



ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
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EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA

Aboard the New, 76-Cabin *Minerva*

With Dr. James P. Delgado

January 27 - February 8, 2022



Dear Traveler,

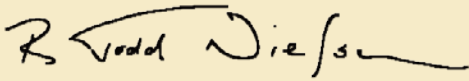
During the long days of Antarctica's austral summer, you will enjoy superb observation and photographic opportunities of abundant seals, whales, and sea birds, including hillsides teeming with penguins. Admire blue Antarctic waters and the dramatic play of light on icebergs, glaciers, and towering mountains.

Enjoy the affable company and fascinating insights of AIA lecturer/host Jim Delgado, an expert in exploration history and marine archaeology. While not usually considered an "archaeological" destination, the artifacts of Antarctic exploration are now over a century old and qualify as archaeological. Dr. Delgado's lectures will address subjects such as the preservation of the huts and debris from the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. He will be joined by other guest lecturers plus a seasoned team of expedition leaders and naturalists who will share their firsthand knowledge of Antarctica.

Under construction in Finland and launching in October 2021, *Minerva* is designed specifically for polar exploration. Enjoy the luxurious amenities of this new, state-of-the-art expedition ship with just 76 staterooms and suites for 152 guests. The ship's size; limited guest capacity; superb accommodations and public spaces, facilities, and services; advanced technical and mechanical systems; and a complement of experienced officers and crew make *Minerva* the ship of choice for exploring Antarctica in safety and comfort. A fleet of Zodiac landing craft 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 "White Continent." This program is co-sponsored by other organizations, so I encourage you to contact AIA Tours today to reserve your preferred cabin type.

Sincerely,



R. Todd Nielsen
Director, AIA Tours
Archaeological Institute of America

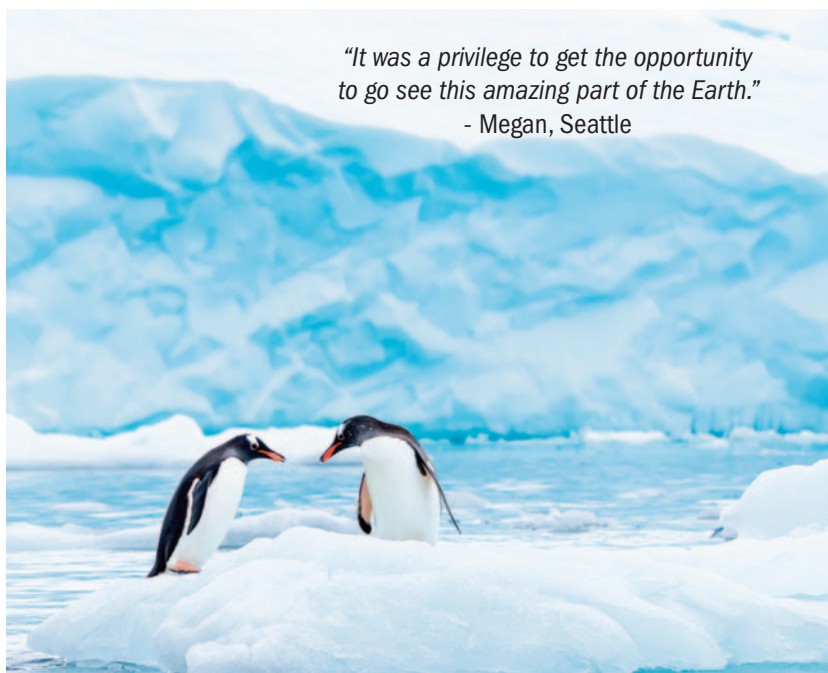


Archaeological Institute of America LECTURER AND HOST



Dr. James P. "Jim" Delgado's career spans nearly five decades of investigating the past and sharing discovery and history with a global audience. Archaeologist, historian, journalist, educator, museum director, television host, and government official, Jim often jokes that his career demonstrates his fundamental inability to keep a job. Actually, his professional journey has kept a focus on the past, especially our seafaring history. Passionately dedicated to exploration, for the past decade he has increasingly focused on deep ocean exploration, new technologies for reaching not only the deep but a worldwide audience through the use of robotic vehicles, satellites, and the Internet to bring the public along with him as he explores the world miles below the surface of the ocean.

