



Falkland Islands – South Georgia – South Orkney Islands – Antarctic Peninsula

18th January – 5th February 2017

On board the

M/V Plancius



MV *Plancius* was named after the Dutch astronomer, cartographer, geologist and vicar Petrus Plancius (1552-1622). The ship, *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:

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| 2nd Officer: | Gavin Cunningham | [Britian] |
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and

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| Expedition Guide: | Fritz Hertel | [Germany] |

Welcome you on board!

Day 1 – Tuesday, 18 January 2017

Embarkation – Ushuaia, Argentina

08.00 GPS Position: 42°45'S / 065°01'W

Weather: Cloudy. **Temperature:** 15°C

After lengthy flights for some and a hop/skip/jump for others we landed at the base of the spine of the Andes in the small city of Ushuaia, clinging to the sides of the snow-capped mountains surrounding the curve in the middle of the Beagle Channel. Indeed we could see the Channel from our airplane seats. But it got even more exciting as we descended over the sparkling waters surrounding the pier where our ship would be waiting for us.

After half a day of exploring and a leisurely lunch we jumped in line, pausing briefly on the pier to take photos of the seemingly massive hull of the ship. We waited patiently in line to be welcomed aboard by our staff, were shown to our cabins - home for the next 18 days - and soon moved about the ship taking in the layout and finding the coffee machine and lounge. We would become intimately familiar with both in the coming days. In short order the ABs (able bodied seamen) let loose the lines and we began our sail eastward down the Beagle Channel. Almost immediately afterward we were summoned to our muster station to learn what to do in case of a ship emergency, "when we are no longer able to guarantee your safety," according to our safety officer. We joined the others, donning thick, bright orange life vests and practiced the emergency scenario. Let us hope this is the last time we wear these!

A short while later we were invited to the Lounge to meet our Captain, whose cheery stories warmed our hearts. We couldn't ask for a more experienced and level headed Captain...we felt we'd be in safe hands. After a few snacks and a toast to our good voyage we moved on to our first dinner, a delightful meal served by delightful and cheery wait staff.

Off to bed for a well-deserved rest, then spending the night getting accustomed to sleeping in a bunk and allowing the rocking of the ship to calm our nerves. In the early hours of the morning we would be out into the open waters of the Drake Passage and heading East toward the Falkland Islands.

Day 2 – Thursday, 19 January 2017

At Sea towards the Falkland Islands

08:00 GPS Position: 54°07' S / 064°12' W

Weather: Clear. **Temperature:** 10°C

Today was the first day at sea. The South Atlantic Ocean welcomed us with clear blue skies, and a sparkling, gently moving sea.

The early birds, most of them passionate birders, woke up at 5 am, aiming for the perfect bird spotting. Some of them succeeded, others were still in search of the black-bellied storm petrel until 3 pm, when it finally appeared, fluttered by and left some of the guests mesmerized and impressed. However, the position of the grey-backed storm petrel remained a mystery for today, may we hope for better days to come. For now we continue to play hide and seek with the kings of the ocean.

Andrew eventually opened even the late birder's eyes with an awakening introduction to our lovely, super-fast, black rubber boats, triggering some excitement among the guests for our first landing.

After lunch, Fritz and Rudi gave a talk about seabirds and shared their knowledge regarding birds with fellow passengers.

Throughout the day over one hundred black browed albatrosses, three royal albatrosses, a flock of white-chinned petrels, numerous grey shearwaters, sooty shearwaters, Wilson's storm petrels, southern giant petrels and several prions were spotted.

After the briefing concerning the plans for the next day Andrew talked about the geology of the Falkland Islands, followed by an introduction to the history of the Falkland Islands by Kasper.

Antarctica has its own rules: the fatter the better. As Andrew said, onboard it's all about the food. You fly in and you roll out and there is no need to feel bad about it. This trip is a voyage to the end of the world and shall be enjoyed to the maximum.

A stunning sunset and keen birders who continued to watch out for their feathered friends after dark rounded off the evening.

The day ended with a daily briefing where Andrew told us about the plans for tomorrow and some of the guides told us about penguins and other things we will encounter during this voyages. A great dinner was served and then we went to bed getting ready for tomorrows adventures in the Falkland Islands.

May tomorrow be as wonderful as today!

Day 3 – Friday, 20 January 2017

West Point and Saunders Island

0800 GPS Position: 51°20' S / 060°40' W

Weather: Clear. **Temperature:** 16° C

The early morning saw *Plancius* cruising through a glittering, wind ruffled sea toward West Point Island, the most north-westerly point of the West Falkland Island mainland. We were greeted by Commerson's dolphins and a group of sei whales as we entered the Woolly Gut passage.

The Zodiacs sped towards the settlement on Black Bog Hill & our walkers donned backpacks, slung cameras & then unslung them all again as we started to walk in the very warm day toward our appointment with the black-browed albatross and rockhopper penguins of the Devil's Nose. They did not disappoint! Nor did the superb spread provided for us at the settlement.

It was a fanciful and abundant high tea, and in the morning no less! There were cakes and cookies of all kinds, including the superb scone, clotted cream and jam combo.

Invigorated and recharged by lunch aboard ship, we anchored at Saunders Island in the early afternoon. Despite a freshening wind, we made our way up the Tombola beach at 'The Neck', past the waiting Landcruiser trucks of our hosts, and alongside the serried ranks of gentoo penguins at the top of the ridge. We were then presented with the regal shapes of three king penguins as we carefully walked past Magellanic penguin burrows and an immature blue whale skeleton. Here some made for the beach and the rockhopper penguins at the end of it, whilst others ventured further to view the black-browed albatross. Tired but elated, we returned to *Plancius* happy and exhilarated at the end of our first great day in the Falklands.

Day 4 – Saturday, 21 January 2017

Stanley, Falklands

0800 GPS Position: 51°39' S / 057°43' W

Weather: Partly cloudy. **Temperature:** 15 °C

Despite the soaking rain, the delights of Stanley were too tempting to miss this morning. Upon arrival at the jetty we dispersed swiftly in all directions, and the whirl of coffee machines in the town's various coffee shops rang loud and clear as we first took shelter from the continuing downpour.

Many took the opportunity to enjoy the museum and gain a better understanding of Falkland Island life, including both its natural and human history. Others shopped for penguin paraphernalia and souvenirs, and chatted to the friendly locals. Once the rain cleared, we strolled the streets to take in the colourful cottages and their greenhouses – supplying precious fresh vegetables in an otherwise cold and windy climate. Along the shoreline, steamer ducks and kelp geese paddled about the rusting, broken hulls of various shipwrecks.

Stanley bid us farewell with sunshine (at last, after a long rainy morning) and rugged rocky scenery as we passed back through "The Narrows". As we set course for South Georgia, we filled our bellies once again with another delicious and filling lunch. The afternoon at sea allowed us to enjoy more seabird action around the ship, to catch up on our diaries and review our photographs from our short but full and varied visit to the Falkland Islands. Cecilia attracted a full-house for her presentation as she regaled us with personal stories of life behind the scenes of filmmaking in and around the Arctic ice.

Later in the daily recap, Fritz walked us through a list of some of the feathered friends we met in the Falkland Islands. He even gave a wonderful demonstration of how the endemic flightless steamer duck propels itself along with its short wings ... cute and hilarious.

As the day slowly came to a close, a pod of energetic Peale's dolphins joined our wake and a long and lingering orange-pink sunset decorated the skies. With calm and rolling seas we were gently rocked into the arms of Morpheus. Another perfect day.

Day 5 – Sunday, 22 January 2017

At Sea en route to South Georgia

0800 GPS Position: 52°21'S / 051°46'W

Weather: Partly cloudy. **Temperature:** 10°C

It can be hard to know what to expect from a day far, far out to sea on a transit to South Georgia. Is the traveling simply a means of getting to the destination or does our journey itself become crammed with experiences we will want to log in our diaries? As it turned out the events of the day would give us plenty of the latter.

As per the IAATO guidelines we began our morning with a briefing on code of conduct in Antarctica and South Georgia, followed by a rigorous vacuuming exercise in which all aboard were required to participate. Not a close clean of the ship carpets, mind you, but of our outer clothing, backpacks and camera bags in order to remove all plant seeds we may be inadvertently carrying from previous land visits. This requirement is part of the continuous effort to avoid the introduction of invasive and non-native plant species to the pristine environment and finely-tuned ecosystem of South Georgia.

But no sooner had we brought out the vacuum cleaners than three fin whales interrupted us in the most pleasant way. The 2nd largest whale species in the world, these majestic creatures came as close as 50m within *Plancius*, making the powerful venting of their lungs at the surface audible to us. Whether it was the same whales who returned later in the day is hard to know, but fin whales were certainly in our vicinity three times at least. They even managed to momentarily tear us away from the exhilarating BBC documentary 'Operation Iceberg', that our expedition guide Martin McGrath was part of making. With Martin as the dive safety expert and coordinator, he and prominent glacial researchers examined the flowrates of Greenlandic icebergs and glaciers. This was no easy feat and entailed highly risky operations such as placing movement sensors on precariously balanced ice towers ready to collapse, at the edge of the glacier by flying in on a helicopter.

At midday, we found ourselves included in an international research project, when crew set out to launch a so-called Argos buoy - part of an international research effort to monitor the seven seas. This solar-powered buoy, to become no. 3740 of the total number of buoys in circulation around the world today, will float in the surface and transmit data via satellite on sea surface temperature and water salinity to scientists who monitor the health of the world oceans.

This action-packed day also included a wonderful visit by beautiful black and white hourglass dolphins bow-riding and jumping waves on our starboard side. Their prettily patterned bodies were clearly visible in indigo blue waters lit up by bright sunshine. Whether it was the windy conditions or not that brought them to us, we also had the pleasure of the company of wandering albatross, soft-plumaged, white-chinned and black-bellied storm petrels, prions and grey-headed albatrosses at different times throughout this memorable day.

Day 6 – Monday, 23 January 2017

At Sea en route to South Georgia

0800 GPS Position: 53°14' S / 044°10' W

Weather: Overcast. **Temperature:** 7°C

How many oceans have you crossed in your life? If we include those we have crossed by airplane it's probably many. But when we talk about ocean crossings by ship, then it's suddenly very different, for many of us.

This voyage that we have started takes us across oceans and today we really feel the distance, the second day of going full speed towards South Georgia. More than 1000km of distance, covered with the same speed of a bicycle trip through town. Even if we didn't leave the ship at all today, the program has been packed!

The South Georgia government introduction video showed the more official picture of the island that we are about to visit and after that, Martin had a lecture also introducing us to this mystical place, South Georgia.

After lunch we heard a wonderful lecture by Louise about Sir Ernest Shackleton and his life as an explorer and to top it all off, Rudi and Fritz each held a lecture about penguins in German and English. Other than learning new things and getting better prepared to meet South Georgia, the day has been spent outside on the decks, watching the amazing birdlife of the Southern Ocean, Wandering, Royal, Grey-headed, Grey mantled-sooty and Black-browed Albatrosses, Prions, Petrels and Shags everywhere.

The morning was especially great for the birders. During the afternoon fog came and disrupted the visibility. We reached Shag Rocks, the first pieces of land belonging to South Georgia in the early afternoon, but unfortunately, the sight was a bit grey due to fog.

In the evening, Andrew had yet another briefing, telling all about the next days and Fritz told more about which techniques albatrosses use to be able to keep flying for such immense distances. Even though it was a sea day we've found ourselves settled into the rhythms and pace of a small vacation village, but this one's afloat on the ocean!

Day 7 – Tuesday, 24 January 2017

Salisbury Plain and Prion Island

0800 GPS Position: 54°03' S / 037°19' W

Weather: Rain. **Temperature:** 5°C

Salisbury Plain - An audience with the kings! In a wide and vast expanse of valley surrounded on three sides by steep slopes covered with tussock grass we intrepid and eager walkers hopped off the ship in strong swells headed for a huge colony of king penguins.

With thousands of kings in a far colony resting quietly, or sometimes not so quietly, we were enticed across the broad plain to view the thousands of penguins spread out over the valley and far up into the hills. We enjoyed the long walk and leg stretch over the sandy and pebbly shoreline, passing thousands of fur seal females and pups, the females crying plaintively for their pups when emerging from the sea to the shore. Endless rain and fog drenched us to the bone but at least the sustained wind was manageable. Zodiac drivers came and went with skill and expertise but we had to hustle into the boats between swells... the gangway was wild but also manageable.

Watching the tussock grasses bending to the wind was like watching waves on the ocean. Mesmerizing and rhythmically flowing. Drenched with soaking wet clothing we relished this chance to get off the ship and see more of the wildlife.

Prion Island - The rain continued with fog and low clouds but we were undaunted... beach visiting, hill climbing and a Zodiac cruise gave us the full feeling of this remote and isolated place where life continues as it has for eons, without mans' interventions.

The wildlife on South Georgia is amazing and plentiful. In the course of our landing we would see not only wandering albatrosses up close but also numerous South Georgia pipits, even flushing out four at once...on such a windy day their appearance was tantalizingly brief...a quick hop into the air then down into the tussock grass... again and again. On the ascent we flushed out four South Georgia pipits... it's truly amazing how this small endemic bird has returned in numbers once the rats and reindeer had been eliminated. Their numbers will surely continue to improve.

A pleasant climb up a steep stairway to first a lower platform, waiting our turn, then climbing again to the top platform to view a very close by wandering albatross, then turning and observing at least a dozen on their nests, keeping a single egg warm. This wait of two to three months of incubation would test anyone's patience but they all seemed quite content. They shared the hilltop aerie with a handful of giant petrels, doing the same.

Our gazes wandered to the scene outside the island with numerous small mountains and spires of rocks on all sides. With the fog and low hanging clouds it created an otherworldly scene. Wandering albatrosses on the wing around the end of the island were a study of wind dynamics. Below, the small beach was crowded with hundreds of fur seals and even more pups. Just over a small rise a large wallow of bellowing, belching and altogether noisy elephant seals were attempting to rest. Nearby the thick kelp undulating with the swells as the waves bashed up and over the low rocks, some swells exploding in great sprays completed the scene of wild ruggedness.

