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# Antarctic Peninsula

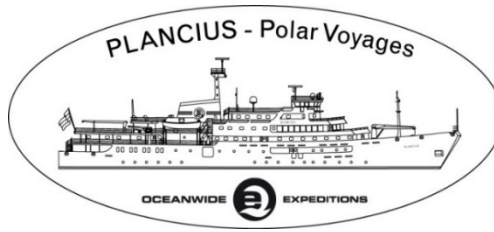
8th– 18th January 2017

On board the

***M/V Plancius***



MV *Plancius* was named after the Dutch astronomer, cartographer, geologist and vicar Petrus Plancius (1552-1622). *Plancius* was built in 1976 as an oceanographic research vessel for the Royal Dutch Navy and was named *Hr. Ms. Tydeman*. The ship sailed for the Royal Dutch Navy until June 2004 when she was purchased by Oceanwide Expeditions and completely refit in 2007, being converted into a 114-passenger expedition vessel. *Plancius* is 89 m (267 feet) long, 14.5 m (43 feet) wide and has a maximum draft of 5 m, with an Ice Strength rating of 1D, top speed of 12+ knots and three diesel engines generating 1230 hp each.



# Captain Evgeny Levakov

and his international crew of 45

Including:

Chief Officer:	<b>Artur Iakovlev</b>	[Russia]
2nd Officer:	<b>Gavin Cunningham</b>	[Britian]
3rd Officer:	<b>Louis Oroceo</b>	[Phillipines]
Chief Engineer:	<b>Teun Van't Verlaat</b>	[Netherlands]
Hotel Manager:	<b>Johnny van Velzen</b>	[Netherlands]
Assist. Hotel Manager:	<b>Heidi Dohn</b>	[Denmark]
Head Chef:	<b>Kiss Gabor</b>	[Hungary]
Sous Chef:	<b>Sean Steele</b>	[Canada]
Ship's Physician:	<b>Lise van Turenhout</b>	[Netherlands]

**AND**

Expedition Leader:	<b>Andrew Bishop</b>	[Australia]
Assist. Expedition Leader:	<b>Liz Pope</b>	[Australia]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Christophe Bouchoux</b>	[France]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Kasper Jæger</b>	[Denmark]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Rosalie Steffen</b>	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Fritz Hertel</b>	[Germany]
Camping Leader:	<b>Ignacio Marino</b>	[Argentina]
Kayak Guide:	<b>Louise Adie</b>	[United States]

## Welcome you on board!

# Day 1 – Sunday 8th January 2017

## Embarkation – Ushuaia, Argentina

**GPS 08.00 Position:** 042°45'S / 065°01'W

**Wind:** ESE 3. **Sea State:** Slight. **Weather:** Clear. **Temperature:** +2°C.

So here we are at last in Tierra del Fuego, at the bottom of the world. Well, from Ushuaia we'll be going *south* of south...a long way south. But for today, we ambled about this lovely Patagonian city, savouring the local flavours and enjoying the sights.

Ushuaia marks the end of the road in Argentine Tierra del Fuego, but also the beginning – the beginning of a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. During the summer this rapidly growing frontier town of 55,000 bustles with adventurous travellers. The duty-free port flourishes with tourism but also thrives on a sizeable crab fishery and a burgeoning electronics industry. Ushuaia (lit. "*bay that penetrates to the west*" in the indigenous Yaghan tongue) clearly benefits from its magnificent, yet remote setting.

The rugged spine of the South American Andes ends here, where two oceans meet. As could be expected from such an exposed setting, the weather has the habit of changing on a whim. However, temperatures during the long days of the austral summer are relatively mild, providing a final blanket of warmth before heading off on our adventures.

For many of us this is the start of a lifelong dream. The excitement comes in different forms for each unique person, but even the most experienced of us feels genuine excitement to depart on a journey to the Great White Continent of Antarctica. Some passengers were promptly at the gangway at 16:00, ready to board our ship MV *Plancius*, home for the next 11 days.

We were greeted at the gangway by members of our Expedition staff who sorted our luggage and sent us on board to meet Hotel and Restaurant Managers, Johnny and Heidi. We were then checked into our cabins with the assistance of our fabulous Filipino crew.

A little while after boarding we convened in the lounge on deck five to meet First Officer Artur, who led us through the details of the required SOLAS (Safety of Life At Sea) Safety and Lifeboat Drill, assisted by the crew and staff. On hearing the alarm we reconvened at the 'muster station', the lounge, for the mandatory safety briefing and abandon ship drill donning our huge orange life jackets that will keep us safe should the need arise. After this lifeboat drill we were invited once again to the lounge to meet our Hotel Manager Johnny who gave us an overview of the ship, a floating hotel which will be our home for the next 10 days or so. We then met our Expedition Leader, Andrew Bishop and the rest of the Expedition Team who will guide us in Antarctica in order for us to enjoy the various activities and landings.

This was also a chance to meet our Captain, Evgeny Levakov and toast our voyage with a glass of Prosecco. At 20:00 we sampled the first of many delicious meals on board, prepared by Chef Gabor and Sean and their galley staff. This first evening on board was occupied with more exploration of the ship, adjusting to her movements, and settling into our cabins. In the early hours of the morning we would be out into the open waters of the Drake Passage and heading South towards Antarctica.



## Day 2 – Monday 9th January 2017

### At Sea in the Drake Passage

**08:00 GPS Position:** 056°11' S / 065°51' W

**Wind:** W 3. **Sea State:** Moderate. **Weather:** Clear. **Temperature:** +4°C.

Early morning started with the delightful tones of Andrew's voice as it came wafting through the airwaves. Such a beautiful day should be started with gusto, thought he. What a day! After breakfast the action started. Our bird specialist, Fritz gave us a very interesting lecture about sea birds. While talking about albatrosses two of these gracious birds came flying not far from the windows of the lounge. A fully documented talk indeed!



Then it was time for a

delicious lunch prepared with love by the restaurant team.

In the afternoon Louise gathered the adventurous people who have registered for kayak and briefed them about the dos and don'ts of this extreme Antarctic activity.

Then it was the turn of Liz to give a speech and she gave a vibrant lecture introducing us to the mysterious continent that is Antarctica with amazing facts.

Between the talks, many passengers spent their time on the outside decks as many sea birds were gliding around our ship; Albatrosses and Petrels above a Drake lake and a beautiful sky. The wandering albatross is the largest flying bird in the world, a magnificent creature. Even a grey-headed albatross showed up for a short period before disappearing back into the great unknown.

Fritz made the last talk of the day and an essential one for a trip in Antarctica: a presentation about penguins.

Then, to end this first "Drake passage day", Andrew informed us during the daily briefing about our further plans. He also explained about the Antarctic geological formation and talked about the strange looking Scotia arc. Louise also did a quick explanation on "how to spot a whale" with interesting photos and drawing of the different species' blows.

Slowly it was time for the day to come to an end, after a wonderful dinner served piping hot by our jolly chef Gabor, always ready with a pot of hot steaming creamy goodness fresh from the source, everyone slowly made their way to their cabins, into their warm cozy beds, ready for another night of dreams to envelop them.

## Day 3 – Tuesday 10th January 2017

### At Sea in the Drake Passage

**0800 GPS Position:** 060°47' S / 063°34' W

**Wind:** ESE 3. **Sea State:** Slight. **Weather:** Clear. **Temperature:** +2°C.



After breakfast it was time for the mandatory IAATO-briefing. We were told the dos and don'ts, to keep Antarctica as pristine as possible. With other words: Leave nothing but (un-deep) footprints, take nothing but photographs and don't disturb any wildlife!

This briefing was followed by the zodiac briefing, as they will be used for all our operations.

Through the windows our first humpback whales passed nearby the ship.

