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# Voyage to ANTARCTICA



Vega in Antarctica

**Aboard the New Expedition Cruise Ship *DIANA***  
**December 9 - 21, 2023**

Dear Friends,

Visiting Antarctica is almost like stepping back in time, to an era when the world was new. There are no human sounds, only the wild cries of birds, seals, and whales echoing across a vast expanse of land and sea. During the long days of Antarctica's austral summer, you will enjoy superb observation and photographic opportunities of abundant wildlife, including hillsides teeming with penguins. Admire blue Antarctic waters and the dramatic play of light on icebergs, glaciers, and towering mountains.

During this extraordinary journey to the bottom of the world, retrace sea lanes navigated by storied explorers Amundsen, Scott, and Shackleton. Enjoy the company and fascinating insights of a seasoned team of expedition leaders and naturalists who will share their firsthand knowledge of Antarctica.

Our vessel for this voyage is Swan Hellenic's *Diana*, the state-of-the-art, new-generation expedition cruise ship, currently under construction in Finland and due to launch in early 2023. Accommodating only 192 guests in beautifully appointed staterooms and balcony suites, *Diana* will feature several lounges, a restaurant, outdoor cafe, spa, library and beauty salon, and will be equipped with the latest safety and environmentally-friendly technology. The *Diana* is designed specifically for polar exploration and a fleet of Zodiac landing crafts will bring you into intimate contact with this incredible continent.

We hope you will join us on this once-in-a-lifetime travel adventure to the "Seventh Continent."

Sincerely,



Jim Smith  
President



## EXPLORE WITH A TEAM OF EXPEDITION LEADERS & NATURALISTS

**Our activities in Antarctica are planned and conducted by a team of resident expedition leaders and naturalists who are among the most experienced in the field, with several years of leading small-ship cruise expeditions to this incredible region of the world. Members of the team comprise a truly astonishing assortment of expertise and intellect. Onboard, ashore, and in our Zodiac boats, they will create a comprehensive understanding of the flora and fauna, sea life, geology, glaciology, effects of climate change, history of exploration, and other topics that relate to Antarctica. The experience we will provide is not just one of awe-inspiring sightseeing, but a complete learning adventure as well.**



Antarctic iceberg



Gentoo penguins, Paradise Bay, Antarctica

# THE NEW 192-GUEST EXPEDITION CRUISE SHIP *DIANA*



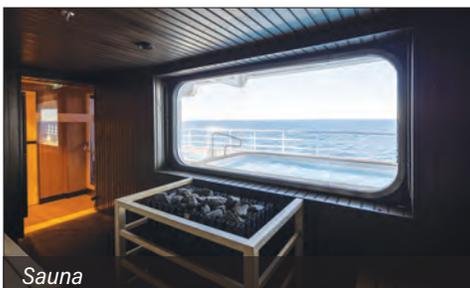
Oceanview Stateroom



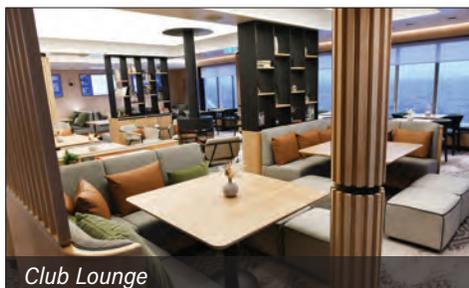
Balcony Suite



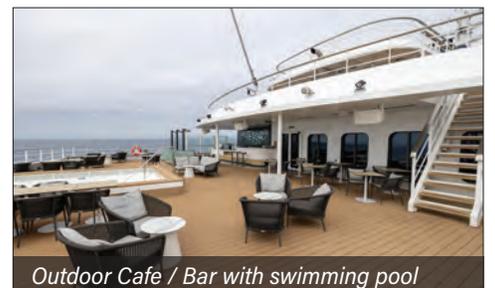
Observation Lounge



Sauna



Club Lounge



Outdoor Cafe / Bar with swimming pool

Currently under construction in Finland and launching in early March 2023, Swan Hellenic's *Diana* is a new-generation expedition cruise ship. Although at 12,100 tons the ship is large enough to accommodate more than 350 passengers, *Diana* will accommodate a maximum of 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and balcony suites. The low guest density results in one of the most generous indoor and outdoor space-to-guest ratios among cruise ships.

