



*EXPEDITION TO*

# *Antarctica*

*Featuring the*

**Deluxe M.S. L'AUSTRAL**

**January 17 to 30, 2013**



Dear Club Traveler:

“Everything wears an aspect of unreality,” Ernest Shackleton wrote. “Icebergs hang upside-down in the sky, the land appears as layers of silvery or golden cloud, cloud banks look like land, and icebergs masquerade as islands.” Discover how normal human scales and reference points disappear amid the grandeur of nature in its most pristine form. From the long sunrises that paint the icescape in soft shades of pink and gold to the lingering light of the austral summer, humpback whales, leopard seals and Adélie penguins flock to glimmering turquoise glaciers and sparkling icebergs. Antarctica’s spectacular illuminations reveal the contrasts and marvels of the most unique place on Earth to those fortunate enough to visit.

Retrace the sea-lanes traveled by the storied explorers Ernest Shackleton, Roald Amundsen and Robert Falcon Scott as they sought out the final frontier of “The White Continent” on this extraordinary fourteen-day program featuring nine-nights aboard the finest vessel plying Antarctic waters, the state-of-the-art, Deluxe M.S. L’AUSTRAL, launched in 2011. Featuring private balconies in 95 percent of the 120 outside Staterooms, the M.S. L’AUSTRAL showcases a new generation of ship design and technology and sets unprecedented standards in elegance and comfort.

To enhance your Antarctic experience, the ship is staffed with an expedition team of expert naturalists who will guide you on excursions aboard sturdy Zodiac craft to explore the intricate ecosystems and marvelous nuances of the abundant wildlife found ashore, especially penguins and seals, who are unafraid of humans.

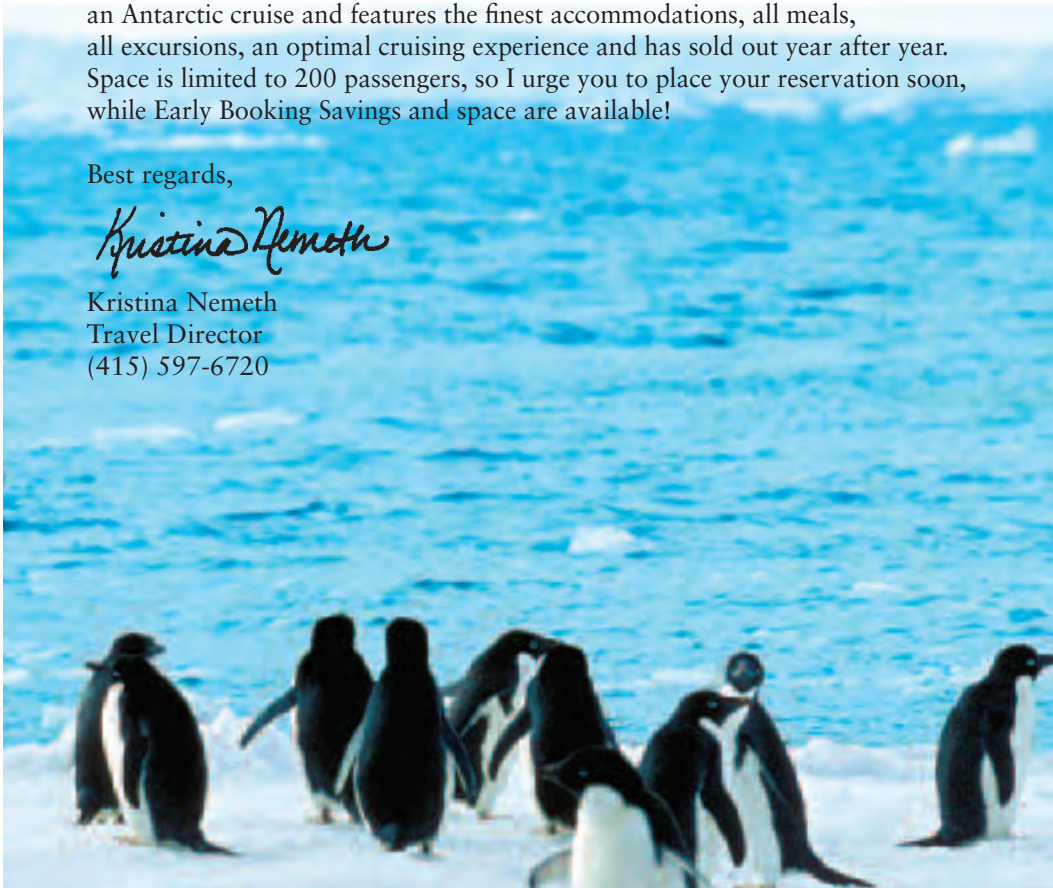
An exclusive Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option is offered to explore some of the 270 majestic waterfalls in the heart of the lush Argentinian-Brazilian jungle.