After all this information, we were called deck by deck, to come to the boot room. Kasper took our cabin numbers, and the rest of the team handed out our rubber boots.

Then, we started the vacuum session in the lounge. Vacuuming? Yes! We were again called deck by deck, but this time we were invited to the lounge and we had to bring all our outer gear and bags. Five vacuum-cleaners were waiting for us, to vacuum pockets and Velcro. We had to make sure, that no foreign plant material would be brought on land in Antarctica.

The vacuuming was splat by the lunch in the restaurant but restarted right after that until everyone went through and signed the bio security declaration.

It was about the time when, on the horizon our first iceberg appeared.

Antarctica is getting close!

Nacho, then, gathered the brave candidates for the extreme survival experience of camping in Antarctica for a

thorough briefing on what to expect during the not so future night outside in the snow. Don't forget to pull the white handle!

At 16:30 we were all invited to the lounge, because Rose had a lecture about the ice, the main element

found in Antarctica, all set up and ready to go.

In the Afternoon we met our sister ship Ortelius for "operation Yoghurt" as they were lacking this essential item for Antarctic voyage.

At recap, Andrew told us the plans for tomorrow: a landing in Dorian bay and Port Lockroy



Antarctica, here we are!

# Day 4 – Wednesday 11th January 2017

## Dorian Bay & Port Lockroy

GPS 08.00 Position: 064°46' S / 063°26' W

Wind: ESE 2. Sea State: Calm. Weather: Cloudy. Temperature: +2°C.

Sometimes we can wonder how something as plain and simple as Breakfast can be made into something amazing, turns out that if you add a good splash of Antarctica and a bit of good weather, then it ends being an absolutely wonderful experience that is not plain at all.



The Neumayer channel was showing us the very best that Antarctica has to deliver with ice, snow and big mountains and suddenly, out of nowhere came 2 little houses into view. This was the base at Dorian Bay, a former UK support station for a landing field that used to supply scientists with provisions down here. So our first landing, and everyone went to the gangway with smiles on their faces, because even with a bit of wind and clouds, this started as a beautiful day. After spending 3 hours at Dorian, watching Gentoo penguins doing their daily routines, we went back on board to start our travels around the corner to Port Lockroy. During lunch, the weather

turned from good to absolutely amazing, the wind died down to nothing and the sun came out, at the landing at Port Lockroy.

After visiting the former “English spy station turned scientific station” and doing a wee bit of shopping and mailing about a ton of postcards, we also visited Jougla point, a penguin colony very close to the station, here we also found a colony of Blue Eyed Shags and some Weddel seals enjoying the sunshine.

After returning to the ship, many faces are red from sun shine and the smiles are broad after a day that will never be forgotten.

Recap about tomorrow’s plans were followed by a delicious but well deserved evening meal.



## Camping

After a lovely dinner on board Plancius the campers jumped into the first zodiac to head off towards the camping spot to spend the night in one of the coldest environment of the world. The weather conditions



were on our side so setting up all the camping gear was not a problem for our happy campers. Everyone shared the shovels to dig what we like to call ‘the grave’.

The scenery was beautiful, some clouds in the sky made the whole panorama fantastic, no wind: a perfect night for all the guests.

Around 5am Nacho made the wakeup call, as the first few passengers were already up and about taking pictures of the beautiful view.

Time to head back to Plancius for a warm meal

and shower, with more activities planned in the upcoming day.

# Day 5 – Thursday 12th January 2017

## Lemaire channel & Port Charcot

**0800 GPS Position:** 064°59'S / 063°44'W

**Wind:** LT Air. **Sea State:** Calm. **Weather:** Cloudy. **Temperature:** +4°C.

What a beautiful summer morning in Antarctica!

The day started earlier for some, than for others. At 5:30 am all campers filled up their pit and were driven back to the ship. Everybody was really excited to see Kasper, who took the adventurers back to the

Plancius! After happily abandoning the ship one night before, the campers firstly seriously appreciated the luxury offered upon re-arrival. Sometimes you simply have to loose something in order to really appreciate it.

Some guests woke up early to gain a first glimpse of the mesmerizing Lemaire Channel. Our lovely Captain made the impossible possible and drove through the Lemaire Channel, twice.



Due to the lovely weather we cruised on Zodiacs and Kayaks through the full length of the channel, which was an amazing experience that guests and staff members alike will never forget.

Chris and his guest told us a tale about a Minke Whale in the Lemaire Channel, however, this as not seen by everyone and so is questionable ;).

After lunch we landed at Port Charcot. This landing offered us a closer insight into the lifestyle of Gentoo Penguins, but members of the Adelie and Chinstrap Penguin family were also met by some of us. The



stunning landscape including several icebergs floating around in the bay could be particularly enjoyed from the top of the hill. Andrew collected a nice ice formation, from which some guests took some ice to cool their drinks at the bar. Some guests were still in search of the mysteries zebra ice, yet it has not been found to this day. The day was rounded off

by a family of Orcas playing around the ship and the rise of the full moon.

Any photos taken on this day may bring back our memories, but none will do the full beauty of this special day justice. Thanks for sharing the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 with us ☺!

# Day 6 – Friday 13th January 2017

## Danco & Stony point

**0800 GPS Position:** 064°41' S / 062°35' W

**Wind:** LT Air. **Sea State:** Clm. **Weather:** Cloudy. **Temperature:** 1°C.



In the early morning before we entered the Errera Channel suddenly we spotted more than 20 Killer Whales widely distributed within the bay. While watching these elegant predators we spotted even more whales – several Humpback's were diving for food. Three of them have been even right beside the ship before they started to dive deep.

There was quite a bit of ice in the area, on several ice flows we could detect seals, more than 15 Crabeater Seals and at least one Weddell Seal.

Round about 9.00 a.m. we started landing at Danco Island. We had beautiful weather, the sun was shining

constantly. This one mile long Island is situated in the southern part of the Errera Channel. Its north shore is characterised by a wide flat cobbled beach with snow free slope behind it which rises up to the island's ice covered summit. Permanent ice dominates the top and south side of the island. After we had landed on that cobbled beach we went up the hill to the top at about 120 meters above sea level. On our way up and down we had to stop several times when we crossed a penguin highway to give the penguins the right of way. On the top is a flat snow covered platform from where we had a magnificent 360° view on the surrounding mountains and the Errera Channel. What a beautiful glacial scenery!

Danco Island is home of many Gentoo penguins which live in scattered rookeries. When we came down the hill we witnessed a Brown Skua attacking a Gentoo's nest, grabbing one of the two chicks and killing it nearby the nesting site on the snow. Near the landing site we saw a small breeding colony of Antarctic Terns. Their chicks have been relatively far developed, some have even be fledged and were flying around the colony. These juvenile Antarctic Terns can easily be confused with wintering Arctic Terns in their winter plumage which look very similar and can be around at that time of the year.

After a nice lunch we went on with our exciting outdoor activities. As the Plancius reached Paradise Bay we landed with our Zodiacs at Stony Point. There we were able to do a nice walk up the hill through the

snow passing several small Gentoo rookeries. At the top we again had a stunning view on the Paradise Bay and the surroundings glaciers and mountains. We even witnessed some glacier calving.

While the half of us did the walk, the others made a Zodiac cruise through Paradise Bay. The highlight of this tour were the numerous ice bergs of different colours, shapes and sizes that we passed. While gliding through Paradise Bay we also passed the red buildings of the scientific station Almirante Brown which belongs to Argentina. Right beside the station there are steep cliffs which are home for a colony of Blue-eye Shags nesting in the cliffs. The chicks had almost the size of the adult birds but were still in their fluffy brown juvenile plumage.