Day 8 – Wednesday, 25 January 2017

Stromness-Grytviken

0800 GPS Position: 54°09' S / 036°41' W

Weather: Cloudy. **Temperature:** 4°C

We awoke to Stromness Harbour in our sights but due to bad weather (heavy katabatic winds) we were obliged to continue sailing in search of a potential landing site. To fill the gap and while watching Martin's video (of which he was the on-site dive master) Operation Iceberg 2 the *Plancius* sailed toward Cumberland Bay East and along the front of Nordenskjöld glacier. After the late risers awoke to the sound of the wind it was clear that it had picked up and the passengers did not take their job in terms of organizing the weather seriously! Andrew was busily devising other plans for us so after several ideas came up with new plans he finally decided to carry out plan E. This involved us landing in Grytviken and only in Grytviken but it was worth it!

When we finally made it to land, several birds and seals along the shoreline greeted us upon arrival. The stunning landscape in conjunction with the historical aspect of the area mesmerized some of our guests. Staff distributed glasses of whisky in preparation for the upcoming graveside toast.

We commenced our landing with a walk up to the cemetery for a toast to Sir Ernest Shackleton with a moving speech given by Louise in honor of the inspirational hero. This was followed by a whaling tour as well as a Shackleton Tour through Grytviken. Afterwards, we had time to freely roam about the area, to go shopping and to send some postcards home to our loved ones. We also visited the museum and the replica of the 'James Caird'.

We were especially impressed by the exhibition in the Post Office displaying Frank Hurley's original glass plates and large prints on canvas of the photos. The definition was unbelievably clear. It was amazing to realize these historic and iconic images were saved in the final days before the *Endurance* sank beneath the waves.

Zodiac loading at the end was perhaps the easiest one on SG as it didn't involve huge heavy swells and we could find our way leisurely back to the ship without getting wet.

Just at that moment the sky cleared and we enjoyed a lovely BBQ on the back deck which rounded out the evening. Many of us danced as if there was no tomorrow. Meanwhile, Andrew was busy working on plans for the next day. At the same time, the ship joined in the dance and nobody was really sure whether the lack of balance was a result of the waves or too much mulled wine. One way or another, this beautiful day will be remembered by guests and staff alike.

Day 9 – Thursday, 26 January 2017

Godthul and St Andrews Bay

0800 GPS Position: 54°17' S / 036°17' W

Weather: Clear. **Temperature:** 12°C

We were again blessed this morning as we awoke to good weather in Godthul (meaning “good cove” in Norwegian). Snowflakes drifted gently as we anchored in the gentle breeze. The expedition staff went ashore early to clear a path through the minefield of aggressive Fur seals along the beach and in the nearby tussock grass. A weak sun shone on the detritus of an old whaling supply depot. There were a few ridiculously cute and tiny fur seal pups on the beach near the landing site, and several South Georgia pipits were observed foraging on the beach and in the tussock grass. A gentoo penguin rookery was located on the ridge above the beach. The walkers had a chance to explore the alpine meadows around a lake. Several wildflowers and ferns were spotted as well as nesting giant petrels. The long-walkers hiked up to the top of a rocky hill and were rewarded with spectacular views of the bay and the rugged coastline.

South Georgia really delivered today for the zodiac cruising group! With calm seas, sunny skies and barely a breeze we zodiac cruisers set out on an anti-clockwise circumnavigation of the sheltered bay. Surrounding the bay were steep cliffs with some lesser slopes covered with tussock grasses. All around were the distant and plaintive cries of the fur seal mums calling out for their ‘long lost’ children... or so it seemed.

Standing in clumps were sorry looking king penguins, patiently waiting out their molt...some of them standing in gorgeous little streamlets cascading down from the icy peaks on high...glacial melt....the cool water must have felt soothing during this stressful molting phase. We almost melted away ourselves, it was so warm.

In the Zodiac for the duration of the landing we cruised slowly weaving our way carefully amongst the islands of floating kelp, going mostly along the shoreline staring up at the tall cliffs or into the many caves.

We delighted in sitting quietly amongst dozens of groups of fur seals cavorting, writhing, sinuously weaving around each other in a curious display, and occasionally popping their heads up for a look at the strange apparition floating before them. At times large groups of them appeared to be playing amongst the kelp. The splashing they caused always caught our attention.

After a walk on the whale bone littered beach we were back in the zodiac to complete our tour. When we rounded the last point we slowly and carefully approached a group of about fifty southern giant petrels, resting on the water, some of them sleeping with bills tucked under wings. One small group was surrounded by an equally sized group of Wilson’s storm petrels, having an intense feeding frenzy. It was delightful to watch as they alternately pattered then hopped on the water with their tiny webbed feet on very long, spindly legs. We were mesmerized watching them in their little ritual finished by a quick nip into the water with the beak to retrieve some little tidbit. They continually fluttered like butterflies around our Zodiac, our heads and the water as we watched for a good twenty minutes. What a gorgeous morning in South Georgia...how will we ever top this one?

The afternoon brought us to St Andrews Bay. We landed amongst dumping surf with help from a couple of the Expedition staff in waders. The sun broke through the cloud to reveal testosterone-fueled juvenile elephant seals jousting amongst the thousands of penguins.

The entire mass of passenger humanity slowly worked its way through the crowded throngs of penguins, elephant seals and fur seals moving upwards on rocky steep terrain which turned into reindeer pathways to the top of a small peak. Coming around the bend of a small knoll we were stunned to see the full population spread out before us of some 250,000 pairs of king penguins, the largest rookery in the world. Add to those numbers the several hundred thousand brown, fat

and wooly chicks and you have an unimaginably huge gathering of these striking birds. Fortunately several were nearby so we could record their various behaviors, including one bonding pair sitting atop the knoll with a background of immense mountains covered in glaciers against an impossibly blue sky. This made the couple of the Kings of the Hill for no other penguins were higher in elevation than these two elegantly quiet birds.

Some were so taken by the spectacle they simply sat and gazed. We were in no hurry and as there was room for all we could spend an inordinate amount of gazing upon the scene.

This crowded bay rang with the click of shutters as the guests and staff alike sought to record this amazing wildlife extravaganza!

Day 10 – Friday, 27 January 2017

Gold Harbour, Cooper Bay and Drygalski Fjord

0800 GPS Position: 54°34' S / 035°55' W

Weather: Clear. **Temperature:** 8°C

Like a rip in a seam, the dark grey sky split open at the horizon to reveal the intense orange-pink light of sunrise. Gradually, the monochromatic scene in front of the ship filled with colour like a watercolour painting – starting with the jagged snowy peaks towering above Gold Harbour, then slowly moving down the icy contours of the hanging glacier to the tussock hills behind the beach. The cacophonous calls of penguins *en masse* could be heard across the waters, and the colony's accompanying olfactory delights soon followed on the wind.

By 0530 we were bumping across the swell towards the beach, where our “lads in waders” aptly wrangled the boats (and us!) ashore. Our human numbers paled into insignificance compared to the animal life that was crowded on the black sandy beach, flipper-to-flipper and whisker-to-whisker. Belching, sparring, snoring and sleeping elephant seals lounged about in giant piles of blubber; fur seals romped about sniffing, barking, rolling and chasing; and giant petrels sat poised, patient and hungry, waiting for a stray chick or injured penguin to stumble by. Resplendent with their orange and yellow throat and chest feathers glistening in the early morning light, the king penguins lay quietly, stood about in groups, or waddled by in procession and with purpose. Brown, downy chicks joined in the march to the sea, forgetting their lack of waterproof adult feathers until being soaked back into reality at the water's edge and running away looking bedraggled and forlorn.

The entire fleet of Zodiacs quickly dispersed across the expanse of Cooper Bay for our mid-morning cruise. Small, kelp-fringed coves bubbled with a veritable “seal soup”, while the rocky shores provided perfect vantage points to cormorants, gulls, sheathbills and terns, as well as groups of chinstrap penguins moving to and from the water. Light-mantled sooty albatross pairs glided above – their synchronous manoeuvres a gravity-defying ballet of the skies. The resident macaroni penguins also proved to be popular personalities. Their characteristic yellow crested plumes swept back high above their heads – slicked neatly down with water as they returned to the colony from their morning feed; soon waving and flapping in the breeze as they dried.

A ship cruise down the impressive Drygalski Fjord capped off our day of South Georgian splendours. Solid walls of rock rose steeply on each side of the fjord's narrow waters, interjected occasionally with powerful rivers of ice tumbling to the sea. At the head of the fjord, we paused to take in the mighty Risting glacier and the huge numbers of cape petrels that flitted and fed at its front. We paused too to reflect on our days on this very special isle of South Georgia before turning our ship and setting sail for more adventures in the icy south.

Day 11 – Saturday, 28 January 2017

At Sea toward South Orkney Islands

0800 GPS Position: 57°11'S / 039°17'W

Weather: Partly cloudy. **Temperature:** 5°C

Yesterday, leaving the dramatic landscapes and incredible masses of South Georgian wildlife behind, we ventured out to sea once more. This time for our transit to the South Orkney Islands. We woke up to a full day at sea and immediately threw ourselves into the obligatory hoovering of outer clothes, camera bags and back packs to clean off any plant seeds we may potentially be carrying.

Soon after Kasper gave the first of two talks of the day: an exciting overview of the Early Antarctic Age of Heroic Exploration, the tough and dangerous expeditions that have taken place in this region and the brave men behind them. Namely in and around Antarctica for scientific discovery and for the race to the South Pole. Later, in the afternoon, Rudi filled us in on the evolutionary development of whales and how these magnificent creatures, who like us must breathe air and nurse their young with milk, have adapted to living in the world's seas.

During happy hour drinks, Andrew and Liz dressed up as auctioneer rats, in support of the South Georgia Heritage Trust rat eradication program. The trust had donated unique items for this evening's auction to raise further funds for their programs. During the auction, we had several intense moments. One guest doubled her bid to GBP 252 in order to secure a lovely graphic print of penguins made by an artist from the Falkland Islands and two gentlemen ended up in an outright bidding war over the expedition flag currently flying on the bow of *Plancius*. The competition really got rolling when Andrew threw in Kasper as an additional prize, with the final bid eventually reaching 1000 GBP. This took the auction subtotal to an impressive GBP 1912 and as the loser of the final bidding war was not a sour one, he donated 88 GBP to the auction making the final total a beautiful round GBP 2000. The South Georgia Heritage Trust sends warm thanks to the auction participants.

Day 12 – Sunday, 29 January 2017

Orcadas Station, South Orkney Islands

0800 GPS Position: 60°40'S / 044°57'W

Weather: Partly cloudy. **Temperature:** 7°C

Leaving South Georgia and heading south, takes quite a bit of time, so after having spent a full day at sea yesterday, we were looking forward to getting off the ship at the South Orkney Islands. The landscape looked majestic, a tall mountain with a glacier “hat” in the background towering over all. Andrew held his pre-landing briefing, and divided the ship into two groups, since the station personnel require small visitation groups. The first half went ashore and the other half went on a Zodiac cruise in the surrounding bay. The cruisers spent time with quite a few chinstrap penguins, even some that were parading on an iceberg for us, but also seals on the beach, elephant and fur seals were most abundant, some were even lucky enough to see an Adele penguin. The rest of the cruise was all about the glaciers and the stunning scenery that was all around us, once again!

Coming ashore we watched, fascinated, as large groups of Cape petrels bobbed and spun in search of plankton floating just below the surface of the water. Judging by their quick movements it appeared they were having a major feast.

At the station, we were greeted by the station personnel, whom had just finished the first week of the one year long contract they have with the Argentinian navy. They showed us around the station, had cakes and coffee ready for us and gave us a sense of what kind of a life they must live, here at the remote station in the Antarctic.

After lunch we were once again at sea and spent the afternoon watching a fascinating documentary about Frank Hurley, the photographer of the Endurance expedition (in English) or a documentary about the Endurance expedition in general (in German). At 5:00 o'clock, Liz was on the schedule to do a talk with the title “an Introduction to Antarctica”, but was rudely interrupted by a pair of feeding fin whales! So we spent a lot of time with the whales and got pretty cold enjoying these enormous animals and watching them going on about their business without even noticing us. So instead of a talk, we listened to an extended recap, where Andrew told about the plans further, Louise about krill, the ‘simple yet elegant food chain’ of Antarctica and Liz talked about whale biology. Doctor Lise told us a bit more about the mysterious disease scurvy. Yet another good day in the far south!

Day 13 – Monday, 30 January 2017

At sea towards Antarctica

0800 GPS Position: 61°01'S / 051°01'W

Weather: Fog. **Temperature:** 1°C

We started the day gently with no wake-up call but by now have been trained to visit the restaurant for a leisurely one-hour breakfast starting at 8:00am on sea days.

Liz gave us a full introduction to Antarctica. Starting with the political and geographical parameters as well as going through the 'four elements' of earth, wind, water and fire as it applies to the most isolated continent on the planet. She covered the Antarctic convergence, ice and the critters we were about to see, the geology and geography as well as an explanation of the Southern Ocean and its currents.

After lunch and a cuppa tea we heard from Andrew in the Bridge that because the fog had lifted and the sun was out we could easily see Clarence Island on our starboard side. This is not so far from Elephant Island where Shackleton's twenty two men waited for three and a half months for their rescue. We learned in the Shackleton talk that the early whaling ships traversed these waters on the south side of the island, but with the men camped out on the north shore there was no way they could ever hope for a passing ship to rescue them. What a desolate and isolated place!

Mid-afternoon we came into view of beautiful Clarence Island. The fog lifted and revealed bright sunshine making the glaciers dazzling in the blindingly bright light. This island literally rises up to great heights straight out of the ocean. It pulled us out onto the decks for viewing with cameras in hand, of course. It's amazing to realize these are the same peaks as the Andes Mountains. So far from everywhere else on earth, the farthest reaches of the famous Scotia Arc.

In the afternoon Louise gave a talk about the Early Whaling Industry, from the unique perspective of the working man. Her great grandfather was the first to bring a whaling factory ship, two whale catchers and seventy men to begin what would become the sixty year harvest of whales in Antarctica. Many of the passages in her talk were taken from his original diaries. It's stunning and quite sad to realize this 'humble' start would bring an end to over 95% of the entire whale population of the world over a sixty year period.