Featuring the latest advances in technology and engineering, *Diana* is among the world's first environmentally-responsible ships. Equipped with hybrid engines, a system of powerful batteries, and a unique water filtration system, *Diana* leaves a minimal footprint. For cruising in Polar regions, the ship meets the stringent requirements of the new Polar Code with its high PC5 Category A ice-strengthened hull and other advanced features. A computer-controlled Dynamic Positioning System allows the ship to maintain position without anchoring. Operated by a complement of 135 experienced European officers and international crew members, *Diana*

will carry a fleet of Zodiacs, versatile landing boats, and kayaks. Powerful stabilizers provide a smooth ride.

*Diana's* interior spaces exude sophisticated elegance, with most rooms opening to panoramic views of the sea. All staterooms and suites face outside and are equipped with private facilities, climate control, TV, Wi-Fi and USB connections and other amenities. Of the ship's 96 staterooms, 76 have balconies. Public areas include a spacious observation lounge equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for lectures and presentations; a club lounge; a restaurant that accommodates all guests at one seating; an outdoor café/bar that surrounds the heated swimming pool; a wellness area with gym, spa, and sauna with an adjoining outdoor jacuzzi; library; beauty salon; and an infirmary that is attended by a full-time doctor and nurse. The ship also features expansive open-deck areas. Two elevators connect all decks. Attentive service is provided on a 24-hour basis. The outstanding cuisine is complemented by fine wines at lunch and dinner.

FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL CODA INTERNATIONAL TOURS AT +1 561-791-9890 OR E-MAIL TO [INFO@CODA-TOURS.COM](mailto:INFO@CODA-TOURS.COM)

# ITINERARY



Sea lions and Albatross, Beagle Channel near Ushuaia



Drake Passage

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

## **DEPART HOME**

Depart home for Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Sunday, December 10**

## **BUENOS AIRES, Argentina**

Arrive in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. Transfer to the *Alvear Icon Hotel*. In the evening, meet fellow travelers and your trip director at an evening cocktail reception. (D)

**Monday, December 11**

## **BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/SHIP EMBARKATION**

Transfer to the airport for the group flight to Ushuaia, claimed to

be the world's southernmost city, located in Argentina's Tierra del Fuego, between the famed Beagle Channel and the mountains. On arrival, transfer to the pier to embark the *Diana*, which will begin cruising early this evening. As the ship cruises the Beagle Channel, enjoy a spectacular vista of glaciers and misted mountains. (B, D)

**Tuesday, December 12**

## **AT SEA**

Attend lectures and enjoy the ship's facilities as the *Diana* cruises through the Drake Passage to Antarctica. Look for Albatross, Cape Petrels, and whales that may accompany the ship on its passage. (B, L, D)



Get close to the scenery and wildlife with the ship's fleet of Zodiacs.



Adélie penguins, Antarctica

Wednesday, December 13 to Monday, December 18

#### EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

Explore the pristine wilderness of the Antarctic Peninsula and its surrounding islands. The Peninsula is a narrow finger of land that separates the ice-choked waters of the Weddell and Bellingshausen Seas. As *Diana* cruises through scenic waterways, witness a breathtaking panorama of icebergs, blue glaciers, and jagged snow-capped mountains. Aboard the ship's Zodiacs, cruise among ice floes and explore penguin rookeries. Although the itinerary varies according to local ice and wind conditions, we plan to land at such places as Paradise Harbor, where Humpback and Minke whales are often sighted offshore; Petermann Island, the habitat of Gentoo and Adélie penguins; and Deception Island,

known for its volcanically-heated hot springs. Navigating through the magnificent Lemaire, Errera, Neumayer, and other protected channels is also planned. (B, L, D daily)

Tuesday, December 19 & Wednesday, December 20

#### AT SEA

Watch for whales and seabirds - and enjoy onboard lectures and the ship's amenities - as *Diana* cruises back to Ushuaia. (B, L, D daily)

