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Aboard the All-Suite, 114-Guest Corinthian II

January 19 - February 1, 2007



Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Hamilton Alumni Association alumni travel programs have expanded each year for the last three years. In response to alumni who have expressed an interest in visiting Antarctica, we have scheduled a trip with a leader in travel to the bottom of the world: Travel Dynamics International. In a world digitized and hyperlinked, Antarctica is civilization's antidote. Here, Nature has its own clock, timed to the hatchings of penguin chicks, the flight of an albatross, the calving of a glacier, and the slow, inexorable art that waves and wind sculpt upon the icebergs.

Join us and other travelers this winter—high summer in the Southern hemisphere—on a voyage you may well regard as the most extraordinary travel experience of your life. The Seventh Continent is definitively not ours. By venturing far, far away from this increasingly globalized culture, we will be true foreigners—a designation that allows us to understand ourselves, and our place in the world, more fully.

We have arranged a superb program to provide that understanding. Our ship, the 114-guest, all-suite *Corinthian II*, is the most luxurious small ship cruising Antarctic waters, a cocoon of elegance perfect for admiring the icebergs with like-minded traveling companions. Our ship's complement includes some of the most experienced and knowledgeable experts on Antarctica's terrain, bird life, sea life, geology, and glaciology, who will enlighten us throughout our voyage via lectures, poetry, presentations, and on-site nature observation.

The opportunity for general travel is easily accessible today. The chance to travel with compatible people and truly learn while you are away is not as simple to acquire. Since the size of the Hamilton family is small we are sharing the trip with others. We have taken care to share our time with compatible groups. Our Antarctic journey will also include travelers from Middlebury College, The Explorers Club, the American Geographical Society and Audubon. Since education is a core part of our travel offerings, so we are very pleased to be accompanied on our trip by Paul Volcker, former Chairman of the Federal Reserve, who will speak on the topics *Economic Challenges*; Ahead; Global Warming and Economic Challenges; and The Future of the United Nations. Complementing Paul's presence will be Middlebury Scholar-in-Residence Bill McKibben, a noted environmentalist, and Bob Dodson of the American Geographical Society, who first explored the Antarctic in 1947. Both will share their insights and lectures during this fantastic journey.

As we cruise south from Ushuaia, albatrosses will likely be skimming above our bow as we head to the Antarctic Convergence. Then, for five full days, we will explore the Antarctic Peninsula and its surrounding islands, where excursions and landings by sturdy Zodiac landing craft may include visits to 10,000-strong penguin rookeries, old whaling stations, operational research stations, and elephant seal colonies. The humpback and minke whales, Adelie penguins, and whirling Antarctic petrels—among dozens of other species—are aston-ishingly plentiful, and they are not shy. They do not hide. We will have the incredible opportunity to see them in their natural habitat.

The itinerary on the next couple of pages is just a sketch, and with good reason. While we have designated destinations, local weather, wildlife, and ice conditions mean every departure is a totally unique adventure, all your own. Our captain and naturalists know the best places to anchor, and are always on the lookout for a slow, lingering cruise around a particularly striking iceberg, or a leopard seal and her pups on an ice floe.

Seize the moment and experience Antarctica, undoubtedly one of the rarest and most astonishing travel destinations the globe has to offer. The summer months on the Antarctic Peninsula are (perhaps) surprisingly warm, with highs in the 30s and 40s. Aboard *Corinthian II*, with its roster of scientists and naturalists, this is undoubtedly the way to experience the trip of a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Jon G. J. Hypel

Jon A. L. Hysell '72 Director of Alumni Relations

LECTURERS and EXPEDITION LEADERS

PAUL VOLCKER worked in the Federal Government for almost 30 years, culminating in two terms as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from 1979-87. In Antarctica, Mr. Volcker will speak on *Economic Challenges Ahead; Global Warming and Economic Challenges;* and *The Future of the United Nations*. Currently he is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the International Accounting Standards Committee overseeing a renewed effort to develop consistent, high-quality accounting standards acceptable in all countries. In 2003, he headed a private Commission on the Public Service recommending a sweeping overhaul of the organization and personnel practices of the Federal Government. In 2004, he was asked by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to chair the Independent Inquiry into the UN Oil for Food Program. Pursuing his many interests in public policy, he is associated with the Japan Society, the Institute of International Economics, and other groups. He is Honorary Chairman of the Trilateral Commission and Chairman of the Trustees of the Group of 30. Educated at Princeton, Harvard, and the London School of Economics, Mr. Volcker is Professor Emeritus of International Economic Policy at Princeton University and was the first Henry Kaufman Visiting Professor at the Stern School of Business at NYU.

