

## **SILVERSEA NAMES EXPEDITION SHIP PRINCE ALBERT II**

*- Honouring His important commitment to the Environment-*

MONACO – (March, 2008) – Silversea Cruises will name its new expedition ship **HSH Prince Albert II** in tribute to His Serene Highness Prince Albert of Monaco. The ship, named World Discoverer II when Silversea purchased it in September 2007, will be christened in Monte-Carlo before departing on its maiden voyage on June 12 from London. "We are deeply honored to have our new expedition ship named after His Serene Highness Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco," said Manfredi Lefebvre, Silversea's chairman. "His passion for environmental conservation is well known and we are committed to supporting his mission by offering travelers the chance to discover and appreciate some of the world's most remote and unspoiled regions."

The Lloyd's Register A1A ice-rated vessel is purpose-built for expedition cruising and is undergoing an extensive multimillion-dollar renovation at the Fincantieri shipyard in Trieste, Italy. The refurbishment will include exterior design modifications, technological enhancements and a comprehensive upgrade of all guest accommodations and public spaces. The ship is also being outfitted with a new fleet of eight Zodiac boats with low-emission engines. The **HSH Prince Albert II** will be equipped with satellite communication systems for bow-to-stern wireless Internet access and cellular phone service with guests' own cell phones.

All suites and staterooms will feature flat-screen monitors offering interactive TV and video options. In the ship's lounges, the latest audio-visual equipment, complete with high-definition video screens, will display lectures by the expedition and lecture staff as well as visiting destination experts. Staterooms are now on sale. A colorful self-mailer will be available to travel agents in a few weeks.

Prince Albert I, a pioneer in oceanographic science and exploration, first explored the Arctic's Svalbard archipelago early last century and founded the world renowned Oceanographic Institute. In 2006, Prince Albert II plotted a similar course on part of his journey to the North Pole, in an effort to add to the scientific body of work started by his ancestor and to draw attention to the effects of global warming on the Arctic regions. As a result, the Prince is the first incumbent head of state to have reached the northern most point on Earth.

The Prince Albert II's inaugural season features voyages of 10 to 21 days focusing on polar adventures. Sailing first to the Arctic Circle, Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland for the summer, the ship will reposition to South America and Antarctica for autumn and winter voyages. From mid-August to November, **HSH Prince Albert II** will journey from the east coast of North America through the Panama Canal to Los

Angeles before heading south to Ushuaia. Along this special repositioning route are opportunities to explore the Sea of Cortez (with an extension to Copper Canyon), the Falklands and South Georgia Island. Pricing starts at \$3,867 per person, double occupancy, and includes shore excursions as well as Silversea's all-inclusive amenities.

After the ship's refit, the ice-class vessel will carry 132 guests in 66 ocean-view accommodations, many featuring private verandas. Staterooms and suites range in size from 180 to over 600 square feet. Eighteen suites will each be more than 400 square feet. Other features include a single-seating main dining room, a library with computers and Internet access, a boutique, a beauty salon, a fitness center, a full-service spa and two Jacuzzi pools. The ship will also have several lounges, including a cigar lounge like the Humidor on the line's other ships. For more information, call 877-215-9986 or visit [www.silversea.com](http://www.silversea.com) or [www.silversea.com/HSHPrinceAlbertII](http://www.silversea.com/HSHPrinceAlbertII).

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