

EXPEDITION 379 – AMUNDSEN SEA WEST ANTARCTIC ICE SHEET HISTORY

The information provided herein was prepared by the IODP Travel Office to assist you and/or your organization in arranging travel for your participation in the cruise. We respectfully ask that you take the time to become thoroughly familiar with this information as soon as you receive it.

As a reminder, you and your funding organization will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Travel expenses en route to and from the ship, including airfare, lodging, meals, taxis, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- 2) Airline reservations - all reservations must be arranged through your travel agency or organization's travel office. U.S. funded participants should contact the U.S. Science Support Program for assistance with booking flights.
- 3) All costs associated with obtaining required visas.

.....

RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION

The IODP Reconnaissance sheet is attached separately. This provides essential logistical information regarding your participation in the cruise (the ship's schedule, your expected arrival dates in port, port agent's name, and address). We suggest a copy of this be carried with you to the port city should you need the port agent's name and telephone number for directions to the ship's exact docking location. Please note, unless advised in advance, transportation from the airport to the hotel is the traveler's responsibility.

.....

VISA INFORMATION

Check with your local consulate or embassy for visa requirements. If your nationality requires a visa to enter Chile, the standard rule is to apply at least 20 days before your trip. However, we strongly recommend that you apply for a Chilean visa as soon as your flights are scheduled.

U.S. Visa Holders - Non-U.S. participants who hold U.S. visas, such as an H1B, J1, or TN, and who plan to return to the U.S., should ensure that their visas do not expire during the cruise. ***IODP will not be liable for any costs incurred to participants as a result of inadequate or expired visas.***

.....

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Passports are required for all participants because the ship is **Cyprus** registered. **Passport information MUST be sent to IODP** – IODP is required to forward this information to the agents in the port cities prior to your arrival to satisfy Customs & Immigrations requirements, and to facilitate your entry into the country and your embarking/disembarking the ship. If you have not already sent this information to Donna Hoover (hoover@iodp.tamu.edu), please do so at your earliest convenience.

.....

LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

This letter explains the purpose of your travel and should be used only if questioned by officials en route to your destination. A letter will be sent electronically to each participant closer to your departure.

.....

PORT CALL HOTEL INFORMATION

Punta Arenas, Chile – JANUARY 2018

HOTEL DIEGO DE ALMAGRO

1290 Columbus Avenue
Punta Arenas, Chile
Tel: +56 61 220 8800
www.dahotelespuntaarenas.com/

Reservations: Rooms are subject to availability so you are encouraged to book as soon as you know your travel dates. To obtain the group rate, email centraldereservas@dahoteles.com and mention Folio TAMU 2307 to coordinate the reservation with the booking.

Payment Terms: Guest with cash or a valid credit card will settle all room expenses individually.

Single King or Double Queen Room: 344 sq. ft. (32 square meters) at a special group rate of US \$150.00. **This rate includes a buffet breakfast in the hotel restaurant.**

Amenities:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- 24 hour gym and dry sauna
- Room service available
- Safe
- Indoor swimming pool

Hotel Transportation: Standard taxis will be available to/from the Presidente Carlos Ibanez del Campo International Airport. The hotel is approximately 30 minutes from the airport.

Check-in/Check-out Time: Check-in is 2 p.m. and check out is 12 noon. There will be an additional charge if outside indicated hours.

Punta Arenas, Chile – MARCH 2018

CABO DE HORNOS

www.hotelcabodehornos.com

Plaza Munoz Gamero 1039

Punta Arenas, Chile 6200000

Tel: +56-61-2715000

Single or Double Room: 236 sq. ft. (22 square meters). To guarantee reservation, email reservas@hotelesaustralis.com. Please provide the group booking number below for the month of your stay. A credit card number and expiration date must be provided. Each traveler makes payment independently at the time of checkout.

March Rate: \$190 USD - Group Booking Texas A&M University 1099064. The deadline to cancel/modify reservation is 45 days before arrival.

Room rates include a breakfast buffet at Cabo de Hornos Restaurant in the hotel from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

These rates will also be available prior to standard business dates and after scheduled departure, subject to availability.

Amenities:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Bottled water
- 24 hour room service available
- Safe box
- Fitness Center

Hotel Transportation: Hotel is 11 miles from Presidente Carlos Ibanez del Campo International Airport. Taxi service from/to airport/hotel is approximately USD 30.

Check-in/Check-out Time: Check-in is 3 p.m. until midnight and checkout is 12 noon.

.....

REQUIRED NOW – FLIGHT INFORMATION

IODP is required to provide the Port Agent with a complete Travel Manifest. This is mandatory for Immigration Notification. Without advance notification, entry may be denied. Once your flight arrangements are confirmed, please provide an electronic copy of your flight itinerary to:

Diane McDonald
TEL: +1 (979)458-1867/FAX: +1 979-845-0293
EMAIL: dmedonald@tamu.edu