



## Expedition Log

# Antarctic Peninsula

05 February, 2017 – 15 February, 2017

On board the  
***M/V Plancius***



# Captain Evgeny Levakov

and his international crew of 48

Including:

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Welcome you all on board  
the *PLANCIUS* !

## **Day 1 – 5<sup>th</sup> of February**

### **Welcome onboard the Plancius !**

GPS Position: 42°45'S / 065°01'W

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 toward the Antarctic Peninsula.

## **Day 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> of February**

### **At sea towards Antarctica**

Going across what is known to be the most violent piece of open water on the planet, could have been a worse experience than today, sun shine and fairly calm seas is what we are surrounded by all day. With the little wind that we are having, comes the seabirds, albatrosses, petrels in all sizes are soaring the wind around the ship. Indoors the day starts with David's voice over the PA system at 0730, followed by breakfast. In the morning Rosali has a meeting in the lounge where she tells about her speciality: The Southern Oceans, this is very interesting since we can see and feel the southern ocean all around us as the talk goes on. After Rosali's intro to the oceans lunch is served. In the afternoon the Kayakers has a meeting with Louise about their program for the voyage, the rest of us are invited to the sun deck for a chat with Hans about the birds of the Drake passage, out there where we actually can see the birds that we are talking about.

To make us all even better prepared for our arrival in Antarctica, Tobias invites us to a lecture he call's "An introduction to Antarctic Geology", Antarctica is much more than ice we all now know! The day finishes off with the famous "Rubber Boot Party" on deck 3, where the shoe shop is open, so that we all can get fitted a pair of sturdy rubber boots for the landings in the far south! After the boot party, we all meet for the daily recap in the lounge where David tells us about the future plans.

## **Day 3 – 7<sup>th</sup> of February**

### **At sea towards Antarctica**

David's voice called us back from the dream world at around 7:30 in the morning and we went to the restaurant for our breakfast to gain strength for the day ahead.

The Drake was calm and the weather quite enjoyable, so we spent some time outside on deck to watch the waves go passed and the occasional seabird soaring around.

At 9:30 in the morning, we joined David in the lounge, where he introduced us to the IAATO guidelines we would have to follow in Antarctica. In other words, we learned how to behave around wildlife, and how to cope with the challenging environment. This mandatory, but interesting briefing was followed by instructions about zodiac operations. We learned about



our rubber boats, how to walk down the gangway and board the zodiacs properly, how we would get ashore safely and how we would return, of course.

Equipped with a whole lot of new information, we soon proceeded to the next necessary step towards visiting Antarctica: the vacuum-cleaning of our outer garments in order to prevent the introduction of non-native species. So the big vacuuming party in the bar started, and we carefully checked and cleaned jackets, pants, gloves, hats and backpacks.

This was a lot of information, so we treated ourselves to another delicious lunch prepared by our chef Gabor and his team.

When we had finished our lunch, we came by reception where our hotel team had set up the ship shop for us, where we could be souvenirs for the loved ones at home.

At around 14 :00, we heard another announcement telling us that a Humpback Whale had been sighted close to the ship. Unfortunately, it was not too cooperative and did not want to stay around, so we continued on our way to Antarctica.

At around 14 :30, Lydie called us to the lounge for her talk on ice and glaciers of Antarctica explaining to us how glaciers form, how they break and create crevasses and what the dynamics of the ice means for the climate and the earth.



Just when Kasper called his camping group for a meeting, we encountered some Humpback Whales just off Smith Island, which is part of the South Shetland Islands. They came very close to the ship, showed their flukes, slapped their pectoral fins and occasionally even showed signs of bubble-net-feeding. We enjoyed this fantastic sighting and even had the pleasure of hearing them.



We had spent quite a bit of amazing time with them before leaving them to their own path and continued our way towards our first destination in Antarctica.

Kasper resumed his meeting with his campers followed by Hans' lecture about those large marine mammals that we can find throughout Antarctica, explaining their behaviour, but also their role and impact on the oceans and ecosystems, in addition to a short introduction in whaling and its effects on the whale populations.

After this long and exiting day, there was only one more thing awaiting us – the daily recap. David explained to us the plans for our very first day in Antarctica, followed by some more in depths explanations about whales by Cecilia complimenting Hans' lecture.

With all this new information and new memories in our head, it was time to enjoy another delicious dinner in the restaurant.

