



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION of SMITH COLLEGE

Antarctica

January 9-22, 2008

DETAILED ITINERARY (subject to amendment)

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

USA

Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Arrive in Buenos Aires and transfer to the *Palacio Duhau-Park Hyatt Buenos Aires* for the night. The remainder of the day is yours to relax or explore the city. Enjoy a welcome cocktail reception with your fellow travelers this evening.

Friday, January 11, 2008

Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, Embarkation

Fly from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, a Patagonian outpost surrounded by the Darwin Cordillera, glaciers, and forests of southern beech. Transfer to *Corinthian II* and depart through the Beagle Channel, with spectacular views of glaciers and green, misted mountains.
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Saturday January 12 & Sunday January 13, 2008

At Sea

Attend lectures by naturalists and study leaders as *Corinthian II* sails through the Drake Passage and crosses the Antarctic Convergence, where the cold waters of the Southern Ocean override the warmer waters to the north.

Seabirds such as albatrosses will likely accompany us.

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Monday, January 14- Friday, January 18, 2008

Antarctic Peninsula

We will spend five full days cruising the Antarctic Peninsula, the most northerly and accessible part of Antarctica, and its surrounding islands. Landings are subject to local conditions, but typical calls include Cuverville Island, with its 10,000-strong Gentoo penguin population; Paradise Bay, wreathed by glaciers; Deception Island, a dramatic sunken volcano caldera and a former whaling station, with hot springs; Hannah Point, with its stupendous bird and elephant seal colonies; and Port Lockroy, a former British Antarctic Survey Base that is now a UK Antarctic Heritage Trust Historical Site and Monument. Voyages through the mountain-lined Lemaire, Neumayer, Errera, and other protected channels are also scheduled. Additional Zodiac excursions occur whenever possible, as well as visits to scientific stations with tours by staff members.

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Saturday, January 19 & Sunday, January 20, 2008

At Sea

Watch for whales and seabirds and enjoy onboard lectures as *Corinthian II* makes the 600-mile return trip to Ushuaia.

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Monday, January 21, 2008

Ushuaia, Disembarkation, Buenos Aires

Disembark in Ushuaia and transfer to the airport for the flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, connect with flights to the United States.

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Tuesday, January 22, 2008

USA

Arrive in the United States.