

NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 13, <u>2004</u>

# expedition ANTARCTICA

ABOARD THE 122-PASSENGER M/S CLIPPER ADVENTURER



The Kuoni Travel Group

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Below 60°S latitude lies the immense white continent of Antarctica, a land that surpasses the imagination in scenic grandeur. Regarded by scientists and world travelers alike as one of the last truly pristine regions on Earth, the Antarctic Peninsula's ethereal icescapes and prolific wildlife make it a photographer's utopia and a naturalist's wonderland.

Ever-flowing glaciers churn up gravelly paths on the shoulders of massive peaks. Azure-blue icebergs, some miles long, rise out of placid waters. In the long austral summer days, wildlife abounds — beaches resound with the bellows of fur seals, a chorus of seabird calls echoes from the cliffs, and penguins waddle and bellyride the slopes in dizzying thousands. Well-preserved historic huts established by explorers are intact with whale-oil lanterns, cooking utensils, and maybe even a yellowing newspaper of the era.

We invite you to join us aboard the comfortable, well-equipped, and ice-hardened *Clipper Adventurer* for this journey of discovery to the "bottom of the world" that only a lucky few are privileged to visit.



## antarctica, clipper & you

#### WE LEAVE THE ENVIRONMENT UNDIS-

TURBED Antarctica is a fragile ecosystem and we take care not to put additional stress on the environment. As members of IAATO, we are committed to minimizing the potential conflict between tourism development and the natural environment by adhering to guidelines established by the world's leading environmental organizations. We comply with waste-management regulations enforced by



MARPOL aimed at reduc-



ing environmental and aesthetic impact. Clipper abides by the Antarctica

Visitor Guidelines established by IAATO to protect the delicate and pristine environment of this continent. Planners for Clipper have been instrumental in the formulation and application of these guidelines to conduct environmentally friendly tours, a policy that Clipper firmly supports.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE The last of the seven continents to be discovered and still only partly explored today, Antarctica's mystique was firmly established by the late 19th and early 20th centuries when the "race for the pole" captured worldwide attention. Men such as Ernest Shackleton, Robert Scott, and Roald Amundsen pursued this goal relentlessly, with Amundsen winning the honors of reaching the South Pole in 1911. These valiant adventurers suffered through unbelievable privation, disease, deaths, and entrapment of their ships in the unforgiving ice pack. Today, various nations have claimed territories throughout Antarctica. The Antarctic Treaty signed by these nations promotes peace and scientific study of this vast domain.

**EXPEDITION CRUISING** Due to the expeditionary nature of our voyage, specific destinations cannot be guaranteed. Our itinerary has a wide range of stops, but remains flexible. Weather conditions — which are constantly changing — and our experienced captain, expedition leader, and naturalist team determine the schedule day-to-day and minute-to-minute.

SAFETY Your safety is always paramount. Although by its very nature expedition cruising is adventurous, the *Clipper Adventurer* — equipped to offer first-class comfort — is designed to the very highest ice-class standards for even the most challenging ice conditions.

## highlights at a glance

This extraordinary expedition offers a thorough, up-close investigation of the wonders of
the Antarctic Peninsula and its adjacent South Shetland Islands — incomparable scenery
and wildlife that you experience over six adventure-filled days.



- Enjoy ice cruising, as you watch the Captain skillfully navigate through "leads" (open-water channels) adjacent to pack ice. The opportunity is yours to descend the gangway directly onto pack ice for a "polar walk," and to photograph icebergs of all sizes.
- Throughout your adventure, a fleet of versatile Zodiacs awaits to whisk you ashore in comfort and safety.
- You will have myriad opportunities to spot extraordinary numbers of birds, penguins, seals, sea lions, whales, and dolphins, both from the deck and on shoreside landings.
- You may have the opportunity to soak in a hot spring at Deception Island, or visit an
  explorer's hut or a scientific research station. Every Antarctica voyage is unique; there is
  no set schedule and locations vary and are usually spontaneous, depending on wind,
  currents, ice, and weather.
- Your included precruise visit to Santiago, Chile, highlights this stunning city's fine colonial
  architecture, its pre-Columbian museum, and its remarkable setting under the peaks of the
  Andes.
- An expert team of Antarctica lecturers and staff offers continuing commentary on all
  aspects of this entrancing realm, from history to birding. They accompany you ashore at
  every landing.
- Enjoy the ship's amenities; in contrast to the hardships of the early explorers, our very
  comfortable ship offers fine dining and wines, two lounges, a library and card room,
  small gymnasium, and beauty salon.





