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**Orion receives Green Globe Sustainability Award**

Orion Expedition Cruises' commitment to sustainability and operational performance has been acknowledged by worldwide benchmarking authority Green Globe.

Awarded Green Globe Bronze status under their globally recognised environmental programme the award recognises Orion Expedition Cruises as operating to the world's highest environmental standards, benchmarking energy and water consumption, total waste production and community commitment.

*Orion* was the first ship in its class to undergo the benchmarking programme, effectively necessitating the creation of new benchmark standards. *Orion* achieved Best Practice results in six areas - Water Saving, Waste Recycling, Community Commitment, Community Contributions, Cleaning Products, and Pesticide Products.

*Orion* was highly commended for the results by Stewart Moore, CEO of EC3 Global (Management Company of Green Globe) who remarked: "I am delighted that Orion Expedition Cruises has achieved Benchmarked Bronze status. Orion Expedition Cruises is a prime example of an organisation committed to environmentally sustainable tourism. They have demonstrated through a variety of initiatives that their business and its employees can make a difference by reducing their environmental impact. The commitment they have shown by participating in the Green Globe programme and the achievements they have made within the programme set an example for other businesses to follow."

Orion Expedition Cruises' management team will work with Green Globe to further improve Orion's green credentials with the intention to move on to Silver and Gold Awards.

**About Green Globe**

Green Globe is a worldwide Benchmarking, Certification and Performance Improvement system which assists international organisations attain sustainability goals. The certification system responds directly to the major environmental problems facing the planet including climate change, waste reduction and non-renewable resource management.

For more information on Orion's Sustainability Policy, go to [www.orionexpeditions.com/aboutorion/sustainability](http://www.orionexpeditions.com/aboutorion/sustainability)

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