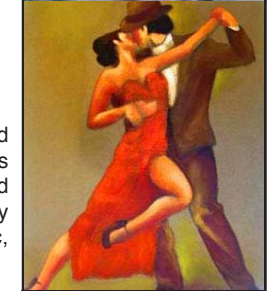


A Benefit Journey for Lyon Arboretum Association
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Expedition to Antarctica
The Last Frontier
Featuring an unforgettable 17-Day voyage aboard
Silversea's luxurious expedition ship, Prince Albert II
January 23 to February 11, 2011



Come with The Hawaii Connection on a remarkable voyage to the fabled White Continent that so bedazzled and bedeviled early explorers. This frigid land mass was mapped by the Greeks 2,000 years ago, appeared in ancient Polynesian legends as the frozen ocean, and was sought by post-Renaissance seafarers as Terra Australis Incognita, the mythic, unknown southland thought to be a repository of immeasurable riches.

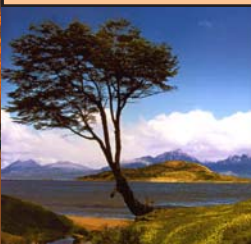
In 1820 expedition leaders from three different countries— Russia, England and America— each claimed controversial first sightings of the seventh continent. In the early 20th century the mystique of Antarctica lured to its shores rival explorers: The savvy Amundsen, the tragic Scott and the heroic Shackleton all braved crushing conditions for the glory of being first to reach the South Pole.

In the 21st century, The Last Frontier continues to seduce the intrepid and curious. Politically, Antarctica —with 3,500 international scientists in 38 scattered research bases but no permanent residents— is a land without a country, claimed by seven nations, sovereign to none, and administered and protected by worldwide treaty. Environmentally, the Antarctic — comprising the continent, ice shelves, waters and territorial islands in the Southern Ocean— is at the heart of the Global Warming controversy. And historically, abandoned whaling stations, grim remnants of shipwrecks, crumbling stone huts, and lonely graves bear stark witness to the rigors inflicted by this untamed, unforgiving polar region.

JAN ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS	
23 -25	Buenos Aires
25	Ushuaia, <i>Prince Albert II</i>
26	At sea
27 & 28	Falkland Islands West Point Island, Carcass Island, and Port Stanley
29 & 30	Cruising the Atlantic
31JAN -03FEB	South Georgia & Sandwich Islands Cooper's Bay, Gold Harbor, Grytviken, and Salisbury Plain
04 & 05	At sea
06-09	Antarctic Peninsula Brown Bluff, Cuverville Island, Paradise Bay, Iceberg Alley, Lemaire Channel, Paulet Island, Petermann Island, and Deception Island
09 & 10	Drake Passage
11	Ushuaia/Buenos Aires

Yet, for the traveler it is the fragile, utterly unique ecological system that distinguishes this most isolated of continents from all other destinations. Its pristine wilderness —with a two-mile-thick ice cap that locks up 90 percent of the earth's fresh water— nurtures a phenomenally rich concentration of bird and marine-mammal species that are found nowhere else on earth. Here, during the austral summer when the sun never sets at the Pole, breathtakingly photogenic land and water habitats teem with petrels and shorebirds, penguins, seals, walruses, dolphins and whales, including our planet's largest living creature, the great Blue Whale.

And the contemporary traveler, unlike his less fortunate predecessors, will not suffer privations in order to experience the raw beauty and drama of the Antarctic. Make these discoveries from the unparalleled comfort of *Prince Albert II*, Silversea Cruises' new luxury expedition ship. Named year after year "Best Small Cruise Line in the World" by discerning travelers, Silversea has expanded its fleet with this informal, intimate, 132-guest vessel that was designed and equipped to sail to the most remote regions of the globe. *PA II* features thoughtfully appointed 230-square-



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Begin your journey with an exclusive two-night/three-day visit in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires. Noted for its ornate French Belle Epoque architecture, as birthplace of the exotic Tango, and home to near-mythic Evita Peron, this refined, intoxicating capital of history and culture pulsates with boutiques, cafés, musicians and street markets.

Then fly on Silversea's charter aircraft to Ushuaia, Argentina's southern-most city and capital of Tierra del Fuego, famed for its scenic mountains, forests

and glaciers. Embark on *Prince Albert II* for a 17-night voyage to explore the extraordinary wildlife and mesmerizing landscapes of The Last Frontier.

Itinerary highlights include the quirky Falkland Islands, a remote, anomalous outpost of the British Crown; South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, a British overseas territory that was the site of the epic stranding of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition team in 1916; and the Antarctic Peninsula where a mammoth ice sheet, glittering icebergs, and fascinating aquatic mammals and birdlife captivate contemporary travelers as they did explorers from earlier centuries. After sailing the legend-making Drake Passage and disembarking in Ushuaia, participants will return by charter air to Buenos Aires in time to connect with overseas flights homeward bound.

Look forward on this voyage to the bottom of the world to the pleasures of viewing up-close-and-personal a wild, unspoiled land of vast extremes. Savor also the superlative creature comforts, meticulous arrangements and uncommon extras that are a hallmark— and highlight!— of travels around the globe with The Hawaii Connection.

LYON ARBORETUM ASSOCIATION BENEFIT JOURNEY

Expedition to Antarctica is offered as a fundraiser for sole benefit of University of Hawaii's Lyon Arboretum. This innovative travel program is orchestrated entirely by knowledgeable, experienced volunteers who have raised, to date, \$898,240 for worthy Hawaii nonprofit organizations. Our goal is to offer intelligent, irresistible itineraries with deluxe creature comforts to compelling destinations for absolutely unbeatable value at lowest all-inclusive fares. LAA is grateful for your included tax-deductible donations that will help us to expand our facilities for the propagation and conservation of Hawaii's native flora.

For this journey exclusive features and benefits have been arranged at rates that simply cannot be matched on your own. In order to secure these substantial advantages for our participants, we make firm commit-

ments to travel providers guaranteeing our group's minimum numbers as well as compliance with any imposed restrictions. Payments for this benefit voyage are accepted solely by check. Trip deposit as well as final payment — due by July 30, 2010— are refundable, less \$500 donation to LAA and cost of insurance premium, subject to the terms and conditions of providers' cancellation policies.

In our pricing for this cruise-tour we have included the insurance premium for Travel Insured International's Group Deluxe Protection Plan. Benefits of this comprehensive coverage, provided to U.S. residents, include while traveling with us: up to \$250,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation/Repatriation; \$50,000 Medical Expense; and invaluable 24/7 Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services.

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- Bonus: Pre-cruise 2-night/3-day custom Buenos Aires program with luxury hotel, guided excursions, meals plus drinks, and tango show
- \$800 fare for Silversea Cruises' roundtrip charter air from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia
- 17-night voyage aboard Silversea's luxury expedition ship *Prince Albert II* in handsomely appointed View Suite with picture window
- Unlimited complimentary spirits, wines and other beverages onboard, plus private cocktail party events for The Hawaii Connection
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- Insurance premium for comprehensive covered medical and emergency assistance
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