Thursday, December 21

#### USHUAIA, Argentina/SHIP DISEMBARKATION/BUENOS AIRES/HOME

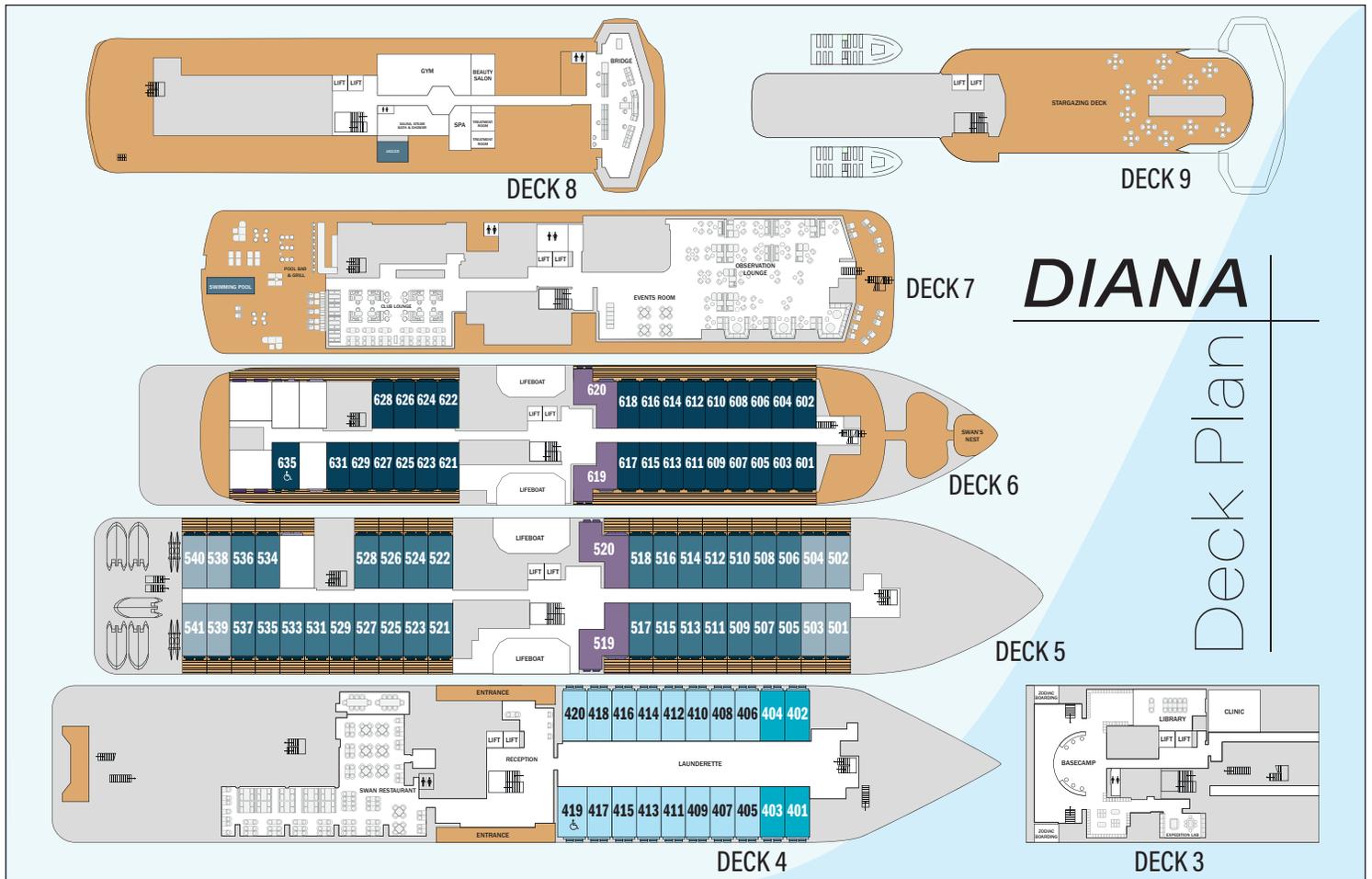
Disembark in Ushuaia. Transfer to the airport for the group flight to Buenos Aires to connect with flights homeward. (B)