BILL McKIBBEN is the author of nine books on the environment and other topics. His first book, *The End of Nature*, was also the first book for a general audience on global warming; it's now available in 20 foreign languages. A former staff writer for *The New Yorker*, his work appears in *Harper's*, *The Atlantic, The New York Review of Books*, and a variety of other national publications. A scholar-in-residence at Middlebury College, he is the recipient of Guggenheim and Lyndhurst fellowships and the Lannan Prize in Nonfiction Writing. His most recent book is *Wandering Home: A Long Walk Across America's Most Hopeful Region, Vermont's Champlain Valley and New York's Adirondacks*.

Nearly 20 years ago, **SUE HALPERN** quit her teaching position at Bryn Mawr College to move to the Adirondack Mountains with her husband Bill McKibben, who had just quit his job at *The New Yorker*. This was not the typical career track for a Yale-educated Rhodes Scholar with a doctorate in political theory. She began covering upstate New York for *The New York Times*, and what she saw as she roamed some of the most beautiful and remote places in the U.S., inspired her to write two books, *Migrations to Solitude*, and *The Book of Hard Things*. In between those two books Halpern traveled farther afield, spending time in Brazil for *Granta*, Hawaii for *Conde Nast Traveler*, New Orleans for *The New York Times Magazine* and Mexico for *Audubon*. That last trip, to the butterfly preserves in the Transvolcanic Mountains, became the basis for her book, *Four Wings and a Prayer: Caught in the Mystery of the Monarch Butterfly*, which will be released as a movie in 2007. Halpern is also the author of a novel for young adults and is currently at work on a book about the science of memory. She is a scholar-in-residence at Middlebury College where she runs the Institute for Working Journalism.

BOB DODSON, representing the American Geographical Society, first visited Antarctica in 1947-48 as one of the youngest members of the Ronne Expedition. As Chief Dogteam Driver, he spent more than 130 days on the trail. The expedition discovered and surveyed a large tract of previously unknown territory, including the world's last major stretch of unexplored coastline. Dodson Peninsula, a geographic feature in the Antarctic, is named for him. Bob is an alumnus of Dartmouth and Harvard. He has lectured on a number of Antarctic voyages, covering topics including the Ronne Expedition of 1947-48 and Antarctic exploration history.

CHARITY KRUEGER, representing Audubon, is the Executive Director of the Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm. A lover of cold places, Charity has traveled extensively in the Arctic and has explored portions of South America and the Falkland Islands. A naturalist and nature photographer, Charity earned her Masters in Resource Policy from the University of Michigan.

An Unforgettable Expedition Led by Distinguished Experts

In addition to our expert lecturers, each voyage features a team of experienced expedition staff, naturalists, and scientists who know Antarctica well and are eager to introduce you to the geology, wildlife, and history of this awe-inspiring land. This season's staff may include:

Expedition Leader John Frick has been an active traveler for the past 20 years, and his wanderlust continues to lead him to far-flung locations. He has completed over 20 Antarctic voyages, and among the places he has called home are Alaska and Nepal, where he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer. For the past 12 years, John has led voyages to Antarctica, the Mediterranean, the Baltic, Alaska, Central America, the Galapagos, trans-Atlantic crossings, Africa, the Persian Gulf, and around India. John currently identifies Manhattan as "base camp" when not on expedition.

Lyn Mair, born and raised in Zimbabwe, has a deep love of the wild. She is passionate about the dynamics of Southern Ocean seabirds, and with numerous Drake Passage crossings behind her, as well as forays into the Southern Ocean off South Africa, and the Prince Edward and Marion Islands, she has become well acquainted with their habits. Lyn lives in Cape Town, South Africa.

