

***The World* Heads to Seychelles & Madagascar in the Indian Ocean During 18-Day Expedition in November/December 2011**

MIRAMAR, FL – Following its tradition of presenting exceptional, distinctive and in-depth expeditions for its Residents and Guests, *The World*, the largest privately owned yacht on earth, will visit the exotic inner Seychelles Islands and the east coast of Madagascar on an 18-day journey November 28 – December 15, 2011. This once-in-a-lifetime adventure-by-sea will offer exclusive access to the world's most beautiful islands through customized experiences that highlight its culture, history, wildlife, ecosystem, geography and landscape.

Every aspect of this detailed expedition will 'wow' Residents and Guests and bring to life this captivating part of the world as the Ship voyages through the Indian Ocean. Adding to the exclusivity and excitement of the expedition, and unlike other large passenger ships, *The World* will access to remote and untouched locations. Zodiac boats maneuvered by highly knowledgeable expedition team members will allow Residents to explore parts of the archipelago of 100+ islands that they otherwise wouldn't be able to reach.

Seychelles – Timeless, Tranquil & Teeming With Wildlife

This 18-day expedition begins with visits to the Inner Seychelles Islands (Praslin, La Digue, Aride and Cureuse) where the breathtaking natural beauty, pristine landscape of lush forests and glorious beaches, and incredible wildlife promise an engaging, in-depth experience. Highlights include visits to Vallee de Mai and Source d'Argent on Praslin as well as discovery of extraordinary seabird colonies and wildlife (such as Aldabra giant tortoises).

Madagascar's Magnificence

As *The World* sails along the east coast of Madagascar, Residents can marvel at this land of cultural and biological richness, known for dense vegetation, unique plant life, more than 70 varieties of lemurs, the smallest and largest chameleons on the planet, and unrivaled wildlife. Featured stops are Maroantsetra, Nosy Mangabe, Ile St. Marie (Nosy Boraha), Toamasina (Tamatave), Tolagnaro (Fort Dauphin), Toliara (Tulear) and Nosy Ve.

Incredible experiences crafted by the expedition team showcase the magnificence of Madagascar and satiate Residents' thirst for cultural adventure with stops at:

- [Masoala Peninsula National Park](#) – Created in the 1990's as a top conservation priority, Masoala Peninsula National Park is one of the most bio-diverse places on earth. Residents can discover the white sandy beach of the Bay of Antongil (great for swimming); eco-systems ranging from coral reefs for snorkeling and diving to mid-altitude rainforests; inland walks to see red-ruffed lemur, white-fronted brown lemur, fossa, fanaloka, chameleons, Uroplatus geckos and numerous bird species; and unusual flora and fauna. The Masoala Peninsula can only be reached by sea so Residents will be transported to the area by *The World's* zodiac boats.

- Andasibe-Mantadia National Park – A two-night inland excursion in Andasibe-Mantadia National Park (created in 1989) introduces Residents to thick forests of more than 100 orchid species; the Indri, the largest living lemurs (reaching up to one meter); another 13 lemur species; 15 mammal species; more than 100 birds; 50 reptiles; and over 80 amphibians.
- Nosy Ve – This small, uninhabited island features a long white sand beach and is the world's southernmost, all-year breeding colony of red-tailed tropic birds.

Expeditions Under Expert Direction

Created exclusively for *The World*, the expedition will bring together a team of 12 – 14 experts whose breadth of knowledge and broad skill set are unparalleled. This team will provide hands-on experience and knowledge about the islands' rich history, culture, geography, eco-system and more as well as conduct tours during the expedition. Lectures and other onboard experiences will add to the overall cultural immersion into the region.

Port cities and tours on the expedition's itinerary may be subject to change.

Recent Past Expeditions

Being a member of *The World's* exclusive community at sea affords matchless opportunities for culturally thrilling journeys. Recent past expeditions have included Antarctica (December 2010/January 2011), the Northern Brazil coastline from Belem to Salvador (November 2010), Greenland (September 2010) and the Bering Sea and Russian Arctic (August 2009).

About *The World*

Launched in 2002, *The World*[®] is the largest privately owned, residential yacht on earth with 165 luxury Residences. A diverse group of Residents from 19 countries own the homes onboard and share interests in world cultures, history and adventure, and exploring fascinating destinations. They circumnavigate the globe every two to three years following an extraordinary itinerary that they select. In-depth expeditions and one-of-a-kind experiences are complemented by world-class amenities and impeccable service. To learn more about this unique lifestyle call 954-874-3399 or visit www.aboardtheworld.com.

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