



## The Prince's polar mission

*Above: Prince Albert II of Monaco on his preparatory trip to Svalbard, July 2005*

PRINCE ALBERT II of Monaco will be leading an expedition to the North Pole from the Russian base of Barneo from 10-19 April. His team of seven will use dog sleds to cover the 120 kilometres.

The journey will give the Prince the opportunity to pay a tribute to his great-great-grandfather, Prince Albert I of Monaco, who was a pioneer of modern oceanography. The most successful of his four Arctic exploration campaigns took place on the Svalbard Archipelago in 1906.

Prince Albert II, who supports numerous organisations concerned with the environment and climatic changes, recently addressed guests at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco, which was founded by his forbear, and explained:

‘This expedition is not just a tribute to an historic event, nor is it a simple matter of a sporting adventure. I want to draw the world’s attention to the ecological threats that weigh upon our planet and that already affect our lives, wherever we live. The battle against climate change and against the dangers of industrial pollution presents us with an urgent challenge and it is up to each of us to try to help improve the situation.

‘Industrial waste spreads beyond the bound-

PrivatAir is proud to be associated with a very special Arctic expedition being undertaken by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. It takes place in April 2006 and marks the centenary of his great-great-grandfather HSH Prince Albert I’s polar expedition

aries of our own countries, and pollution has reached as far as the remote shores of the Arctic and Antarctic continents. Arctic fauna may have a habitat which is far from any industrialised areas but abnormal and highly concentrated levels of pollutants and other toxic substances are being found in polar wildlife that have a direct impact on local population, via the food chain. I cannot fail to be aware of these worrying changes and it is this that has made me want to be involved, as was my ancestor.’

The Prince went on to explain that he had been on a preparatory trip in July 2005 to

Spitzberg, with representatives of the Marine Environment Laboratory of Monaco and the WWF. A further 'dry run' took place last January, in the north of Sweden, so the team could experience similar conditions. The archives of Prince Albert I have also been thoroughly studied.

PrivatAir is providing its Boeing 757 to carry the expedition team, and its equipment and supplies, including some 40 sled dogs.



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The flight will transport members of the expedition team, including Prince Albert, from Monaco to Kiruna, in the north of Sweden, and then on to the world's most northern city, Longyearbyen on Svalbard. ■



Two of PrivatAir's BBJs, pictured alongside the Boeing 757 and the Breilting Super Constellation, which is also flown by some of PrivatAir's pilots

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