



NATURAL HABITAT ADVENTURES and
World Wildlife Fund onboard the
M / V Ocean Nova

The Antarctic Chronicle

An Expedition to the Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica
Sunday 1st of February 2009



COOPER BAY AND DRAGALSKI FJORD

- 0600 A gentle wake up call, please enjoy coffee, tea, cakes and fruit in the Panorama
- 0630 We hope the wind allows us an attempt at *Cooper Bay*, a relatively small, and if the wind is due west, relatively calm bay.
Cooper Bay was named after Lt Robert Cooper, on board James Cook's Resolution voyage. He charted the north and eastern coasts of South Georgia all the way back in 1775! There is superb wildlife at this site. A large Chinstrap and Macaroni penguin colony is situated on the steep banks. The chance of seeing breeding light-mantled Sooty Albatross is always a reality. The geology is fascinating; the whole bay has been formed at the retreat of the last ice age, around 6000 years ago. If conditions allow we will be able to spend 2 hours on this landing
- 0900 Breakfast back on board
- 0930 We hope to be able to enter *Dragalski Fjord*, one of the most scenic fiords in South Georgia and do a ship cruise. Dragalski Fjord lies on the southeast corner of South Georgia, approximately half way between Cooper Bay and Cape Disappointment. The fjord is 14 km (9 mi) long by 1.5 km (1 mi) wide and is renowned for its beautiful Antarctic-like scenery. We hope to ship cruise the fjord and approach the Risting Glacier.
- ±1100 At this stage the ship should be rounding *Cape Disappointment*, named by Captain James Cook, when he found out that the fabled **Terra Incognita Australis** was an island and his 'found' continent abruptly ended. It is a spectacular and very "Mordor-esque" part of South Georgia; huge spires, glaciers and peaks, as well as a small but stable population of hobbits.
- 1300 Lunch is served
- 1430 *BBC Planet Earth* is shown in the Panorama Lounge for some afternoon reflection
- 1630 High Tea served in the bar area
- 1630 Please join **Brandon** for *Harpoons to Cameras – whaling in the 20th Century*. The first part will be a lecture, followed by a discussion. Please bring along ideas and questions
- 1800 Recap in the bar with the staff. Please join us for a cocktail and discussion
- 1900 Dinner is served
- 2030 The *M/V Ocean Nova Cinema* presents : **Munich** directed by Steven Spielberg

