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# World Penguin Day

World Penguin Day is celebrated on April 25<sup>th</sup> each year. This is the time of year when the Adelie Penguins in the Antarctic begin their annual migration. They start migrating in the Antarctic fall season and don't return to their colonies until spring. In sychronized fashion, the Adelies dive into the freezing cold waters and swim north for only a few hundred miles.

Penguins are unique in that they are the only migratory birds who swim rather than fly. They stay among icebergs that are floating about the area and feast on krill and other penguin delights. While the Adelies don't really travel very far, it is imperitive that they go because the days in Antarctica get darker during this time of year. Since these penguins don't see well in the dark, they need to go north to hunt for food, or they would starve.

During their time of migration, they appear to have a grand time and not take life too seriously, according to penguin watchers. The birds mostly just bob playfully around in the ocean and rest on the icebergs until time to return to their homes in Antarctica.

World Penguin Day gives people an opportunity to learn more about these interesting and entertaining creatures.

