

# special expedition **antarctica**

february 1 - 24, 2013

*departs out of the falklands*

**a joint adventure above and below the ice**



## location details

Antarctica and the sub-Antarctic islands are some of the truly unspoiled regions of the world. The mysterious White Continent, with its multi-colored icecaps, glistening glaciers and towering snow-capped mountains, offers unparalleled scenery and photographic opportunities. A large population of penguins, whales, seals, orcas, and seabirds congregate in the food-rich waters along the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic shores.

## exclusive leopard seal encounters

Based on information gathered the past ten seasons in Antarctica, February is the prime month for fledgeling penguins to begin exploring the waters to practice their swimming skills. The adults, meanwhile, venture out in to the open waters to hunt for food to feed the chicks. This is the perfect time for the only predator in Antarctica - the leopard seal - to feed. Posing motionless as harmless rocks, the seals wait in shallow waters to take advantage of the playful young penguins. Our new expedition vessel, the 80' Hans Hansson allows us unique access to the remote bays in which all this takes place. With Jerome Poncet's 40 years and Amos Nachoum's 13 years' combined experience we will provide unparalleled exposure to the wildlife and the dynamic, ever-changing environment of Antarctica.



## the vessel Hans Hansson

The 80' expedition vessel, the Hansson is one-of-a-kind in Antarctica. She can visit remote areas where no other vessel can, and stay longer.

The six double cabins (two suites and four double cabins) are equipped with full heating systems. With an ice-strengthened steel hull, she also has two 525hp diesel engines and a bow thruster for easy maneuvering.

## freedom to explore

Years of Antarctic adventuring has led us to introduce a new level of exploration. Voyaging onboard a small expedition vessel with an intimate team of twelve divers gives us the unique 'right' to stay longer at any preferred location.

From the Falklands, in the heart of the south seas, we cruise toward the Antarctic Peninsula.

Making rare passage through the Orkney Islands, we will be exclusive to witness the abundance of penguins hunted by the wild leopard seals.

Sailing through Drake's Passage we visit Cuverville and Pleneau Islands, peruse scenic Gerlache Straight and Petermann Island – all while spotting gentoo penguins 'flying' through the water, the occasional humpback and fin whales, and more!



## amos nachoum

Professional photography will be done with Amos Nachoum, who was the BBC **wildlife photographer of the year** in 2007 and 2008. He will be coaching individuals on wide-angle and ambient-light photography of big animals.

Amos has **thirteen years experience** diving in Antarctica.

Amos's explorations have been featured on National Geo, BBC and the **Discovery Channel**.

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Antarctica Experience  
13 years

Where  
Antarctica Peninsula

Date Feb 1 - 24, 2013  
Duration 24 days  
Max No. of Guests 12  
Availability Open

Pricing \$18,800

Registration  
Deposit \$6,300 (early deposit protects  
from future price increase)  
Registration form

Facility 80' Hans Hansson

Activities Live-aboard luxury dive boat,  
ice diving, ice berg cruising, hiking among  
penguin colonies and historic explorer sites

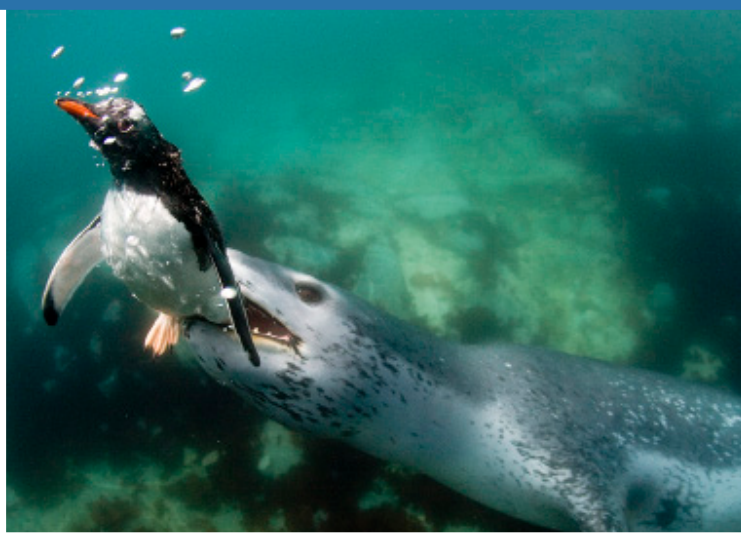
Temperature  
Air temps: 30 - 40° F (day)  
Water temps: 28 - 34° F

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dates and prices subject to change without prior notice

leopard seal's catch for the day



diving along ice berg face



cruising the frozen waters at night

