Traveler plans Antarctic voyage

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In 1914, British explorer Ernest Shackleton, age 40, set sail for Antarctica from Plymouth, England, with a crew of 27, in the three-masted sailing ship Endurance. It would be the beginning of a harrowing expedition that would last nearly two years, pitting man against the elements, and it would earn Shackleton a place in the history books.

In 2014, a hundred years later, Greenwich explorer Luc Hardy, 58, plans to follow in Shackleton's footsteps. Hardy, along with a nine-member Franco/British team of professional adventurers, polar guides, scientists and sportsmen/women, will lead a six-week expedition to Antarctica to commemorate Shackleton's heroic journey and to collect scientific data documenting climate change -- a favorite cause of Hardy's.

Hardy and his team will retrace Shackleton's 800-mile route across the southern ocean from Elephant Island on the tip of Antarctica to the island of South Georgia where Shackleton sought rescue for his crew, who became stranded on a frozen Elephant Island after the Endurance was crushed by ice and sank.

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