Rodolfo Werner Kinkelin, a marine biologist, consulted on marine conservation issues for the World Wildlife Fund International and US, and other organizations, from 1997-2004. For the last 3 years he has been working on Antarctic marine issues. Besides contributing to the work of the Antarctic & Southern Ocean Coalition, he is currently the Coordinator of the Forum for the Conservation of the Patagonian Sea and Areas of Influence. **Trevor Potts** is a renowned expert on the voyages of Ernest Shackleton. While serving as a sailing instructor near his home in Scotland, he was challenged by a colleague to re-enact the most dramatic and dangerous portion of Shackleton's legendary *Endurance* expedition: the 700-mile open-boat journey from Elephant Island to King George Island. Upon completing this journey aboard a self-constructed unmotorized sailboat, he embarked on a second expedition where he repeated Shackleton's traversal of King George Island's mountains en route to Stromness Station. A member of the U.K.'s Shackleton Society, Trevor lectures worldwide on the *Endurance* expedition and Antarctic history.



Exploring Kinnes Cove with Expedition Leader John Frick

Front Cover: A Zodiac cruises past dramatic ice formations Left: A parade of Gentoo Penguins greets Corinthian II in Kinnes Cove on Joinville Island Back Cover: Corinthian II enters spectacular Paradise Bay



Itinerary

Friday, January 19, 2007 USA Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Saturday, January 20

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Arrive in Buenos Aires and transfer to the *Marriott Plaza Hotel* for the night. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after the flight or to explore Buenos Aires on your own. Enjoy a welcome cocktail reception this evening.

Sunday, January 21

BUENOS AIRES | USHUAIA | EMBARKATION

Fly from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, a small Patagonian city set on the Beagle Channel and surrounded by the Darwin Cordillera, glaciers, and forests of southern beech. Upon arrival, transfer to *Corinthian II*. As the ship navigates the Beagle Channel, enjoy a spectacular vista of glaciers and green, misted mountains. (B, L, D)

Monday & Tuesday, January 22 & 23 AT SEA

Attend lectures by naturalists and lecturers 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. Albatross and Cape Petrels are among the birds that may accompany the ship on its passage. (*B*, *L*, *D*)

Wednesday - Sunday, January 24 - 28 ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

Enjoy five days exploring the pristine wilderness of the Antarctic Peninsula and its surrounding islands. The Peninsula is a narrow finger of land that separates the icechoked waters of the Weddell and Bellingshausen Seas. As Corinthian II sails through scenic waterways, witness a breathtaking panorama of icebergs, blue glaciers, and jagged, snowcapped mountains. Aboard the ship's fleet of Zodiac boats, cruise among ice floes, land at penguin rookeries, and visit with scientists at research stations. Although the itinerary varies according to local ice and wind conditions, we plan to land at such places as Petermann Island, where humpback and minke whales are often sighted offshore; Cuverville Island, with its 10,000strong penguin population; and Deception Island, known for its volcanically heated hot springs. Vovages through the magnificent Lemaire, Neumeyer, Errera, and other protected channels are also scheduled. (B, L, D)

Monday & Tuesday, January 29 & 30 AT SEA

Watch for whales and seabirds and enjoy onboard lectures and the amenities of the ship as *Corinthian II* makes the 600-mile return trip to Ushuaia. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, January 31 USHUAIA, ARGENTINA | 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 U.S. (*B*)

Thursday, February 1 USA Arrive in the U.S.



A moment of quiet reflection aboard the Corinthian II



Whale-watching from Corinthian II's Zodiac boats

"My wife and I were on the cruise from Ushuaia to Antarctica aboard Corinthian II. The ship was magnificent. The trip was everything we hoped for and more. Every event from start to finish was conducted on time, with no needless waiting. Expedition leader John Frick did a masterful job in planning the programs, shore trips, and daily briefings. His team of naturalists provided a wealth of information about penguins and other animals and birds in Antarctica....Thanks for a wonderful and unique experience."

-Bob and Jean Johnson, Honolulu, HI

TWO-NIGHT OPTIONAL PRE-CRUISE PROGRAM IN BUENOS AIRES

January 17 - 20, 2007

(Please note: Jan. 17 is the date you fly from the U.S.)

