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# > DEEP ANTARCTICA RETURNS

**SPECIALS & OPENINGS** After lengthy negotiations, Aurora have announced the return of their Ross Sea Explorations, departing from Hobart and providing a rare opportunity to visit special areas of early Antarctic pioneering: retrace the (laboured) steps of polar legends Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen; visit century-old base camps; stand on the site of the first confirmed landing on the Antarctic mainland at Cape Adare; witness huge tabular icebergs cleaved from the Ross Ice Shelf; and reach the current working research stations of Scott Base and McMurdo Station. Aurora's *Marina Svetaeva* is the only helicopter-equipped boat in the world going to the region – good news for off-boat excursions – but spots are limited to only 100 for the 26-day voyage leaving Hobart on January 7, 2008. Start saving your pennies now, though: prices START from US\$10,990. More info at [www.auroraexpeditions.com.au](http://www.auroraexpeditions.com.au)

## > HANDLING EXCESS BAGGAGE

**GREAT IDEA** Golf clubs, scuba tanks, bikes and surfboards make any trip a pain. So we found a company willing to transport your "excess luggage" for you. **Personal Porter**, the door-to-door luggage service, collects from your house and delivers, ahead of time, to your destination. The advantages are endless, the hassle of check-in instantly easier, and there's less of a risk when it comes to losing or damaging items. A godsend for those dragging heavy items through airports – especially for the elderly, the infirm or sufferers of arthritis, etc. The only disadvantage is, it's pricey.

**AT did a little research and claims to have found the cheapest solution to travelling with your paraphernalia; it may, however, not be the most convenient way.**

- ☑ **Qantas** flyers can expect to pay a flat rate of \$20 per extra piece.
- ☑ **Virgin Blue** counts equipment as 5kg towards your 20kg baggage allowance. You could pay between \$30-\$85 depending on whether your kit weighs more than 15kg. The average bag of golf clubs weighs 17kg, so expect to pay around \$85 if you're travelling with your 20kg baggage allowance.
- ☑ **Jetstar** are tight. You pay \$7 per extra kilo and they're not negotiable. You could pay a whopping \$119 for a set of clubs weighing 17kg.
- ☑ **Personal Porter** will cost \$119 to transport your golf clubs. Qantas is the way to go but their flights could easily be the most expensive, making each option a case-by-case scenario. Looks like **Personal Porter** is, after all, an option. Check out [personalporter.com](http://personalporter.com) for more info.