

JOURNEYS TO ANTARCTICA – DAVE PINION

Dave is a retired BT engineer who worked on International Optical Fibre Submarine Cable Systems. Following his passion for the Heroic Age of Exploration, Dave first went to Antarctica in 2023 and fell in love with it – he caught the “Polar Bug”. Beware, this bug is contagious and he has now returned to Antarctica four more times.

“Antarctica is an incredible place. Writing this now brings back amazing memories and my passion for the continent, which I hope comes out in my presentations. I encourage questions afterwards”.

Join us for a thrilling photographic insight and commentary on the wonders of Antarctica, presented with Dave’s obvious enthusiasm and love for this vast and unique continent.



MY AMAZING JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA - From my first Antarctica experience when we visited the living quarters left by Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton on their South Pole Expeditions in the early 20th century. An inspiring 33 day journey through the incredible scenery, wildlife and history of Antarctica, sharing the experience with 80 fellow travellers and a group of experts, all with the same desire to “stand on the shoulders of giants”.

IN THE WAKE OF ERNEST SHACKLETON - My second talk is based on later journeys following the Weddell Sea Party of Ernest Shackleton’s disastrous transantarctic Expedition of 1914-17. We start in South Georgia where we pay our respects at Shackleton’s resting place Grytviken. We walk with thousands of King and Gentoos Penguins and dodge crowds of curious fur seal pups. We then sail in the wake of the Endurance, past the South Sandwich Islands and deep into the Weddell Sea where the Endurance became trapped in the ice in 1915. We meet with curious Emperor Penguins, walk on icebergs, fly to the top of the Antarctic Ice Cap and sail with Humpback Whales. We visit inhospitable Elephant Island where 22 men lived for four months whilst Shackleton and five others sailed a 21 foot lifeboat 800 miles to South Georgia to get help. All were rescued at the fourth attempt.

