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# Antarctica

*Photo Tour February 2020*

*Earth's southernmost continent ... a land of extremes, it is the coldest & driest place on our planet, while boasting some of the highest elevations.*

*Join us as we explore & photograph the frozen landscapes of Antarctica. During this time of year highs of 14C and 24 hour of daylight make this an experience of a lifetime.*



## Antarctica Photo Tour

*February 20th to March 5th, 2020*



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## *"Antarctica Photo Tour"*

*Lying around the South Pole Antarctica the name that means opposite to the Arctic is the southernmost continent. Covering almost 14.2 million square kilometers and containing approximately 29 million cubic kilometers of ice. This represents about 90 percent of the world's total, the average thickness is about 2.45 km (1.5 miles).*

*I would like to invite you to join us as we photograph and explore Antarctica onboard the MS Midnatsol. Our eleven day ten night cruise offers our photographers a great Antarctica experience. We have planned plenty of activities to make you experience Antarctica in the best way. This might mean that one day you will go onshore to see penguins and hear the crackling noise of glaciers. Next day, you get to feel the salt and wind as you cruise between the sea ice, looking for leopard seals taking a snooze on the ice.*

*During our journey we will also experience Buenos Aires and Ushuaia. Penguins, whales and endless formations of ice await. I look forward to sharing our Antarctica experience with you.*



*James Cowie*



## ***Antarctica Photo Tour - February 20th to March 5th, 2020***

**Day One:** Thursday February 20th, 2020: Afternoon departure offered from Staybridge Suites London to Toronto pick-ups available en route. Toronto and area guests will meet at Pearson International. We fly from Toronto to Buenos Aires via Air Canada. Our overnight flight will see us arriving the following morning,

**Day Two:** Friday February 21st, 2020: Arriving in Buenos Aires we clear customs, meet our local guide and transfer to our hotel. We will have time to relax, see a little of Buenos Aires and in the evening attend our group welcome dinner. Discover the 'Paris of South America'

**Day Three:** Saturday February 22nd, 2020: After breakfast, our Antarctic adventure begins. Check-out, and transfer to the airport for our morning flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, where our ship the MS Midnatsol awaits our arrival. Once on board, time to settle into our cabins, set sail, and then kick off our journey with a welcome-on-board dinner. (B)(D)

**Day Four and Day Five:** Sunday February 23rd & Monday February 24th, 2020: At sea. Prepare yourself for Antarctica as we cross the infamous Drake Passage, it will take your breath away! Take it all in on board MS Midnatsol with her two-story panorama lounge over the bow, wall-to-wall windows that provide extraordinary views. Sea birds in this region include the albatross and petrels as well as different species of whales. Icebergs and small islands will fade in the south as we sail towards Cape Horn and Port Williams. We will hold briefings and nature talks that pertain to our Antarctic visit. (B)(L)(D)





*Life on the Ice*



*Penguins along the shoreline*

**Day Six: Tuesday February 25th, 2020:** Breakfast, our cruise continues, You are now in one of the most remote areas on earth! There have been spectacular photo opportunities so far, but Antarctica itself is in a whole different category. Come ashore to explore the breath taking Antarctic scenery and to come close to penguins and seals. You will feel like a real explorer from the moment you set foot on the endless expanse of snow and ice. Prepare for an amazing experience and outstanding photo opportunities. (B) (L) (D)

**Day Seven: Wednesday February 26th, 2020:** Breakfast, from the deck there will be ample opportunities for whale sightings. Enjoy close encounters with wildlife and glaciers, old whaling stations and relics. Trust us when we say that every second of this journey has something new to offer. One of the highlights of the South Shetlands is Deception Island. When we sail into the natural harbour of this volcanic island, you will see an abandoned whaling station known as Hektor and a derelict British base. Another day of Antarctica photography. (B) (L) (D)

**Day Eight: Thursday February 27th, 2020:** Breakfast then a day of exploration. We are certain you will enjoy a visit to Half Moon Island. A staggeringly photogenic island blessed with some of the most beautiful Antarctic scenery imaginable. Yankee Harbour, with its large colony of Gentoo penguins, estimated to be 4,000 breeding pairs.(B) (L) (D)

