

WildWings Deep Ocean Expeditions

Updated 25/11/11 – extra departures available due to demand!

RMS TITANIC 2012: Centenary Dives

The Subs are back!.....

“The MIR submersibles are oceangoing spaceships.....every dive made into inner space is a voyage of discovery and since life on our planet began in the sea, we are literally diving to the edge of creation” “These people can take you to places only the few on Earth have been!” “The MIR crew is nothing short of outstanding”.

Another UK travel first for WildWings, first operated in 1998; deep sea exploration, a whole new realm visited until now only by scientists. The planet’s last great frontier and even now we are only beginning to explore it. Travel in the comfort of submersibles to view famous shipwrecks, amazing marine life and sites of natural wonder, take photographs and video. No scuba-diving experience is required for these unique trips, the air pressure inside the submersibles remains at one atmosphere throughout.

Our expeditions are only made possible with the support and expertise of the MIR submersible team lead by Dr Anatoly Sagalevitch and his team. They are a highly skilled, professional team running one of the safest underwater operations in the world. The *Keldysh* (our original support ship) and MIR I and II have been used for National Geographic photo and film projects, and director James Cameron’s epic motion picture ‘Titanic’ and subsequent IMAX movie ‘Ghosts of the Abyss’. The BBC Natural History Unit have also shot footage from our subs. By supporting science, DOE provides a unique and very rare opportunity for small groups of the general public to experience and explore hidden depths. Our clients have seen the wreck of the Titanic and the Undersea Thermal Vents of the oceans, only discovered back in the second half of the twentieth century, with their own eyes and lens. In August 2007, the MIRs finally reached the bottom of the sea at the North Pole. You could shortly join the very select few as in July 2012 we can again offer probably one of the last chances to see ‘the Ship of Dreams’ with your own eyes, Expedition Titanic. In September a dive is also being planned to the wreck of the battleship Bismarck.

In addition to it’s laboratories, our brand new mothership features a small library covering underwater geology, oceanography and deep-sea exploration. Your quarters aboard are comfortable with good meals are prepared by our western chefs. Your dive will be made aboard either the MIR I or MIR II submersibles. These are vessels capable of reaching ocean depths of 20,000 feet (6,090m). The MIRs habitat compartment is seven feet (2.1m) in diameter, accommodating one pilot and two passengers.

These expeditions include your deep sea dive aboard MIR I or II, accommodations and meals aboard the ship, pre-voyage hotel night, port taxes and landing fees, group activities including lectures, briefings, slide and film shows plus applicable group travel features and souvenir personal dive video.

Expedition Titanic 2012

The Centenary Dives!!!!

Gaze with your own eyes at the most famous shipwreck in the world, 12,500 feet below the sea! Your full day's dive will show you both parts of the vessel laying on the seabed, nearly 2000 feet apart, the MIRs will spend three to four hours exploring the ship and debris field. You will see the famous bow, bridge and promenade areas of the wreck plus one of the huge propellers and one of her boilers. Outside still and video cameras will record each dive and there will be plenty of time for your own photography and quiet observation.

Dates: 1st – 14th July, 13th – 25th July, 26th July – 8th August & 8th – 20th August 2012. To/from St Johns, Newfoundland. Price: £38,640* (US\$59,900) MIR Divers, £6665* Non-divers. 13 days

20 divers per voyage, these expeditions may be the very last! Contact us today!!!!

First Deposit due now £6450 / US\$10,000

Second Deposit due 31st October 2011 £12,900 / US\$20,000

Balance due 130 days prior to dive departure date £19,290 / US\$29,900

T & Cs: Cancellation received by 31/10/11 refundable less £1935 / US\$3000. Cancellations received between 1/11/11 and 130 days prior refundable less £9675 / \$15,000 . Cancellations received within 130 days prior to dive are non-refundable. Travel insurance strongly advised!

*excludes international flights.

Dive Battleship Bismarck 2012

This famous warship lies 15,500 feet (4700m) below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean and is lying upright on the seabed. This 8-9 day expedition will sail from SW Ireland in September and will cost approx £29,000* / US\$45,000 for divers. Please contact us for more information.