After recap and briefing the Hotel Manager Jonny and his team invited us to a surprise barbeque out on deck. There was no wind and the temperatures were relatively mild and so we spent quite a lot of time out on deck enjoying the beautiful scenery and the delicious food.





# Day 7 – Saturday 14th January 2017

## Neko Harbour & Wilhemina Bay

**0800 GPS Position:** 64°48' S / 62°44' W

**Wind:** Light Air. **Sea State:** Calm. **Weather:** Cloud. **Temperature:** +1°C.



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As always the wakeup call of our expedition leader Andrew came at seven o'clock. After a lovely breakfast, we all dressed warmly and prepared for boarding the zodiacs toward Neko harbour, a nice rocky beach surrounded by active glaciers and Gentoo penguins rookeries.

Time for a nice walk around the place and of course we have a moment to enjoy the view and even some calving's of Neko glacier.

At the end of the landing the bravest one among us took

the chance for the traditional polar plunge, with the staff waiting for them with towels.

After a nice morning and a healthy lunch we had time for a little nap between activities. The plan for the afternoon was zodiac cruising around Enterprise Islands in Wilhemina Bay.

Driving around the zodiacs looking for blows, we received the call from the bridge of Plancius, and of course good news! Lots of

Humpbacks whales at eleven o'clock from the ship and around 2 miles away. For an hour and half, we had one of the best shows of Mother Nature! We could observe the whales spy hopping, feeding, showing the tails, coming close. What an amazing afternoon!

We finally left the humpbacks and moved toward Enterprise Island where we found some kelp gulps, and Antarctic

terns nesting in the Governor (an old cargo ship which caught fire in 1916 and now rests in a little bay nearby).

What a day!



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# Day 8 – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Whalers Bay/Half Moon Island

**0800 GPS Position:** 062°58' S / 060°33' W

**Wind:** SE 5\6. **Sea State:** Calm. **Weather:** Cloudy. **Temperature:** +0°C.

Dulcet as it was, the wake-up call from Andrew was a bit earlier than usual this morning. Albeit a little bleary eyed, most of us were up before breakfast to enjoy our final approach to the volcanic Deception Island, and the spectacular navigation into its flooded caldera. The Captain expertly maneuvered *Plancius*



through the narrow entrance of “Neptune’s Bellows”, with its steep jagged cliffs standing sentry to each side.

As we moved into our anchorage at Whaler’s Bay, a striking landscape of volcanic ash black and white snow lay before us. The rusting remains of tanks and machinery lay scattered amongst derelict buildings – evidence of a rich and varied human history on this island ... and also its volcanic nature.

Whaler’s Bay was once home to a Norwegian whaling station, and later, from 1944, a British research station. It was also the site of the first powered flight in Antarctica, with Australian Hubert Wilkins taking off over Port Foster in

his Lockheed Vega monoplane in 1928. In 1969, a large eruption and subsequent lahar flow caused extensive damage to the station buildings and buried many items under thick mud. The British were forced to flee and the station closed permanently the following summer.

With a strong wind and occasional snow flurry, we quickly dispersed – to explore the historical remains, meet some of the chinstrap penguins along the shore, or to scramble up to “Neptune’s Window” and its vantage point over the Bransfield Strait and the Antarctic Peninsula beyond.

By mid-morning the sun had broken through the clouds once again, and blue skies beckoned us northwards along the South Shetland Island group to our final landing site for the day, and for this voyage – Half Moon Island.

Chinstraps were the star of our final Antarctic “hurrah”. The steep climb from the beach to their nests proved no match for their extraordinary climbing and jumping ability. Dirty penguins made their way down to the beach for a bath and feed, whilst passing clean and sated individuals waddling back up. Amongst them, our surprise guest - a lone macaroni penguin - stood defiantly with its back to the strong wind... and us. Many of us sat quietly to watch the passing parade, and to reflect on the Antarctic days that have gone before us.



They have indeed, been truly spectacular.

# Day 9 – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## At sea in the Drake Passage

**0800 GPS Position:** 060°50' S / 063°20' W

**Wind:** ESE 8/9. **Sea State:** Very rough **Weather:** Overcast. **Temperature:** 0°C.

After a rather gentle night of rolling, the morning broke windy, cloudy and overcast. The Plancius rocked back and forth as the call for breakfast came through the airwaves. A day on the open seas!

Since yesterday evening ropes have been installed across the lounge to offer more grip and security. It is very important to never forget: Always keep one hand for the ship!

At 10:30 Christophe gave a talk about the hero of polar history's golden age: the great Roald Amundsen, and the race to the South Pole.

One after the other, the passengers came to the bridge for some minutes of fresh air and a quick look around for sea birds.

After lunch a movie was played, called Around the Horn about a young man who went to sea on one of the last of the great 4-masted cargo sailing vessels.

The Drake cooled a little bit and the ship rolled a little bit less. The night will probably be calmer.

At 5pm Rosalie gave a very interesting talk about climate change in Antarctica through the ages.



Before dinner, Andrew & Johnny came in at the daily briefing with info and details about the next day and about disembarkation on the 18<sup>th</sup>; not the funniest part, but all good things and all good cruises must come to an end.



*I lay there, all the day long, quite coolly and contentedly;  
With no sense of weariness, with no desire to get up, or get better, or take the air;  
With no curiosity, or care, or regret, of any sort or degree,  
Savvy that I can think I can remember, in this universal indifference,  
Having a kind of lazy joy – of fiendish delight, if anything so lethargic can be  
Dignified with the title – in the fact of my wife being too ill to talk to me.*

**-Charles Dickens on seasickness**

# Day 10 – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## The Drake Passage

**0800 GPS Position:** 057°12' S / 067°57' W

**Wind:** SW 4. **Sea State:** Moderate. **Weather:** Overcast. **Temperature:** +2°C.



After a night of rocking and rolling, the morning dawned with calmer seas. As one by one everyone filed in for breakfast, the sun tried to break through the cloud cover to say hello.

In the morning hours Christophe gave a talk about Shackleton and his Endurance expedition, a great historical sketch about one of the greatest survivalists of all time. Shortly afterwards Louise talked about Whaling history at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with reference to her great grandfather's career in that industry.

As the ship was doing good timing in spite of yesterday's so so conditions, the Captain was able

to take the ship 3 miles close to the seldom seen Diego Ramirez Island. A chance given only a few time in a sailor's life.

And then it was time for lunch! Never short on food, those who felt the twinge of hunger made their way once again for the last lunch aboard Plancius to sample Chef Gabor's many tasty delights. At 14:00 it was time to return the rubber Muck boots, having done their duty and kept many a guests' foot warm and dry.

And then the fun began! Account settlements meant paying our bills, some had a rather 'light' bill while others afterwards had a rather light wallet! Our intrepid expedition leader Andrew was also able to convince our fine Russian Captain to head towards



Cape Horn, for one final last hurrah before rounding it up towards Ushuaia. Finally at 18:30 it was time for the last briefing, a slide presentation from Kasper, and a farewell cocktail drink toasted by the Captain as he said a few words about the voyage. Everyone toasted to the trip in fine fanfare, realizing that all good things must come to an end. But wait! Not before the last supper was arranged, where everyone

was able to meet the chef's, cooks, baker, stewards, and all the help that they had during the trip behind the scenes as it were.

At long last it was time to head off to bed and try to catch a little bit of sleep before disembarkation began the very next morning bright and early. A fine end to a fine trip.

# Day 12 – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Disembarkation in Ushuaia

**0800 GPS Position:** 042°45'S / 065°01'W

**Wind:** LT Air. **Sea State:** Calm. **Weather:** Overcast. **Temperature:** +10°C.

Today is disembarkation day in Ushuaia. Coming alongside, we were boarded by the Argentine officials who cleared our vessel and allowed us to disembark. On the pier we bade farewell to many of the friends we have come to know over the past 10 days, and had one last look at the *Plancius*, the ship that took us safely on such an incredible voyage from Ushuaia, across the infamous Drake Passage to Antarctica and back again. We have camped, kayaked and simply enjoyed the wildlife and scenery of this very special continent and are privileged that we were able to do so. This trip will endure a lifetime – in our memories, our imaginations, and in our dreams.