Day 14 – Tuesday, 31 January 2017

Half Moon Island and Deception Island

0800 GPS Position: 62°35'S / 059°54'W

Weather: Overcast. **Temperature:** 3°C

Today was a lovely, sunny day on the South Shetland Islands. We woke up to Half Moon Island, where we landed shortly after breakfast. Besides all the natural beauty of this place, a lonely penguin on the shoreline caught our attention. We were not sure whether it was a juvenile king or an emperor penguin. In the morning, with half open eyes we were fairly sure that we were really looking at an Emperor penguin, keeping in mind that the final classification for a juvenile bird is particularly hard to make. Our birder Fritz from the team was among the most excited guests on board. Finally he brought his scope to shore in order to place it in safe distance from our unexpected feathery guest, allowing all guests to gain a better look at the penguin. However, all the time that Fritz spent eye to eye and tooth to tooth with the penguin, resulted in Fritz realizing that the emperor penguin was instead a juvenile king penguin. Nevertheless, never underestimate an audience with a King. On shore we walked along the rocky beach where we encountered a large chinstrap penguin colony, several fur seals, including a white one and some gentoo penguins in between.

During the afternoon we landed in Whalers Bay on Deception Island. After Liz and Andrew gave us an introduction to this live and active volcano, we could fully appreciate our visit on the caldera. We strolled along the black beaches within the steam vents, called fumaroles, rising from the sea at low tide and waters' edge, giving this place a mysterious atmosphere. Some of us hiked to the top of a hilltop to enjoy the view, others looked through Neptune's Window to a distant view of Antarctica, while others simply walked between the ruins of the old whaling station, studying the history trail left behind by humans and their activity.

The landing ended with some of us swimming in the not-so-warm waters, while some guests preferred to wait for the 'real polar plunge' proposed for the next day. Back on the ship, we enjoyed hot drinks and biscuits, followed by another lovely meal, which was interrupted by a school of humpback whales swimming by.

The beautiful sunset got us excited about the 4am wake ups to come as we'd been told to expect gorgeous scenery at that hour.

Day 15 – Wednesday, 1 February 2017

Neko Harbour, Lemaire Channel and the Yalour Islands

0800 GPS Position: 64°50'S / 062°32'W

Weather: Partly cloudy. **Temperature:** 8°C

A beautiful day has an early start; the early birds did not get woken by the now familiar voice of their Expedition Leader. But at 4am they were out on the deck to witness the dawn of their first day on the Antarctic Peninsula. A little cloud veiled the sunrise, but at about 6.30am the calm waters were shattered by a breaching humpback whale beside the ship as we were sailing through Errera Channel.

Neko Harbour glittered in the early morning sunshine, as we Zodiac cruised into the landing point, the gentoo penguins hurtled through the water on either side of us. Our explorers climbed the snowdome and from the top we watched an iceberg break apart and roll over. For a large part of the morning, most eyes were fixed on a big overhang looming on the glacier toe. One or two rumblings were heard as an avalanche and a small calving tumbled and anticipation grew. Gentoos fed their chicks under our eager eyes, others trundled to the sea following their penguin highway. They were joined by giant white penguins with multi-coloured markings, who didn't seem too at home in the waters: congratulations to our brave Polar Plungers!

Plancius traversed the mirror like sea of Paradise Harbour, flowing into the stunning Lemaire Channel where *Plancius'* daring navigation between massive icebergs thrilled all aboard (we may need to repaint the hull). We cruised onwards towards Yalour Islands and the Zodiacs gave us the opportunity to close this fantastic day in a late afternoon cruise.

Adelie penguins awaited us on the shores, icebergs of all shapes and sizes regarded us as we cruised amongst the channels of the islands. The sun crept closer to the horizon and painted the sky in soft pink hues. After a warming dinner we brought the day to a close in the bar with a drink livened up by ancient Antarctic glacier ice.

Day 16 –Thursday, 2 February 2017

Port Lockroy (Goudier Island) & Melchior Islands

08:00 GPS Position: 64°49'S / 063°30'W

Weather: Partly cloudy. **Temperature:** 1°C

The final hurrah for our Antarctic adventures took place in the sheltered waters of Port Lockroy. An early rise from bed was rewarded with an unexpected visit to the tiny Goudier Island and the restored British “Base A” – now commonly referred to as Port Lockroy.

Home to four smiling staff, museum, post office, shop and enigmatic Gentoo penguins, we all took full advantage of our time there. Bags of souvenirs walked out the door like a Boxing Day sale, and postcards were scribbled quickly before being posted through the characteristic red letter box of the United Kingdom’s Royal Mail service.

Around the main building, Gentoo penguins and their chicks carried on with their penguin lives – sleeping, preening, and feeding. Snowy sheathbills trotted about amongst the mass of rock, melting snow and guano mix, while one new fluffy brown chick remained hidden from the activity under the safety of the building’s wooden verandah.

Brilliant sunshine, glistening glaciers and towering mountains were a feast for our eyes as we sailed through the Neumayer Channel and the Melchior Islands. A few humpback whales graced us with their leviathan presence, and our final hours in this icy wonderland were savoured and celebrated by all.

As we set sail for Ushuaia, Liz’s presentation about marine mammal adaptations segued nicely into happy hour and a pub quiz in the bar. Quiz Master Kasper challenged our new-found knowledge of Antarctica, with fame and glory (and two bottles of red wine) bestowed upon the deserving winning team.

Day 17 –Friday, 3 February 2017

Drake Passage

0800 GPS Position: 60°55'S / 064°05'W

Weather: Cloudy. **Temperature:** 4°C

It was another day in open sea for us as we continued our journey home from this exciting Southern hemisphere adventure and time to catch up on personal travel diaries, notes on species seen and the route sailed. These activities were, of course, interspersed with visits out on deck for fresh air and for some guests, a rare sighting of the lovely blue petrel in the morning. During the rest of the day we saw fly by visits of grey-headed albatrosses, white-chinned petrels, southern giant petrels, Wilson's storm petrels and the always impressive wandering albatross.

Louise took us back to the times of true exploration through her talk on legendary Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen – the man behind some of the most extraordinary exploration records in history. Not only was he the first to the north and the south pole, but also the first to lead a successful sailing expedition through the icy and treacherous Northwest Passage above the North American continent in 1903 to 1906 – a feat man has attempted to do since the early 1600s. He truly deserved to take the South Pole as he'd worked tirelessly most of his adult life to prepare himself for safe and efficient polar travel.

In the afternoon, we joined Fritz for his talk on a fascinating journey to the vast and extremely remote Dronning Maud Land in Eastern Antarctica. Here all travel is done by small charter planes (more often than not with mounted skis) to inspect the international research stations there as part of a program to ensure that all nations represented in Antarctica adhere to the treaty regulations agreed upon. His interest in conservation was apparent as a powerful motivator for his interest in inspections.

While yesterday perhaps marked our last sightings of the southern fulmars we were once again, as on our journey south, accompanied by the beautiful bow riding hourglass dolphins in the afternoon. Four to five of them playfully jumped the waves to reveal their stunning black and white patterning again and again very close to our starboard side – a fitting farewell salute to the Antarctic continent.

The convergence was passed during the evening and we could feel the ship begin to feel the ship heating up as we worked our way northward. It was a pleasure standing on deck in the fresh air, searching for the Southern Cross constellation.

Day 18 – Saturday, 4 February 2017

Drake Passage and Cape Horn

0800 GPS Position: 55°43'S / 065°50'W

Weather: Partly cloudy with small breaks of sunlight. **Temperature:** 12°C

Our second full day at sea started with a mixture of excitement and tension. We'd slipped into our comfortable pace aboard the ship and we were now thinking forward to leaving the ship and on to our future travel plans. But the staff and the ship were not finished with us yet! Kasper gave an exciting talk about modern day expeditions to remote polar regions, breaking barriers for speed, efficiency and testing the limits of human endurance in totally new ways.

Immediately after (gasp!) we actually came alongside of and within three miles to the infamous Cape Horn! It was exciting to be in the same waters that has claimed so many lives, especially in the age of sail. Hotel staff, Johnny and Heidi, also surprised us with hot chocolate, rum and whipped cream on the upper deck behind the bridge. The Cape Horn monument with its albatross cut-out was visible with high powered cameras and binoculars. This was a particularly kind gift from our Captain Evgeny and Expedition Leader Andrew as it hadn't been on the itinerary. After lunch we returned our trusty and waterproof rubber boots then sat in on a lecture by Rosalie about climate change and the implications for all our futures and the precarious fragility of our planet.

Sailing nearer to land all day since leaving Antarctica we continually marvelled at all the sea life around the ship...hundreds of black browed albatrosses, and the occasional fur seals and penguins in the water as well as a visit from the ever energetic dolphins.

In the early evening, after having settled our accounts, we shared a toast to our charming and capable Captain, clinking our champagne glasses with cheerful good will. Each little event that took place this day would be the 'last of' for our trip...the last photos, the last time to dinner, etc.

This trip has exceeded our expectations. The delightful staff and crew have made this once-in-a-lifetime trip more impressive and memorable than we ever could've imagined. The continent itself, as well as the sub-Antarctic islands, have infused us with wonder and appreciation. Armed with new knowledge, we can now go forth to become ambassadors for the protection of this fragile environment.

Day 19 – Sunday, 5 February 2017

Disembarkation, Ushuaia

GPS 08.00 Position: 42°45'S / 065°01'W

Weather: Calm. **Temperature:** 15°C

Today is disembarkation day in Ushuaia. The small city clinging to the foothills of the Andes glittered in the early morning light, welcoming us back to civilization, but bringing about mixed feelings. We would like to have spent far more time in the frozen south but having packed our bags we're now eager for the next chapter and for the months ahead of sorting our thousands of photographs.

Coming alongside the pier, the ship was boarded by Argentine officials who cleared our vessel and allowed us to disembark. On the pier we bade farewell to the many 'friends and neighbours' we have come to know over these past 18 days, and had one last look at the *Plancius*, the ship that was our home and that took us safely on such an incredible voyage from Ushuaia, across the Southern Ocean, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Orkneys to Antarctica and then the infamous Drake Passage, which treated us kindly.

It was an incredible gift to be able to make it so very far south and to view the Adelie penguins in the Yalour Islands. The weather has blessed us for this expedition! We have enjoyed the wildlife and scenery of this very special continent and are privileged that we were able to do so. This trip will last us 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: 3461 nm