## 15 days/14 nights

#### november 29-december 13, 2004

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**Depart the U.S.A.** Depart your home city for Santiago.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Santiago, Chile Arrive this morning and transfer to the Sheraton Santiago Hotel for a

morning at leisure. In the afternoon, join a city tour to visit Santiago's outstanding sights — the city's old residential quarter, the elegant Club Hipico (horse-racing track), the Cousiño Palace, and the pre-Columbian art museum. Then ride to the summit of San Cristóbal Hill for an outstanding panoramic

view of the city and its surroundings. Enjoy dinner and an overnight at the hotel.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
Santiago/Ushuaia, Argentina (Embark) After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for an early-morning charter flight to Ushuaia. The southernmost city in South America, Ushuaia is also the

largest town in the Argentine region of Terra del Fuego, although still small at 45,000 inhabitants. Join an exploration of the town and its dramatic mountainous surroundings, including a lunch of regional specialties on the shores of picturesque Beagle Channel. Embark the Clipper Adventurer late this afternoon.



Antarctic Convergence Today we cross the Convergence — an oscillating zone between 50°-60°S, where the colder waters of Antarctica merge with the warmer waters of the subantarctic, an area plentiful in nutrients that create a rich, prolific marine ecosystem. Strolling the decks, you might

view petrels and albatross, and possibly a pod of whales.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Drake Passage Named for 16th-century English explorer and pirate Sir Francis
Drake, this 600-mile passage leads from the southernmost tip of South America to the northernmost tip of the Antarctic Peninsula.
Our onboard presentations begin, with naturalists leading fascinating discussions on birds, marine mammals, geology, and the intriguing history of Antarctica.

SATURDAY-THURS-DAY, DECEMBER 4–9
Expedition Cruising
Along the Antarctic
Peninsula Arrive in
Antarctica on Saturday and cruise for six
days of great variety.
Flexibility is the key to
our landings, which
depend upon weather
and ice conditions.
You will visit many
natural history sites,
and possibly an

explorer's historic hut or a scientific research station. Often we make several landings or Zodiac cruises during a typical day. No landings are guaranteed, but the following locations are representative of the stops we might make as we explore the Peninsula.

• Hannah Point Located on the south coast of Livingston Island, this fine wildlifeviewing site is home to gentoo and chinstrap penguins, numerous birds, and the occasional elephant seal.

- Deception Island Our ship enters this keyhole harbor through the dramatic, narrow Neptune's Bellows channel. This classic sea-filled volcanic crater, well known to whalers of the last century, is flanked by fissures resulting from eruptions, the last of which was in 1970. Small Pendulum Cove has a thermally heated spring. So, don your bathing suit for the experience of a lifetime a hot soak in Antarctica!
- Paulet Island One of Antarctica's largest colonies of Adélie penguins resides on Paulet. Approaching the island, we might circle large tabular icebergs for outstanding photo opportunities. If landing is possible, enjoy photographing the penguins in their snowy habitat. The island is the site of the

- remains of a stone hut established during the Swedish Nordenskjöld expedition of 1902. Some expedition members were stranded here, but later rescued, after their ship was crushed by ice and sank.
- Paradise Bay/Neko Harbor/Lemaire Channel/Petermann Island Majestic Paradise Bay is a spectacular spot to explore with our naturalists aboard Zodiacs. On a still day in this very protected harbor, the water's surface is like a mirror, reflecting the high surrounding mountains and blue-hued glaciers a likely place to see an iceberg calve off a steep glacier-clad cliff. We may attempt a landing at Neko Harbor to step ashore on the Antarctic continent and view chinstrap and gentoo penguins.





