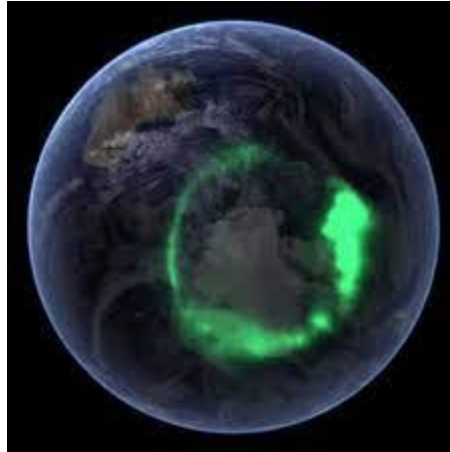# TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE, AURORA AUSTRALIS, AND ANTARCTICA!!

World Antarctica Day is December 1, 2021! When we think of the 7th continent, it feels so far away, as well as cold and dangerous (and it is!). Over the recent years, and even more in the past few months, people are reading and hearing more about Antarctica: climate change, global warming, glaciers calving, and icebergs melting. Every human being is now called upon to do a better job at protecting our precious planet Earth, and one of the best ways to do that is to get to know our planet better, especially the fragile, suffering, and lesser know places, such as Antarctica. Antarctica is fascinating, spellbinding, and captivating, to anyone who sees Antarctica's incredible images, hears its unbelievable sounds, or listens to some incredible, and true!, stories. Whatever your personal interests and hobbies, you will find something about Antarctica that will intrigue you! From penguins and whales, to magnificent art and fascinating tales, and constellations, stars, and other astronomical delights as you have never seen, come learn more about Antarctica, and develop a new interest and passion! The timing of this event is destined by the stars, as there will be a rare total solar eclipse over Antarctica on December 4, 2021. Images from this amazing astronomical event will be included in the presentation, as well as images of the Aurora Australis. Please come and invite your family and friends, too! What a beautiful way to open the holiday season and welcome winter to our hemisphere!!

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