

Geographic
EXPEDITIONS

***South Georgia Island
and
The Shackleton Crossing***



15 Days Rigorous Trekking and Expeditionary Voyage

November 14 – November 29, 2004

In mid-April of 1916 the great Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton and 27 members of his expedition were shipwrecked and stranded on Elephant Island, just north of the Antarctic Peninsula. Desperately seeking aid, Shackleton and five others crammed themselves into a weather-beaten open boat and sailed across the frigid Scotia Sea for nearly 800 miles, miraculously reaching the island of South Georgia two weeks later. Unable to reach Stromness, the whaling station on the east side of the island, Shackleton beached his boat on the west side and, with two shipmates, made a heroic crossing of the island's glaciers and mountains, finally reaching the station on the 16th of May.

It is said that the unofficial mayor of Stromness, a hardened Norwegian whaling captain, burst into tears at the sight of the three Englishmen, whom he had met before they began their epic struggle many months before. He did not yet know the details of their journey, but he knew that it must have been almost inhumanly harrowing. The story of Shackleton's escape and his rescue of the crew back on Elephant Island (not a single man was lost) is one of history's greatest tales of pluck and survival.

Our expedition to South Georgia will repeat Shackleton's crossing of the rarely visited island, well described as a great mountain massif bursting out of the ocean. Our route will be longer than Shackleton's in order to explore more terrain, while still incorporating his entire original route. While the island crossing party makes its way to Stromness, those who choose to stay aboard our superbly outfitted ship, The *M.S. Endeavour*, will slowly make their way along the coast, exploring and making landings from our zodiac boats, meeting up with the others in a few days.

South Georgia has long exerted a powerful fascination for lovers of ultra-spectacular scenery. Sir John Hunt, fresh from leading the first ascent of Everest, spoke for many of us when he wrote to the leaders of the first climbing expedition to the island, "How I envy you!" South Georgia is 120 miles long and averages 15 miles in width-- a rugged spine of glacier-covered peaks (the highest, Mount Paget, is 9,500 feet above the nearby sea), with a deeply indented coastline and a number of small offshore islands. In some places, the glaciers tumble down into the sea. Beside magnificent scenery, South Georgia is rich with wildlife. Four species of penguin and four different albatrosses breed here. Animals and birds of many species and in huge numbers use the island as a breeding refuge. The Antarctic Convergence, the boundary where the mass of cold Antarctic water meets warmer Sub-Antarctic waters, oscillates during the course of the year above and below South Georgia. This meeting of waters creates a zone of upwelling, bringing rich nutrients to the surface. This explains the profusion and variety of wildlife on South Georgia during the summer months. There is no more magnificent place in the South Atlantic and Antarctic regions to see wildlife than South Georgia.

This will be a classic expedition. It will involve many unknowns, physical challenges and wild country with spectacular wildlife. We will be in one of the most remote parts of the world. Geographic Expeditions was part of the first successful commercial crossing of South Georgia in November 2000.

Day 1: November 14

SANTIAGO. Arrive in Santiago, the capital of Chile. Transfer from the airport to the Hyatt Regency Hotel is included for all those travelers who arrive in Santiago on the “group flight”.

Day 2: November 15

SANTIAGO TO PORT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS).

Group Transfer to the airport for your charter flight from Santiago to the Falkland Islands. Upon arrival on the Falklands, we will be met at the airport and will spend the day visiting the local museums, shops, restaurants, and the post office. Here's a chance to visit government house and the famous "Globe" pub for some local Falklands' color before we leave the island on our expedition ship, the *M.S. Endeavour*, (please see the short description of the ship below).

After boarding the ship and getting comfortable, we will begin our journey from the outpost town of Port Stanley destined for the "Jewel of the Sub-Antarctic", South Georgia Island.

