To ensure that you and your fellow travellers can enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of Antarctica, please:

- Do not infringe on the way sea birds and penguin colonies and may eventually lead to changes in their behaviour and destruction of active nests. Therefore, you are requested:

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• Do not approach the birds or other wildlife too closely.
• Do not use flashlights near animals!
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Once birds desert their nests, eggs and nestlings are unprotected against predators and are vulnerable to extreme cold and may become prey of hungry skuas. Therefore, it is crucial that visitors do not approach the birds or other wildlife too closely, do not use flashlights near animals and keep your distance!

- Take only memories and leave no traces.

Some areas of the Antarctica are visited by some 100,000 tourists every year, which in particular threatens the integrity of the ice sheet and their inhabitants. Since ice sheet retreat is monitored by satellite, it is essential that tourists do not walk on the ice sheet and destroy old footprints and animal trails. Therefore, you are requested:

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- Do not enter ASMAs!
- Do not smoke!

- Seals lift their head, penguins and other birds interrupt their behavior and dislocation of entire colonies. Therefore, we request you:

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Robert W. Service, The Call of the Wild

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Personal safety is priority over the type of animal investigated. Also, if cooperation with a particular group is not possible, you should keep your distance and consider your safety.

- In a case of disturbance of the animals, you must not move. Any attempt to capture animals or observe them is impossible.
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The Environmental Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty (1991) is based on Article 3. It bans any exploitation of Antarctic marine life, terrestrial flora and fauna, and applying to tour operators as well as to individual visitors to the Antarctic Treaty. 2007 the Signatories to the Antarctic Treaty furthermore agreed that no more than 100 passengers are to be on shore at any one time and that ships carrying more than 500 passengers may not make any landings in the Antarctic. For 38 landing sites, additional site guidelines were adopted. All these documents are available on board of your cruise ship and will be introduced to you on your arrival. These guidelines are based on the environmental and safety regulations already applicable to the members of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators.

**The role of the German Federal Environment Agency**

The German Federal Environment Agency (UBA) is a federal governmental agency in Germany. UBA is the only competent authority for the implementation of the Environmental Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty. The UBA is responsible for the implementation of the Environmental Protocol and the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources Protocol. For the Environmental Protocol, UBA is responsible for the implementation of its provisions. UBA verifies the implementation of the Environmental Protocol and the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources Protocol. As the German representative of the Antarctic Treaty, UBA is also responsible for the implementation of the Antarctic Treaty. UBA provides further information on the implementation of the Environmental Protocol and the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources Protocol on the Internet: www.umweltbundesamt.de

**Selection of relevant sources of information on environmental protection in the Antarctic:**

- The Federal Environment Agency (UBA)
- Internet: www.umweltbundesamt.de
- Email: uba@broschuerenversand.de
- Service FAX: +49 3018 305 3356
- P.O.Box 300361, D-53183 Bonn
- Umweltbundesamt c/o GVP, 11411 Berlin
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**Additional regulation of tourism**

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