This once-in-a-lifetime, comprehensive program is the best value for an Antarctic cruise and features the finest accommodations, all meals, all excursions, an optimal cruising experience and has sold out year after year. Space is limited to 200 passengers, so I urge you to place your reservation soon, while Early Booking Savings and space are available!

Best regards,



Kristina Nemeth  
Travel Director  
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## Wildlife Conservation

*The unique international Antarctic Treaty protects Antarctica's wildlife and its natural habitats and provides a guide for visitors to this great continent, where no country has sovereignty.*

*To protect the fragile Antarctic environment, all travelers will go ashore in small groups, so as not to over visit rookeries, disturb nesting sites or disrupt research. All visitors will be asked to take—and leave—nothing ashore.*

### U.S.

Thursday, January 17

Depart from the U.S.

### Buenos Aires, Argentina

Friday, January 18

Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires and check into the deluxe MARRIOTT PLAZA HOTEL, adjacent to the chic boutique-lined Calle Florida. This evening, attend the welcome reception. (R)

### Buenos Aires

Saturday, January 19

The city tour highlights Buenos Aires' diverse *barrios* (neighborhoods), from the colorful La Boca District and the city center's grand public buildings to the parks of Palermo, Plaza de Mayo and Puerto Madero, as well as the charming old quarter of San Telmo. Visit the historic Recoleta Cemetery, famous for its ornate vaults and sculptures and as the final resting place of the legendary Evita Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina. (B)



*The majestic albatross has a wingspan of up to 11 feet, enabling it to fly for hundreds of miles at a time.*

### Buenos Aires/Ushuaia

Sunday, January 20

Fly to rustic Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, the capital of Tierra del Fuego and the gateway to Antarctica. This afternoon, embark M.S. L'AUSAL and cruise through the Beagle Channel, named for the ship that carried Charles Darwin on his South American voyages. Attend the Captain's welcome reception this evening. (B,R,D)

### Cruising Drake Passage

Monday, January 21

Cross the legendary Drake Passage. Upon reaching the Antarctic Convergence, watch for breaching fin, humpback and minke whales and seabirds feeding on plankton and krill brought to the surface by the cold Antarctic currents merging with the warmer waters of the South Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. The expedition team of



*Photo this page: Both elegant and entertaining, penguins are often the first to greet visitors on Antarctica's shores.*

*Cover photo: Discover a magical world of stunning mountain vistas, surreal ice sculptures and pristine seas on this journey of a lifetime.*



naturalists will present insightful lectures to prepare you for your first landing in Antarctica. (B,L,D)

## Cruising Antarctica

**Tuesday, January 22 to Sunday, January 27**

The ship cruises below the 60<sup>th</sup> parallel to the outer shores and islands of the Antarctic Peninsula, the Earth's last frontier. Here, explore Earth's most pristine wilderness, where towering mountains of ice and lava create precipitous coastlines and islands, and constantly changing patterns of ice stretch as far as the eye can see. In this seemingly harsh environment, a vast array of marine and wildlife flourishes, including millions of penguins, countless seabirds and thousands of seals and whales. From spectacular volcanic topography and majestic glaciers to fascinating wildlife and historic outposts, this itinerary reveals the fascinating highlights of the following destinations for the complete Antarctica experience.

*Please note that the ship's cruising pattern and destinations are dependent on weather, ice and sea conditions and are subject to change.*

One of the smallest but most beautiful South Shetland Islands, **Half Moon Island**, is a crescent-shaped isle known for its craggy volcanic rock formations and tranquil lagoons. It is also the site of Camara Station, a base staffed by Argentine biologists monitoring regional wildlife. Observe the antics of the island's colony of chinstrap penguins and enjoy the lingering twilight of the Antarctic summer.

**Deception Island** is actually the rim of a massive dormant volcano crater that encircles a lake known as Port Foster.

The ship enters Port Foster through dramatic Neptune's Bellows, a sublime harbor ringed by snowcapped peaks and sheer cliffs. In Pendulum Cove, see the steaming, geothermally heated waters of the Antarctic. Observe the amazing colony of a quarter of one million chinstrap penguins at Baily Head. Then walk along the black sand beaches of Telefon Bay to nearby craters, which offer fascinating insight into the volcanic activity that created the island and played a pivotal role in the natural history of the region.