Jim's television experience spans more than 150 documentaries for ABC, National Geographic, Discovery, History, and many other networks. He was the host for all six seasons of National Geographic International's "The Sea Hunters," which focused on the discovery, examination, and stories behind some of history's most amazing shipwrecks around the world. He currently is the senior series advisor for National Geographic's international series "Drain the Oceans," and a frequent guest on the show. Author of more than 33 books on exploration, maritime archaeology, and history, Jim's explorations have included polar exploration and field work in the Arctic, including underwater projects. He has also worked in southern waters, including the Falklands and Patagonia, and is an avid student of Antarctic maritime history. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, and The Explorers Club.



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Thursday, January 27, 2022

DEPART THE US

Depart the United States for Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Friday, January 28

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

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

Saturday, January 29

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 *Minerva*, which will begin cruising early this evening. As the ship cruises the Beagle Channel, enjoy a spectacular vista of glaciers and misted mountains.

Meals: D

Sunday, January 30

AT SEA

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

Meals: B, L, D

Monday, January 31 to Saturday, February 5

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 *Minerva* 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 Adelie 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.

Meals: B, L, D

Sunday, February 6 & Monday, February 7

AT SEA

Watch for whales and seabirds - and enjoy onboard lectures and the ship's amenities - as *Minerva* cruises back to Ushuaia.

Meals: B, L, D

Tuesday, February 8

USHUAIA, Argentina/SHIP DISEMBARKATION/BUENOS AIRES/US

Disembark in Ushuaia. Transfer to the airport for the group flight to Buenos Aires to connect with flights to the United States.

Meals: B





THE AIA & THE AIA TOURS PROGRAM

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA Tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA's network of scholars and worldwide contacts.

EXPLORE WITH A TEAM OF EXPEDITION LEADERS & NATURALISTS

In addition to traveling with AIA lecturer and host Dr. James P. Delgado, 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, through talks and presentations that will complement Dr. Delgado's lectures, 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.

THE AUSTRAL SUMMER

Our voyage to Antarctica will take place during the Austral Summer. The season is short, but the days are long, stretching to midnight and beyond. And they are surprisingly warm, too, with highs in the 30s and 40s F – just the right temperature for exploring on foot and by Zodiac boats. Dolphins might see our ship out from Ushuaia. Petrels, albatrosses, and skuas follow our wake to the Antarctic Convergence. On the Antarctic Peninsula, Gentoo, Chinstrap, and Adelie penguins nest by the thousands, waddling, slipping, diving, and crying in mass cacophony. Sheathbills, Kelp Gulls, and shags fight for space on the cliffs. Elephant Seals wallow and growl on the shore. Leopard Seals cruise between ice floes. Humpback and minke whales breach and skim the surface. They are not shy. They do not hide. Whales will often come right up to our Zodiac boats. We also land right onto the pebble beaches and igneous shores to observe the incredible wildlife.

THE NEW EXPEDITION CRUISE SHIP *MINERVA*



Oceanview Stateroom



Balcony Suite



Observation Lounge



Sauna



Club



Café/Bar with swimming pool

Currently under construction in Finland, and scheduled to be delivered in October 2021, Swan Hellenic's *Minerva* is a new-generation expedition cruise ship. Although at 10,500 tons the ship is large enough to accommodate more than 250 passengers, *Minerva* will accommodate a maximum of 152 guests in 76 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.

Minerva has been designed to meet the stringent requirements of the new Polar Code for ships navigating in Polar regions. Its high PC5 Category A ice-strengthened hull, and other technical and mechanical features, allow the ship to cruise the