Days 3 and 4: November 16 and 17

SCOTIA SEA. Today, we sail in line with the underwater mountains of the Scotia Arc and head towards one of the most isolated and beautiful places in the world, South Georgia Island. Our lecture series begins covering the exploration history, wildlife and geography of this remote island of mountains. The story of Shackleton, Tom Crean and the *Endurance Expedition* of 1914 will be covered in depth as we enter the realm of the great explorers and the *Golden Age of Exploration*. Wildlife watches continue as we search the ocean's depths for blue, fin and right whales. Icebergs begin to dot the waters and we will cross the biological borderline known as the *Antarctic Convergence*, before arriving on the island.

Day 5: November 18

SOUTH GEORGIA – KING HAAKON BAY. Our first landing on South Georgia is scheduled to take place at King Haakon Bay, the site of Shackleton's landfall after his famous crossing aboard the 23-foot lifeboat, *James Caird* (weather and ice conditions permitting). This is the least visited wild side of the island, featuring untouched beaches, headlands, mountains, glaciers and nesting wandering albatrosses. We will also attempt landings at Pegotty Bluff, Cave Cove and some of the remote outlying islands.

The Crossing Party. A select group will attempt to recreate the crossing of South Georgia from King Haakon Bay to Stromness Bay. We expect the 24-mile journey to take up to 5 days--even though Shackleton covered the distance in 36 almost non-stop hours. Our retracing of his route across the island will depend on weather conditions. We spend day one at King Haakon Bay preparing and rearranging equipment for the crossing. Once the passage is complete, the crossing party will rejoin the ship at Stromness Bay, and continue with the cruise itinerary. At this point, the Climbing Team attempting the crossing will remain onshore as they prepare to follow the very route of Tom Crean and Shackleton across South Georgia's glaciers and mountains.

Day 6: November 19

ALBATROSS ISLAND/STANCOLM BAY – Those remaining on board. Today, we reach South Georgia's east side. Albatross Island is located across the Bay of Isles from Salisbury and features breathtaking scenery. We are likely to find skuas and giant petrels nesting in great numbers.

Fur seals abound. Wandering albatross nest atop the high peaks; a good hike to the ridge top takes us closer to these magnificent birds, whose 11-foot wingspans permit effortless soaring.

Day 7: November 20

SALISBURY/ELSEHUL. At the height of the breeding season, the northern tip of South Georgia is said to have more wildlife biomass per square meter than any other place on earth. At the Bay of Isles, we visit a colony of endangered wandering albatrosses. In the afternoon, we attempt to visit Salisbury Plain or Elsehul Harbour, two beautiful landings featuring macaroni penguins, fur and elephant seals, and gray-headed and black-browed albatrosses on their nests. The sheer volume of animals and birds is unlike anywhere else in the world. Thousands upon thousands of king penguins will likely greet us. The Plain's lush and dense tussock grass provides rich habitat for the birds. Above the penguin rookery is a brilliant vista of rugged, snow-capped and glacier-draped peaks.

The climbing team will continue across the Antarctic and Fortuna Glaciers passing some spectacular scenery and peaks. The view of untouched ice, mountains and valleys is truly unforgettable. Climbers should be prepared for high winds, crevasses and exposed conditions.

Day 8: November 21

SORLING VALLEY/MORAINE FJORD/NORDENSKJOLD GLACIER. Today, we walk and hike to the interior of South Georgia at the Sorling Valley and Nordenskjold Glacier. We have a wonderful opportunity to explore one of South Georgia's largest and most picturesque glaciers, the Nordenskjold. Here, at the snout of the 70-foot-high glacier, we have an opportunity to practice ice climbing or we can hike or simply relax while observing the Reindeer and snow petrels that frequent the area.

The climbers continue to cross the Fortuna Glacier.

Day 9: November 22

GRYTVIKEN. In the morning, we check in with the Island's tiny human population at the abandoned whaling station of Grytviiken. Two residents and friends, Tim and Pauline Carr, will fill us in on island life as we visit their small museum and station. South Georgia was the hub of Antarctic whaling and holds tremendous history starting in the early 1900's.

