

# ***OPERATION TITANIC***

## ***ITINERARY***

**July 06<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
PP SHIRSHOV ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, MOSCOW**



### **Day 1: July 06<sup>th</sup> 2005**

#### **Arrive St. John's, Newfoundland**

Expedition participants arrive independently into St. John's, Newfoundland throughout the day. Transfers are independent to the *Hotel Fairmont Newfoundland* overlooking St. John's harbor. The airport shuttle ride takes approximately 15 minutes to the hotel, please take a taxi or shuttle from the airport. (Overnight accommodation, Dinner on own account)

19:00 Optional: Meet other dive participants and Deep Ocean Expeditions (DOE) representative Commander Don Walsh USN(ret) for an orientation and casual briefing over a meal at the hotel restaurant. Alternatively you may wish to choose a local restaurant for dinner on your own.



### **Day 2: July 07<sup>th</sup> 2005**

#### **St. John's/At Sea**

Enjoy most of today in the quaint town of St Johns, Newfoundland. Mid-afternoon board *RV Keldysh* and set sail on the exciting journey towards the *Titanic* wreck site, lying in international waters 380 miles to the southeast of Newfoundland. (B & L own account, D on board *RV Keldysh*)

15:00 Meet with DOE staff in the hotel lobby for complimentary transfer to *RV Keldysh*.

17:00 *RV Keldysh* departs the port of St Johns.

### **Day 3: July 08<sup>th</sup> 2005**

#### **At Sea, en route Titanic site**

While at sea, you will have time to explore the *RV Keldysh*, an extraordinary research ship, and meet the explorers, scientists, submersible pilots and other staff. You will be introduced to Dr Anatoly Sagalevitch, Head of the PP Shirshov Submergence Unit and Chief Pilot.

Lectures and briefings by on-board experts will help you prepare for your upcoming 12,500-foot dive (approximately 3,750 meters) to the most famous shipwreck in the world. You will enter the submersibles for an orientation session to become familiar with the surroundings.

Meals prepared by first-class Western chefs are enjoyed in the Captain's mess hall. On deck there are good opportunities to observe many species of seabirds, and possibly dolphins and whales. (B, L, D)

### **Days 4-10: July 09<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> 2005**

#### **Arrival at Titanic site/Dives to the RMS Titanic**

Sea conditions permitting, we arrive at the *Titanic* site in the morning of July 09<sup>th</sup>. Your dive to the *Titanic* will be made aboard either the MIR I or MIR II submersibles. These vessels are capable of reaching ocean depths of 20,000 feet (6,090m). Housed aboard the *RV Keldysh*, the MIR's (meaning 'peace' in Russian) are two of only five manned submersibles in the world that can reach these depths.

Each of these exciting dive days (subject to weather conditions) submersible dives are planned (in each MIR there are two participants and a pilot) with time allotted for a rest period. Please note that the Captain and Expedition Leader



will determine the sequence of dives and rest periods.

Prior to the actual dives, participants will attend a final briefing with the pilots. Launching of MIR I and II will be staggered, however it is expected that they will both be at the wreck site together.

Dives can take place both in daytime and night time depending on prevailing conditions.

Group members will be able to observe and photograph the operation from a good vantage point and will be updated regularly on the progress and route of the submersibles, and they will get a chance to visit the Navigation Room to hear the communication with the submersibles.

Dives involving expedition participants are interspersed with dives for the on-board scientists at the discretion of the Expedition Leader. After each dive, participants can relax with a traditional Russian sauna. There are ongoing post-dive celebrations, and time for informal socializing. Enjoy lectures and discussions with deep ocean explorers and scientists, and take advantage of the ship's library and video facilities. (B, L, D)



**Day 11: July 16<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**Departing Titanic site, en route St Johns, Newfoundland**

Our final day at the *Titanic* wreck site. The *RV Keldysh* will depart the wreck site bound for St Johns, Newfoundland later today. (B, L, D)

**Day 12: July 17<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**En route St Johns, Newfoundland**

As the *RV Keldysh* sails back in the direction of St. John's, enjoy informal discussions and recaps with expedition leaders, tour the laboratories to watch scientists at work, and reflect on your incredible diving achievement. Weather permitting a farewell barbecue with your fellow divers, the MIR submersible team and the crew of the *RV Keldysh* will be held on the outside deck. (B, L, D)

**Day 13: July 18<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**Arrival St Johns, Newfoundland and Disembarkation**

A morning arrival to St Johns Newfoundland. After breakfast on board, disembark in St. Johns. (B)

08:00 Disembarkation of *RV Keldysh* and independent arrangements begin.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Weather delays during dive days could possibly extend the expedition, therefore it is strongly suggested that you do not schedule any important appointments until after July 14th. Alternatively if the expedition encounters good weather the *RV Keldysh* may return to St Johns slightly earlier than scheduled. In this instance passengers may remain aboard the vessel in the port of St Johns until disembarkation on the morning of July 18<sup>th</sup> as per itinerary.

**ABOUT DEEP OCEAN EXPEDITIONS:**

Deep Ocean Expeditions is not in the business of salvage work. We make respectful visits to sites of great scientific interest, triumph and tragedy. An extremely important part of Deep Ocean Expeditions 'modus operandi' is its clearly stated intent to support science. A key feature of all expeditions is the strong scientific content, which in the case of the Keldysh/MIR operations is provided mainly by expert Russian scientists from The P.P. Shirshov Institute and the Russian Academy of Sciences.

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Call the International Operator and ask to place a satellite call.

Give the Ship's name (Akademik Keldysh) + Ocean Region code (874 or 871) + 140-5154

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