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Orion / Mawson's Huts Foundation

**[Orion donation to help fund ongoing Mawson's Huts conservation project in the Antarctic](#)**

The important task of ongoing preservation and refurbishment of the historic Mawson's Huts site at Cape Denison in Antarctica was given an unexpected boost following a significant donation to the Mawson's Huts Foundation by Sarina Bratton, Managing Director of Orion Expedition Cruises.

The donation, an 18 night Antarctic voyage for two onboard the 5 star purpose-built expedition cruise ship *Orion*, is especially significant as *Orion's* expeditions to the Antarctic have proven to be extremely popular, usually selling out up to twelve months ahead of departure.

In donating the trip to David Jensen AM, Chairman and CEO of the Mawson's Huts Foundation, Sarina Bratton, Managing Director of Orion Expedition Cruises, said that *"despite receiving many requests, we have never before agreed to provide an Antarctic voyage for any cause or reason, until now. This is our way of helping the Foundation raise the necessary funds to assist in the continuation of their work managing the preservation of such an important historic Australian site."* The voyage for two has a retail value of \$40,000.

**Orion's 2007 Antarctic expeditions:**

Orion has two 18 night Antarctic voyages scheduled for late 2007 from Hobart, Tasmania and Bluff, New Zealand: 12 December 2007 Hobart to Bluff / 30<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Bluff to Hobart

Both voyages include the sub-Antarctic Macquarie, Auckland and Snares islands, crossing the Antarctic Circle to Commonwealth Bay, with a variety of opportunistic landings planned for Cape Denison to view Mawson's Huts, Port Martin and Dumont D'Urville.

Departing from or returning to Hobart, expeditions start from \$16,920 per person for 18 nights in an ocean view Stateroom, rising through 6 levels of accommodation to \$35,410 per person for an Owners Suite. Accommodation is strictly limited to just 50 couples per voyage.

Further information on Orion Expedition Cruises can be obtained by visiting the website [www.orioncruises.com.au](http://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](mailto:info@orioncruises.com.au)



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