We will wander on foot, visiting the ruins of the once-bustling whaling station. A host of seabirds, penguins, and marine mammals can be seen while we hike along the coast. The cemetery holds a special fascination, as it is here that Shackleton is buried, on the island that he loved. As Roland Huntford writes in his superb biography, *Shackleton*, "His unquiet spirit had no place in the green fields of England, where, somehow, he had never been at ease. If he had a home on earth, it must be among the wild, mystic crags and glaciers of the island which had meant so much to him."

Day 10: November 23

FORTUNA BAY/STROMNESS WHALING STATION. Today we awake in Fortuna Bay to view the king penguin populations, spectacular waterfalls and to walk the final leg of Shackleton's famed crossing. This takes us up and over the pass separating Fortuna Bay from the Stromness Whaling station and then down, past the waterfall and onto the plain that leads to the presently abandoned whaling station.

This is also the site of Shackleton and his mates' arrival after their brave crossing. Stromness offers views of cliffs and the glacier.

Our crossing party will rejoin the group at Stromness Bay and continue with us on our tour of South Georgia.

Day 11: November 24

ST. ANDREW'S BAY. Today, we visit the wildlife mecca of St. Andrew's Bay with over 500,000 King Penguins, fur and elephant seals and great hiking opportunities. The entire day is spent exploring the magnificent valley and bay and enjoying the wonders that surround us.

Day 12: November 25

GOLD HARBOUR AND COOPER BAY. Our final day on South Georgia has us visiting Gold Harbour and Cooper Bay, two extraordinary landing sites on the Southern end of the island. Here snow shoeing, walking, hiking and photography programs are offered.

Gold Harbor lies at the foot of the Bertrah Glacier and is home to a colony of aristocratic king penguins. Tussock grass and mini-meadows of soft mosses cling to the low mountains and cliff edges. We are likely to see elephant seals, fur seals, and king penguins. The photographic opportunities here should be especially superb.

Cooper Bay is a small bay within Cooper Sound, where whalers once sought shelter. Spectacular rock headlands with sharp cleavages of metamorphosed sandstone offer intriguing geological perspectives. Here we are likely to encounter light mantled sooty albatross, king gentoo, and macaroni penguins, prions, petrels, and terns. There are also fur, Weddell, and elephant seals. After thoroughly covering this area, we cruise the deep Drygalskiy Fjord before continuing on towards Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Days 13 and 14: November 26 -27

SCOTIA SEA. The lecture series begins once again covering South Georgia, the history of Antarctic exploration, flora, fauna and geology. Wildlife watches help to identify the seabirds that swarm about the ship including wandering albatrosses, prions and black-browed albatrosses.

Day 15: November 28

SEA LION/BLEEKER ISLAND, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Today, we find ourselves near the outlying islands of Sea Lion and Bleeker. We are likely to encounter sea lions, killer whales, seabirds and a few hardy individuals who make a living herding sheep on the rocky, wind-swept islands. We will likely have the opportunity to spend unhurried time in the remote settlements, chatting with the island owners while learning more about their isolated life. Several hikes to albatross and rock hopper penguin colonies will be offered and some fantastic Zodiac cruises will round out the day's activities.

Day 16: November 29

PORT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Early in the morning, we arrive in charming Port Stanley, capital of the Falklands and will be transferred to the airport for our return charter flight to Santiago, Chile.

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The M.S. Endeavour



Public Areas: Lounge with bar and facilities for films, slide shows and lectures. Library, fitness center, sauna, gift shop, hair salon, laundry, guest e-mail station and a doctor's office with a full-time doctor. "Open Bridge" policy.

Meals: Served in one seating with unassigned tables, making for an atmosphere of easy informality, giving you a chance to meet our staff and your fellow travelers.

Cabins: All cabins are above the waterline and face outside with windows or portholes. Each has private facilities, radio and climate controls. Several cabins include twin beds, which can be converted to a double bed. Some cabins can accommodate three people.

The ship is ice-reinforced, fully stabilized, complies with international regulations of Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and features the most modern satellite communications equipment.

Shared Accommodations: If you wish to share accommodations, we will be glad to make arrangements at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2.