Kilometres: 6409 km

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

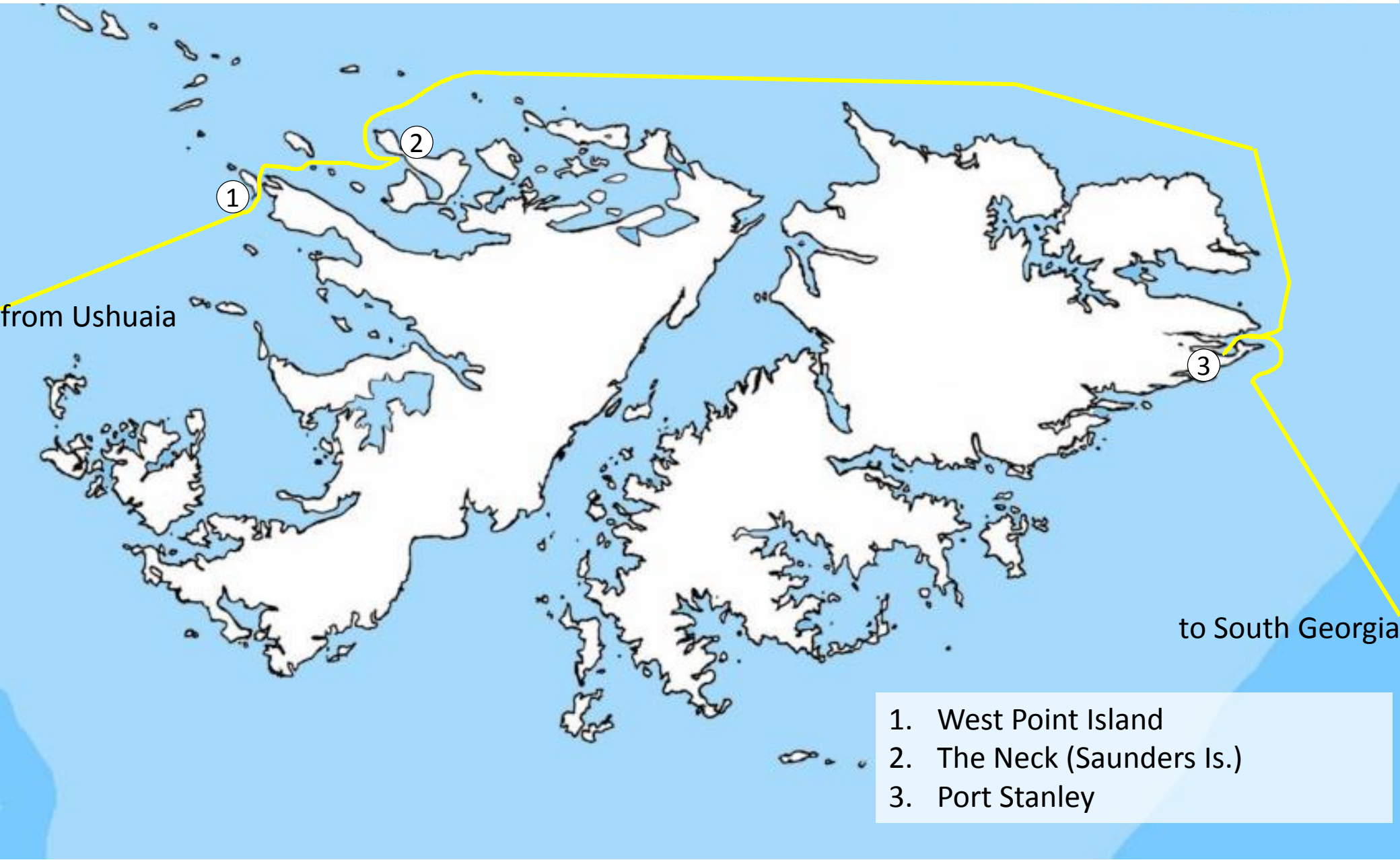
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| Southern Royal Albatross | <i>Diomedea epomophora</i> | Südlicher Königsalbatross | Albatros royal du sud | | X | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Southern Giant Petrel | <i>Macronectes giganteus</i> | Südlicher Riesensturmvogel | Pétrel géant | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Antarctic Fulmar | <i>Fulmarus glacialoides</i> | Silbersturmvogel | Fulmar argenté | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| Cape Petrel (Pintado) | <i>Daption capensis</i> | Kapsturmvogel | Damier du Cap | | X | | | | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | |
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| Sei Whale | <i>Balaenoptera borealis</i> | Seiwal | Rorqual boreal | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Long Finned Pilot whale | <i>Globicephala melas</i> | Grindwal | Globicéphale noir | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Killer Whale | <i>Orcinus orca</i> | Schwertwal | Orque | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hourglass Dolphin | <i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i> | Stundenglasdelfin | Lagénorhynque sablier | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X |
| Dusky Dolphin | <i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i> | Schwarzdelfin | Dauphin obscur | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Peale’s Dolphin | <i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i> | Peale-Delfin | Lagénorhynque à menton noir | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commerson’s Dolphin | <i>Cephalorhynchus commersonii</i> | Commerson-Delfin | Cephalorhynque de Commerson | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern Bottlenose Whale | <i>Hyperoodon planifrons</i> | Südlicher Entenwal | Hyperoodon austral | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crabeater Seal | <i>Lobodon carcinophagus</i> | Krabbenfresserrobbe | Phoque crabier | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | |
| Weddell Seal | <i>Leptonychotes weddelli</i> | Weddellrobbe | Phoque de Weddell | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | |
| Southern Elephant Seal | <i>Mirounga leonin</i> | Südlicher See-Elefant | Eléphant de mer austral | | | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | | |
| Antarctic Fur Seal | <i>Arctocephalus gazella</i> | Antarktischer Seebär | Otarie à fourrure des Kerguelen | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | | |
| Southern Sea Lion | <i>Otaria flavescens</i> | Mähnenrobbe | Otarie à criniere d amerique | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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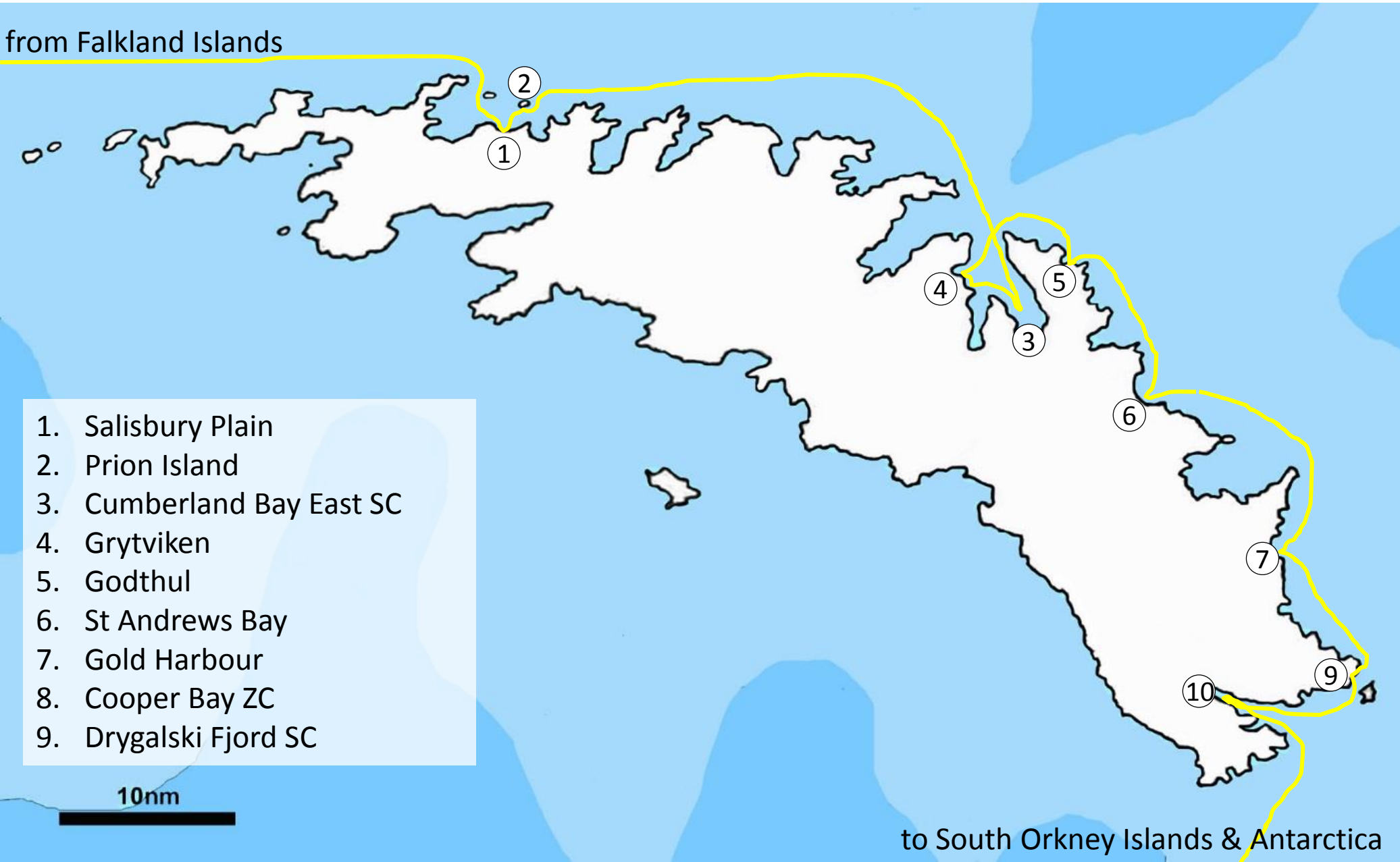
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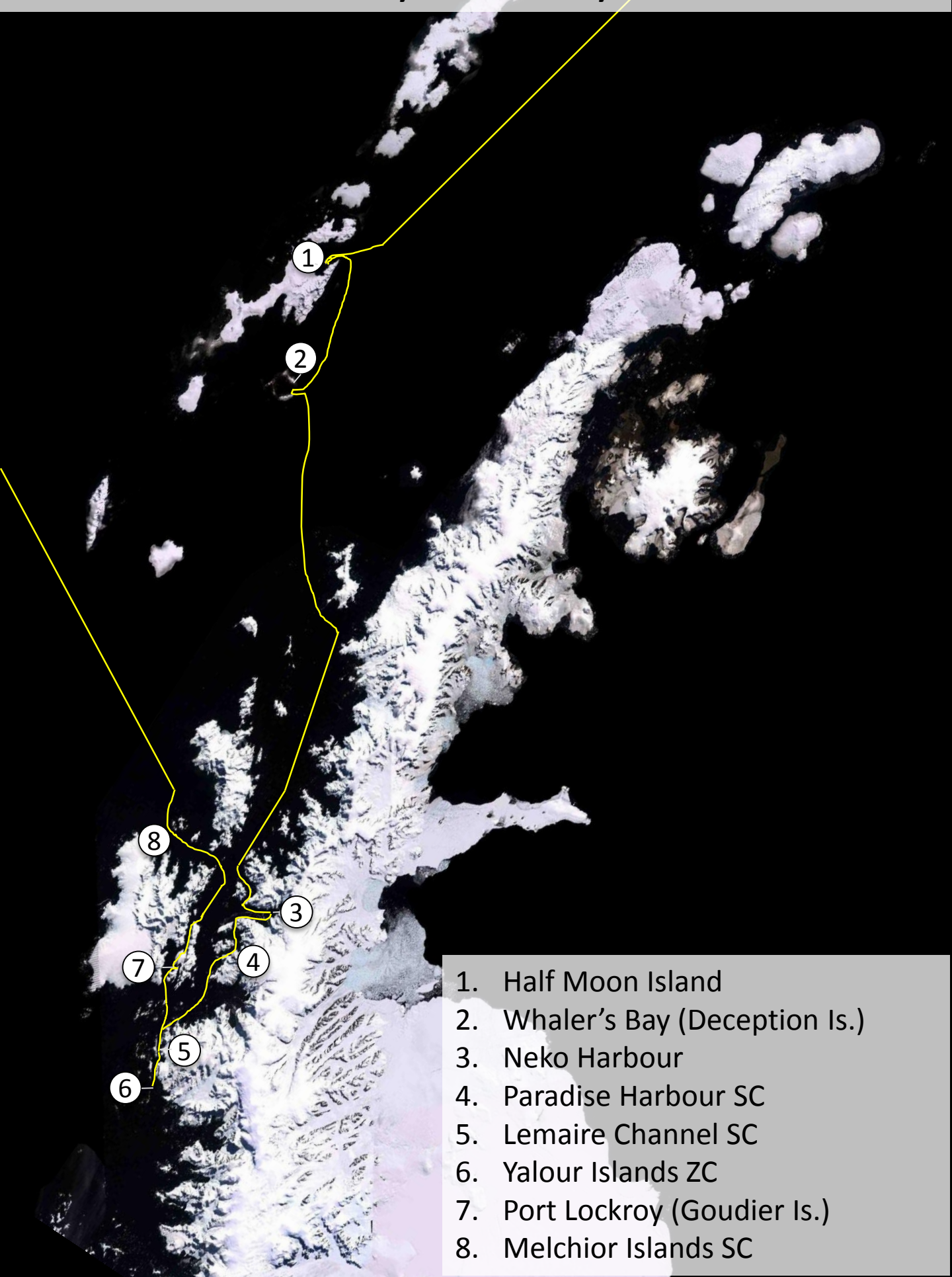
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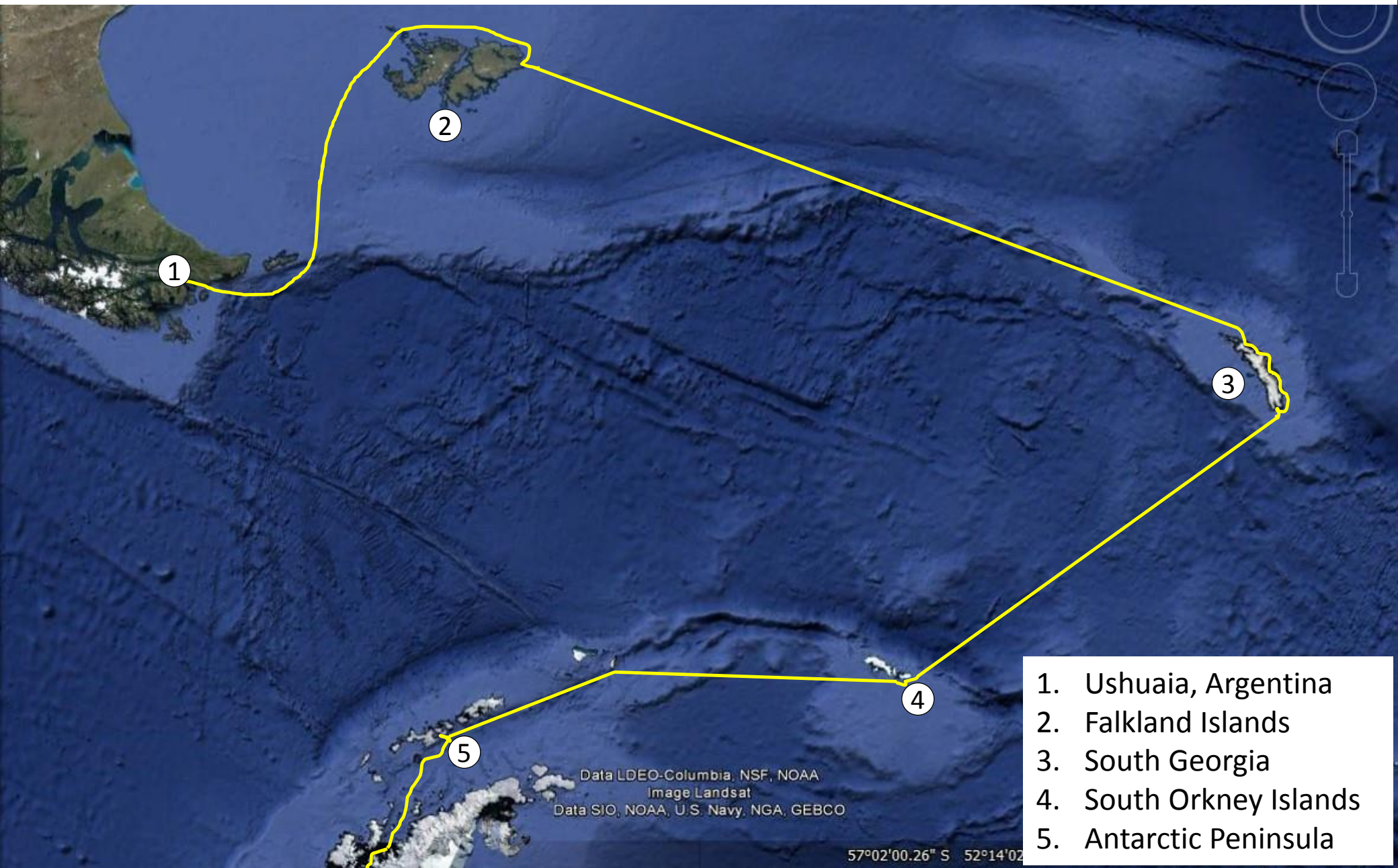
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1. Half Moon Island
2. Whaler's Bay (Deception Is.)
3. Neko Harbour
4. Paradise Harbour SC
5. Lemaire Channel SC
6. Yalour Islands ZC
7. Port Lockroy (Goudier Is.)
8. Melchior Islands SC

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Andrew Bishop – Expedition Leader



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 several years working as an exploration geologist in the outback 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. Since 2012 he has also been guiding to the northern isles of Britain, Jan Mayen, the Svalbard Archipelago and Greenland. He is passionate about the outdoors and aside from his interest in geology he also enjoys interpreting and explaining the physical environment and will willingly share his knowledge of glaciers, sea ice and the wildlife of the polar climes.