In **Paradise Bay**, awesome cliffs of ice descend from the surrounding mountains into the floating iceberg-laden waters along the western coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Named by 19<sup>th</sup>-century whalers who sought shelter in its coves, Paradise Bay is an ideal sanctuary for marine wildlife including humpback whales, crabeater seals and Cape petrels. Listen for the low rumbling of Rudolf Glacier as it calves chunks of ice into **Neko Harbor**, named for an early 20<sup>th</sup>-century whaling boat. The harbor is surrounded by soaring glaciers and snow-covered mountains and is one of the most dramatic and spectacular sights in Antarctica. Here, make your first "continental landing" in Antarctica. Cruise through breathtaking, glacier-lined **Neumayer Channel** to **Port Lockroy**. Originally constructed in 1944 by an eight-man team as an intelligence post for British espionage during World War II, Port Lockroy was converted into a whaling station and scientific base in the 1950s. It is nestled among glistening mountain peaks as high as 6,000 feet, and the surrounding grounds are populated by blue-eyed shags



*In contrast to sociable Adélie penguins, who congregate in large colonies, the leopard seal cherishes his solitude and independence.*





*A visit to Antarctica offers an unparalleled opportunity to get an up-close view of chinstrap penguins in their natural habitat.*

and gentoo penguins. Gain insight into the lives of past explorers at the British Antarctic Survey Museum and send a postcard with an Antarctica postmark from the official British Post Office. Just beyond Port Lockroy, enjoy an excursion to the rocky shores of Jougla Point on **Wiencke Island**.

*Weighing up to 50 tons, this breaching humpback whale migrates to Antarctic waters to feed during the austral summer.*



Experience this rare opportunity to view the nearly intact skeleton of a large whale, and see large colonies of gentoo penguins and kelp gulls.

Flanked by sheer cliffs of towering glaciers between the Antarctic Peninsula and Booth Island, **Lemaire Channel** offers views of seven majestic miles of mountains and wildlife combined with fascinating patterns of ice floes. Call at **Petermann Island**, the southernmost point of your journey, and watch its thriving rookeries of Adélie and gentoo penguins and blue-eyed shags.

Enter the **Weddell Sea** and spot the enormous tabular icebergs that have calved from the Larsen Ice Shelf. See **Brown Bluff's** 2,450-foot-high, rust-colored cliffs jutting into the Antarctic Sound. Observe the area's flourishing colony of friendly Adélie penguins, who may approach you for an up-close encounter. (B,L,D)

## **Cruising Drake Passage/ Cape Horn**

**Monday, January 28**

Relax and reflect onboard as the ship turns north and crosses the Drake Passage. Enjoy lively, informative discussions with the ship's naturalists. Watch for endangered albatross and the many different species of petrels as you cruise across the Antarctic Convergence and past Cape Horn, the most southerly point of South America and a milestone on the world's trade routes from the 18<sup>th</sup> century until the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914. Attend the Captain's farewell reception this evening. (B,L,R,D)

## **Ushuaia/Buenos Aires**

**Tuesday, January 29**

Disembark and fly to Buenos Aires. Your return flight to the U.S. departs this evening. Or, stay overnight in Buenos Aires and continue on the Iguazú Falls Post-Program\*. (B)

## **U.S.**

**Wednesday, January 30**

Arrive early this morning in the U.S.

## **Iguazú Falls**

### **Post-Program Option\***

**January 29 to February 2**

Iguazú falls, a UNESCO World Heritage site located within breathtaking virgin rainforests along the Brazil-Argentina frontier, features more than 270 falls cascading from as high as 350 feet through the jungle. Home to more than 500 species of birds, 80 types of mammals and a mind-boggling array of reptiles, fish, butterflies and plants, Iguazú is the perfect tropical counterpart to your Antarctic experience. This exclusive three-night Post-Program Option features accommodations in the deluxe **SHERATON IGUAZÚ RESORT & SPA** and airfare round trip Buenos Aires.

*\*Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*



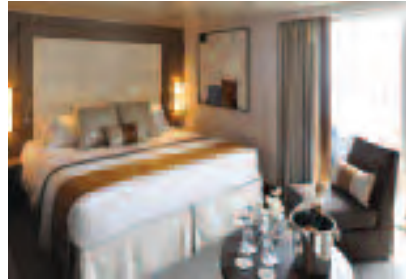
## M.S. L'AUSTRAL

### Small Ship, State-of-the-Art Design

The M.S. L'AUSTRAL, launched in 2011, represents the newest generation of Deluxe Small Ships with only 120 Staterooms and features distinctive French sophistication.