For two days, explore Buenos Aires, Argentina's cosmopolitan capital. Built on the basin of the River Plata, Buenos Aires is a city of elegant architecture, wide boulevards, spacious parks and plazas, museums, as well as smart cafes and shops.

This optional pre-cruise program includes airport/hotel transfer upon arrival; accommodations at the *Marriott Plaza Hotel* for two nights, with breakfast; two sightseeing tours of the city; and a special dinner and Argentinean tango show. *(Airfare is not included.)*

Rates: \$795 per person, double occupancy; \$255 single supplement



Adelie on Ice, Gourdin Island

Program Inclusions

- Ten-night cruise aboard the all-suite, 114-guest *Corinthian II*
- One night in Buenos Aires at the *Marriott Plaza Hotel*, with breakfast
- Welcome cocktail reception in Buenos Aires
- Round-trip group flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia
- Full program of excursions as described in the accompanying itinerary
- Welcome and farewell receptions aboard ship, hosted by the captain
- All meals aboard ship with house wine, beer, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- Physician aboard ship (*Corinthian II*'s sophisticated communications system allows for easy link-up with a medical assistance service in the U.S.)
- Educational program of lectures and discussions by accompanying lecturers and naturalist guides
- Expedition parka, complete pre-departure materials, and detailed cruise log
- Travel Dynamics International expedition leader, cruise staff, and trip directors
- Baggage handling and transfers abroad on the designated program departure and arrival dates
- Embarkation taxes and port dues
- Gratuities to porters, guides, and drivers

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare (other than the designated group flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia); visa and passport fees; luggage, cancellation, and accident insurance; meals, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages other than those specified above; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, faxes, and e-mail/Internet service; and gratuities to shipboard personnel

Corinthian II- The ideal combination of cruise ship grandeur and small-ship intimacy



Spacious Suites

The five-star deluxe Corinthian II is an all-suite mega-yacht accommodating no more than 114 guests. Originally built in Italy in 1992, Corinthian II was refurbished and redecorated in 2005 specifically to create an atmosphere of effortless elegance and easy conviviality. All 57 outside-facing suites are a minimum of 225 square feet, appointed in rich wood tones with two twin-size beds or one queen-size bed, sitting area, TV, mini-refrigerator, safe, and a marble-appointed bathroom with fine toiletries. Several suites include private balconies accessible via slidingglass doors. Fresh flowers and a bowl of fruit provide a bright and comforting touch in each guest's suite.

Fine Dining

Superb Continental cuisine is created by *Corinthian II*'s European chefs and served in the stately restaurant. Select wines are

complimentary with lunch and dinner. All meals are served at one, unassigned seating; varied seating arrangements assure comfort for all. *Corinthian II's* widely praised service equals that of the finest restaurants.

Effortless Elegance Each Day and Night

Corinthian II is ice-strengthened for voyages into Antarctic waters and is equipped with a fleet of Zodiac inflatable craft for forays ashore. Returning from excursions, enjoy complimentary refreshments, afternoon tea, and all-day coffee in The Club, a civilized space for relaxation with panoramic windows. Before or after dinner, savor a cocktail while the ship's pianist plays arrangements ranging from jazz to classical to contemporary. Corinthian II also features a library, Internet center, beauty salon, gym, elevator serving all decks, and a wraparound sun deck with jacuzzi. The 70 European officers and crew ensure an atmosphere akin to a private club for the length of your voyage.



The Club, a lovely spot to unwind over cocktails and conversation







Enjoying Corinthian II's Jacuzzi



DECK PLAN



MAIN SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length: 297 feet | Beam: 50 feet | Draft: 12 feet | Gross Tonnage: 4,200 | Flag: Malta | Suites: 57

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: A limited number of cabins have been designated for single travelers in Categories D - A at a supplement of \$2,795 to the per person, double occupancy rates indicated above. Singles in Categories AA - PHS are available at double the per person, double occupancy rates.

CRUISE AND LAND RATES | per person, double occupancy

All accommodations aboard *Corinthian II* are suites. They face outside, affording sea views, and several have balconies with sliding doors. All suites include a bedroom with two twin-size beds or one queen-size bed, sitting area, ample closet space, mini-refrigerator, TV, marble-appointed bathroom with shower, and other amenities.