Andrew stammt von King Island, einer kleinen Insel nördlich von Tasmanien (Australien). Sein Studium in Hobart beendete er 2001 mit Abschlüssen in Geologie und Umweltgeografie. Seither hat er alle sieben Kontinente besucht, hohe Berge bestiegen und die Erfahrungen und Herausforderungen anderer Länder und Kulturen genossen. Nach einiger Zeit als Explorationsgeologe im australischen Outback begann er als Guide und Lektor auf Expeditionsreisen zur Antarktischen Halbinsel, nach Südgeorgien und zu den Falklandinseln zu arbeiten; inzwischen hat er mehr als 50 Touren absolviert. Seit 2012 ist er als Guide auch im Norden tätig, unter anderem in Spitzbergen und Grönland. Er ist viel draußen unterwegs und gibt sein Wissen über Geologie, Umwelt, Gletscher, Meereis und die Tierwelt der Polarregionen gern an andere weiter.

Liz Pope – Assistant Expedition Leader



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.

Liz ist in den Phillipinen, den USA und in Australien aufgewachsen und das Reisefieber wurde ihr quasi mit in die Wiege gelegt. Nach dem Studium der Biologie arbeitete Liz als Guide in Ost- und Südafrika, wo sie Safaris führte und eine Lodge im Okavango-Delta in Botswana leitete. Zudem arbeitete sie im Bereich Umweltbildung in Sydney’s Taronga Zoo.

Seit 2009 arbeitet Liz auf Expeditionskreuzfahrtschiffen als Guide. Diese Tätigkeit erlaubt ihr, ihre Neugier auf die weite Welt und die Natur mit Ihrer Passion, ihre Erlebnisse mit anderen zu teilen, zu kombinieren. Dabei arbeitete sie bereits in beiden Polarregionen, der europäischen Arktis und der Antarktis, sowie in Alaska, dem südlichen Afrika, den schottischen Inseln, dem fernöstlichen Russland sowie in Papua-Neuginea.

Louise Adie – Expedition Staff



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.

This is her 13th 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.

Seit über 30 Jahren leitet Louise nun schon Sportaktivitäten wie Langlaufski, Fahrrad- und Kajaktouren. Sie ist zertifizierte Kajak- und Skilehrerin sowie Krankenschwester.

Ihre Passion für die Polarregionen hat sie vielleicht von ihrem Großvater, der 1905 der erste Walfangmanager in der Antarktis war und diese Arbeit nach 20 Jahren in der Arktis fortsetzte.

Das ist nun bereits ihre 13. Saison mit mehr als 50 Touren, in der Louise als Kajak-Guide in der Antarktis arbeitet. Für Louise ist Kajakfahren die ultimative Antarktiserfahrung, da es eine besondere persönliche Perspektive sowie Nahaufnahmen auf das Eis, die marinen Säuger und auf die immensen Dimensionen dieser dramatischen Landschaft ermöglicht. Für Louise und viele ihrer Kajakler wird dieser Prozess regelmäßig zu einer spirituellen Erfahrung.

Rosalie Steffen – Expedition Guide



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.

Some of her recent walks on the wild side include an Atlantic crossing on a sailboat and hikes to active lava flows on Hawaii. Besides good coffee, she loves nature, interesting stories and meeting new people from different backgrounds with whom she can share her knowledge and passion for the Polar Regions.

Rosalie stammt aus Deutschland aber absolvierte ihr Hochschulstudium in Neuseeland und Wales. Sie hat einen Masterstudiengang in Meeresgeophysik und ein Bachelorstudium in Meeresbiologie und Ozeanographie abgeschlossen. Zu ihren letzten Abenteuern zählen eine Atlantiküberquerung in einem Segelboot und Wanderungen zu den aktiven Lavaflüssen auf Hawaii. Außer für guten Kaffee, kann sie sich für unberührte Natur und spannende Geschichten begeistern. Rosalie trifft gerne auf neue Menschen, mit denen sie ihr Wissen und ihre Leidenschaft teilen kann.

Kasper Jæger — Guide and Lecturer



Kasper is real outdoor and arctic enthusiast. Spends his life outside, during everything from mountaineering and kayaking to skiing and hunting.

Kasper was born and raised in Copenhagen but has always felt that his place was further north. The longing for wilderness and high mountains led to his first week long trekking trip in the Norwegian mountains at the age of 12, and at age 15 he climbed his first 4000m mountain. His family has been in love with Greenland for several generations. After finishing his first education, Kasper went to the Arctic, never to look back. He has managed to make a living out of his biggest interests. He has worked mainly with tourism, like sailing and hiking in Greenland, skiing and snow scooter in Svalbard and dogsledding in northern Norway. The last years he has been living in Longyearbyen, together with his girlfriend and Alaskan huskies. Kasper has a university education as Arctic Nature Guide and more than 100 field days in Svalbard's winter landscapes the last year. His biggest interest is with glaciers and the big mammals. His experience has given him the chance to work with the Search and Rescue squad, Red Cross, in Longyearbyen.

Kasper ist in Kopenhagen aufgewachsen, hatte aber schon immer das Gefühl, in den hohen Norden zu gehören. Mit 12 Jahren unternahm er seine erste ausgedehnte Trekkingtour in den norwegischen Bergen. Nach der Schule ging er in die Arktis. Kasper hat einen Universitätsabschluss als „Arctic Nature Guide“. Er arbeitet vorrangig im Tourismus: von Segeln und Wandern in Grönland bis hin zu Ski- und Snowscootertouren auf Spitzbergen und Huskytouren in Nordnorwegen. Er lebt mit seiner Freundin und seinen Schlittenhunden in Longyearbyen und ist zudem für die Such- und Rettungsstaffel des Roten Kreuzes tätig.

Cecilia Vanman – Expedition Guide



Cecilia Vanman is a Fellow of The Explorers Club, a member of Women Adventurers Club (DK) and an expedition guide, photojournalist and marine mammal biologist based in Copenhagen, Denmark.

She graduated with Distinction from her MSc in Marine Mammal Science from University of Bangor (UK) in 2005. Today, Cecilia's work is focused on expedition guiding and leading, marine mammal science and journalism. She conveys stories on travel adventure, nature, sustainability, and has done 'behind the scenes' reportage work on natural history filmmaking in the High Arctic, the Danish Helicopter Rescue Service, record-breaking and the elite military unit Sirius Dog Sledge Patrol in NE Greenland.

Cecilia has worked in the Arctic since 2008, where she plans and leads expeditions for film crews as well as private yachts. She has crossed the Northwest Passage three times and amongst others, she has worked with Disney Nature, National Geographic Society and has participated in projects in the Indian Ocean, German and Danish waters, the Northern Atlantic, the Black Sea, the Mediterranean and the Norwegian/Greenlandic/Canadian Arctic. Other work projects have taken her to the Pacific, The Caribbean, South China Sea, Java Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.

Cecilia ist sowohl Mitglied im Explorers-, als auch im Woman Adventurers Club (DK). Zudem arbeitet Cecilia als Fotojournalistin, Expeditionsguide, sowie als Meeresbiologin (spezialisiert auf Meeressäuger) in Kopenhagen (Daenemark).

Des Weiteren schreibt Cecilia Geschichten ueber Abenteuerreisen, die Natur, Nachhaltigkeit und hat ausserdem an Reportagen ueber Naturgeschichte in der hohen Arktis, ueber die daenische Helikopter- Rettungsmanschaft, sowie an einem Bericht ueber die Elite Militaereinheit Sirius Dog Sledge Patrol in Nord-Ost Groenland mitgewirkt.

Seit 2008 arbeitet Cecilia in der hohen Arktis, wo sie sowohl Expeditionen fuer Filmcrews, als auch fuer private Yachten organisiert und leitet. 3 Northwest-Passagen Durchquerungen zaehlen ebenfalls zu ihren Erfahrungen. Schliesslich hat Cecilia unter anderem mit Disney Nature und der National Geographic Society zusammen gearbeitet und an Projekten im Indischen Ozean, in deutschen und daenischen Gewaessern, im Nord Atlantik, dem Schwarzen Meer, dem Mittelmeer und der norwegischen-, groenlaendischen und kanadischen Arktis teilgenommen. Weitere Projekte haben Cecilia in den Pazifik, die Karibik, das Sued-chinesische Meer, die Java See und den Golf von Mexiko gebracht.

Martin McGrath – Expedition Guide



Martin is a full time professional diver. Originally from the North East of England, he began diving whilst still studying for his degree.

He currently resides in Sydney, Australia where he divides his time between diving, technical repairs, fire fighting and donning his wetsuit to maintain the marine mammals facility at Sydney's Taronga Zoo!

His interest in the marine life of the polar oceans regions stems from being in the water alongside the various species. As well as his interest in the wildlife, Martin has always been fascinated by the human history of the region, and the detritus left behind on the landscape.

Martin ist Berufstaucher. Der urspruenglich aus Nord- Ost England stammende Martin, hat mit dem Tauchen waehrend seines Studiums begonnen.

Heute lebt Martin im beschaulichen Sydney (Australien), wo er seine Zeit mit Tauchen, technischen Reperaturen und der Instandhaltung des Aquariums des lokalen Taronga Zoo's verbringt.

Sein Interesse an der polaren Meeresbiologie wurde durch verschiedene Begegnungen mit Meeresbewohnern Unterwasser erweckt. Neben seinem "tierischen Interesse" gilt seine Aufmerksamkeit ebenso der Polargeschichte und dem Detritus.

Fritz Hertel – Expedition Guide



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 2010, Fritz has casually been working as a guide and lecturer on different expedition cruise ships in the Arctic and Antarctic.

Fritz Hertel ist ein begeisterter Vogelbeobachter, sowohl zu Hause in Deutschland als auch in vielen Teilen der Welt. Seine Passion für die Natur und deren Schutz zieht sich durch sein ganzes Leben.

Er ist studierter Ökologe und arbeitet seit vielen Jahren für das Umweltbundesamt, wo er für den Schutz der Polarregionen verantwortlich ist. Dieser Job führte ihn als Betreuer eines Forschungsprojektes bereits in den maritimen Teil der Antarktis sowie als Mitglied eines internationalen Inspektorenteams zu entlegene Forschungsstationen in der Ostantarktis. Seit 2010 arbeitet er nebenbei auch als Guide und Lektor auf verschiedenen Expeditionskreuzfahrtschiffen in der Arktis und der Antarktis.



Captain Evgeny Levakov

and his international crew of 45

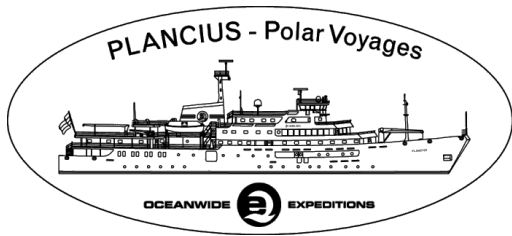
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| 2nd Officer: | Gavin Cunningham | [Britian] |
| 3rd Officer: | Louis Oroceo | [Phillipines] |
| Chief Engineer: | Teun Van't Verlaat | [Netherlands] |
| Hotel Manager: | Johnny van Velzen | [Netherlands] |
| Assist. Hotel Manager: | Heidi Dohn |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

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| Expedition Leader: | Andrew Bishop | [Australia] |
| Assist. Expedition Leader: | Liz Pope | [Australia] |
| Expedition Guide: | Cecilia Vanman | [Denmark] |
| Expedition Guide: | Kasper Jæger | [Denmark] |
| Expedition Guide: | Rosalie Steffen | [Germany] |
| Expedition Guide: | Fritz Hertel | [Germany] |
| Expedition Guide: | Martin McGrath | [Australia] |
| Expedition Guide: | Louise Adie | [United States] |

Welcome you on board!



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Embarkation – Ushuaia | *Einschiffung – Ushuaia*

Wednesday 18th January 2017 | *Mittwoch, der 18. Januar 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. *Herzlich Willkommen an Bord! Ihr Gepaeck wird zu Ihnen in die Kabinen gebracht. Bitte ueberpruefen Sie, dass alle Gepaeckstuecke an Bord sind. Wenn Sie moechten, koennen Sie nun das Schiff erkunden.*

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

Verpflichtendes Sicherheits- Briefing in der Lounge.

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

Planmaessige Ablegezeit! Kommen Sie doch bitte auf die Aussendecks, um die wunderschoeene Landschaft um den Beagle Kanal herum zu geniessen und Ushuaia zu verabschieden!

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

Bitte beachten Sie: Die Bruecke ist waehrend de Navigation durch den Kanal geschlossen.

We will conduct the Mandatory Lifeboat Drill once we have departed Ushuaia.

Wir werden den verpflichtenden Sicherheitsdrill kurz nach dem Ablegen durchfuehren.

18.45 Soon after sailing we 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.

Kurz nach dem Ablegen vom Pier laden wir Sie in unsere Lounge auf Deck 5 ein, wo Sie ihr Expeditionsleiter Andrew Bishop herzlich willkommen heissen wird und Hotelmanager Johnny van Velzen ihnen das Schiff vorstellen wird.

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.

Danach laden wir Sie zum Kapitaens Wilkommens- Cocktail ein! Kapitaen Evgeny Levakov und das Expeditionsteam werden Sie herzlich begruessen!

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

*Das Abendessen ist serviert (Restaurant: **Deck 3**/ hinter der Rezeption).*

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.

Des weiteren bitten wir Sie, ihr Gepack sicher in ihrer Kabine zu verstauen, da wir heute Nacht auf den offenen Ozean hinaus fahren werden. Stellen sie sicher, dass alle Tueren verschlossen sind. Zu ihrer eigenen Sicherheit empfehlen wir, eine Hand fuer das Schiff frei zu halten. Achten Sie ausserdem auf unverschlossene Tueren!