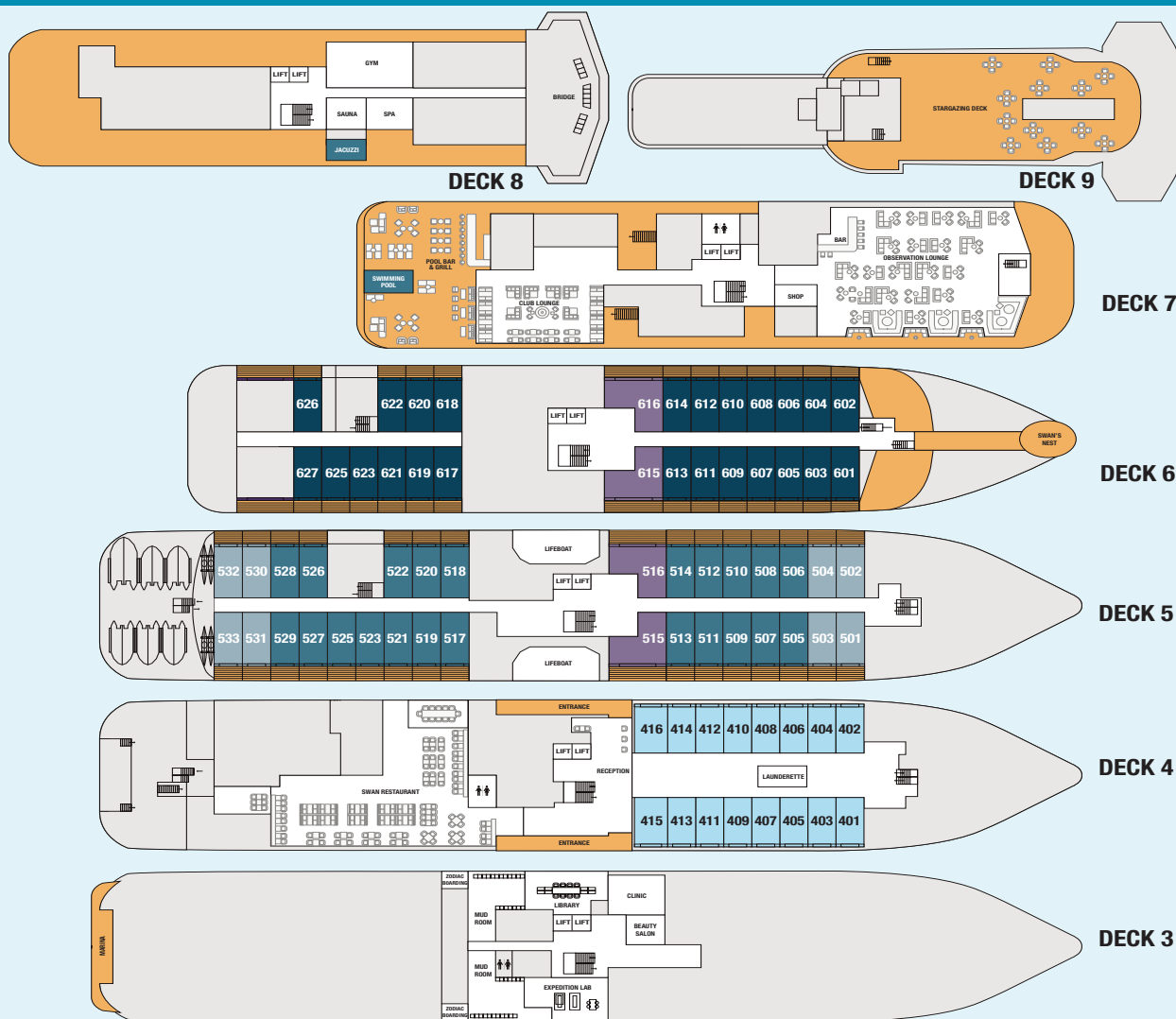
world's remote regions in safety and utmost comfort. Technologically advanced hybrid engines and a system of powerful batteries make it possible for the ship to cruise in ecologically sensitive areas, leaving minimal footprint, while a computer-controlled Dynamic Positioning System allows the ship to maintain position without anchoring. Operated by a complement of 120 experienced European officers and international crew members, *Minerva* will carry a fleet of Zodiacs, versatile landing boats, kayaks, and a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) that will reveal marine life in the deep. Powerful stabilizers provide a smooth ride.

All staterooms and suites face outside and are equipped with private facilities, climate control, TV,

Wi-Fi and USB connections as well as other amenities. Of the ship's 76 staterooms, 60 have balconies. Public areas include a spacious observation lounge that is 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 that includes an adjoining outdoor jacuzzi; library; beauty salon; a "mud room" with lockers for storing expedition gear; and an infirmary that is attended by a full-time doctor. The ship also features expansive open-deck areas. Two elevators connect all decks. Attentive service is provided on a 24-hour basis.