Category	Description	Rate
Е	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 250 - 252	\$7,995
D	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 225 sq. ft. Suites 329 - 332	\$8,795
С	Deluxe suites on Magellan Deck with portholes and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 254 - 262	\$9,695
В	Deluxe suites on Columbus Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 333 - 348	\$10,495
Α	Deluxe suites on Marco Polo Deck with window and sitting area. 235 sq. ft. Suites 416 - 428	\$11,195
AA	Deluxe suites on Marco Polo Deck with forward and side windows and sitting area. 285 sq. ft. Suites 414 - 415	\$11,995
vs	Deluxe Veranda Suites on Erickson Deck with private balcony and sitting area. 300 sq. ft. <i>(including balcony)</i> Suites 505 - 512	\$13,995
PHS	Deluxe Penthouse Suites on Explorer Deck with private bal- cony and sitting area. 400 sq. ft. <i>(including balcony)</i> Suites 601 - 604	\$14,995

AIRFARE: Airfare from the U.S. to Buenos Aires is not included in the Cruise and Land Rates. (*However, the airfare from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia and back to Buenos Aires is included in the rates.*) Please contact Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., the agency handling the air arrangements for this program, for competitive airfares to/from Buenos Aires. To reach VWTI, kindly call toll-free 877-711-9896 or 212-592-1340 for air reservations and ticketing information, and please have your tour code (7403) handy for reference.

General Information

Payment Schedule: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. For your convenience, you may charge your deposit to your American Express, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment. However, personal checks are accepted for Cancellations & Refunds: All cancellations of confirmed reservations

are subject to a \$200 per person administrative fee. Additionally, passengers are subject to any cancellation fees assessed by the purveyors of services, including airlines or hotels used in the itinerary. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to partici-

nate. Service fees may apply to deviations and are non-refundable. Insurance: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. You may enroll with Travel Dynamics International's insurance carrier, Travelex, or you may obtain coverage through a com-

Insurance carrier, fravelex, or you may obtain coverage through a com-pany of your choice. Itinerary: The itinerary, accommodations, and arrangements are sub-ject to change at the discretion of Travel Dynamics International. **Responsibility**: Please read carefully the following terms and condi-tions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the passenger and Travel Dynamics International and the tour's sponsoring organization. The passenger is also advised to review his/her separate ticket passage contract with the vessel's owner/operator, which will constitute the sole, legally enforceable terms of carriage for this tour and is available on request from Travel Dynamics International. Travel Dynamics International and the tour's sponsoring organization act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the passenger's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or lia-bility for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airflane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the passenger or in affecting these tours. We are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the passenger, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the passenger's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the passenger beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels or ships if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the passenger certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other passengers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other passengers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the passenger's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be affected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in the City of New York, pursuant to applicable New York law. Rates: Tour costs are based upon current airfares, tariffs, and currency values. While we do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. Note that there may be a fuel surcharge depending on the prevailing price of fuel. Ship's Registry: Malta CST #204 3599-40 TDI

An Honest Discussion About Fuel Costs

In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult-if not impossible-to predict fuel costs over the long term, and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure print-ing (usually nine months before departure). While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge. If one is necessary, the total surcharge for your voyage will not exceed \$180 per person. Thank you for your understanding.

Registration

HAMI 7403

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for _____ (\$1,000 per person) as a deposit to hold _____ place(s) on Antarctica. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure.

Please make check payable to and mail with this registration form to:

Travel Dynamics International, 132 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021.

o AmEx o Visa o Discover o MasterCard

No. _____

Exp. _____ 3- or 4-Digit Security Code _____ PLEASE SELECT CABIN CATEGORY IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE: PHS VS AA A B C D E o Twin Beds o Double Bed o Single Occupancy o Share (cannot be guaranteed) o Yes, please book me/us on the Optional Pre-Cruise Extension in Buenos Aires. DR./MR./MRS./MS. FIRST LAST DR./MR./MRS./MS. FIRST LAST ADDRESS CITY/STATE/ZIP

TELEPHONE (DAY)

(EVENING)

E-MAIL

Each participant must sign below: I/We have read the "General Information" section and agree to its terms.

SIGNATURE

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