### Spacious Suites and Staterooms, Most with Balconies

Ninety-five percent of the large, deluxe, air-conditioned, outside Staterooms and Suites (from 200 to 484 square feet) feature private balconies. Most accommodations have two twin beds that convert to one queen-size bed; each has a private bathroom with shower and the luxurious amenities of a fine hotel including: individual climate control, satellite flatscreen television, wireless Internet access, safe, minibar, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table and plush robes.



*Stateroom with Balcony*

### Chic and Casual Dining

International and regional cuisine are served in the stylish, spacious Le Coromandel dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual indoor-outdoor Le Rodrigues restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Continental and buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea, and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.



*Dining Room*

### Spacious Public Areas/ World-Class Service and Facilities

Inviting and spacious public areas accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge; nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge and lectures, cultural performances and film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment and two elevators. The infirmary is staffed with a doctor and nurse. The highly trained and personable English-speaking international crew provides attentive service.



*Lounge*

### Respect for the Environment

The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage by minimizing vibration and engine noise. The ship company is proud of its Clean Ship standing, an extreme rarity among ocean cruising vessels, as its commitment to energy efficiency and environmental protection of marine ecosystems is of paramount importance. The ship has two tenders.



*Forward Observation Deck*



## Your Expedition Team

The expedition team aboard the M.S. L'AUSTRAL are seasoned experts and naturalists who have studied and traveled extensively in the most remote regions of the world. Their areas of expertise span marine biology, ornithology, ecology, geology, glaciology, conservation and environmental education, history and photography. The team's collaborative efforts, experience, enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge and a particular interest in the world's ecosystems make them exceptionally well-suited to lead your Expedition to Antarctica.

## American Exploration of Antarctica

The intrepid deeds of such famed European and British explorers of Antarctica as Roald Amundsen, Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton have long been recounted in gripping personal tales and history books. Americans also played a significant role in the exploration of Antarctica. Foremost among them was Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd. Scion of a distinguished Virginia family, he led the 1928-30 U.S. Antarctic expedition and, in 1929, made the first overflight of the South Pole. Byrd later led three additional expeditions to Antarctica and named a large portion of the continent Marie Byrd Land after his wife.

Another American prominent in the exploration of the South Polar region was Lincoln Ellsworth. This Chicago native made the first flight across Antarctica in 1935. In the course of his journey, he discovered the continent's loftiest mountain range, later named in his honor.



### Included

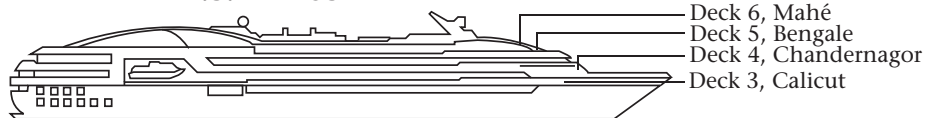
- ◆ Two nights in the deluxe MARRIOTT PLAZA HOTEL
- ◆ Welcome reception
- ◆ Nine-nights aboard the deluxe M.S. L'AUSTRAL
- ◆ Expedition cruise round trip from Ushuaia, Argentina (Accommodations in spacious deluxe outside staterooms with private bathroom)
- ◆ All entrance fees and tours as described in the itinerary
- ◆ Captain's welcome and farewell receptions
- ◆ Meals as specified in the itinerary, with wine and beer included with lunch and dinner on the ship
- ◆ Series of lectures by the naturalists
- ◆ Souvenir polar-grade red parka
- ◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers
- ◆ Gratuities for included group meals
- ◆ Experienced Travel Director to accompany you throughout the travel program
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship and in hotels
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information

### Not Included

- ◆ International airfare
- ◆ Taxes of \$595 per person (subject to change)
- ◆ Airfare of \$630 per person round trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (subject to change)
- ◆ Ship gratuities of approximately \$126 per person
- ◆ Hotel staff gratuities and gratuities for activities on your own
- ◆ Optional sightseeing excursions
- ◆ Passport and visa fees
- ◆ Meals and alcoholic beverages not listed as included
- ◆ Transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel on day(s) of arrival and/or departure 1) if you have not purchased your air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s)
- ◆ Any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s)
- ◆ Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access
- ◆ Accident/sickness, trip cancellation and baggage insurance
- ◆ Baggage charges on aircraft; airfare and associated local taxes not listed as included
- ◆ Airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included and local U.S./Argentina reciprocal entry fee(s)
- ◆ All other services not specifically mentioned in the "Included" section