FOR QUESTIONS AND RESERVATIONS: 800-748-6262 | AIA@STUDYTOURS.ORG | WWW.AIATOURS.ORG

DECK PLAN



RATES

All accommodations aboard *Minerva* 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	PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
E	Oceanview staterooms with two large oval portholes. Deck 4. 206 sq. ft. Staterooms 401 – 416.	\$ 12,950
D	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 501 – 504, 530 – 533.	\$ 13,990
C	Suites with balcony & living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 5. Suites 505 – 514, 517 – 529.	\$ 14,790
B	Suites with balcony and living room area. 300 sq. ft. Deck 6. Suites 601 – 614, 617 – 627.	\$ 15,490
A	Suites with large balcony, separate bedroom & living room. 440 sq. ft. Decks 5 & 6. Suites 515, 516, 615 & 616.	\$ 17,790

EARLY BOOKING BONUS

Book by September 10th
and pay only
\$399 per person
for the round-trip
airfare to
Buenos Aires!

The airfare
is applicable from
25 major US gateways.

FOR SOLO TRAVELERS

A limited number of cabins are available for single occupancy at no additional charge.
Additional single cabins are available at a supplement of 40% of the per person
double occupancy rate, instead of the normal 70% supplement.

REGISTRATION

Please send your deposit check, **payable to "Eos Passenger Account – AIA AntSH1/22,"** and this form to:
AIA Tours, P.O. Box 938, 47 Main Street, Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608-0938; Fax: 603-756-2922. For questions or to hold your space while you send in this Registration Form, please contact us at **800-748-6262** or by email: **aia@studytours.org**. Website: **www.aiatours.org**.

NAME#1 _____ BIRTHDATE _____
(As it appears on passport)

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(As it appears on passport)

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP or POSTAL CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

E-MAIL 1 _____ E-MAIL 2 _____

PAYMENT

☐ Please charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one): VISA MC AMEX

Name on credit card _____ Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD _____ DATE _____

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to "Eos Passenger Account – AIA AntSH1/22")
to reserve _____ place(s) on EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds

SINGLE TRAVELERS

- ☐ I prefer to have single accommodations (*limited availability*) or
☐ I plan to share accommodations with: _____
☐ I'd like to know about roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of October 29, 2021 I will pay the single rate.

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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GENERAL INFORMATION & PROGRAM DETAILS

Rates Include:

- AIA lecturer/host Dr. James P. Delgado plus services of an expedition leader, naturalist guides, and professional tour manager.
- One night at the *Alvear Icon Hotel*.
- Cocktail reception at the hotel.
- Round trip group flight between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia.
- Cruise aboard the *Minerva*, as described in the itinerary.
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers and handling of luggage.
- Complete program of shore landings and activities in Antarctica organized by the expedition leaders and naturalists.
- 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, porters, and drivers.
- Basic Wi-Fi aboard the ship.
- All local taxes and service charges, including port and embarkation taxes.
- Expedition parka (yours to keep).
- Use of rubber boots for shore landings.

Rates Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; meals and beverages not listed above; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, taxi, telephone and excess Internet fees; deviations from scheduled tour; and other items not listed as included.

Air Arrangements: Airfare to/from Buenos Aires is not included. Should you need assistance in booking your flights, please call **Thalassa Journeys toll-free at 866-633-3611**. The round trip group flight between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia is included in the program rates and will be booked for you.

Reservations & Payments: To reserve space, return the completed registration form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to: AIA Tours, P.O. Box 938, 47 Main St., Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 or fax to 603-756-2922. We accept checks, payable to "Eos Passenger Account – AIA AntSH1/22" as well as VISA, MasterCard and American Express for deposits. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt. Balance of payment is due 90 days prior to departure (October 29, 2021). Final payment can be made by personal check, ACH, or wire transfer. Credit cards are NOT accepted for final payment.

Cancellations & Refunds: Cancellations must be received in writing by AIA Tours. All cancellations received 6 months (180 days) or more prior to departure are fully refunded. Cancellations received 179-95 days prior to departure are subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. Cancellations received 94-61 days prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received 60-31 days prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 75% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received 30 days or less prior to departure are subject to a penalty equal to 100% of the full fare. Participants may request half of all cancellation penalties be credited to any future AIA Tours or Thalassa Journeys program. Credits are transferable and are valid through 2023. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not participate in any part of the program, who do not complete the tour for whatever reason, or whose entry into any country or hotel or aboard any cruise vessel on the itinerary is delayed or denied. **For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Information will be provided with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.**

Note: Rates are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, and the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices. Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leader are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and it is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published. **Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions will be sent upon confirmation or upon request, and can be viewed online at www.aiatours.org.**

Health: All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws.

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