*Thank you all for such a wonderful voyage, for your company, good humour and enthusiasm. We hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!*



**Total distance sailed on our voyage: Nautical miles: 1801 nm Kilometres: 3335 km**

**On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Levakov, Expedition Leader Andrew Bishop and all the staff and crew, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.**

## **2017 pla26 LOG Kayaking**

### **PLANCIUS KAYAKING TEAM “ICE RAMMERS”**

#### **11 January 2017 Morning Dorian Bay**

Fourteen eager kayakers took to the breezy waters in the gaze of very tall glacier covered mountains outside the bay after leaving the landing behind. At first we saw two humpback whales but they suddenly became very shy and left us. What a fantastic “shakedown cruise” on our first day in Antarctica!

Cruising easily along shore we spied numerous small penguin groups, many with chicks in the slight shelter of the taller rock. Others higher up were still on nests, keeping eggs warm against the strong gusts coming down off the tall peaks in the near background.

When the wind got to be too much we gratefully accepted a zodiac ride back to the ship. Our two friends, Swiss brothers Matt and Stephan, gladly accepted use of the two solo kayaks today...setting a quick and easy pace for us all.



#### **11 January 2017 Afternoon Port Lockroy, Weinke Island, Jougla Point**

Paddling past ice cliffs to the fast ice behind the island we tested ourselves on ice for the first time. We found hitting it full on at ramming speed, again and again a complete thrill. Who knew riding up onto the ice could be so much fun! At first it felt like it was going to end in capsize disaster but our kayaks, being flat bottomed, were up to the task. Paddling along we skirted the ice then ducked into little coves and the opening to the Peltier Channel. Further along we found numerous small rookeries with Gentoo penguins protecting their chicks. We were absorbed in watching a large flock of Gentoos emerge from the water, engaging in furious preening before setting off at an urgent pace to return to their nests and chicks.



## 12 January 2017 Morning LEMAIRE CHANNEL!



After nearly two false starts...too far south, too much ice, etc., we finally got under way just inside the southern entrance to the famously narrow Lemaire Channel. It had been choked with ice the entire season so we were very surprised to find our ship could pass through, only three had been able to do so thus far. After a thorough discussion with the Captain it was felt we kayakers would be safe enough paddling in the Channel as the fast moving ice seemed to be to the south, just at the turn around point of the ship.

We briskly paddled the long 4km distance to the north, swinging wide of huge icebergs and sidetracking to visit a large group of Crabeater seals all snoozing on a floe. We waved vigorously as our fellow passengers passed by us in the many zodiacs, so delighted were we with the uniqueness of it all. We were grateful for this enormous privilege, to be actually paddling the full length of the Lemaire when most paddlers never get the chance.

## 13 January 2017 Morning, Danco Island in the Errera Channel



Eleven dedicated paddlers entered smooth, quiet and calm waters intent on finding whales but instead we found our Quiet Moment. We paddled a good long distance, still playing on ice floes (it's always fun and seemed to never get old) and into a wide open vast area surrounded by massive peaks cloaked in gigantic glaciers where we could spread out and enjoy a thoroughly quiet moment with Antarctic nature.

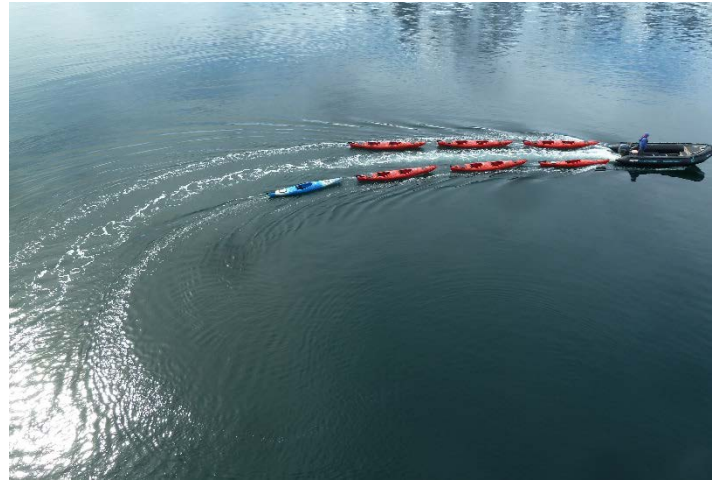


Of course we found more floes to ram, so what made this one even more fun was when a Gentoo penguin catapulted out of the water, sommersaulted and was then perplexed about our presence. We must've appeared as aliens to the innocent penguin.

## **14 January 2017 Afternoon, Stony Point in the Ferguson Channel**

Our numbers had dwindled to 7 paddlers but our enthusiasm never waned. We set out with no specific destination in mind but enjoyed peeking to see what was around the next corner. We found ourselves staring up at a rather large and active glacier face, but were safely protected by a rather large and tall gravel bar. Overhead we could see our fellow passengers walking up and over an ice dome. We beached our kayaks and climbed up a snow and ice shelf to have a bit of a snowball fight. After a short bit our paddlers abandoned the kayaks and enjoyed a walk up over the same dome to enjoy the views they'd just had from water level.

The kayaking has been fantastic. We enjoyed warm sunshine and mostly calm, clear days. The teamwork we created was well worth the effort on everyone's part. We gelled as a group, truly enjoyed each other's company and enjoyed the challenge of the longer distance paddling the Lemaire Channel.



I have so enjoyed paddling with you all, it has truly been a pleasure to be in your company. I'll always treasure this time we had together on our kayaking trips and will always think of you as friends. Paddles up!

