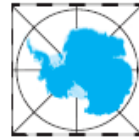


Join ANI to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty that protects the continent of Antarctica ... a natural reserve, devoted to peace and science



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Adventure Network International

Join Adventure Network International on a land-based trip to Antarctica and celebrate the 50th anniversary (1st December 2009) of the signing of the Antarctic Treaty - one of the world's most successful international agreements that has protected the continent of Antarctica, the last great wilderness on our planet, for the past 50 years.

ANI has been taking private travelers to Antarctica for almost half of the time the Treaty has been in existence. Before the formation of Adventure Network International (ANI) almost 25 years ago, there was no practical way for a private traveler to reach the Antarctic, except by ship. In 1985, ANI became the first company to offer airborne travel to Antarctica and to date remains the only company in the world operating a luxury camp and full support service deep in the Antarctic interior.

From flights to the Geographic South Pole and photo safaris with the magnificent Emperor Penguins, to climbing Vinson Massif - the coveted seventh summit - and commemorative journeys across the polar frontier, ANI offers a range of incomparable guided experiences for the modern day explorer. ANI has also provided logistic support for virtually every private expedition that has ventured across the continent since 1986. Guests fly by private charter jet from Punta Arenas in Chile to Patriot Hills, ANI's expedition base camp at the foot of the Ellsworth Mountains, only 670 miles (1076kms) from the South Pole. There are departures throughout November, December and January.

Antarctica is one of the few places in the world where there has never been war, where the environment is fully protected and where scientific research has priority. It was science that gave the Antarctic Treaty its impetus in 1959 and continues to sustain it 50 years on. The International Geophysical Year (IGY) of 1957-58 marked the third multi-nation research project in Antarctica and showed that political and legal differences should not interfere with scientific cooperation. The success of the IGY led 12 nations to negotiate the Antarctic Treaty.

The Antarctic Treaty was signed in Washington on 1 December 1959 by Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, United States, USSR and the UK. Only 14 articles long the Treaty has been remarkably effective in managing the area south of 60 degrees South latitude - ten percent of the Earth - for peaceful purposes for the past 50 years.

Under the Treaty each party has enjoyed freedom of scientific research contributing significantly to the protection of the global environment. For example, environmental monitoring in Antarctica has led to the discovery of the seasonal depletion of the atmospheric ozone over the Antarctic—the Ozone Hole. Analysis of deep ice cores has given data on hundreds of thousands of years of past climate. A strong environmental ethic also underlies ANI's Antarctic operations. ANI believes in safe and sustainable tourism where expeditions and clients leave Antarctica with a greater understanding and appreciation of its natural values; a culture of environmental awareness is encouraged within ANI's team and all waste, including human waste, is removed from Patriot Hills camp each season to minimize their footprint on Antarctica.

ANI's December 2009 departures to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Treaty

Antarctic Odyssey – a range of experiences in one program: cross-country skiing, hikes, light climbing, camping trips and snow machine assisted tours plus more leisurely indoor activities and a breathtaking flight over the vast ice sheet.
9-days US\$19,950 / 10 December 2009

Ice Marathon – compete in the southernmost marathon, the only marathon run in the interior of Antarctica.
9-days US\$16,500pp / 10 December 2009

Ellsworth Mountain Safari – a safari of a different kind: travel by ski across the frozen expanse of Antarctica, traversing the extraordinary Ellsworth Mountains. Each program is customized to the experience of the group.
14-days US\$22,450pp / 16 December 2009

South Pole Flights – a unique opportunity to fly by twin otter from ANI's base camp at Patriot Hills all the way to the South Pole.
7-days US\$37,950pp / 3, 10 & 29 December 2009

Vinson Massif – since ANI'S first climb in 1985 they have helped over xxx mountaineers reach the top of this coveted 'seventh summit' with a success rate above 95%.
14-days US\$33,450pp / 3, 16 & 29 December 2009

Ski the Last Degree – an incredible journey travelling by ski the last 60 nautical miles to the Pole.
14-days US\$46,450pp / 3, 16 & 29 December 2009

Notes:

- 1) Adventure Network International is a US based company that specializes in running programs and providing access for expeditions to Antarctica. The company has been operating for almost 25 years and the safety of our guests is paramount.
- 2) The Adventure Network International website is www.adventure-network.com
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