Then, be on deck with our naturalists as, ice conditions permitting, the ship cruises through one of the most spectacular waterways in Antarctica. The narrow and photo-

genic Lemaire Channel, slicing between soaring mountain peaks, has been aptly nicknamed "Kodachrome Gap." Minke whales and crabeater seals might be spotted here. We may attempt a landing at Petermann Island, a snow-covered, domed island where gentoo and Adélie penguins breed alongside blue-eyed shags.

• Port Lockroy/Neumayer Channel Discovered by a French expedition in 1903– 1905, this port is named in honor of a French politician, Edouard Lockroy. The harbor is located beneath steep snowcapped mountains. The shel-



tered port was used by whalers a century ago and whale bones are still scattered on the pebbly beaches. Lockroy later became a British base during World War II, which closed in 1962 and just recently reopened. From Zodiacs you may spot a leopard seal lazing on an ice floe. Ashore, watch for breeding gentoo penguins and cormorants. The expansive Neumayer Channel exits into





the Errera Channel, where a variety of marine mammals might be sighted — hump-backs, orcas, minke, and gray whales.

• Brown Bluff Conditions permitting, you have the opportunity to land on the continent, as opposed to the more easily accessible surrounding islands. This icecapped mountain's distinguishing feature is a cliff of reddish-brown volcanic

rock. Thousands of Adélie penguins populate the bluff area, as well as gentoo penguins, kelp gulls, skuas, snow petrels, and pintado petrels.

• Penguin Island/Turret Point Penguin's lunarlike landscape, adorned in cushion moss and bearded lichens, is home to southern giant petrels, Antarctic terns, and chinstrap and Adélie penguins.

• *Elephant Island* This wildlife-rich island is bustling with thousands of penguins diving into the sea to forage for food, while fur seals and southern elephant seals, for which the island is named, slumber lazily along the beaches of this historic island. In 1916, Sir



Ernest Shackleton and sailors from the sunken *Endurance*, crushed by the ice in the Weddell Sea, landed here in three open boats. Shackleton and five men set out for South Georgia Island in one small boat, returning over four months later with a Chilean vessel, the *Yelcho*, to rescue the 22 men left on Elephant Island — a heroic endeavor, without loss of life, that remains one of the supreme feats of polar exploration.

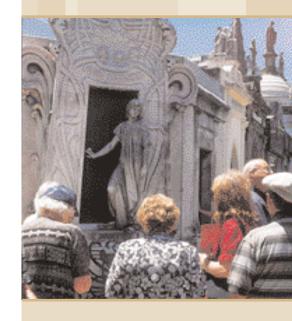
FRIDAY-SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 10-11

**Drake Passage** Recross the passage northbound, as our experts recap your adventures with further enlightening discussions. Watch for albatross following in the ship's wake.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Ushuaia, Argentina (Disembark)/
Buenos Aires, Argentina/Depart for
the U.S.A. After breakfast, disembark
the Clipper Adventurer in Ushuaia.
Enjoy a short excursion en route to the
airport for a chartered flight to Buenos
Aires, where you'll connect with your
flight homeward.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13
Arrive in the U.S.A.



BUENOS AIRES OPTIONAL POSTCRUISE EXTENSION

December 12-15, 2004 • 3 Days/2 Nights

Fly from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires, the capital and cultural center of Argentina. The city's Spanish heritage dates from 1536, when conquistador Pedro de Mendoza established a strategic settlement for Spain on the Rio de la Plata. After 1580 the colony began to grow, but it was merely a military outpost for centuries before its transformation into one of the most architecturally and culturally sophisticated cities in South America. From your base at the Sheraton Hotel, explore the highlights - broad boulevards and elegant plazas; the theater, opera house, and other baroque and rococo buildings; Recolete Cemetery; elaborate formal gardens. You'll also enjoy one of Buenos Aires' famed tango shows.

\$415 per person, double occupancy \$555, single occupancy

## the 122-passenger clipper adventurer



"The quality of staff is outstanding!! Rarely, if ever, have we met such exceptional interest in passenger comfort, satisfaction, and safety."



The 122-passenger Clipper Adventurer was completely rebuilt in 1997/1998 by Scandinavian craftsmen. She measures 330 feet long, 53.5 feet wide, and has a draft of 15.5 feet. She is equipped with state-of-the-art Gyrofin® stabiliz-



ers, and advanced technology satellite navigation and communication equipment.