Louise Adie, Kayak Guide



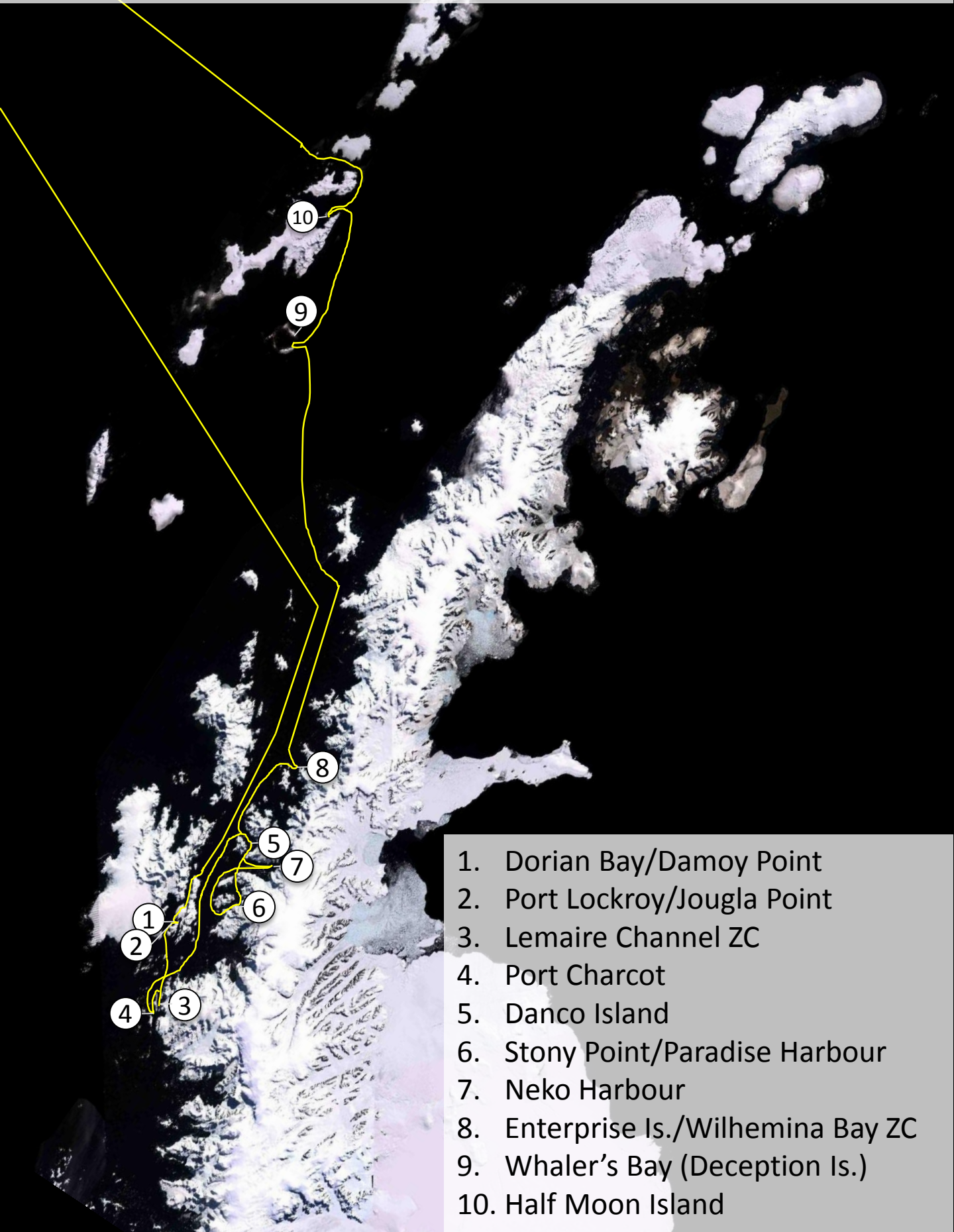
**Species list: Common birds and marine mammals from Beagle Channel to Antarctica**

English	Latin	Deutsch	Français	8-jan	9-jan	10-jan	11-jan	12-jan	13-jan	14-jan	15-jan	16-jan	17-jan
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>	Kaiserpinguin	Manchot Empereur										
Adelie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>	Adeliepinguin	Manchot Adélie			X	X	X					
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>	Eselspinguin	Manchot Papou			X	X	X	X	X	X		
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>	Kehlstreifpinguin	Manchot à jugulaire		X	X	X				X		
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>	Goldschopfpinguin	Gorfou doré								X		
Rockhopper Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysocome</i>	Felsenpinguin	Gorfou sauteur										X
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	Magellanpinguin	Manchot de Magellan	X									
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>	Wandalbatross	Albatros hurleur	X								X	X
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>	Nördlicher Königsalbatros	Albatros royal du Nord										
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>	Südlicher Königsalbatros	Albatros royal du Sud		X							X	X
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	Schwarzbrauenalbatross	Albatros à sourcils noirs		X							X	X
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>	Graukopfalbatross	Albatros à tête grise		X							X	
Light Mantled Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>	Rußalbatross	Albatros fuligineux		X								
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>	Nördlicher Riesensturmvogel	Pétrel de Hall	X								X	X
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	Südlicher Riesensturmvogel	Pétrel géant		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Antarctic Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Südlicher Eissturmvogel	Fulmar argenté		X	X							
Cape Petrel (Pintado)	<i>Daption capensis</i>	Kapsturmvogel	Damier du Cap		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>	Weißflügelsturmvogel	Pétrel Antarctique								X		
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>	Schneesturmvogel	Pétrel des neiges										
Soft Plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>	Weißfedernsturmvogel	Pétrel soyeux										
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>	Blausturmvogel	Pétrel bleu									X	X
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	Weißkinnsturmvogel	Puffin à menton blanc		X						X	X	X
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	Dunkelsturmtaucher	Puffin fuligineux	X									X
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	Großer Sturmtaucher	Puffin majeur										
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>	Taubensturmvogel	Prion de la désolation		X								
Slender-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila belcheri</i>	Belcher-Sturmvogel	Prion de Belcher										
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	Buntfußsturmschwalbe	Océanite de Wilson		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>	Schwarzbauchmeerläufer	Océanite à ventre noir										
Common Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides (urinatrix) berard</i>	Lummensturmvogel	Puffinure plongeur										
Imperial (Blue Eyed) Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>	Blauaugenscharbe	Cormoran impérial	X									X
Antarctic Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis</i>	Antarktikscharbe	Cormoran antarctique			X	X	X	X	X	X		
Pale-faced Shearbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>	Weißgesicht-Scheidenschnabel	Chionis blanc			X	X	X	X	X	X		
Chilean Skua	<i>Catharacta chilensis</i>	Chileskua	Labbe du Chili	X									X
South Polar Skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>	Suedpolariskua	Labbe de MacCormick										
Brown Skua	<i>Catharacta antarctica</i>	Braune Skua	Labbe brun		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Dolphin Gull	<i>Larus scoresbii</i>	Blutschnabelmöwe	Goéland de Scoresby										
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	Dominikanermöwe	Goéland dominicain	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
South American Tern	<i>Sterna hirundinacea</i>	Falklandseeschwalbe	Sterne hirundinacée										
Antarctic Tern	<i>Sterna vittata</i>	Antarktiseseeschwalbe	Sterne couronnée			X	X	X	X	X	X		
English	Latin	Deutsch	Français	8-jan	9-jan	10-jan	11-jan	12-jan	13-jan	14-jan	15-jan	16-jan	17-jan
Antarctic Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera bonaerensis</i>	Zwergwal	Petit Rorqual antarctique			X	X		X				
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Buckelwal	Mégaptère (Baleine à bosse)		X	X		X	X	X	X		
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blauwal	Baleine bleue										
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Finnwal	Rorqual commun										X
Long Finned Pilot whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Grindwal	Globicéphale noir										
Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Schwertwal	Orque (épaulard)			X	X	X					
Hourglass Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i>	Stundenglasdelfin	Lagénorhynque sablier										
Peale's Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>	Peale-Delfin	Lagénorhynque à menton noir										X
Leopard Seal	<i>Hydrurga leptonyx</i>	Seeleopard	Léopard de mer			X	X						
Crabeater Seal	<i>Lobodon carcinophagus</i>	Krabbenfresserrobbe	Phoque crabier			X	X	X	X	X			
Weddell Seal	<i>Leptonychotes weddelli</i>	Weddellrobbe	Phoque de Weddell			X	X	X		X			
Southern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga leonina</i>	Südlicher See-Elefant	Eléphant de mer austral										
Antarctic Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus gazella</i>	Antarktischer Seebär	Otarie à fourrure des Kerguelen		X					X			

# Antarctic Peninsula

On board *MV Plancius*

08 – 18 January 2017



1. Dorian Bay/Damoy Point
2. Port Lockroy/Jougla Point
3. Lemaire Channel ZC
4. Port Charcot
5. Danco Island
6. Stony Point/Paradise Harbour
7. Neko Harbour
8. Enterprise Is./Wilhemina Bay ZC
9. Whaler's Bay (Deception Is.)
10. Half Moon Island



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*Kayaking the Waters of Antarctica The weather changes so dramatically down here that you simply cannot say, "this looks like a great day" if it is one – rather you must live in the moment and perhaps a more appropriate phrase might be, "this looks like a great moment"! After enduring Force 8 winds on the Beaufort Wind Scale the Ortelius (our home during this Antarctica cruise) pulled into calm waters at Georges Point affording us our first close look at the breathtaking scenery (icebergs, glaciers and mountains)*

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3. Create a hyperlink or two inside of your post that links back to the particular trip you took as found on our website. The link could connect to the ship's page, the trip itinerary, the particular destination's page, or perhaps a page related to one of the activities you enjoyed.
4. Add 3 to 5 pictures (they should be 2 MB minimum in size, in landscape format and attached separately when you decide to send your entry to us).
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## Andrew Bishop – Expedition Leader

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**Andrew hails from King Island, a small island just north of Tasmania, Australia. He completed his university studies in Hobart at the University of Tasmania in 2001, earning a double major in Geology and Environmental Geography.**

Since then he has travelled the world, visiting all seven continents, climbing a few high mountains and enjoying the experiences and challenges different nations and cultures can offer.