**Day Nine: Friday February 28th, 2020:** Breakfast Cuverville Island is home to another of the largest known colonies of Gentoo penguins. Neko Harbour is beautifully located in the innermost part of Andvord Bay. Paradise Harbour got its descriptive name from the whalers during the last century. Wilhelmina Bay has stunning scenery and is often called "Whale-mina Bay", because of the large number of humpback whales spotted here in December. (B)(L)(D)

**Day Ten: Saturday February 29th, 2020:** Breakfast. The majesty of the Antarctic Peninsula's mountains will enchant as you scramble up snowy pathways to vantage points offering you 360° views of your surroundings. One of these in particular, in Danco Island, affords us the opportunity to visit a penguin colony high up on a ridge. Here, you'll have the choice between hiking to the island's summit or spending time sitting quietly on a pebbled beach, enjoying and photographing the antics of curious penguins. (B)(L)(D)





**Day Eleven:** Sunday March 1st, 2020: Breakfast Then we begin our exploration of the Seventh Continent. Amid the serene silence of Antarctica, noisy interludes become indelible memories, such as penguins squabbling over prized pebbles, or the boom and crack of a calving glacier in Neko Harbour. Our fifth day in Antarctica continues. Back on board we also have activities that will satisfy a whole range of interests in the Explorer room. (B)(L)(D)

**Day Twelve and Day Thirteen:** Monday March 2nd, 2020 and Tuesday March 3rd, 2020: Heading Back to Civilization. After exploring this exhilarating continent, we set course back to civilization. Spend the day at sea recapping your experiences with fellow explorers, or just relaxing on deck. (B)(L)(D)

**Day Fourteen: Wednesday March 4th, 2020:** Breakfast Ushuaia/Buenos Aires - The End of our Adventure. Sadly, every adventure must come to an end. It is time to say goodbye to the crew and all your new friends when we reach Ushuaia. We transfer you to the airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival we will meet our local guide and transfer to our hotel. (B)

**Day Fifteen: Thursday March 5th, 2020:** Breakfast, check-out and transfer to the airport for Air Canada flight back to Canada arriving at 5:25 p.m. After clearing customs, we will say good-bye to our connecting and GTA guests and board our motor coach for our drive back to London, with any drop offs en route arriving at approximating 8:00 p.m. (B)



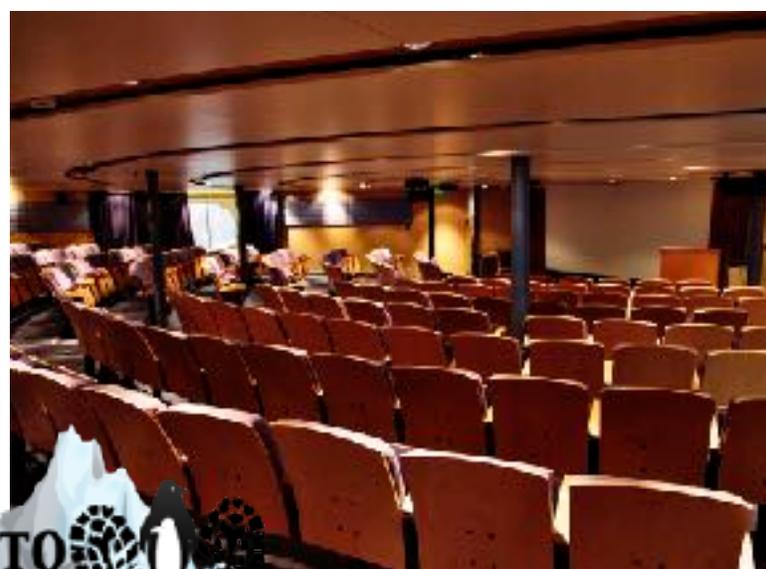


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*Our Ship - MS Midnatsol*

**MS Midnatsol:** The name Midnatsol (Midnight Sun) is something to live up too, and this ship is dedicated to the Norwegian summer. Tonnage 16151, Length 1475 feet. On deck 9 you find the sun deck and a Jacuzzi. Key qualities of the MS Midnatsol include the large, two-story panorama lounge above the bow, and the large glass expanses that allow natural light to enter, while providing extraordinary views.