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At Sea | Auf See

Thursday 19th January 2017 | *Donnerstag, der 19. Januar 2017*

- 0730 Wake Up call /Weckruf
- 0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour. Please wait until the doors are open before entering.
Das Frühstück steht eine Stunde lang für Euch im Restaurant bereit. Bitte wartet bis die Tür zum Restaurant offen steht.
- 1030 Please come to the **Lounge** and join Andrew for a **Mandatory Zodiac briefing**.
*Wir laden Euch in die Lounge ein zur **verpflichtenden Zodiac-Belehrung**, gehalten von Andrew.*
- 1100 Weather permitting we will be distributing your **Rubber Boots**. We will call you by Deck number so please listen out for announcements. The boot room is located on **Deck 3 forward**.
*Es ist Gummistiefelzeit (sofern das Wetter es zulässt)! Wir werden Euch Deckweise aufrufen, um Euch im Anschluss die Stiefel auszuhändigen. Der Stiefelraum ist auf **Deck 3 Vorne**.*
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*

As we continue sailing towards the Falklands please keep a lookout for birds and marine mammals.
Haltet nach Vögeln und Meeressäugern Ausschau, während wir unseren Weg zu den Falklandinseln fortsetzen.

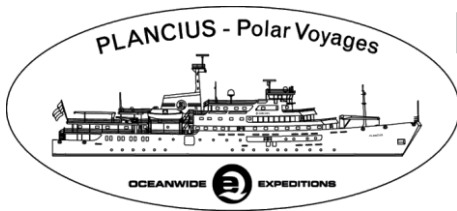
- 1530 If you would like to learn more about Seabirds please join **Fritz** in the **Lounge** (*in English*) as he explains all you will need to know to appreciate the feathered friends that we might meet on our journey. **Rudi** will be in the **Dining Room** in *German*.
*Wenn Ihr mehr ueber Seevögel lernen möchtet, nehmen Sie am Vortrag von **Fritz** (auf **Englisch** in der **Lounge**) teil. Somit werden sie die gefiederten Tiere mehr zu schätzen lernen, die wir auf unserer Reise treffen werden. **Rudi wird gleichzeitig einer deutscher Vortrag im Restaurant halten.***
- 1800 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.
Andrew und das Expeditionsteam laden euch zum Recap in die **Lounge** ein. Einem kurzen Rueckblick auf den heutigen Tag und einen Ausblick auf den morgigen.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit. *Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!*

Please ensure your valuables (cameras, computers, etc.) are secure in your cabin to prevent any accidents. Always keep at least one hand free to hold on to the ship.

Thank you.

Bitte sichert eure Wertsachen, Kameras und Computer vor Seegang. Bitte nutzt eine Hand immer fuer das Schiff und eine Hand fuer Euch (Kamera, Tasse Tee...)

Vielen Dank



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West Point Island & Saunders Island

Friday 20th January 2017 | *Freitag, den 20. Januar 2017*

At approximately 0715 we will be navigating through the 'Woolly Gut', a very scenic and narrow stretch of water. Here we can see various penguin species as well as cormorants and local birds and may be lucky enough to spot a dolphin or two. Please feel free to join us out on decks. | *Etwa gegen 7.15 Uhr segeln wir durch den 'Woolly Gut', eine schöne und sehr enge Wasserstrasse. Hier können verschiedene Pinguinarten, Kormorane und andere einheimische Vögel auftauchen, mit etwas Glück sogar ein oder zwei Delfine. Ihr seid eingeladen, mit uns auf den Aussendecks die Durchfahrt zu genießen.*

~0645 Wake Up call | *Weckruf.*

0730 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour. Please wait until the doors are open before entering. | *Das Frühstück steht eine Stunde lang für Euch im Restaurant bereit. Bitte wartet bis die Tür zum Restaurant offen steht.*

~0900 This morning we would like to go ashore at **West Point Island**. If the weather allows we would like to offer a long hike to a Black-browed albatross and Rockhopper penguin colony before visiting the settlement for morning tea. Please listen for announcements.
*Am Vormittag hoffen wir auf **West Point Island** landen zu können. Wenn es das Wetter erlaubt, bieten wir Euch eine längere Wanderung zu einer Eselspinguinkolonie an, bevor wir die Siedlung besuchen und auf Tee und Kuchen eingeladen werden. Wir werden die genauen Zeiten dann durchsagen.*

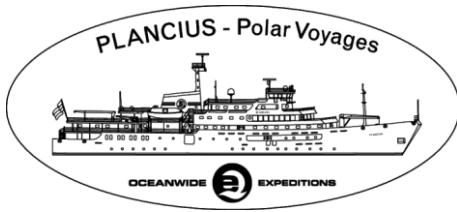
1300 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. | *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*

~1430 This afternoon we hope to land at **Saunders Island**. Here we can find Gentoo, Rockhopper, Magellanic and sometimes King penguins, Imperial shags and nesting Black browed albatross as well as other interesting wildlife. Please listen for announcements. | *Am Nachmittag hoffen wir mit Euch eine Landung auf **Saunders Island** machen zu können. Hier kann man Eselspinguine, Felsenpinguine, Königspinguine, Blauaugenscharben und brütende Schwarzbrauenalbatrosse sowie vielerlei andere Tiere beobachten. Bitte aufmerksam den Lautsprecheransagen zuhören.*

1900 Join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for the **Daily Briefing**.
In der Lounge warten Andrew und das Team auf Euch mit einem Rückblick auf den heutigen Tag und dem Ausblick auf Morgen.

1930 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.
Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!

Please ensure your valuables (cameras, computers, etc.) are secure in your cabin to prevent any accidents. Always keep at least one hand free to hold on to the ship. Thank you!
Bitte sichert eure Wertsachen (Kameras, Computers, etc.) in eurer Kabine vor Schäden durch Herunterfallen. Und bitte haltet Euch immer mindestens mit einer Hand fest, besonders auf den Treppen. Vielen Dank!



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Port Stanley

Saturday 21st January 2017 | *Samstag, den 21. Januar 2017*

0700 Wake Up call. | *Weckruf.*

~0720 Entrance to "The Narrows". | *Segeln durch die Meerenge "The Narrows".*

0730 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour. Please wait until the doors are open before entering. | *Das Frühstück steht eine Stunde lang für Euch im Restaurant bereit. Bitte wartet bis die Tür zum Restaurant offen steht.*

~0845 In the morning we plan to visit **Port Stanley**. Landing will be by Zodiac onto a floating pontoon. There are special notices posted on the whiteboards with information about some of the shops and attractions that will be open. Please note that not all shops can accept credit/debit cards, so it is advisable to carry some cash. Pound Sterling, US Dollars, Falkland Pounds and Euros are accepted in most places. Change will be given back in Falkland Pounds.

Am Morgen hoffen wir mit euch in Stanley anzulanden. Die Landung wird eine trockene Landung vom Zodiac auf einem Anleger sein. An der Aushangtafel befinden sich Zettel mit den Öffnungszeiten der einzelnen Geschäfte und Attraktionen. Bitte beachtet, dass manche Läden keine Kreditkarten akzeptieren, bringt deshalb bitte Bargeld mit. Britische Pfund, US-Dollar, Falkland-Pfund und Euro werden in den meisten Geschäften akzeptiert. Allerdings wird das Wechselgeld in Falkland-Pfund ausgegeben.

1300 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. | *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*

1600 Please join Cecilia in the Lounge for her presentation, '**Behind the Scenes of Filmmaking in the Wild**'. This will be in English and translated into German. | *Bitte gesellen Sie sich zu Cecilia in die Lounge, um ihren Vortrag ueber Naturfilmmacherei anzuhören. Der Vortrag ist auf Englisch und wird auf Deutsch uebersetzt.*

1830 Please join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for the **Daily Briefing**. *In der Lounge warten Andrew und das Expeditions-Team auf euch mit einer Zusammenfassung des Tages (Recap) und dem Ausblick auf Morgen.*

1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.
Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!

As we will be reaching open waters again, please ensure that you have taken medical precautions against seasickness. / Da wir wieder auf die offene See fahren, stellt bitte sicher, dass ihr Vorsichtsmaßnahmen medikamentöser Art gegen Seekrankheit genommen habt, falls notwendig.



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At Sea | Auf See

Sunday 22nd January 2017 | Sonntag, den 22. Januar 2017

As we sail towards South Georgia please keep a look out for unusual birds and large marine mammals!

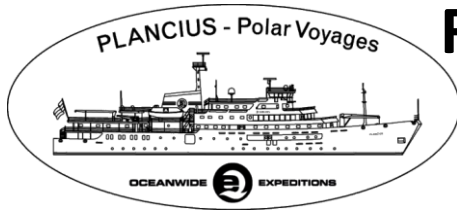
Während wir nach Süd Georgien fahren haltet bitte Ausschau nach großen und interessanten Vögeln und Säugern!

- 0745 Wake Up call | *Weckruf*
- 0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour. Please wait until the doors are open before entering. | *Das Frühstück steht eine Stunde lang für Sie im Restaurant bereit. Bitte warten Sie, bis die Tür zum Restaurant offen steht.*
- 0930 Please meet in the Lounge for a **Mandatory Briefing** for all visitors to Antarctica and South Georgia. This will include IAATO guidelines and biosecurity measures. | *Bitte kommen Sie für eine Einweisung aller Besucher der Antarktis und Süd Georgiens in das Restaurant. Diese Pflichtveranstaltung beinhaltet die IAATO-Richtlinien und (Bio-) Sicherheitsmaßnahmen bezüglich der Tier- und Pflanzenwelt.*
- 1030 **Vacuuming** stations will be set up in the Lounge to remove invasive species from your clothing and equipment. You will sign a declaration regarding these important measures. Please listen for announcements; you will be called by Deck. | *Staubsaugerstationen werden in der Lounge zur Verfügung stehen, um invasive Arten von Ihrer Kleidung und Ihrem Equipment zu entfernen. Sie müssen für diese wichtigen Sicherheitsmaßnahmen eine Erklärung unterzeichnen. Bitte beachten Sie die Lautsprecherdurchsagen; Sie werden nach Decks aufgerufen.*
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. | *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*
- 1330 Vacuuming continues as required. | *Staubsaugen wird fortgesetzt (wenn notwendig).*
- 1500 Rudi would like to meet with his group in the Dining Room. | *Rudi's Gruppe trifft sich im Restaurant.*
- 1530 **Sea Day Documentary:** Part 1 of BBC's "Operation Iceberg" - in the Lounge (in English). | *Tag auf See: Dokumentation: BBC "Operation Eisberg", Teil 1 - in der Lounge (auf Englisch).*
- 1700 Please join Rosalie in the Lounge for her presentation on the southern ocean, entitled "**The Southern Ocean**". | *Kommen Sie bitte in die Lounge Rosalie, wo sie einen Vortrag ueber das Suedpolarmeer halten wird. Bringen Sie ihren Kaffe mit..*
- 1830 **Daily Briefing** - please join the Expedition team in the Lounge. | *Recap und Ausblick auf Morgen: Bitte kommen Sie in die Lounge.*
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.
Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit.

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

Thank you.



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Rosita Harbour & Prion Island

Tuesday 24th January 2017 | Dienstag, den 24. Januar 2017

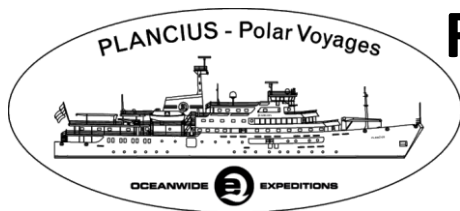
We will be cruising down the north-eastern coast of South Georgia in the early hours of the morning.
In den fruhen morgen Stunden, werden wir entlang der Nord/Ost - Kueste Sued Georgiens entlag segeln.
Morgenstund hat Gold im Mund.

- 0730 Wake-up call | *Weckruf*
- 0800 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room. | *Das Frühstücksbuffet steht für euch eine Stunde lang im Restaurant bereit.*
- 0930 Weather permitting we plan to offer a Zodiac cruise at **Rosita Harbour**. Solely German speakers will disembark first. Please listen for announcements. | *Wir planen eine wetterabhaengige Zodiac cruise in Rosita Harbour. Die ausschliesslich deutsch sprachigen Gaeste steigen zuerst in die Schlauchboote ein. Bitte achten Sie auf die Durchsagen!*
- 1300 Lunch is served in the Dining Room | *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*
- ~1430 This afternoon, weather and wildlife allowing, we hope to go ashore at **Prion Island**, home to the wandering albatross and many Antarctic fur seals. Please listen for announcements. | *Am Nachmittag, wenn es das Wetter und die tierischen Bewohner erlauben, planen wir eine Anlandung auf Prion Island machen, hier ist das Zuhause von brütenden Wanderalbatrossen und Fellrobben. Bitte achten Sie auf die Durchsagen!*
- 1900 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for the Daily Briefing where we look back upon our day and towards future plans. | *In der Lounge warten Andrew und das Expeditionsteam auf euch mit der Zusammenfassung des Tages & dem Ausblick auf Morgen.*
- 1930 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit. | *Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!*

DON'T FORGET TO CLOSE YOUR CURTAINS TO PREVENT BIRD STRIKES.
BITTE SCHLIESSEN SIE ALLE VORHÄNGE, UM NÄCHTLICHEN VOGELSCHLAG VORZUBEUGEN.

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| <p>Tonight (23rd Jan) please advance your clocks forward by 1 hour. <i>Werden wir die Schiffsuhrzeit um eine stunde vorstellen bevor wir uns schlafen legen!</i></p> |
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Please remember that all activities are weather and wildlife dependent.
Bitte beachten Sie, dass alle Aktivitaeten vom Wetter und potenziellen Tiersichtungen abhaengt.



