

# *Antarctica - Cruise of a Lifetime*

## *February 10 - 23, 2010*

An expedition to Antarctica is a site for the senses that will most certainly leave you breathless. Our cruise is rich in education and exploration, our voyage will encourage you to become one with the land and the people. Explore the beauty of frozen landscapes, intriguing “tuxedo clad” king and macaroni penguins, glorious scenery, whales and seals, miles of icebergs and informative lectures on board and during landings.

Get ready for a breathtaking journey through the Drake Passage where dolphins and whales swim along side your ship and the blue of the sea illuminates your journey. During this crossing you will enjoy a number of insightful lectures, priming you for the Antarctica tour sites that lay ahead. Your arrival in Antarctica is one you will not soon forget. Your Antarctica cruise is filled with sea life the likes of which you've never experienced before. You'll awe at the vast ice covered lands ahead and the blue sea behind you.

You will have the opportunity to view penguins, whales, seals and a number of indigenous birds. You'll pass huge icebergs and may even get a glimpse of Deception Island with its volcanic sands and warm springs. The vastness of Antarctica will leave you breathless as will the many unique vistas you see.



**Day 1: Depart from the U.S. on your overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina.**

**Day 2: Buenos Aires.**

**Morning arrival at the Buenos Aires Airport in Argentina. During the transfer to your hotel, an orientation tour of the city will be given. You have the rest of the day to explore at leisure, or join one of the optional excursions.**

**Day 3: Buenos Aires-Ushuaia-Embarkation.**

**After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city. You will enjoy an orientation tour of this popular and attractive resort town, surrounded by snow-capped mountains, rivers, and waterfalls, before boarding MS Fram. In the evening an informative welcome meeting will be held. [B/D]**

**Days 4-5: The Drake Passage.**

**Less than two days will be spent crossing the Drake Passage. During the crossing numerous lectures will be held on fascinating Antarctica, considered one of the most breathtaking and beautiful continents. You will arrive in Antarctica on Day 5. [B/L/D]**

**Days 5-9: Antarctica.**

**Antarctica, "The White Continent," is more than half the size of North America. On the Antarctic Peninsula you'll experience the narrow, glacier-lined Lemaire Channel, considered one of most beautiful passages in Antarctica-where humpback and killer whales, various penguins, and elephant seals are a common sight- and the breathtaking Neumayer Channel, with its majestic cliffs. Visits by PolarCirkel boats will be attempted in various locations (weather permitting), including:**

- **Whaler's Bay, on Deception Island, with its warm springs and black volcanic sand.**
- **Half Moon Island, with spectacular views of the surrounding mountains, famous for its large chinstrap penguin rookery, kelp gulls and Antarctic terns. Whale spotting is also common here.**
- **Yankee Harbor, home to a variety of seals and an estimated 4,000 gentoo penguin pairs. It is a common feeding area for whales as well.**
- **Cuverville Island, boasting the largest known colony of gentoo penguins in the Antarctic Peninsula.**
- **Neko Harbor, off spectacular Errera Channel, home to hundreds of gentoo penguins, Weddell and elephant seals, is believed to be part of mainland Antarctica.**
- **Almirante Brown, in Paradise Harbor, named for its beauty,**

- with ice cliffs and floating icebergs, home to gentoo and chinstrap penguins.
- Petermann Island, home of the southernmost gentoo penguin colony, blue-eyed shags and Adélie penguins nest here too.
- Port Lockroy, surrounded by mountains, glaciers and ice shelves, and known for its gentoo penguins and blue-eyed cormorants.
- Wilhelmina Bay, feeding ground for whales and seals.
- Antarctic Sound, where huge mile-long tabular icebergs can be seen. The sound is also home to an estimated half-million Adélie penguins as well as gentoo penguins, leopard seals and killer whales.
- Brown Bluff, on the coast of the Antarctic Sound at the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. Adélie penguins, gentoo penguins, kelp gulls and Cape petrels can be found here and Weddell seals are regular visitors.

**Days 9-10: The Drake Passage.**

While you cross this stretch of water from Antarctica, a series of lectures will be held onboard summing up topics related to Antarctica. [B/L/D]

**Days 11: Disembarkation-Ushuaia-Buenos Aires.**

In the morning, you will reach the Argentinean city of Ushuaia. Ushuaia is reckoned to be the most southerly city in the world and is situated on Tierra del Fuego Island south of the Magellan Strait. After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy. [B]

**Day 12: Buenos Aires : Return To The U.S.**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. [B]

**Day 13: Arrive In The U.S.**

Morning arrival in the U.S.

## Departing February 10, 2010....

**\$7,999.00 per person**

**Rates Include:** roundtrip transportation for Central Illinois Hotel Accommodations in Buenos Aires (2 nights, pre and post cruise), tours listed on Itinerary, port charges and taxes  
**Voyage in cabin accommodations, all meals while on board, charter flights between Ushuaia and Buenos Aires.**

**Not Included:** trip cancellation insurance of \$325.00 per person.



Rates are per person, based on double occupancy, and do not include shipboard gratuities , phone calls, laundry, photographs, or items of a personal nature.

Cancellations received between time of deposit and November 1, 2009 will result in a \$600.00 cancelation penalty. Cancellations made after November 1, 2009 will result in complete forfeiture of monies paid.

*Suzi Davis Travel* highly recommends travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation for covered medical reasons, and other benefits including Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay, Medical Evacuation, and emergency, toll-free travel assistance. **Insurance is available for \$325.00 per person and may be purchased at time of deposit or final payment. Please note, if insurance is purchased at time of final payment, pre-existing conditions are not covered.**

It is strongly recommended that you book early as participation is limited. An initial deposit of \$600.00 per person is due at time of booking.

Final payment is due on or before **November 1, 2009**

### QUESTIONS?

Please contact Suzi Davis Travel, by phone at 309-834-3734, 866-592-0455  
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### RESERVATION FORM – Antarctica, February 10, 2010

Please return with your deposit to: *Suzi Davis Travel*, 2412 E. Washington Ste 4A, Bloomington, IL 61704

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Rooming with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list first and last names as they appear on your passport)

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Date(s) Of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Stateroom Requested:  Cat. A - \$7,999.00  Cat. B - \$8,749.00

I/we are purchasing the trip cancellation insurance \$325.00  I/we decline to purchase the trip cancellation insurance

Form of Payment:  Enclosed please find my personal check for deposit. (Please make payable to *Suzi Davis Travel*)

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