company of well-educated and well-traveled people".

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Ranked #2 in the world in the current Berlitz Cruise Guide, Orion is Australia's only purpose-built luxury expedition cruise ship, featuring an unmatched range of onboard facilities.

With 75 crew and a maximum of just 106 passengers Orion offers the highest staff to guest ratio and guest to public space ratio of any ship based in Australian waters.

Anyone seeking to discuss this announcement with Sarina Bratton can arrange a time by getting in contact with Michael Corbett in the first instance on (61) 2 4572 1885 or email mcorbett@orioncruises.com.au

Further information on Orion Expedition Cruises can be obtained by visiting the website www.orioncruises.com.au

For reservations or to obtain a brochure call Orion Expedition Cruises: 61-2 9033 8777 (Sydney callers) 1300 361 012 (regional and interstate) or your travel agent. Email: info@orioncruises.com.au

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