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Stromness & Grytviken

Wednesday 25th January 2017 | *Mittwoch, den 25. Januar 2017*

- 0700 Wake-up call | *Weckruf*
- 0730 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room. / *Das Frühstücksbuffet steht für Sie eine Stunde lang im Restaurant bereit.*
- ~0900 Wildlife and weather allowing, we would like to take you ashore at **Stromness**, an abandoned whaling station. For those who are interested we would like to offer a walk up to '**Shackletons Waterfall**', a walk of several kilometres. We will also be able to stroll the beach and nearby areas. Please listen for announcements. / *Wenn es das Wetter und die tierischen Bewohner erlauben, planen wir eine Anlandung in **Stromness**, einer verlassenen Walfangstation. Für alle die Lust haben, werden wir eine kleine Wanderung zum '**Shackleton Wasserfall**' organisieren.*
- 1300 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. / *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*
- ~1500 Arrival time in **Grytviken**. Please come to the lounge for an introduction to Grytviken and information about the rat eradication program. This will be conducted by staff from the SGHT museum while we are clearing customs. / *Ankunft in Grytviken. Bitte kommen Sie in die Lounge für eine Einführung über **Grytviken** und einen Vortrag über das Rattenausrottungsprogramm, der von einem Mitglied des SGHT Museums gehalten wird, während wir die Einreiseformalitäten klären.*
- ~1530 First Zodiac to shore to the Cemetery. We will visit the grave of 'The Boss' and offer him a toast. *Wir werden am Friedhof anlanden und anschliessend auf "Den Boss" anstossen!*
- 1600 A staff member from the museum will offer a guided tour through the whaling station, starting from the Pump House.
Ein Museumsmitarbeiter wird eine geführte Tour durch die Walfangstation anbieten. Die Fuehrung startet am Pump Haus.
- 1700 Shackleton tour departs from the front of the museum.
Die Shackleton-Tour beginnt vor dem Museum!
- Alternatively you can roam freely and visit the church, museum, post office, and gallery. All other buildings are closed! *Alternativ haben Sie die Moeglichkeit, sich alleine etwas umzuschauen. Sie duerfen das Museum, das Postamt und die Gallerie besuchen! Alle anderen Gebaude duerfen nicht betreten werden.*
- Zodiacs back to the ship will leave from the two shipwrecks in front of the museum.
Die Zodiacs werden vor dem Museum, neben den zwei Schiffwracks warten, um Sie von dort zurueck zum Schiff zu bringen!
- ~1845 If there is time we would like to have a quick Daily Briefing in the Lounge.
Wenn es die Zeit erlaubt, wird in der Lounge ein kurzes Briefing stattfinden.
- 1900 Dinner with a difference. Please dress warmly and make your way onto the aft deck (Deck 3 behind the dining room). / *Abendessen mal anders: Bitte warm anziehen und aufs Achterdeck kommen. Ueberraschung! (Deck 3, hinter dem Restaurant)*

Please remember that all activities are weather and wildlife dependent.

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Godthul & St Andrews Bay

Thursday 26th January 2017 | *Donnerstag, den 26. Januar 2017*

0715 Wake-up call / *Weckruf*

0730 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room. / *Das Frühstücksbuffet steht für euch eine Stunde lang im Restaurant bereit.*

~0830 If conditions (and wildlife) allow, we would like to go ashore at Godthul, (meaning 'good cove' in Norwegian). For those who would enjoy a leg stretch, we will offer an energetic 5km round trip hike to a view point above the bay. Shorter walks will also be on offer as well a zodiac cruise if the weather is favourable. Please listen for announcements. / *Falls Wetter und die tierischen Bewohner es erlauben, wollen wir mit euch Godthul (vom norwegischen Wort "gute Höhle") besuchen. Für die wanderlustigen unter euch werden wir eine 5 km Rundum-Wanderung anbieten zu einem Aussichtspunkt oberhalb der Bucht. Kürzere Wanderungen als auch Zodiac-Rundfahrten werden auch möglich sein, falls das Wetter mitspielt. Bitte den Lautsprecheransagen gut zu hören.*

1300 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. / *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*

~1500 This afternoon we would like to take you ashore at St. Andrews Bay, home to South Georgia's largest king penguin rookery (an estimated 250,000 breeding pairs) and the largest haul-out of southern elephant seals. Landings here are highly weather dependent as considerable surf can form on the beach. Please listen for announcements. / *Am Nachmittag möchten wir mit euch an Land gehen an der St. Andrews Bucht, hier ist das Zuhause von Süd-Georgiens grösster Königspinguin Kolonie (etwa 250.000 Brutpaare) und der grösste Rumhängeplatz ('haul-out') von südlichen Seelefeanten. Die Landung hier hängt sehr von den Wetterbedingungen ab und wir müssen vor Ort bestimmen, ob es möglich ist oder nicht. Bitte den Lautsprecheransagen gut zu hören.*

1900 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for the Daily Briefing where we look back upon our day and towards future plans. / *In der Lounge warten Andrew und das Expeditionsteam auf euch mit der Zusammenfassung des Tages & dem Ausblick auf Morgen.*

1930 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.
Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit

Please ensure your valuables (cameras, computers, etc.) are secure in your cabin to prevent any accidents. Always keep at least one hand free to hold on to the ship.

Thank you.



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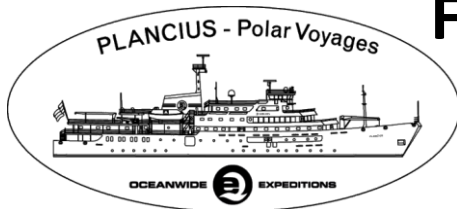
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Gold Harbour & Cooper Bay

Friday 27th January 2017 | *Freitag, den 27. Januar 2017*

- 0500 Wake-up call - **if we are going ashore** | *Weckruf - falls wir an Land gehen.*
Some pastries and fruit juice will be available in the bar | *Obst und Snacks stehen in der Bar zur Verfügung.*
- 0530 **Gold Harbour** has an incredible backdrop of hanging glaciers and vertical cliffs. Weather allowing we plan to go ashore and enjoy more wildlife – look out for light-mantled sooty albatrosses flying overhead. | ***Gold Harbour** hat wunderschöne hängende Gletscher und vertikale Felswände. Wir planen eine Anlandung um noch mehr Tiere zu beobachten – haltet Ausschau nach Rußmantelalbatrossen.*
- 0800 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room. | *Das Frühstücksbuffet steht für euch eine Stunde lang im Restaurant bereit.*
- 1000 If conditions allow we would like to Zodiac cruise **Cooper Bay** in order to see the chinstrap, king and macaroni penguin colonies and explore the scenic coastline. *Wenn das Wetter es zulässt, möchten wir eine Bootsfahrt mit euch in der **Cooper Bay** machen. Dort können wir Kehlstreifpinguine, Königspinguine und Goldschopfpinguine sehen.*
- 1300 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. | *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*
- 1700 Please join **Andrew** in the **Lounge** while he unveils the mysteries of **South Georgia Geology**. | *Andrew wird in der Lounge einige Geheimnisse der Geologie Südgeorgiens lüften.*
- 1830 Join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for the Daily Briefing where we look back upon our day and towards future plans. | *In der Lounge warten Andrew und das Team auf euch mit der Zusammenfassung des Tages & dem Ausblick auf Morgen.*
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit. | *Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!*

We will be heading into open waters during the afternoon, as always please secure your belongings, make sure all cupboards and doors are secure and always have one hand for the ship when moving around. | *Heute Nachmittag werden wir offene Wasser befahren, bitte sichert euer Equipment und verschließt alle Schränke und Türen. Und nicht vergessen: Eine Hand fürs Schiff und eine Hand für Euch.*



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At Sea | Auf See

Saturday 28th January 2017 | *Samstag, den 28. Januar 2017*

As we sail towards Antarctica please be on the lookout for illusive birds and marine mammals. | *Bitte haltet Ausschau nach Vögeln und Säugetieren, während wir zu den Antarctica fahren.*

There will be no wake-up call this morning!! | *Heute gibt es keinen Weckruf.*

- 0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
Das Frühstück steht eine Stunde lang für Euch im Restaurant bereit.
- 0900 **Vacuuming for Antarctica in the Lounge!** We will call you by deck. | *Staubsaugen in der Lounge! | Wir rufen Euch deckweise auf.*
- 1130 Kasper likes old things, especially smelly bearded historical polar adventurers. Please join him in the lounge as he shares his passion in his talk entitled '**Antarctica Discovered**'. | *Kasper spricht in seinem Vortrag in der Lounge 'Antarctica Discovered' über frühe Antarktis-Entdecker*
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. | *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*
- 1500 Rudi would like to offer a talk on **Whales** in the Dining room. This will be in German and translated into English via Rose and the little ears. | *Rudi bietet einen Vortrag über **Wale** im Restaurant an. Dieser wird auf Deutsch gehalten und von Rosi ins Englische übersetzt.*
- 1630 It's **Happy Hour!** Please feel free to come up to the **Lounge** and enjoy good company and a drink or two prior to our Auction! | *Es ist **Happy Hour!** Ihr seid herzlich eingeladen vor der Versteigerung noch einen oder zwei Drinks in der Lounge zu Euch zu nehmen.*
- 1700 To assist the SGHT in their efforts to make and keep **South Georgia** rat free we would like to run an **Auction**. Items will be displayed from 1630 in the **Lounge**. | *Um das SGHT Rattenbekämpfungsprogramm zu unterstützen, möchten wir eine kleine **Auktion** veranstalten. Die zu versteigernden Gegenstände werden ab 16:30 Uhr in der **Lounge** ausgestellt.*
- 1830 Daily Briefing will be in the **Lounge** with the expedition team. | *Das tägliche Briefing mit dem Expeditionsteam findet in der **Lounge** statt.*
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit. | *Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!*

As we expect continuous motion of the ship, please secure your belongings and take your medication. Always remember to have one hand for the ship!

Da wir unsere Reise auf dem offenen Meer fortsetzen, bitten wir euch eure Wertgegenstände sicher zu verstauen und ggf. Medikamente gegen Seekrankheit zu nehmen. Wie immer gilt: Eine Hand für Euch, eine Hands für das Schiff.



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South Orkney Islands

Sunday 29th January 2017 | *Sonntag, den 29. Januar 2017*

There will be no wake-up call this morning!! | *Heute gibt es keinen Weckruf.*

- 0800 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room. | *Das Frühstücksbuffet steht für euch eine Stunde lang im Restaurant bereit.*
- TBA Weather and ice allowing we would like to go ashore and visit **Orcadas Station** on the South Orkney Islands.
There will be some souvenirs available for purchase and you can send postcards as well. The base personnel will accept USD, Euro and Argentinian Pesos at the exchange rate of the day. There is also the chance to stamp your passport, this must be done at your own discretion. For that please fill out the form at Reception by breakfast time. **Please listen out for announcements for timings.**
*Wenn die Wetter- und Eisbedingungen es erlauben werden wir die Orcada Station und die Sued-Orkney Inseln besuchen. Dort gibt es sowohl einen kleinen Souvenir Laden, als auch die Möglichkeit Postkarten zu verschicken. Ihr koennt in USD, Euros und Argentinischen Pesos bezahlen und es wird nach dem Wechselkurs des Tages berechnet. **Achten Sie bitte auf die Durchsagen!***
Wenn du einen Stempel in deinem Pass haben willst, dann bitten wir dich dies auf dem Zettel an der Rezeption zu vermerken. Vielen Dank!
- 1300 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*
- 1500 Sea Day Documentary: We would like to screen a documentary about the life of Shackleton's photographer, Frank Hurley. This is in English. | *Ein Tag aif See! Wir möchten euch einen Dokumentarfilm über das Leben von Shackletons Fotografen Frank Hurley zeigen.*
- 1700 **Liz** would like to introduce us to the icy continent of Antarctica in the **Lounge** in her presentation **"Introduction to Antarctica"**. | *Liz wird einen allgemeinen Vortrag ueber die Antarktis halten in der Lounge.*
- 1830 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for the Daily Briefing. | *In der Lounge warten Andrew und das Team auf euch mit der Zusammenfassung des Tages und dem Ausblick auf Morgen.*
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.
Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!

TONIGHT (28th Jan) WE WILL BE CHANGING THE SHIPS TIME. PLEASE TURN YOUR CLOCK BACKWARDS ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED! HEUTE (28.01.) WERDEN WIR DIE SCHIFFSUHRZEIT UM EINE STUNDE ZURÜCKSTELLEN BEVOR WIR UNS SCHLAFEN LEGEN!



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At Sea / Auf See

Monday 30th January 2017 | Montag, den 30. Januar 2017

0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour.

Das Frühstück steht eine Stunde lang für Euch im Restaurant bereit.

1030 **Liz** would like to again introduce us to the icy continent of Antarctica in the **Lounge** in her presentation **"Introduction to Antarctica"**. | *Liz wird in der Lounge einen allgemeinen Vortrag über die Antarktis halten.*

1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.

Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.

1530 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. | *Bitte besucht Louise in der Lounge, um ihre Präsentation über den frühen Walfang. Sie hat tatsächlich einen persönlichen Bezug dazu, dieser entstammt aus den Tagebüchern ihres Grossvaters.*

1700 **Rose** is fascinated by ice and would like to explain all about it in the **Dining Room**. This will be in German.

Andrew will be in the **Lounge** to give a comparable talk in **English**.

Rose ist fasziniert von Eis und wird dazu ausführlich im Restaurant berichten (auf Deutsch). Andrew wird ebenfalls einen Vortrag zum Thema Eis auf Englisch in der Lounge halten.

1830 Daily Briefing will be in the Lounge with the expedition team. |

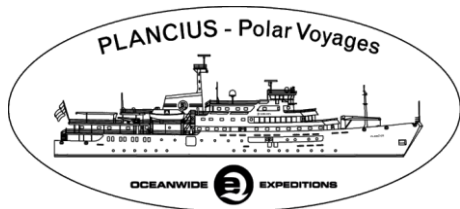
*In der Lounge warten **Andrew** und das Team auf euch mit der Zusammenfassung des Tages & dem Ausblick auf Morgen.*

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

Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!

As the ship continues to roll please remember to secure your belongings and always have one hand for the ship! Thank you.

Da sich das Schiff weiterhin stark bewegt, sichert bitte alle Eure Gegenstände in der Kabine und haltet Euch immer am Schiff fest! Danke!