# M.S. L'AUSTRAL



<b>Land/Cruise Tariff</b> (per person, based on double occupancy)			
Stateroom Category*	Description - Staterooms range from 200 to 484 sq. ft. and most have two twin beds that convert to make one queen bed. All feature a private bathroom with shower and individual climate control.	Early Booking Price through July 2, 2012	Regular Price after July 2, 2012
8	Ocean-view, one large window. Deck 3, Calicut, forward. (limited availability)	<b>\$7595</b>	<b>\$8595</b>
7	Ocean-view, small window and door onto private, partial wall balcony. Deck 3, Calicut, aft. (limited availability)	<b>\$8495</b>	<b>\$9495</b>
6	Ocean-view, small window and door onto private, partial wall balcony. Deck 3, Calicut, midship.	<b>\$9695</b>	<b>\$10695</b>
5	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private, partial wall balcony. Deck 4, Chandernagor, forward.	<b>\$10195</b>	<b>\$11195</b>
4	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private balcony. Deck 4, Chandernagor, midship.	<b>\$10895</b>	<b>\$11895</b>
3	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private, partial wall balcony. Deck 5, Bengale, forward.	<b>\$10995</b>	<b>\$11995</b>
2	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private balcony. Deck 5, Bengale, midship.	<b>\$11295</b>	<b>\$12295</b>
1	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private balcony. Deck 6, Mahé.	<b>\$11695</b>	<b>\$12695</b>
Deluxe Suite	Ocean-view, sliding glass door onto private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)	<b>\$11995</b>	<b>\$12995</b>
Prestige Suite II	Two room, ocean-view, sliding glass door onto large private balcony, two bathrooms, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 5, Bengale. (limited availability)	<b>\$12695</b>	<b>\$13695</b>
Prestige Suite I	Two room, ocean-view, sliding glass door onto large private balcony, two bathrooms, large sitting area with sofa, two closets, writing desk and dressing table. Deck 6, Mahé. (limited availability)	<b>\$12995</b>	<b>\$13995</b>

◆ An Owner's Suite (Deck 6, Mahé) is available upon request at a cost to be advised.

◆ Singles are available in category 6 at \$13195 and in category 4 at \$16295 on or before July 2, 2012. Add \$1000 for reservations made after July 2, 2012. (very limited availability)

◆ Taxes are an additional \$595 per person and are subject to change.

◆ Round-trip airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia (internal program air) is \$630 per person additional and subject to change.

\*M.S. L'AUSTRAL has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

## Expedition to Antarctica Reservation Form

<p><b>Send to:</b>  <b>Commonwealth Club Travel</b>  <b>595 Market Street, 2nd Floor</b>  <b>San Francisco, CA 94105</b></p> <p><b>Fax to:</b>  <b>(415) 597-6729</b></p> <p><b>or call:</b>  <b>(415) 597-6720</b></p>	<p><b>Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:</b></p> <p>1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Double occupancy (two twin beds).  <input type="checkbox"/> Double occupancy (one queen bed).  <input type="checkbox"/> Single accommodations.  <input type="checkbox"/> I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).</p> <p><b>Please make my/our reservation(s):</b></p> <p><b>Iguazú Falls Post-Cruise Option</b>  <b>Jungle View Rooms:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Double at \$1495 per person.  <input type="checkbox"/> Single at \$2695 per person.  <input type="checkbox"/> I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).</p> <p><b>Falls View Rooms:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Double at \$1895 per person.  <input type="checkbox"/> Single at \$3095 per person.  <input type="checkbox"/> I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/We want you to book my/our air from _____ (fill in departure city) to and from Buenos Aires, Argentina, at additional cost to be advised.†</p> <p>Class: <input type="checkbox"/> Economy <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> First</p> <p>†Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.</p>
<p>Title _____ Full name (exactly as it appears on your passport)</p> <p>Title _____ Full name (exactly as it appears on your passport)</p> <p>Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please) _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____</p> <p>Telephone: (Home) _____ (Business) _____</p> <p>Email Address _____ (Mobile) _____</p> <p>Preferred name(s) on badge(s) _____ Tour No. 028-01/17/13-252</p>	<p>Program reservations require a deposit of \$800 per person and \$200 per person Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option. By forwarding of deposit, I/we accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my/our check(s) for \$ _____ as deposit. Make checks payable to <b>Thomas P. Gohagan &amp; Company</b>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of \$ _____ to:  <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard</p> <p>Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____</p> <p>Signature as it appears on credit card _____</p>
<p><b>All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by October 12, 2012.</b></p>	





*Stand on the bow of the M.S. L'Austral and watch Antarctica's drama unfold before you.*

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**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices The Commonwealth Club. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation

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**TRIP INSURANCE:** Because our cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through The Commonwealth Club for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

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