Interiors are attractive and comfortable, with all-outside staterooms. Each one features lower beds, private bathrooms, and individual temperature controls. The two lounges, library, and dining salon are window-lined so that the outside world is always in view. A workout room and beauty salon contribute to your comfort on board.



The food served aboard the Clipper Adventurer is healthful, nutritious American food, influenced by regional culinary traditions and prepared freshly to order, on the principle of "excellence through simplicity." You will enjoy single leisurely seatings and be served by our friendly staff.

The Clipper Adventurer features a spacious, covered promenade with a beautiful, wide wooden deck of varnished

Oregon pine, providing a wonderful area for walking or sightseeing. Experienced naturalists and/or historians accompany our voyages and will explain and recap each day's events in informal talks. Their expertise will enhance your enjoyment of the areas visited.

To safeguard the health of our passengers, Clipper maintains a no-smoking policy in the interior areas of the ship. Smoking is permitted on the outside decks. The *Clipper Adventurer* is registered in the Bahamas, with European deck and engine officers, American hotel management, and international cruise staff. A physician is on board throughout each voyage.

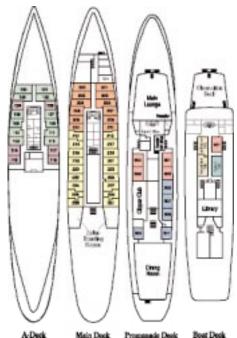
## rates &

## deck plan

① A-Deck ②Main Deck

③ Promenade Deck ④ Boat Deck ⑤ Sun Deck







CRUISE RATES PER PERSON® are in U.S. dollars and based on double occupancy. All staterooms are outside with two lower beds and private bathroom facilities.

Category	Deck(s)	Rate
1	A-Deck	\$6,290
2	A-Deck	\$6,690
3	Main Deck	\$7,190
4*	Main Deck	\$7,790
5	Promenade Deck	\$8,440
Deluxe	Promenade/Boat Decks	\$9,030
Suites*	Boat Deck	\$9,990
Owner's Suite	Boat Deck	\$10,490
Single Occupan	cy (Based on Category 2)	\$9,490
Third Person in Stateroom (Includes children sharing stateroom with two full-fare paying adults)		\$3,810

\*Rates do not include round-trip airfare from/to your home city.

Included

**Reservations:** A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm reservations. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Optional insurance coverage for baggage, accident, and trip cancellation/interruption is available.

Port Charges

\*Some cabins may have a partially obstructed view.

Sample Round-Trip Economy Airfare to Santiago, Returning from Buenos Aires

Chicago \$1,300 Dallas \$1,475 Los Angeles \$1,325 New York \$1,150

Business/First-class upgrades and fares from other cities provided upon request.

For detailed information about our Clipper Adventurer, please visit us on the web at www.clippercruise.com/ships-transport/adventurer/intro.asp



## your expedition includes

- One precruise night at the deluxe Sheraton Santiago, including meals and tours, as per the itinerary
- Round-trip charter air transportation from Santiago to Ushuaia, and from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires
- Eleven nights aboard the Clipper Adventurer in outside staterooms with lower beds, individual temperature controls, and private bathroom facilities
- All meals aboard the ship, beginning with dinner on Wednesday, December 1, and ending with breakfast on Sunday, December 12, served at single leisurely seatings and prepared to order by chefs trained at some of the most prestigious culinary institutes in America
- All shoreside exploration and Zodiac excursions, as per the itinerary

- Experienced expedition leader, lecturers, scientists, naturalists, geologists, historians, and other experts on board throughout your voyage to enhance your understanding and enjoyment of this natural world
- All transfers between airports, hotel, and ship for passengers traveling on scheduled dates of departure and return
- Services of Clipper's hospitality staff, including cruise director and hotel manager, on board; travel director and hospitality desk at hotel
- Captain's welcome aboard and farewell receptions and dinners on board the Clipper Adventurer
- Physician on board throughout the cruise
- Special expedition parka in your size for Zodiac landings, exploring, and on-deck viewing; the parka is yours to take home after the cruise

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