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Half Moon Island & Whaler's Bay

Tuesday 31st January 2017 | *Dienstag, den 31. Januar 2017*

0715 Wake-up call / *Weckruf*

0730 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room. | *Das Frühstücksbuffet steht für Euch eine Stunde lang im Restaurant bereit.*

~0830 This morning we would like to go ashore on **Half Moon Island**, a small island on the north side of Livingston Island. Please listen for announcements. | *Am Morgen planen wir an Half Moon Island anzulanden, einer kleinen Insel auf der Nordseite von Livingston Island. Bitte achtet auf Lautsprecherdurchsagen!*

1300 Lunch is served in the Dining Room | *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*

~1500 This afternoon we plan to sail into Deception Island - an active volcano - and land at **Whaler's Bay** where we can see the remains of a research base and earlier whaling endeavours. Be sure to be on deck to enjoy this impressive transit through the narrow entrance into Port Foster. | *Am Nachmittag planen wir in einen aktiven Vulkan zu fahren und an Whaler's Bay (Deception Island) anzulanden, wo die Überreste einer Walfangstation und einer wissenschaftlichen Station zu finden sind. Seid auf den Aussendecks mit dabei, um diese beeindruckende Durchfahrt durch den schmalen Eingang zum Port Forster zu genießen.*

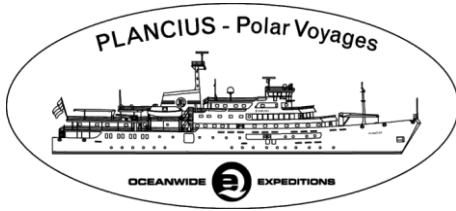
1900 As we sail further south join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for the Daily Briefing. | *Während wir weiter Richtung Süden unterwegs sind erwarten Euch Andrew und sein Expeditionsteam in der Lounge zur Vorschau auf den nächsten Tag*

1930 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.
Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!

Please ensure your valuables (cameras, computers, etc.) are secure in your cabin to prevent any accidents. Always keep at least one hand free to hold on to the ship.

Thank you.

Bitte stellt sicher, dass alle Eure Wertgegenstände in den Kabinen gesichert sind. Und bitte haltet Euch immer mit mindestens einer Hand am Schiff fest! Danke!



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Neko Harbour & Expedition Afternoon

Wednesday 1st February 2017 | *Mittwoch, den 1. Februar 2017*

0715 Wake-up call | *Weckruf*

0730 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room. | *Das Frühstücksbuffet steht für euch eine Stunde lang im Restaurant bereit.*

0830 After breakfast we plan to go ashore at **Neko Harbour**. This will be a Continental Landing on Antarctica! | *Nach dem Fruehtueck planen wir einen Anlandung in Neko Harbour. Heute betretet ihr den 7. Kontinent!*

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). | *Wir moechten einen Polar Plunge in die eisigen Gewaesser der Antarktis, fuer die furchtlosen Gaeste unter uns anbieten.*

1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. | *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*

After lunch we will have an **Expedition Afternoon**, and our activities will be dependent on the weather and wildlife we find. Please listen for announcements. | *Nach dem Mittagessen wird ein Expeditions Nachmittag stattfinden. Alle Aktivitaeten sind von potenziellen Tiersichtungen und den Witterungsbedingungen abhaengig. Bitte achtet auf die Durchsagen!*

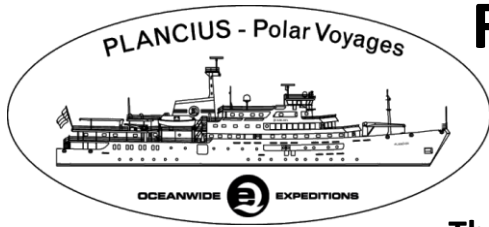
1900 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for a quick **Daily Briefing**. | *Kommt und trifft Andrew und das Expeditionsteam für eine schnelle Zusammenfassung und Ausblick auf Morgen in der Lounge.*

1930 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.
Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!

Please ensure your valuables (cameras, computers, etc.) are secure in your cabin to prevent any accidents. Always keep at least one hand free to hold on to the ship.

Thank you.

Bitte achtet darauf, dass eure Wertgegenstaende (Kamera, Computer, etc.) sicher verstaut sind, um Unfaellen vorzubeugen. Denkt daran: Eine Hand fuer euch und eine Hand fuers Schiff! Dankeschoen! ☺



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Port Lockroy

Thursday 2nd February 2017 | *Donnerstag, den 2. Februar 2017*

0600 Wake-up call | *Weckruf*

0645 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room. | *Das Frühstücksbuffet steht für euch eine Stunde lang im Restaurant bereit.*

This morning we hope to have a quick visit to **Port Lockroy**. Here we have the chance to visit the museum, buy souvenirs and post postcards. If you would like your passport stamped, please ensure you tick the list at reception prior to breakfast. Please remember your passport is an official document. | *Wir hoffen darauf, Port Lockroy kurz besuchen zu koennen! Hier gibt es die Moeglichkeit ein Museum zu besuchen, Souvenirs einzukaufen und Postkarten zu verschicken. Wenn jemand von euch einen Stempel in seinem Pass wuenscht, dann tragt es bitte in die Liste an der Rezeption vor dem Fruehrtstueck ein. Der Pass ist ein offizielles Dokument und der Stempel nicht.*

0720 Disembarkation for Port side passengers. Please be on time. | *Die Gaeste mit den Kabinen auf der Backbordseite (links) landen zuerst an. Bitte kommt puenktlich!*

0820 Disembarkation for Starboard side passengers. Please be on time. | *Die Gaeste mit den Kabinen auf der Steuerbordseite (rechts) landen an. Bitte kommt puenktlich!*

1200 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. | *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*

We will be sailing north back up the spectacular scenery of the Gerlache Strait and then out through the Melchior Islands and into the Drake Passage. Keep a lookout for interesting wildlife!

Wir werden weiter noerdlich fahren. Bevor uns die Drake Passage erwartet, koennen wir noch die Schoenheit der Gerlache Strasse und der Melchior Inseln geniessen. Haltet weiterhin die Augen offen, vielleicht treffen wir noch weitere Tiere auf dem Weg!

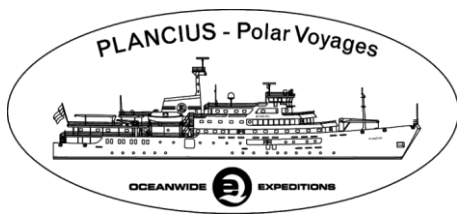
1530 If you'd like to learn more about Marine Mammal Adaptations, please join **Liz** in the **Lounge** for her presentation 'Marine Mammal Adaptations'. | *Wenn ihr mehr ueber die Anpassungen der Meeressaeuger erfahren wollt, dann kommt zu Liz in die Lounge, wo sie einen Vortrag darueber halten wird.*

1700 **Plancius Pub Quiz!** Come up to the Lounge as we hold the inaugural quiz event of the year. Organise a team of 4 or more and get ready for some brain scratching, thigh slapping fun. *Raetsel raten! Kommt in die Lounge, wo das erste Raetzel des Jahres stattfinden wird. Bildet ein Team von mindestens 4 Teilnehmern und macht euch bereit fuer ganz viel Spass (laut Andrew).*

1830 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the Lounge for a quick **Daily Briefing**. | *Kommt und trifft Andrew und das Expeditionsteam für eine schnelle Zusammenfassung und Ausblick auf Morgen in der Lounge.*

1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. | *Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!*

Before we sail into the Drake Passage please make sure your belongings are secured safely in your room and all cupboards, drawers and doors are securely closed. | Am Nachmittag werden wir die Drake Passage befahren. Bitte sichert alle losen Gegenstände in euren Kabinen (Becher, Türen, etc.).



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Drake Passage

Friday 3rd February 2017 | Freitag, den 3. Februar 2017

There will be no wakeup call this morning!!

Keinen Weckruf heute morgen!!

- 0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
Das Frühstück steht eine Stunde lang für Euch im Restaurant bereit.
- 1000 The race to be the first to the South Pole was finally won by Roald Amundsen. **Louise** knows a little bit about Mr Amundsen and would like to impart her knowledge. She will be in the **Lounge**. | *Das Rennen zum Suedpol wurde von Roald Amundsen gewonnen. Lousie verfuegt ueber ein breit gefaechertes Wissen bezueglich Mr Amundsen und will dies mit euch in der Lounge teilen!*
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. | *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*
- 1500 Sea Day Movie: **Around Cape Horn**. This is a fascinating documentary filmed in the early 1900s by Irving Johnson, a boy determined to experience the full force of rounding 'The Horn'. This is in English in the Lounge. | *Seetag-Film: Um das Kapp Horn. Eine faszinierende Dokumentation gefilmt Anfang des 19. Jahrhunderts von Irving Johnson, ein Junge der bestimmt war das gesamte Kapp Horn zu umrunden. Der Film wird nur in Englisch gezeigt. In der Lounge.*
- 1615 Rudi and Priska would like to meet with the Polar News group in the Dining Room.
Rudi und Priska werden die Polar News Gruppe im Restaurant treffen!
- 1700 Please join Fritz in the **Lounge** for his presentation, "**Inspection at the End of the World**". | *Fritz wird in der Lounge ueber Inspektionen am Ende der Welt' in der Lounge berichten! Der Vortrag wird auf Englisch sein und wird auf Deutsch übersetzt werden.*
- 1830 Daily Recap will be in the Lounge with the expedition team. | *In der Lounge warten Andrew und das Team auf euch mit der Zusammenfassung des Tages & dem Ausblick auf Morgen.*
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit. | *Das Abendessen wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!*

As we cross the Drake please remember to secure your belongings and always have one hand for the ship! Thank you. | Beim Durchqueren der Drake Passage bitten wir euch, alle Gegenstaende sacher in der Kabine zu verstauen. Denkt daran: Eine Hand fuer das Schiff und eine Hand fuer dich! Vielen Dank!



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Drake Passage

Saturday 4th February 2017 | Samstag, den 4. Februar 2017

There will be no wakeup call this morning! | Kein Weckruf heute morgen!

- 0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour. | *Das Frühstück steht eine Stunde lang für euch im Restaurant bereit.*
- TBA We expect to be approaching **Cape Horn** by mid-morning. Listen out for announcements, and be sure to be on deck to see this famous landmark in the distance. | *Wir planen Kaphorn am spaeten Morgen zu erreichen. Achtet auf die Durchsagen und kommt auf die Aussendecks, um die Anfahrt zu geniessen.*
- 1100 Please join **Kasper** in the **Lounge** as he describes some **Polar Expeditions of the Modern Age**. | *Kasper wird in der Lounge einen Vortrag ueber moderne Polarexpeditionen halten.*
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room. | *Das Mittagessen wird im Restaurant serviert.*
- 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. | *Die Zeit des Abschieds ist gekommen! Leider müsst ihr euch nun von euren treuen Gefährten, den Muckboots, trennen. Dafür rufen wir euch deckweise auf und ihr bringt bitte eure Stiefel um Stiefelraum. Achtet bitte auf die Durchsagen!*
- TBA The moment you have all been waiting for has arrived! Johnny and Heidi would like to see you at reception to **settle your accounts!** 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. | *Der Moment, auf den alle Hingefiebert haben, ist da. Johnny und Heidi erwarten euch zu folgenden Zeiten an der Rezeption, um eure Rechnungen zu begleichen. Bitte actet auf die Durchsagen. Falls der Seegang es erforderlich macht, werden die Zeiten geändert.*

15.00 - 15.20 Deck 6 and Deck 5

15.40 - 16.00 Cabins 416 to 429

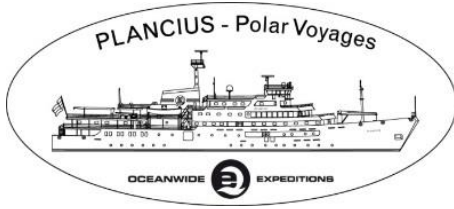
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16.00 - 16.30 Deck 3 and Deck 2

Cash Euro, USD, Visa or MasterCard.

- 1700 Please join **Rosalie** in the **Lounge** for her presentation on Climate Change, entitled '**Antarctica – Past, Present and Future**'. | *Rosalie wird einen Vortrag in der Lounge ueber Klimawandel in der Antarktis halten (Vergangenheit- Gegenwart und Zukunft der Antarktis)*
- 1845 Please meet with Andrew and the expedition staff in the Lounge for a **Final Briefing and a Farewell Toast** from your Captain. | *Das letzte Recap mit Andrew und dem Expeditionsteam findet in der Lounge statt. Im Anschluss spricht der Kapitän einen Tost auf die erfolgreiche Reise, bevor das letzte Abendessen der Reise serviert wird.*
- 1930 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit. | *Das letzte Abendmahl im Restaurant!*

As we cross the Drake please remember to secure your belongings and always have one hand for the ship! Thank you. | Beim Durchqueren der Drake Passage bitten wir euch, alle Gegenstaende sicher in der Kabine zu verstauen. Denkt daran: Eine Hand fuer das Schiff und eine Hand fuer euch! Herzlichen Dank!



Falkland Islands & South Georgia

Arrival in Ushuaia

Sunday 5th February 2017

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

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

- 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.
- You can collect your Passports from Reception once the ship has been cleared by the Argentinian authorities. Please listen for announcements.
- 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 350 metres 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.

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!



Falkland Inseln & Sued Georgien

Arrival in Ushuaia

Donnerstag, den 5. Februar 2017

Der Lotse wird früh morgens an Bord kommen und wir segeln danach für rund 5 Stunden nach Ushuaia. Wir planen, gegen 7 Uhr anzukommen.

0700 Weckruf

Obwohl wir angelegt haben werden, dürft ihr das Schiff NICHT verlassen, bevor wir das OK der Behörden haben. Bitte wartet auf die Durchsagen.

0730 Das Frühstück wird für Euch im Restaurant für eine Stunde serviert.

~0830 Abschiedszeit!! Alle Passagiere gehen von Bord.

- Bevor ihr zum Frühstück geht, stellt bitte euer grosses Gepäck vor die Tür und wir werden es zur Pier bringen.
- Bitte gebt eure Schlüssel auf dem Weg ins Restaurant an der Rezeption ab.
- Sobald der Zoll die Einreise abgefertigt hat, könnt ihr eure Pässe an der Rezeption abholen.
- Die Busse stehen für euch an der Pier bereit. Bitte achtet darauf, euer eigenes Gepäck in den richtigen Bus zu bringen.
- Wenn ihr euer Gepäck im Lager zwischenlagern möchtet, bringt es bitte in den Transporter und holt es bis 14:00 Uhr im Lager in der Avenida Maipú 1210 ab (Gebäude mit grünem Dach, ca. 350 m von der Pier entfernt).

Wenn ihr in Ushuaia bleibt, steht es euch frei zu Fuss die Pier zu verlassen. Taxis stehen am Ende der Pier an der Strasse bereit.

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