Trip Dates

November 14 to November 29, 2004

2004 Cruise Cost

Category 1 - \$9,200 per person
Category 1 - \$11,500 single occupancy

Main Deck #221, 224. A-Deck #309-311, 314-316, 352, 353, 355, 357 (*Singles: A Deck #312, 318, 354, 356)

All cabins feature lower beds, a writing desk, and a porthole.

Category 2 – \$10,300 per person
Category 2 – \$12,870 single occupancy

Upper Deck #122, 125 (both with large view window). Main Deck #201-204, 206, 208, 210-212, 214-218, 220 (*Singles: Main Deck #205, 219, 222)

Double cabins have two lower beds, and two portholes. All cabins have a writing desk.

Category 3 - \$11,430 per person

Main Deck #209;
A Deck #300, 350, 351

These spacious cabins can comfortably accommodate two or three people if desired, all with at least two lower beds and two portholes. Each has a separate sleeping and sitting area.

Category 4 - \$11,990 per person
Category 4 - \$14,990 single occupancy

Upper Deck #102, 104-112, 114-116, 118, 120, 121, 123 (*Singles: Upper Deck #124, 126, 127)
Conveniently located on the Upper Deck, these cabins feature two lower beds and a writing desk. Most have two large windows. Single cabins have one lower bed.

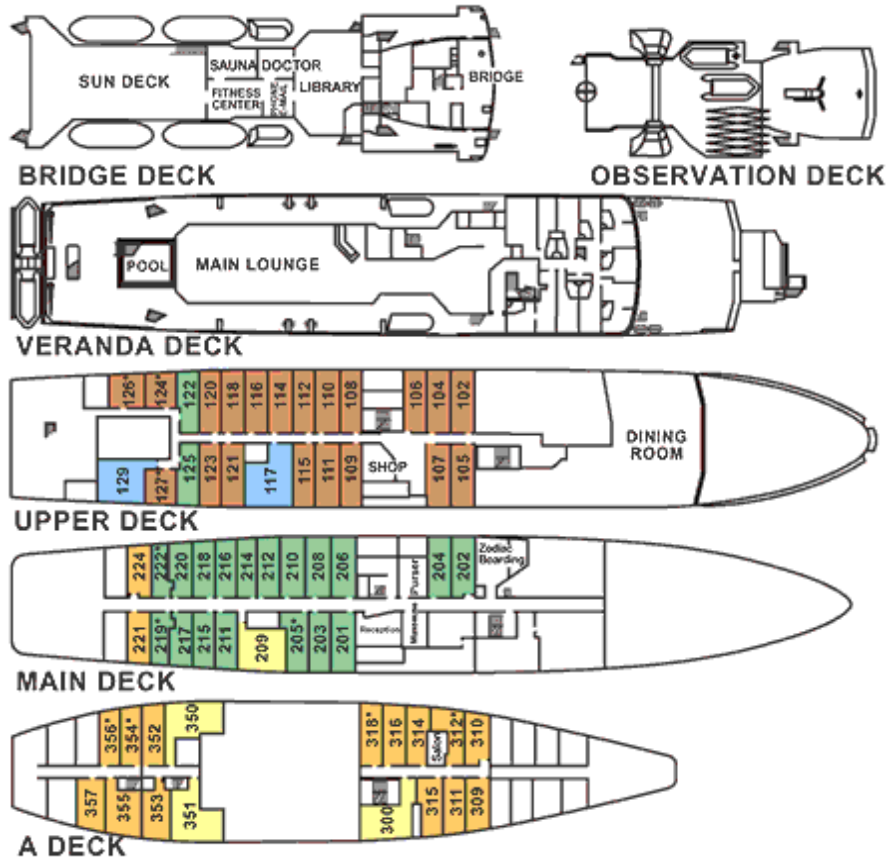
Suites - \$16,790 per person

Upper Deck #117, 129

These are the finest accommodations on board. Both suites have separate sleeping and sitting areas, convertible sofa to accommodate a third person and large view windows.

Note: Cabins #111, 114, 117, 118, 208, 210 – two twin beds can convert to one double bed.