Crabeater seals on ice floe



Humpback whale



# DIANA

## Deck Plan

All accommodations aboard *Diana* are spacious staterooms and balcony suites. They are elegantly decorated, face outside, affording sea views, and include a queen-size bed that can be arranged as two twin beds, a spacious bathroom, mini-refrigerator, safe, ample closet space, climate control, telephone, TV, Wi-Fi, and USB connections, as well as other amenities.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	RATES PER PERSON / DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
<b>E</b>	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval windows. 206 sq. ft. Deck 4. Staterooms 401-404.	\$12,690
<b>D</b>	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval windows. 206 sq. ft. Deck 4. Staterooms 405-420.	\$13,570
<b>C</b>	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 501-504, 538-541.	\$15,790
<b>B</b>	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 505-518, 521-537.	\$16,390
<b>A</b>	Suites with balcony and living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 6. Suites 601-618, 621-635.	\$17,790
<b>AA</b>	Suites with large balcony, separate bedroom & living room. 474 sq. ft. Decks 5 & 6. Suites 519, 520, 619 & 620.	\$22,990

## SPECIAL BENEFIT

Book this cruise program and receive a

**5% SAVINGS**

on your next cruise with  
CODA Tours  
and Thalassa Journeys.

If you book your next cruise within  
30 days after you return from  
*Voyage to Antarctica*  
you will receive an  
**ADDITIONAL 5% SAVINGS.**

### FOR SOLO TRAVELERS

A limited number of cabins are available for single occupancy in categories D to B at no additional charge. Additional single cabins are available at a supplement of 50% of the per person double occupancy rate, instead of the normal 70% supplement.

## PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

The rates are all-inclusive. There are no hidden costs and no additional charges such as shore excursions and embarkation and port charges. Other than the international airfare and expenses of a personal nature, all else is included. Specifically, the rates include the following:

- One night in Buenos Aires at the *Alvear Icon Hotel* (or similar).
- Welcome cocktail reception at the hotel.
- Cruise aboard the *Diana*, as described in the itinerary.
- Round trip group flight between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia.
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage.
- Lectures by members of onboard team of experts.
- Complete program of shore landings and activities ashore.
- All meals aboard the ship, with a selection of wines, beer and soft drinks during lunch and dinner.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard the ship hosted by the captain.
- Open bar with select alcoholic beverages.
- Coffee, including espresso and cappuccino, tea and soft drinks throughout the day and night.
- 24-hour room service.
- Gratuities to the ship's crew, guides, porters and drivers.
- Basic Wi-Fi aboard the ship.
- The services of an experienced Thalassa Journeys trip director.
- All local taxes and service charges, including port and embarkation taxes.
- Expedition parka (yours to keep).
- Use of rubber boots, hiking poles, and waterproof packs for shore landings.
- Complete pre-departure material.

**NOT INCLUDED:** International airfare; travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; any items not mentioned in the itinerary or the above inclusions.



Petermann Island

## REGISTRATION

CODA 23D-1209

Enclosed is my check or credit card no. for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ 1,500 per person) as a deposit to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on **Voyage to Antarctica**, December 9 - 21, 2023 with CODA Tours. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

Please make check payable to and mail with this registration form to:  
**Thalassa Journeys:** 8815 Conroy-Windermere Rd., Suite 406, Orlando, FL 32835  
 Phone Toll-Free: (866) 633-3611

For reservations, call **Coda International Tours** at +1 561-791-9890 or e-mail to [info@coda-tours.com](mailto:info@coda-tours.com).

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### PLEASE SELECT STATEROOM CATEGORY IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE

1st choice  \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice  \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd choice  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Double Occupancy                       Single Occupancy (Inquire for rates)

**PREFERRED BED CONFIGURATION** Double  \_\_\_\_\_ Twin  \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST MIDDLE LAST (AS ON YOUR PASSPORT)

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_

(CELL) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** A deposit of \$1,500 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:** All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. 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 participate.

**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.

**ITINERARY:** The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the traveler and Thalassa Journeys. Thalassa Journeys acts solely as agents for the traveler with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the traveler's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the traveler 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 traveler, 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 traveler 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 traveler's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the traveler beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, transportation methods, or lecturers 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 traveler 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 traveler 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 travelers. 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 travelers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the traveler'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 Florida, pursuant to applicable Florida 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.

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