Polar Outside "N" "O" Inside same no window



Arctic Superior



Panorama Lounge and View Deck



Dinning Room



Lounge



## *Making Our Antarctic Adventure Easier ...*



*Antarctic Peninsula in February has an annual temperature range of -5.3C to 13.6 we will also experience 24 hours of sunlight this time of year. Therefore packing winter gear like you would wear in Canada will work fine for your Antarctic expedition. You will also need to pack a pair of splash pants to wear over your clothing.*

**Workshop Opportunities:** *During the tour we will be offering up many other opportunities to explore different ideas with your photography. We will have daily challenges, which will be suited to the shooting environment. The tour is designed to learn as you go, there is no better place to improve your photography than out working in the field with your camera and equipment. There will also be one on one time available to work with James during the tour to review your images and discuss shooting techniques.*

**Pre-tour Information Night:** As with all our photo tours, we will hold a photo information night approximately a few weeks prior to departure. We will present the final itinerary, travel suggestions, what gear to pack, and hand out all related travel documents. The pre-tour presentation is designed to give our photographers all the information needed for our trek. This also allows a chance for you to meet your fellow travellers, and host. The tentative date for the information night is Tuesday February 4th, 2020.

**On-line Booking:** We are pleased to offer on-line booking for all our photo adventures. This is a quick and easy way to book your tour and provide all the travel information we need to make your trip worry free. If you would like to use our on-line booking system please visit [www.PhotoTourTrekking.com](http://www.PhotoTourTrekking.com) select the tour you wish to join us on from the main page, this will take you to the tour page and there you will find the link to the on-line booking form, unique to that adventure.





Antarctica Feb 20th to Mar 5th, 2020



**The cost of our Antarctica Photo Tour** is \$9,950.00 CAD based on double occupancy Inside Cabin, including air, plus air tax 727.03 and 17.19 HST, single supplement available for \$3,200 CAD Inside Cabin.

Cabin upgrades available:

Polar Outside Cabin "N" or "O" - add \$ 620 CAD Single add \$933 CAD

Arctic Superior Cabin P: - add \$1,105 CAD Single add \$1,656 CAD

Expedition Suite Q - add \$3,041 CAD Single add \$9,328 CAD

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,800 CAD is due at the time of deposit based on \$9,950.00 cabin price, deposit will be adjust for upgrades. Final payment is due 180 days prior to departure. Cancellations 50% refund between 180 and 90 day before departure, 25% refund between 89 and 61 days prior to departure, less than 60 days 100% non refundable.

**Includes:**

- Round trip coach via Coach for departures from London & Woodstock to Pearson Airport, Toronto
- Other pick-up locations available upon request along the 401 corridor
- Round Trip Airfare via Air Canada to Buenos Aries
- Round Trip Airfare from Buenos Aries to Ushuaia
- 11 days 10 nights onboard MS Midnatsol
- 2 nights pre and post Antarctic cruise accommodations according to itinerary
- All airport and hotel transfers
- Breakfast included each day
- Welcome dinner and all meals onboard the ship
- English speaking expedition guides
- Photo Workshops
- Tour hosted and escorted by photographer James Cowie

**Excludes:**

- Items of a personal nature, laundry, phone calls, etc.
- Local guide tips and gratuities
- Current Port Taxes and Visas for Argentina
- Alcoholic beverages purchased on land or at the ships bar
- Personal Travel and Medical Insurance

\*\* Schedule may vary according to weather

Booking tour space can be done through our online registration by visiting [www.PhotoTourTrekking.com](http://www.PhotoTourTrekking.com) then select February 2020 Antarctica Photo Tour.

Questions or assistance in booking please contact **James Cowie** toll free at 1-800-263.2995 ext 2688 or 1-416-391-0334 ext 2688 or by email to [james@tourcanvacations.com](mailto:james@tourcanvacations.com) or **Monika** toll free at 1-800-263-2995 or 1-416-391-0334 ext 2672 or by email to [monika@tourcanvacations.com](mailto:monika@tourcanvacations.com)

Tourcan Vacations recommends the purchase of travel and health insurance as tour takes us out of the country. Health insurance is highly recommended. **Please see page 9 for tour cost booking conditions and rules.**

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On a tour of this magnitude we highly advise taking out cancelation insurance. As this tour takes us out of country Medical Insurance is also advised. Cancelation insurance is also advised.

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