

representative of our partner company, will be speaking about international cooperation in the Antarctic. In addition, there are many things planned to make for an interesting vacation. Those who wish to can board a helicopter to view remarkable sights along the route, and it has been decided to establish a new maritime tradition when crossing the eightieth parallel - to celebrate a Polar Bear Holiday. There are plans to raise at the pole, in sequence, the flags of all countries represented by members of the crews, and to perform the national anthems. Paintings by northern artists will be auctioned, Russian souvenirs will be sold, there will be wine tasting evenings, and much more.

And now something about the people who wish to make this unusual journey. They include a large contingent from West Germany. Also taking part are citizens of the U.S.A., Canada, Austria, Switzerland, Australia and Saudi Arabia. Applications continue to come in, and it appears that many of them can already be satisfied next year.

It should be added that prior to the voyage, a modern navigational complex was installed on the ship to ensure total navigational safety. The complex includes a radar navigation system, a system for preventing collisions, and a satellite navigation system. All of these systems are based on the latest electronic technology. With the aid of this complex the position of the icebreaker can be determined at any moment to within 100 metres, and its course and speed can also be determined. Prior to this no such complex has ever been installed on an arctic ship of this steamship line.

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