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All this and more await the hearty adventurer amidst settings featuring towering ice-shields, frigid storm-tossed seas, and dramatic mountainous terrain. These are voyages of discovery to а stunning score of worlds only accessible by the sturdy and rugged Loki-class landing craft carried aboard our two Valhalla-class starships. Each Loki landing craft carries a half dozen enclosed Baldur-class air-rafts. These rugged craft enable our guides and guests to navigate and explore any iceworld in superb comfort with access to spectacular regions where frailer vessels cannot venture.

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## Nanik

Upon arrival in-system at Nanik-itou, ample time is set aside for an experience that we guarantee you will never forget! Travel from orbit is via Loki landing craft to Te-abu Station and from there by tube-train in and through the fabled ice-caverns created by the now thought to be extinct Ni-tiki Ice-worms of Nanik myth and legend. After traversing the Te-busu ("Great Gullet") chasm - into which the frigid Te-ambo River empties - you will arrive at its headwaters above perches the hidden "Lost City of the Nanik" spectacular O'Paphe Cor-du. The Naniks last refuge from the Vilani, O'Paphe Cor-du ("City of Ice") remained undiscovered until 877. Your native Nanik guide will explain the intricate layout of the lost city and you will marvel at the pristine remains of this "City of Ice" with its towering watch towers. magnificent palaces, temples, and tombs with their ice-hewn crypts.

# **EXPEDITION STARSHIPS**

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- Restricted passenger numbers to enhance the quality and intensity of personalized service offered to our select guests.
- A focus not only upon the comfort of our passengers while in transit, but also upon their arrival at the destination ice-world and during their time ashore.
- Educational programs by noted guest lecturers and expedition staff.
- A dozen Loki-class landing craft for landings at other inaccessible sites planetside.
- A veritable fleet of Baldur-class enclosed air-rafts for safe and comfortable touring of remote regions while ashore.

- The highest standard of comfort, amenity, and cuisine.
- A flexible itinerary to meet the needs of the most discriminating of Adventurers.
- Informal atmosphere and an "open bridge."
- Minimal environmental impact upon the ice-worlds we tour.

Once you have experienced this style of travel, you may never want to go on an "ordinary starcruise" again!

# **Our Starships**

The Woden and Thor starships are Valhalla-class vessels with First Class Accommodations throughout. Both starships were constructed in1049 by the Fenwick Shipyards of Deneb, a Domain leader in the building of luxury starliners. Not simply luxury starliners, both vessels are powerful working expedition starships designed for the challenging conditions of frontier starlanes. These starships have both sailed to the remote corners of the Spinward Marches and beyond with adventurous travelers since 1050.



Refurbished in 1102 to accommodate expedition type passengers in 58 first-class cabins and 12 luxury suites (per starship), our starships are thoroughly comfortable. All cabins feature private baths, either a double bed (luxury suites) or two single berths (first-class), fully stocked entertainment holovids, a computer terminal and large closets. Ample public areas include a lounge and bar, wellequipped auditorium (with state-of-the-art theatre holovid), heated swimming pool, avmnasium, and sauna. Starscapes are best viewed from the Promenade, as well as from the Bridge - where our quests are welcome at all times while underway (except during system departure and arrival). Our starships also have extensive libraries fully stocked with the latest information relating to arctic adventuring the ice-worlds of the sector. A and passenger elevator and small, but fully equipped infirmary complete the common areas to be found aboard our starliners.

# **Our Cuisine**

Our starships also boast accomplished Vilani chefs who delight in preparing varied interstellar cuisine using only the finest provisions from the myriad worlds of the Imperium and is closer neighbors. In addition, knowledgeable barkeeps attend the popular forward lounge, which features a well-stocked bar with a good selection of your favorite spirits, wines and brews, as well as genuine ice harvested from Deepfreeze, one of the ice-worlds on our regular itinerary.

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