In 2010, after spending several years mainly focussed on working as an exploration geologist in the remoter areas of Australia, he began working as an expedition guide and lecturer to the Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands. Since then he has completed over 50 trips to this region working as a guide in various positions, and for the past few seasons as Expedition Leader.

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## Liz Pope – Assistant Expedition Leader

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**Raised in the Philippines, USA, and Australia, Liz caught the ‘travel bug’ at an early age. After finishing her postgraduate studies in biology, Liz worked as a guide in Eastern and Southern Africa leading overland safaris; managed a lodge in Botswana’s Okavango Delta; and spent time as an education guide at Sydney’s Taronga Zoo.**

Liz has worked on ships as an expedition guide since 2009 – this allows her to combine her curiosity of the natural world and her passion for sharing it with others. Liz has been thrilled to work in both ends of the world (Antarctica and the European Arctic) as well as Alaska’s Inside Passage, Southern Africa, the Scotland Isles, Russian Far East, and Papua New Guinea.

In a parallel career “universe”, Liz has worked in medical science communications, management and human resources. When Liz is at home in Sydney she likes to relax with friends and family, and to spend time at the beach and in the Australian bush.

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## Christophe Bouchoux – Expedition Staff

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Christophe Bouchoux is French.

His background is sixteen years of backpacking around the world on the five continents with nature as a guide.

He is a big lover of our planet's nature and wildlife.

He has been working as a wildlife guide in India and Nepal and as a trilingual guide in Finnish Lapland between reindeer herders, frozen lakes and river, northern lights and snowmobiles.

He guides groups of naturalists in search of whales, moose and musk ox in Scandinavia and particularly in Norway.

He now works in polar region in the Arctic: Svalbard, Franz Joseph Land, and East Greenland ; and Antarctic zone : Falklands, South Georgia, and Antarctic peninsula.

His main subject is the history of early Polar expeditions.

When he is not in « cold » regions, Christophe spends his time in his jungle safari lodge in south Nepal near Bardia National park, home of the Bengal tiger.

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## Kasper Jæger – Expedition Guide

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**Kasper is a big city boy, born and raised in the inner part of Copenhagen city, but has always known that his place on earth, was further north.**

His longing for the wilderness and high mountains came early when at the age of 12 he went on his first week-long trekking trip in the Norwegian mountains, and at

age 15 he climbed his first 4000 m mountain. He comes from a Greenland-loving family and therefore Kasper went to the Arctic, never to look back.

Now, years later, Kasper has managed to make a living out of his biggest interest: the great outdoors! That has given him the opportunity to work and live in different places in the Arctic. He lives in Norway together with his Alaskan husky at present, and for first time in 10 years he lives south of the Arctic Circle. For the last 4 years, he has been part owner and main guide of the Norwegian based company “TurGleder”, who specialise in tailor-made expeditions in the Arctic, mainly in winter.

Kasper is an experienced full time polar guide, with a university education as an Arctic Nature Guide, and more than 100 field days and tent nights, in the high arctic winter landscapes every year. Kasper is a highly practical person, with a wide range of skills for safe travel in the Polar Regions. He is an enthusiastic photographer and loves the historical aspects of the far away places of this planet.



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## Rosalie Steffen – Expedition Guide

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**Rosalie, originally from Germany, studied in Wales and New Zealand.**

**She holds a MSc degree in applied marine geosciences along with a BSc in marine biology and oceanography.**

During her studies, Rosalie was particularly interested in climate change. Some of her walks on the wild side include an Atlantic crossing on a sailboat and hikes to active lava flows on Hawaii. She travelled to many different countries and enjoys water- and winter sports in her free time.

Her childhood and youth was filled with several diving and snorkeling trips to remote locations around the globe. As a result she became a certified PADI rescue diver. Rosalie loves being underwater and has swum with dolphins, humpback whales, manta rays and many types of sharks.

Besides good coffee, she loves nature, interesting stories and new people from different backgrounds with whom she can share her knowledge and passion for the Polar Regions.

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## Fritz Hertel – Expedition Guide

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**Fritz Hertel from Germany is an enthusiastic bird watcher with almost worldwide birding experiences. Throughout his life he has had a deep passion for nature and its conservation.**

Fritz is an ecologist (M.Sc.) and he has been working for many years as a governmental environmentalist for the German Environment Agency where he is responsible for the protection of the Polar Regions. This job already led him in the maritime part of the Antarctic while supervising a research project and to remote scientific stations in East Antarctica as member of an international inspection team.

Since several years, Fritz has casually been working as a guide and lecturer on different expedition cruise ships in the Arctic and Antarctic.

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## Ignacio Marino – Expedition Staff

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**Ignacio Marino was born in Ushuaia, the capital city of Tierra Del Fuego Antartida e Islas del Atlantico Sur, Argentina.**

From the age of 14 he spent many seasons working with tourists, at first taking care of huskies used to pull the sledges in winter time and then over the years working with many different hiking and trekking companies. He has taken tourists to hidden lagoons, glaciers and different view points in the mountain surrounding Ushuaia.

He became recently a Zodiac driver for all weather conditions working down here in Antartica.

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## Louise Adie – Kayak Guide

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**Louise has been leading outdoor adventure trips for over 30 years. These include bike, kayak and Nordic ski touring trips. She holds a British Canoe Union certificate for teaching kayaking, PSIA certification for teaching skiing and race coaching, is a Wilderness First Responder and also a former nurse.**

Perhaps paving the way for her passion for the polar regions her Norwegian great grandfather was the first whaling manager in 1905 to begin the taking of whales in Antarctica, after having spent 20 years in the same profession in the Arctic. Watch for her lecture about Early Antarctic Whaling in future programs.

Louise's family have all played and worked at sea. Her father was crew aboard a submarine in WWII and had the family sailing most of his life, her mother rowed and sailed the fjords growing up in Norway and throughout her life, her brother was a career commander in the US Coast Guard and her sister has been a lifelong sailor as well as an EL in Antarctica and the Arctic for nearly 30 years.

This is her 13<sup>th</sup> season working in Antarctica as a kayak guide in Antarctica with just over 50 trips under her belt.

She feels kayaking is the ultimate Antarctic experience allowing close up and personal viewing of ice, marine mammals and the general immensity of this dramatic landscape. In the process it becomes a spiritual experience for herself and her many kayakers.



