



# 2041

November 16 - 30, 2009

## 2041 International Antarctic Treaty Expedition

### ITINERARY

The 2009 International Antarctic Treaty Expedition will be an exhilarating and unpredictable adventure - a life-changing experience for the international group of men and women joining Robert Swan and the 2041 Team to the last great wilderness on earth. The following itinerary outlines a typical daily program you can expect on a 2041 Expedition, with examples of Antarctic locations and sights we may visit along the way.

*Please note: All Antarctic travel is dictated 100% by local weather and ground conditions at the time of the actual expedition, so flexibility and an open mind are essential "gear" for a truly positive and successful experience!*

We look forward to seeing you onboard!

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### Day 1: Ushuaia

Monday 16 November 2009

You will fly into Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world. This windy and desolate outpost is tucked into the Beagle Channel and surrounded by peaks and glaciers. You will be met at the airport by Robert Swan and his team leaders and taken to your hotel. We will stay two nights in Ushuaia high up on the mountain above the town. Depending on your arrival time, the remainder of the day is yours to relax and get ready to begin your expedition. One of our 2041 team leaders will check your clothing and gear to ensure you have everything you need for your Antarctic journey. Dinner is on your own tonight.



### Day 2: Ushuaia

Tuesday 17 November 2009

Expect a busy day ahead! This is the start of our Leadership on the Edge Program (LOTE). You will have the opportunity to meet your fellow expedition team members and be given a summary of what to expect over the next two days. We will break into teams later in the morning and spend the next 4 hours hiking up to the Martial Glacier. After returning to the hotel for a debrief and quick lunch, we join Robert in the hotel conference room to begin the LOTE Program. We will also review our 'embarkation' schedule for the following day. Tonight we host a welcome dinner.

**Day 3: Depart for Antarctica**

Wednesday 18 November 2009

A challenging team LOTE session begins the day. We then prepare for our departure, before which we will have a few hours after lunch (on your own) to go into town and do any final shopping, make calls home, etc. We embark our ship the 'Clipper Adventurer', designed in the style when "ships were ships", this beautiful expedition vessel will be your seafaring home for the next two weeks. As you step aboard, you will realize just how far you have come - and the adventure has just begun! We enjoy our first dinner onboard after we attend the onboard Antarctic safety briefing. It's time to start our voyage south!

**Day 4 - 5: The Drake Passage**

Thursday 19 - Friday 20 November 2009

Cape Horn, the most southerly point of the Americas, has stimulated the imagination of mankind since Sir Francis Drake inadvertently circumnavigated it in 1580. Sometimes misty and grey, other times calm and clear, crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable - a milestone in any adventurer's personal travel history. Some of us will approach this historic crossing with more than a little trepidation. Despite its reputation, there are times when it is called the "Drake Lake", at other times we have encountered rough crossings with large waves. Regardless, the size of the waves and the force of the gale winds will take on gigantic proportions when related to folks back home.



As we cross the Drake Passage, there will be a selection of multimedia lectures about Antarctica, the timing of which is dependent on safety and weather conditions. We will also learn about the wildlife, geology, history and geography of the Antarctic Peninsula from our on-board experts. We will be given IATTO guidelines for approaching the wildlife and begin to discuss the importance of the Antarctic Treaty and the Protocol on

Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty. Another favorite pastime on board is to stand at the stern watching the many seabirds, including majestic albatrosses and giant petrels following our wake.

Nearing the tip of the Peninsula on the second day, excitement reaches fever pitch as everyone will be on the bridge looking out for the first iceberg. The ocean takes on a whole new perspective once we are surrounded by the surreal presence of floating ice sculptures. The memory of your first iceberg is likely to remain with you forever.

**Day 6: King George Island**

Friday 21 November 2009

Weather permitting, we will first approach Antarctica near the South Shetland Islands, entering Bransfield Strait and landing on King George Island (KGI) at the Russian base of Bellingshausen. The largest island in the Peninsula, it is also the location of the 2041 E-Base, the first education station built of sustainable products and run on renewable energy. You will have a chance to visit the site of Robert Swan's 2008 "E-Base Goes Live" mission where he successfully became the first person in Antarctic history to live two weeks solely on renewable energy. KGI also holds the greatest concentration of multinational research activities in Antarctica: Argentina, China, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, South Korea, Peru, Poland, Russia and Uruguay all maintain permanent stations here.



Nowhere else in Antarctica is there a need for coordinated approaches in research activities and environmental management than on King George island. Here we will visit the stations and meet the people who inhabit this island.