Crossing Supplement \$3,350 per person (based on 12 to 15 participants)
Crossing Supplement \$3,550 per person (based on 9 to 12 participants)
Maximum crossing group size 15 participants



Dining Room



Suites



Lounge



Category 4 Cabin

INCLUDED IN THE LAND COST

- Round-trip charter airfare between Santiago Chile and the Falkland Islands.
- All accommodations aboard ship.
- One night hotel accommodation in Santiago (14 November).
- Transfers to and from group flights.
- All meals and non-alcoholic beverages aboard the ship.
- All shore activities, entrance fees, special access permits and use of kayaks.
- Port charges.
- Geographic Expeditions' Medical and Accident Insurance.
- All services of our expedition staff.

INCLUDED IN THE CROSSING SUPPLEMENTAL COST

- Crossing party expert guides.
- Tents, stoves, fuel, meals and other specialized equipment required.
- Permit fees for crossing South Georgia.

NOT INCLUDED IN LAND COST

- International air transportation –USA-Santiago-USA.
- Accommodation, meals and transfers in Santiago other than specified.
- Personal equipment and clothing for the mountaineering portion or ship voyage.
- Excess baggage charges and airport taxes.
- Passport and visa fees (note: visas are not required for US citizens. However, US-citizens are charged a \$100 immigration fee upon arrival in Santiago).
- Items of a personal nature such as liquor, laundry, phone calls, e-mail, gratuities to ship crew, etc.
- Charges incurred as a consequence of delays beyond the control of Geographic Expeditions.
- Trip cancellation/medical insurance (We will send you insurance information upon receipt of the deposit payment).

INTERNATIONAL AIR AND EN ROUTE STOPOVERS

International air and en route stopovers are not included in the Land Cost. Unless you are working with a travel agent or specify otherwise, Geographic Expeditions will prepare your air tickets.

Sample approximate round-trip airfares as of July 23, 2003*:

San Francisco or Los Angeles to Santiago	\$1050 (not including taxes)
New York to Santiago	\$ 950 (not including taxes)

**Airfares are approximate and subject to change without any notice*

TRIP GRADE

Voyage Only

Expedition cruising differs from normal ship cruising. We emphasize nature, wildlife, scenic beauty and appreciation of an unspoiled environment. Expedition cruising days are organized to maximize time ashore observing, walking and photographing, or venturing in zodiacs to areas accessible only by water. In order to take full advantage of our time on South Georgia, Zodiac landings after dinner are common (there is no night this time of year in Antarctic waters).

Crossing

Rigorous Trekking and Mountaineering

Trip members who plan to make the island crossing on foot are advised to undertake a good conditioning program and to hike in hilly country as much as possible before the trip.

A good stair-climbing regimen (up *and* down) is also helpful. Additionally, the ability to carry and pull 40-50 lbs of personal and group equipment is necessary. We will be supplying you with a small sled for pulling on snow. When not in use, the sled will be strapped to the outside of your backpack.

To be considered for the crossing of South Georgia Island you will need to submit to us a resume of your climbing/trekking experience and outdoor pursuits with dates and goals accomplished.

*****IMPORTANT NOTE*****

While we endeavor to make the itinerary as accurate as possible, it should be considered as an approximate schedule of activities rather than a rigid schedule of events. Trip itineraries are subject to revision due to weather and ice conditions, government restrictions and other reasons beyond our control. Frequent reconnaissance of routes sometimes determines a better routing - we do our best to ascertain that the most beautiful and best route possible is taken into the area.

Terms and conditions for this trip are listed below in brief. Detailed information will be contained in the "Welcome Packet" which you will receive upon payment of deposit.

CLIMATE

South Georgia is cold, wet and windy. Although the clouds can suddenly roll back and it can become warm and sunny; equally as rapidly, the weather can close in again. The position of the island to the south of the Antarctic Convergence, and the fact it is in the track of deep atmospheric depressions coming through the Drake Passage, both contribute to the harsh climate. The annual range of mean monthly temperatures is only about 7°C (38°F). Over 1m (3 ft) of snow accumulates through the winter. In addition, there can be frost and snow throughout the summer, although heavy rain with up to 100mm (4 inches) a day is more likely.