# Captain Evgeny Levakov

and his international crew of 45

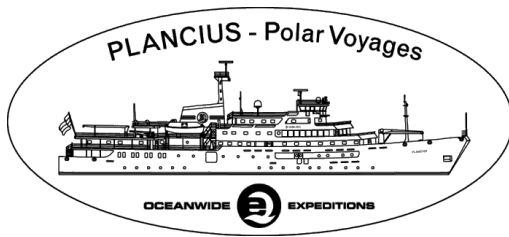
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Chief Officer:	<b>Artur Iakovlev</b>	[Russia]
2nd Officer:	<b>Gavin Cunningham</b>	[Britian]
3rd Officer:	<b>Louis Oroceo</b>	[Phillipines]
Chief Engineer:	<b>Teun Van't Verlaat</b>	[Netherlands]
Hotel Manager:	<b>Johnny van Velzen</b>	[Netherlands]
Assist. Hotel Manager:	<b>Heidi Dohn</b>	[Denmark]
Head Chef:	<b>Kiss Gabor</b>	[Hungary]
Sous Chef:	<b>Sean Steele</b>	[Canada]
Ship's Physician:	<b>Lise van Turenhout</b>	[Netherlands]

**AND**

Expedition Leader:	<b>Andrew Bishop</b>	[Australia]
Assist. Expedition Leader:	<b>Liz Pope</b>	[Australia]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Christophe Bouchoux</b>	[France]
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Expedition Guide:	<b>Rosalie Steffen</b>	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Fritz Hertel</b>	[Germany]
Camping Leader:	<b>Ignacio Marino</b>	[Argentina]
Kayak Guide:	<b>Louise Adie</b>	[United States]

## Welcome you on board!



# Antarctic Peninsula

## Embarkation – Ushuaia

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Welcome on board!** Your luggage will be delivered to your cabin as soon as possible. *After we are all onboard*, please check and notify Reception if you are missing anything or have the wrong luggage.

While we are embarking please feel free to explore the ship. The lounge is located on Deck 5 forward.

~17.00 **Mandatory Safety Briefing in the Lounge.** ALL PASSENGERS are **required** to attend this very important safety briefing.

~18.00 Approximate sailing time. As we leave Ushuaia we recommend that you enjoy the views from the outside decks.

**Please Note: The Bridge and will be closed for departure while we navigate the Beagle Channel.**

**We will conduct the mandatory Lifeboat Drill once we have departed Ushuaia. Please listen for the Alarm.**

18.45 Soon after sailing we would like to invite you to the **Lounge** (Deck 5) for a **welcome briefing** by Expedition Leader Andrew Bishop and an introduction to the ship by Hotel Manager Johnny van Velzen.

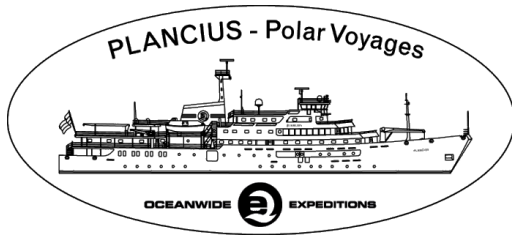
Afterwards there will be Captain's Cocktails! Captain Evgeny Levakov invites you to join him for a welcome drink in the Lounge, where you will also meet the Expedition Team.

19.30 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room located on **Deck 3** behind **Reception**. Bon appétit!

**Please note that tonight we will be sailing into the open ocean so please secure your valuables and make sure your cupboard doors and drawers are tightly closed.**

**Remember: KEEP ONE HAND FOR THE SHIP AT ALL TIMES & BEWARE OF DOOR JAMS**

**Thank you.**



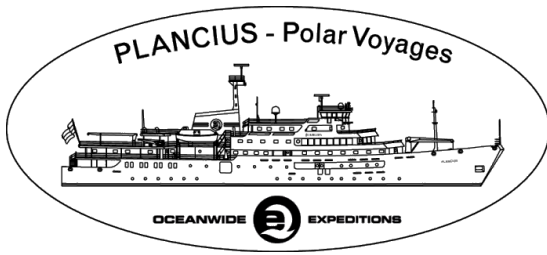
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At Sea en route to Antarctica

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

- 0730 Wake Up call.
- 0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3) for one hour.  
*Please wait until the doors are open before entering.*
- 1000 Please join **Fritz** in the **Lounge** (Deck 5) as he unravels the mysteries of Seabirds.
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3).
- 1400 For all those people who pre-booked for **Kayaking**, please meet with **Louise** in the **Library** (off the Lounge, Deck 5).
- 1530 **Liz** would like to invite you to the **Lounge** for an Introduction to Antarctica.
- 1700 **Fritz** will be in the **Lounge** to introduce us to that iconic Antarctic animal, the Penguin.
- 1830 Please join **Andrew** and the Expedition team in the **Lounge** for the Daily Briefing where we look back upon our day and towards future plans.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3). Bon appétit.

**Please secure your valuables and make sure your cupboard doors and drawers are tightly closed while we are sailing. Remember: KEEP ONE HAND FOR THE SHIP AT ALL TIMES & BEWARE OF DOOR JAMS. Thank you.**



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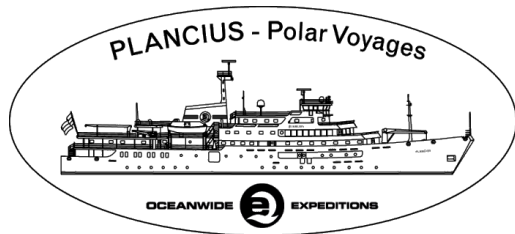
At Sea en route to Antarctica

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

- 0730 Wake Up call.
- 0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3 behind reception) for one hour.
- 0930 Please come to the **Lounge** and join Andrew and the team for a **mandatory IAATO and Zodiac safety briefing**.
- TBA To protect your feet when we go ashore we will be distributing your **Rubber Boots**. To ensure a smooth operation we will call you by Deck number so please listen out for announcements. The boot room is located on **Deck 3 forward**.
- 1100 **Vacuuming time!** We will call you by deck to the **Lounge** to vacuum your outer clothes and the bags that you will be taking ashore. Please listen out for your turn and don't forget to **sign the IAATO declaration**.
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
- 1330 **Vacuuming** continues in the **Lounge!** Please listen for announcements as we call you by deck.
- 1530 For all those people who pre-booked for **Camping**, please meet with **Nacho** in the Lounge.
- 1630 If you'd like to learn about the wonders of **Ice**, please join Rosalie in the **Lounge**.
- 1830 Please join Andrew and the Expedition team in the **Lounge** for the Daily Briefing where we look back upon our day and towards future plans.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.

**As we expect continuous motion of the ship, please secure your belongings and always remember to have one hand for the ship!**





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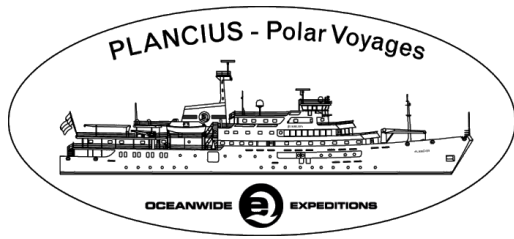
Port Lockroy & Dorian Bay  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017

- 0700 Wake-up call.
- 0730 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room.
- 0900 This morning we plan to go ashore at **Dorian Bay** which was used as a transit station for British Antarctic Survey staff and stores to be flown further south from the glacier ski-way above the hut to Rothera Station when sea ice prevented access by ship. Here we hope to offer a snow shoe hike. Please listen for announcements.
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.

This afternoon we hope to visit **Port Lockroy**. Here we have the chance to buy Souvenirs and post postcards and have your passport stamped at your discretion. Please remember your passport is an official document.

- 1400 Please come to the **Lounge** where one of the base personnel will give an introductory talk about Port Lockroy.
- 1430 Be ready at the gangway to go ashore.
- 1830 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for a quick Daily Briefing.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.
- 2100 **Camping attempt 1. – Lefèvre Point.**  
**Please be ready to depart for your night ashore!**  
Remember to pack your warm clothes and sunglasses and don't forget, the bathrooms onboard are more comfortable than the one onshore!!

**ALL ACTIVITIES DEPEND UPON WEATHER, ICE AND WILDLIFE CONDITIONS.**



# Antarctic Peninsula

## Expedition Morning and Port Charcot

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

0700 Wake-up call.

0730 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room.

