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A Voyage to Antarctica

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Two Hits in Two Months (Co-incident or could it be Mother Nature's warning to Keep Out!

Baking in an Australian heat wave makes it doubly unreal that a few short weeks will see me heading south aboard Norwegian ship the MS Fram, to the largest, coldest continent on earth. [Antarctica](#).

Last November's sinking of Gap Expeditions; the MS Explorer gave me pause. Like all, I was relieved there was no loss of life, but concerned as to how this sinking occurred and what environmental risks were posed by the possibility of fuel leaking and polluting this pristine environment.

My pause button has now been hit again with the MS Fram getting an up close and personal glacial massage. Brochure blurbs and travel reviews extol the viewing of glaciers, not colliding with them and damaging both the ship and tourist's dreams.

Time has seen tourism increasing fivefold and loud noises are being made worldwide that it is not unlikely disaster will occur, just when.

Emergency zodiac evacuation sitting isn't dependant on which ship with what star rating. There's enough cold to

share around, hypothermia has no friends and survival this time around seems to have been weather lucky.

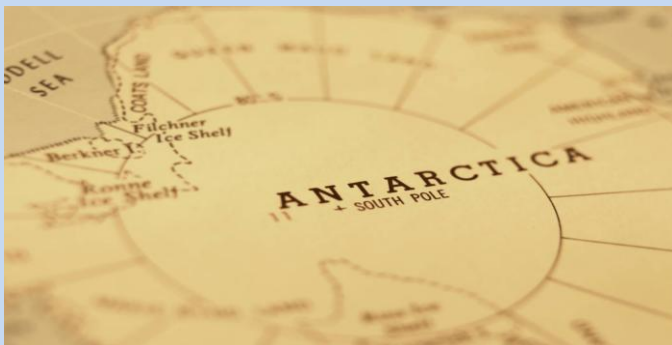
Yet I am still swapping my pool to head to the great southern ocean to board the MS Fram and meet and greet Antarctic entities. I will have to turn my heat wave survival skills upside down to encompass blood thinning due to the cold.

I just wish I could erase the picture created in my head from a comment that I gleaned about the most southerly isolated land on earth.

“If you fall overboard in Antarctica, just swim for the bottom”.

Now there’s a thought and maybe I should have just been content watching ‘Happy Feet!’

For more information jump on www.bentours.com.au and check out their 12 day Antarctic tour via Santiago, Chile.



*Packing and repacking, her mind begins to dance.
Although it could be dangerous, Lynda takes a chance.
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