SHACKLETON LECTURER: Kim Heacox

Kim Heacox has authored eight books, four of them for National Geographic, including **SHACKLETON: THE ANTARCTIC CHALLENGE** (1999), which he wrote while in residence at the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, England, going through the archived journals of expedition members, and old newspaper clippings.

He also authored National Geographic's **ANTARCTICA: THE LAST CONTINENT** (1998), plus television scripts for WNET/NATURE, feature articles for a dozen national magazines, and opinion-editorials for the Los Angeles Times/Washington Post News Service.

He and his wife, Melanie, a ranger in Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park, have each made 25 trips to Antarctica, Melanie as a naturalist, Kim as a historian and nature photographer. A dedicated conservationist, Kim's most recently published books are **AN AMERICAN IDEA: THE MAKING OF THE NATIONAL PARKS** (2001), and **CARIBOU CROSSING** (2001), a novel of political intrigue about Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

His Antarctic presentations often include slides, stories, and music (when he picks up the guitar). He and Melanie love to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for wild places. They live in a small town in Alaska, reachable only by boat or plane, where they are designing the Glacier Bay Institute.

CROSSING EXPEDITION LEADER: David Hahn

Senior Mountain Guide for:

Rainier Mountaineering Inc., 1986 to present, leading guided climbs of Mount Rainier (204 successful ascents) and Mount McKinley (13 summits out of 19 attempts) conducting basic and advanced instruction in snow and ice mountaineering, specializing in high altitude expedition training. Recipient of 2001 Denali Pro Mountaineer of the Year award for rescue work on Mt. McKinley.

International Mountain Guides, 1991 to present. Expedition leader, guide, climber, and correspondent for climbing attempts around the world. Four times to the summit of Mt. Everest over the course of eight attempts; 1991 to 28,000 ft. without supplementary oxygen (N Ridge), 1994 to summit (N Ridge), 1998 to 28,000 ft. as expedition leader, guide and web correspondent (N Ridge), 1999 to summit as climbing leader, high altitude cameraman, and web correspondent on the expedition which found George Mallory's body (North Ridge), May 2000, summit attained via the Southeast Ridge as high altitude cameraman and web correspondent. May 2001, reached 28,500 ft as climber, searcher and high altitude cameraman on the second Mallory and Irvine Research Expedition, participated in one of the highest rescues on record. Recipient of the 2002 David A. Sowles Award from the American Alpine Club for this action. Leader of the American Women's Everest Expedition, Spring 2002, South Col Route, turned with clients at the South Summit due to bad weather. Leader of a successful guided effort, Spring 2003, South Col Route.

Cho Oyu in 1995 and 1997 via Tibet (summit in both years, in 1995 as climbing leader and

guide, in 1997 as expedition leader and guide.) Shishipangma in 1993, with a side trip to Paldor before-hand (neither summit attained) Mount St. Elias in 1992 (no summit) Swiss and French Alps in 1996, 1998 and 2001 guiding standard routes on the Jungfrau, Mont Blanc, Monte Rosa, the Matterhorn and others.

Adventure Network International, 1995 to 2000. Expedition Guide and Base camp Manager on the Vinson Massif, Ellsworth Mountains, Antarctica for five seasons. Setting up an isolated base camp and landing strip, maintaining communications and environmental policies while guiding and overseeing guided group safety. To date, 22 ascents of Vinson (currently the record) and several ascents and attempts on neighboring peaks including Shinn, Gardner and Tyree. Lead guide on several other ANI trips, including 1996 to the Dawson-Lambton Glacier, 1997 aboard ship to South Georgia Island to attempt the Shackleton Crossing, Feb. 2000 aboard ship to the Antarctic Peninsula for guided climbing and skiing. In November-December of 2000 led the first successful guided repetition of the "Shackleton Crossing" on South Georgia Island. Repeated this success on South Georgia in November 2002 for Geographic Expeditions.

