

The World, Residences at Sea, **Announces Bold and Adventurous 2017 Journey**

~ Features Expeditions to the Ross Sea and Melanesia ~

LONDON, England, October 2016: *The World*, the largest privately owned residential yacht on earth, has announced an adventurous 2017 journey that will take Residents & Guests (R&G) to 120 ports of call across *Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, Mexico, Central America, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, the east and west coasts of the U.S.* and more. Residents will sail approximately 44,000 nautical miles, plus undertake expeditions to two of the most remote regions on earth – the *Ross Sea* and *Melanesia* - all from the comfort of their own homes on this unique and elegant private Ship owned by 142 families from around the globe.

The arrival of 2017 is marked by a spectacular New Year's Eve fireworks celebration in *Sydney Harbour* from where the Ship will sail on for extensive exploration of the south coast of **Australia** and **Tasmania**. Two rare expeditions straddle the Ship's visit to **New Zealand** in February.

Ross Sea Expedition 2017

Setting sail from Hobart, an adventurous 22-day exploration of the **Ross Sea**, including 12 days in **Antarctica** sailing as far south as any vessel can go, will take place in January, timed to coincide with the peak of the Antarctic summer. Landings will be made by Zodiac and kayak to visit penguin colonies and historic sites and where R&Gs can take in the pristine environment, vast landscapes, overwhelming wildlife and visit active research stations. Conditions permitting, *The World* will reach the **Ross Ice Shelf** itself.

Melanesia Expedition 2017

Sailing on from New Zealand, *The World* will undertake a three-week expedition through **Melanesia** to explore the Polynesian, Micronesian and Melanesian cultures. The voyage through Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea is ambitious and will take R&G off the beaten track to islands that have rarely seen a ship. Every opportunity will be seized to go hiking; access cultural performances; dive, snorkel and swim; and seek out unique adventures to 'bring the destination alive'.

In the spring, *The World* sails to East Asia to explore the energetic cities and ancient cultures of **Japan, China** and **Taiwan**. Traversing the **Pacific**, summertime begins amid the blue water and tropical islands of **Hawaii** before venturing up the idyllic **California** coast to western **Canada** and up to majestic **Alaska**. *The World* then reverses course and heads south to explore the **Sea of Cortez** and **Central America** before transiting the infamous **Panama Canal**. Winter brings a voyage up and down the U.S. east coast, **Bermuda's** pink sand beaches and a spectacular New Year's celebration in the Magic City – **Miami, Florida**.

Throughout the year *The World* will offer a number of magical Overland Journeys for those wishing to enjoy once-in-a-lifetime travel experiences further inland. On a four-day exploration of the *Kaikoura* coastline on **New Zealand's** South Island, R&Gs will hike mountains, explore Maori culture and swim with dolphins, before hopping on the Coastal Pacific train to Blenheim to catch a small plane back to *Christchurch*. They can also experience the best that New Zealand's North Island has to offer. From the beautiful world-renowned wine region of Hawke's Bay, R&Gs will fall in love with the white sand beaches, get familiar with the local farming traditions and explore the cool Art Deco town of Napier.

The World's exceptional 2017 Journey exploring the planet's most exciting and remote destinations offers adventure seekers the ultimate lifestyle – all from the comfort of home on board this extraordinary Ship.

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.

The World embodies a distinctive, one-of-a-kind lifestyle of exclusive luxury travel where Residents explore every corner of the globe, experience myriad different cultures and gain privileged access to the planet's most beautiful destinations, all from the comfort of their own home. The strikingly beautiful 644-foot Ship promises gracious and personal service in a warm, inviting ambience much like that of a private yacht, well-staffed private home or exclusive country club. The average occupancy at any one time of 150-200 Residents & Guests assures an intimate atmosphere. *The World* offers world-class amenities and facilities including impeccable culinary mastery in its six restaurants, exceptional golf facilities with onboard putting greens and a state-of-the-art golf simulator, the only full-size tennis court at sea, swimming pools, a spa, a fitness centre, expert destination lecturers, library, cinema and more.

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