**Day 7 - 12: The Antarctic Peninsula**

Saturday 22 - 27 November 2009

Over the following days, we learn key leadership lessons from Robert through his Leadership on the Edge Program. This expedition is aligned with the Antarctic Treaty Summit celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty in Washington D.C from November 30 to December 3, 2009. Robert's continued efforts to protect Antarctica and raise awareness of its fragility will be highlighted and utilized to create new leaders and ambassadors for Antarctica to "continue forever to be used exclusively for peaceful purposes".

Parallel to this we will visit various locations along the Antarctic Peninsula. Depending on ice and weather conditions, the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula is ours to explore. Our experienced leaders will use their local knowledge to design our voyage from day to day capitalizing on the best weather and ice conditions.



Once we arrive in the calmer waters of the Peninsula, we will make numerous shore landings in inflatable rubber boats called zodiacs. Cruising along spectacular ice cliffs or follow whales that are feeding near the surface, we will soon appreciate the distinct advantage of being on a small vessel, which gives everyone the opportunity to experience these very special close encounters with the wildlife.

**There are many exciting places that we MAY visit if time and weather permit. Below are some examples of areas we may visit:**

**Cuerville Island:** Cuerville Island is a domed shape 250m tall island hosting several large gentoo rookeries, making it one of the largest gatherings of this penguin in Antarctica at 40,000 strong. We take this opportunity to closely observe them and their habits as we stand beneath the giant peaks that rise around the island.



**Neko Harbor:** Named after the Norwegian whaling ship working in these waters at the beginning of the 19th century, Neko Harbor gives us an opportunity to enjoy a true continental landing. Our time among its calving glaciers and statuesque icebergs is a clear reminder of our goal of respecting and protecting this beautiful continent for future generations.

**Paradise Harbour:** Named by the whalers for its stark beauty, Paradise Harbor is arguably one of the most aptly named spots on earth! Surrounded by glaciers that dramatically calve into the sea, Paradise Harbour offers breathtaking mountain reflections into clear, unspoiled waters. During our visit, we embark on a group hike and enjoy an incredible vista above the bay, towering over Argentina's now-abandoned Brown Station. Whales often seek shelter in this bay, and as we explore the shoreline by zodiac boat, we may be lucky enough to encounter a few humpback or minke whales up close.

**The Lemaire Channel:** Surrounded by near vertical peaks on either side, this extremely steep sided channel is only visible once you are almost inside providing one of the most dramatic landscape to sail through. Sometimes blocked by ice, the Lemaire reminds us that we must always be ready to adapt to the Antarctic elements.

### **Camping in the Antarctic**



An integral part of the Leadership on the Edge Program is to test the teamwork skills we have learned over the past week in one of the world's most hostile environments. Therefore Robert and his team leaders will take the team on an overnight camping expedition on the Antarctic ice, weather permitting. This gives us the chance to experience the Antarctic night as the early expeditions did at the turn of the century, however we are fortunate to have the latest expedition equipment provided.

**Day 13 - 14: At Sea**

Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 November 2009

As we depart Antarctica and sail back towards South America, an albatross or two may join the avian escort of fulmars, petrels and other seabirds that cross our bow in a mesmerizing ballet like display. There will be plenty of time to create action plans with the new leadership skills you have learned and the team you have joined during the expedition. Discussing and debating with Robert, his team and your new friends will ensure we perpetuate the inspirational journey we have just embarked upon and continue the fight for Antarctica.

**Cape Horn**

This legendary seafaring spot marks the point where the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans meet. Standing on deck, marking our passage through and marveling at this historic, infamous locale, the mind plays over what we've seen and where we've been. How comfortably and with what apparent ease we traveled to a place legendary for its hardships and danger. Perhaps you even think: "How easy it would be to simply stay put in one's ordinary routine. How enlivening not to do so and to continue to live adventurously - putting oneself in the right place to experience exceptional moments" Robert Swan

**Day 15: Ushuaia - Disembark**

Monday 30 November 2009

We disembark in Ushuaia in the early morning. A location that mere days ago seemed wild and remote is now, in contrast to the isolation of Antarctica, cozily familiar. We say our farewells all around and make our way to the airport with the 2041 team leaders who will assure your safe departure.



## Itinerary at a Glance

**Day 1** - Monday 16 November 2009 - Arrive Ushuaia, Argentina

Inclusions: Transfer from airport to hotel, Hotel

**Day 2** - Tuesday 17 November 2009 - Ushuaia, Argentina

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Hotel

**Day 3** - Wednesday 18 November 2009 - Embarkation

Inclusions: Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 4 - 5** - Thursday 19 - Friday 20 November 2009 - The Drake Passage

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 6** - Saturday 21 November 2009 - E-Base - King George Island

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 7 - 12** - Sunday 22 - Friday 27 November 2009 - Antarctica

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 13** - Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November 2009 - The Drake Passage

Inclusions: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 14** - Monday 30 November 2009 - Ushuaia, Argentina

Inclusions: Breakfast, Transfer to the airport