Web Correspondent for Mountainzone.com and Quokka.com on Everest Expeditions in 1998, 1999, and 2000. Sending back on-mountain dispatches, digital photos and voice transmissions. Sponsored athlete and columnist for Mountainzone.com beginning in October 1999.

Contributor of photos and narrative to the book; Ghosts of Everest, published by The Mountaineers in October 1999. Shot photos published in magazines and newspapers worldwide during the expedition that was the subject of this book. Contributor of photos and narrative to the book; Detectives on Everest, published by the Mountaineers in July of 2002.

High altitude, cold weather cameraman shooting video in various difficult locations. Most notably as cameraman for PBS Nova and BBC for productions titled "Lost on Everest" which were first shown in October 1999 (BBC) and January 2000 (NOVA) Contributed video footage to The Summit of Dreams (1994) and to a work in progress based on the Second Mallory and Irvine Research Expedition (2001) Contributed high altitude footage to Michael Brown's NBC TV special on Everest 2000. Worked as a guide and cameraman on NOVA expedition of Jan. 2001 to Vinson Massif where first ascent of the mountain's east side was accomplished. This film was broadcast as "Mountain of Ice"

Ski Patroller for Taos Ski Valley in the Southern Rocky Mountains 1985 to present. (Ski instruction 1985 to 1990, patrol from 1991 to present) Performing first aid and on mountain rescues as well as avalanche hazard evaluation and avalanche control work utilizing explosives and ski cutting.

THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF YOUR TRIP

Urs Hofmann, Director of Polar Programs. Urs roamed throughout Asia, Europe, the South Pacific, the Middle East and the Arctic before (and since) beginning his career with us in May 2000. He handles our polar region programs in the Arctic and Antarctica.

GEOGRAPHIC EXPEDITIONS

Geographic Expeditions is a professional travel management corporation, which provides a broad range of travel and location management services for individuals, travel agents, and corporations. It also supplies an array of location and marketing support services and specializes in remote locations and complex logistics. The company has operations throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Pacific.

Geographic Expeditions was organized in 1981 (as Inner Asia Expeditions) to develop and operate specialized travel programs in central Asia. It was the first American company to negotiate protocols with the Chinese government to operate tours into Tibet and western China. Nepal, India and Bhutan were added soon thereafter. It has pioneered travel in Tibet, Bhutan, Mongolia, Vietnam, Burma, Patagonia and remote sections of the former Soviet Union. Over the years, Geographic has expanded from its Central Asian roots to the rest of the world. Currently the company provides travel services for approximately 4,500 passengers a year.

GeoEx has acted as a tourism development consultant to numerous governments and non-governmental organizations. Another expanding and significant area of Geographic's services is location consultation and management for a grand variety of companies such as ABC Television, Boeing, Sotheby's, the Walt Disney Company, ESPN, the BBC, *Travel and Leisure*, the National Geographic Society, Fox Broadcasting, Harper Collins, and CBS Television to name a few. The company also arranges special interest trips for a variety of non-profit organizations such as the American Museum of Natural History, the Audubon Society, Stanford Alumni Association, the Tibet House, World Monuments Fund, the University of Chicago, Houston Museum of Science, Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology, Outward Bound, the California Culinary Academy, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Nature Conservancy, and many, many more.

OPERATING STANDARDS

The staff of Geographic Expeditions is dedicated to preserving the character of the lands and cultures we visit. We invite you to call us for a description of the steps we are taking to promote environmental and cultural preservation.

Reservation Information

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations: To reserve your place, a deposit payment of \$1000 is required at the time of reservation. It is payable by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express or by check.

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Insurance: Cancellation and additional medical insurance is available at extra cost. Insurance information will be mailed to you upon payment of deposit.

Smoking Policy: Smoking is allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of the Company's liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests upon receipt of deposit.

Cancellation Policy

Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$150
119-90 days	Advance payment cost
89-60 days	25% of trip cost
59-30 days	50% of trip cost
29-0 days	No refund

We strongly recommend that you purchase cancellation insurance.

Additional Questions?

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