

MCMURDO BASE, ANTARCTICA

McMurdo, our final destination, is located on Ross Island, surrounded by the Ross Ice Shelf and dominated by Antarctica's most active volcano, Mt. Erebus. Recreational activities are the same as in the States except there are no women here. This all male community totals some 2,500 inhabitants during the summer months and about 600 during the winter.

At the South Pole the sun disappears below the horizon for six months, but at McMurdo (843 miles north) the winter months last just four months. The last ships and aircraft leave Antarctica early in March and the men who winter over have no physical contact with the outside world until the first plane flies in, usually in early October.