This morning will be an expedition morning. We will sail south towards the Lemaire Channel, our activities will depend on what we find. Please standby for announcements.

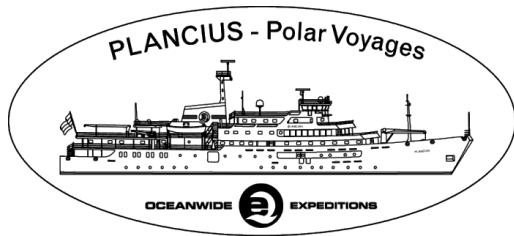
1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.

1430 If conditions allow we would like to go ashore at Port Charcot, named after the 'Gentleman Explorer' Jean-Baptiste Charcot. Here we hope to see Adelie, Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins. Please listen for announcements.

~1830 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for a quick Daily Briefing.

1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.

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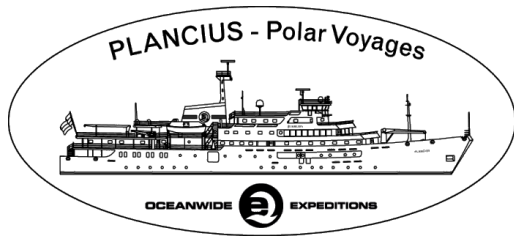
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Danco Island & Stony Point

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

- 0700 Wake-up call.
- 0730 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room.
- 0900 After breakfast we plan to go ashore at **Danco Island**. Here we can offer time with gentoo penguins and a hike to the top of the Island. Please listen for announcements.
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
- 1400 We plan to go ashore at **Stony Point**, located in Paradise Bay. This will be our first Continental Landing! We would like to offer a split landing/Zodiac cruise. Please listen for announcements.
- 1830 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for a quick Daily Briefing.
- 1900 **Surprise Antarctic Dinner!** Please dress warmly and make your way to Deck 3 Aft (go through the door at the back of the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

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# Antarctic Peninsula

Neko Harbour & Enterprise Island

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017

0700 Wake-up call.

0730 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the Dining Room.

0900 After breakfast we plan to go ashore at **Neko Harbour**. This will be our Second Continental Landing!

We would also like to offer a **Polar Plunge** for those fearless (or foolhardy?) souls willing to brave the frigid waters of the Antarctic. The plunge will be at the end of the landing. Please note that we will provide the towels (you provide the bathing suit).

1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.

After lunch we hope to enjoy a Zodiac cruise in the waters around Enterprise Island. We will keep an eye out for whales and visit an old ship wreck.

1830 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for a quick Daily Briefing.

1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

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# ***Antarctic Peninsula***

**Deception Island & Half Moon Island**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

~0615 Wake-up call.

We will be sailing through Neptune's Bellows early this morning. Be sure to be on deck to enjoy this impressive transit through the narrow entrance into Port Foster.

0700 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room.

0800 This morning we plan to sail into an active volcano and land at **Whaler's Bay** (Deception Island) where we can see the remains of a research base and earlier whaling endeavours.

1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. It may be an idea to take your seasickness medication in preparation for our crossing.

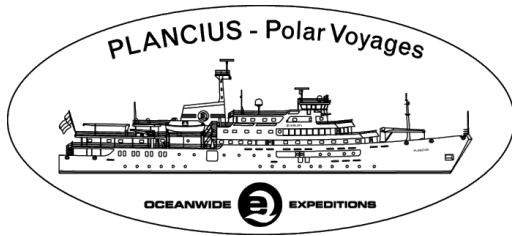
~1500 This afternoon we would like to go ashore on **Half Moon Island**. Here we can see some chinstrap penguins and maybe even a surprise guest.

1830 Daily briefing in the Lounge.

1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.

***After our landing we will head north and sail out and into the Drake Passage. Please ensure your valuables (cameras, computers, etc.) and doors, cupboards and drawers are secure in your cabin to prevent any accidents or unwanted noises.***

***Always keep at least one hand free to hold on to the ship.***



# Antarctic Peninsula

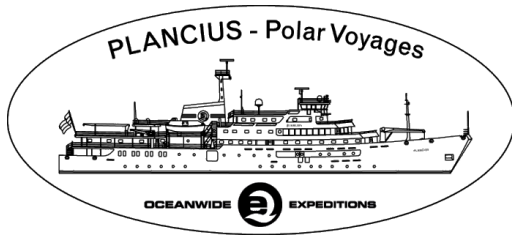
Drake Passage

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

***There will be no wakeup call this morning.***

- 0830 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 1030 The race to be the first to the South Pole was finally won by Roald Amundsen. **Christophe** knows a little bit about Mr Amundsen and would like to impart his knowledge. He will be in the **Lounge**.
- 1300 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
- 1530 **Sea Day Movie:** Around Cape Horn. This is a fascinating documentary filmed in 1929 by Irving Johnson, a boy determined to experience the full force of rounding 'The Horn'. This will be in the Lounge.
- 1700 Please join **Rosalie** in the **Lounge** for her presentation on **Climate Change**, entitled 'Antarctica – Past, present and future'.
- 1830 Come and join Andrew and the expedition staff in the **Lounge** for the daily briefing.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.

**As we cross the Drake please remember to secure your belongings and always have one hand free for the ship! Thank you.**



# Antarctic Peninsula

Drake Passage

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017

***There will be no wakeup call this morning.***

- 0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 0930 **Christophe** would like to invite you to the **Lounge** to listen to his presentation on Shackleton and his Endurance expedition.
- 1100 Please join **Louise** in the Lounge to hear her presentation on the Early Whaling Industry. There will be a personal slant to the story, as she has gleaned much information from her great grandfather's original diaries.
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
- 1400 It is time to return your rubber boots! We will call you by deck to deliver your boots to the boot room on deck three forward. Please listen out for announcements.

## **Account Settlement with Johnny and Heidi at Reception:**

**We hope to invite you to Reception at the following times, but please wait for announcements.**

**If conditions require, these times will change, so please listen and wait for your call.**

**15.00-15.20 Deck 6 and Deck 5**

**15.20-15.40 Cabins 401 to 415**

**15.40-16.00 Cabins 416 to 429**

**16.00-16.30 Deck 3 and Deck 2**

**Cash Euro, USD, Visa or MasterCard.**

- 1830 Please meet with Andrew and the expedition staff in the **Lounge** for a quick briefing about plans for disembarkation tomorrow and afterwards a farewell toast from your Captain.
- 1930 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.

**As we cross the Drake please remember to secure your belongings and always have one hand for the ship! Thank you.**



# Antarctic Peninsula

Arrival in Ushuaia

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The pilot will come on board in the early morning and we then have around 5 hours sailing to Ushuaia. We plan to arrive there at approximately 7 o'clock in the morning.

0700 Wake Up Call.

***Although we will be alongside, you are not permitted to disembark until we have been cleared by the port authorities.***  
***Please wait for announcements.***

0730 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour.

- As you leave for breakfast please place your **check-in luggage** outside your cabin door and we will deliver it to the pier.
- Please leave your **keys** at Reception when you go to breakfast.

~0830 Time to say goodbye! All passengers leave the ship

- Buses have been arranged to take you to the airport for those who requested a seat. Please make sure that you take all your luggage from the pier and put it on the bus.
- If you would like to leave your luggage at the luggage storage please put it in the truck and make sure you collect it before 1400 from the green roofed building at **Avenida Maipú 1210** (about 400 metres to the left from the pier past the service station).

If you are staying in Ushuaia you are free to leave the pier on foot by the customs control entrance. Taxis can be found on the street at the end of the pier, just cross the road at the traffic lights to the left of the exit building.

**On behalf of Captain Levakov, Andrew, and all the staff and crew onboard *M.V. Plancius*, we wish you a safe and pleasant onward journey!**