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An Expedition to the Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica FRIDAY THE 30TH OF JANUARY 2009

PRION ISLAND, SHACKLETON WALK AND STROMNESS

How fresh was every sight and sound on open main or winding shore! We knew the merry world was round, and we might sail for evermore.

The Voyage. Alfred, Lord Tennyson

- A gentle wake up call, please enjoy coffee, tea, cakes and fruit in the Panorama
- We hope to offer a super-special landing at **Prion Island**, a rat-free island where Wandering Albatrosses are breeding.

Prion Island is a site of high Environmental sensitivity and very immense conservation value, for two very differently sized South Georgia birds: the Wandering Albatross and the South Georgia pipit. There are currently around 70 pairs of Wanderers on the island, also look out for the South Georgia pintail, an endemic duck. Please note that a special code of conduct applies when visiting this site of biological significance, and please stand by for timings and announcements; there is a board walk demarcating the way we may proceed.

Last zodiac 0830

- O930 A celebratory 'Bay of Isles' brunch is served. We will reposition the ship to Fortuna bay, around a three hour sail. Stand by for exact timings, and also to hear Jonathan Shackleton talk about the hopeful walk which he will lead...
 - Please note that this walk is not for everyone. Please do not underestimate this walk as it is steep, and long. The scenery is remarkable on route...
- ±1130 We will drop off the walkers at **Fortuna Bay** depending on the weather conditions and prediction. The ship will reposition to **Stromness Bay**, where a landing will be offered. The Shackleton Walk will take around **4 hours**. Please make sure to take water with you
- 1500 The walkers return from crossing from Fortuna Bay, stand by for announcements
- 1530 **High tea and sandwiches and snacks** are served in the panorama bar
- Please join the staff for a recap and cocktail in the glass house.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the dining room, please enjoy

