

The World, Residences at Sea, Heads Down Under Embarks on Australian Adventures

Private residential ship on multi-stop visit to five states, including weeklong exploration of Tasmania

LONDON, England, 29th August 2016 – *The World* private residential Ship (aboardtheworld.com) will visit **Australia** in December 2016 / January 2017 for a five-week exploration of the country including visits to ports in **Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria** and **Tasmania**. The year will end with Christmas in **Melbourne** and a New Year's Eve fireworks celebration in *Sydney Harbour* where *The World* will complete her 2016 journey having sailed 39,000 nautical miles (nm) visiting 104 ports of call and where the mega-yacht will embark on her 2017 journey sailing approximately 44,000 nm and visiting over 120 ports.

The World's arrival in Australia in December 2016 follows a two-week expedition to the remarkable island of **Borneo** where Residents will explore its broad river systems, dense rainforest, wildlife and biodiverse tropical reefs. Down Under, myriad Australian adventures await with in-depth exploration of this large and diverse country. An Overland Journey is featured to the magnificent **Margaret River** known for its incredible food and wine, stunning coastlines, limestone caves and lush forests. Residents will canoe, snorkel, golf and enjoy acclaimed wineries. A wildlife wonderland awaits after a private flight to **Kangaroo Island** where Residents will explore by four-wheel drive the island's unique and indigenous animals – wallabies, kangaroos, koalas, echidnas, seals, sea lions and the elusive platypus, not to mention over 250 species of birds. Australia's largest city, **Sydney**, will offer a range of activities from a breath-taking climb up the Harbour Bridge or a night at the opera, to the wonders of the Aquarium or Tarong Zoo. Residents can explore the Tarkine Forest Reserve in **Burnie, Tasmania**, coming face-to-face with wombats, possums, bandicoots, spotted-tail quolls, and even the famous Tasmanian devils. On the opposite side of the island is Tasmania's capital, **Hobart**, brimming with pubs, galleries, craft shops, and cafés, as well as one of the most revered outdoor markets in Australia – the Salamanca Market, with majestic Mount Wellington serving as the backdrop.

An ambitious sailing itinerary is planned for 2017, including two rare expeditions that straddle the Ship's visit to **New Zealand** in February. Setting sail from Hobart, an adventurous 22-day exploration of the **Ross Sea**, including 12 days in **Antarctica**, will take place in January, timed to coincide with the peak of the summer. Landings will be made by Zodiac and kayak to visit penguin colonies and historic sites. Sailing on from New Zealand, *The World* will further undertake a three-week expedition in **Melanesia**, to visit the indigenous tribes and dive the pristine waters of **Vanuatu** and the **Solomon Islands**. Visits to **Japan, China, Mexico, Central America, Hawaii, Alaska, Canada** and the **U.S. east and west coasts** feature on this stunning journey.

This private community at sea offers the ultimate combination of luxurious and enriching travel with world-class amenities and facilities including impeccable culinary mastery in its six restaurants, exceptional golf facilities with onboard putting greens, a state-of-the-art golf simulator and resident pro, the only full-size tennis court at sea, swimming pools, a spa, a fitness centre complete with personal trainers, expert destination lecturers, library, cinema, hobby and games

rooms, nondenominational house of worship and more. This strikingly beautiful Ship provides gracious and personalized service for the 142 families that call *The World* home; all customised to Residents' preferences in a warm and inviting ambience much like that of a private yacht, well-staffed home or exclusive country club. The average occupancy at one time is 150-200 Residents and Guests ensuring an intimate atmosphere.

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.

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