## **Day 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> of February**

### **Cuerverville & Port Lockroy**

GPS position: -64.68°S / -62.63°W

At 07:00 the voice of the Expedition Leader David woke everybody up for the first full day in Antarctica. During the night Plancius had made its way through the Bransfield and Gerlache Straits and was nearing Cuerverville island.



After the breakfast buffet, that started at 07:30, the whole ship was preparing for the first landing of this expedition. A first step on Antarctica! At 08:45 the first landing at Cuverville Island started in sunny and clam weather. As the first expedition members arrived at the beach they were greeted by Gentoo Penguins on the shore and Brown & Antarctic Skua's flying overhead. While walking along the shoreline a few Antarctic Fur Seals were seen hauling out on the beach.



By the end of the morning everybody returned to Plancius to enjoy a lunch in the Dining Room at 12:30. In the meanwhile Plancius would make its way to Port Lockroy. The lunch was about to start when the ship was turned around by the Captain because a group of Orca's was seen. All expedition members were able to see this group of small type B Orca's from the outer decks as the Orca's were feeding not far from the ship. After this fantastic observation the ship continued toward Neumayer Channel as all on board enjoyed their lunch.

Before the afternoon visit could start one of the base personnel came on board to give an introductory talk about Port Lockroy in the Lounge. At 15:30 the first expedition members landed on Port Lockroy. Here we were were able to buy souvenirs and send post postcards from the most Southern post office in the world. Those who brought there passport ashore got it stamped with the British Antarctic Territory stamp. On Port Lockroy there is also a small museum and a Gentoo Penguin colony.

Upon return to Plancius David and the Expedition team gave a Daily Briefing in the Lounge about the plans for the next day. After enjoying the dinner it was time to relax in the Lounge or on one of the decks to reflect on this great day in Antarctica.



## **Day 5 – 9<sup>th</sup> of February**

### **Lemaire channel, Petermann Island & zodiac cruise in Yalour Island**

GPS position: -65.06°S / -63.95°W

We sailed through the Lemaire Channel and were mesmerized by the stunning scenery of the magical icy wonderland. We were impressed by the snow covered mountains and glaciers. Several crabeater seals were resting on ice flows, while some penguins swam alongside the ship. After successfully navigating through the Lemaire Channel we landed on Petermann Island. The Kayakers went kayaking and some guests joined a zodiac cruise around some icebergs that were grounded in the bay. Some of us observed a humpback whale within the bay and more Crabeater seals on ice. On the island we were greeted by lots of Gentoo and some Adelie penguins. The hut along with the cross and the tidal mark reminded us of Jean Baptiste Charcot's second Antarctic expedition.

In the afternoon we pursued a zodiac cruise around Yalour Island. The weather conditions changed and we encountered some fog and rain, yet this gave the surrounding icebergs a mysterious atmosphere. We saw lots of icebergs of all different sizes, shapes and in different colours. The island was teeming with lots of nesting Adelie penguins. Besides, we have seen many Arctic and Antarctic terns, Skuas, Blue eyed shags and fur seals.

This lovely time will be memorized by all of us. Another beautiful day in Antarctica!







## Day 6 – 10<sup>th</sup> of February

### Almirante Brown station & Danco Island

GPS positions: -64.89°S / -62.87°W

"Good morning my dear expedition friends" and the day starts with David and his wake up call ! This morning we are aiming for Almirante Brown station and our first continental landing. For 40 of us we are checking our 7th continent !

We organize two different groups and while the first one is landing the second one is zodiac cruising in the bay. Leopard seals, crab eaters and blue ice glaciers are meeting us.

Onshore, the Almirante Brown team is meeting us in the old station laboratory. Along with hundreds of Gentoo penguins !

In the afternoon our plan of going to Orne Island and George Island is transformed to a landing in Danco Island. And everyone is happy about the change as we meet good weather, more gent penguins and a fur seal colony ! Young male give us an interesting show on how to keep its territory.







At the end of the afternoon everyone gets back to the ship and enjoy a nice meal before the happy campers spend their first night outside !

Have a good night all !

## Day 7 –11<sup>th</sup> of February

### Neko Harbour & Enterprise Island

GPS position: -64.83°S / -62.56°W

While rain and drizzle, will make any cityscape look dreary, cold and uninviting, the same weather treatment in the Antarctic simply adds atmosphere to a beautiful site like Neko Harbour, where we began our morning. Surrounded by gigantic glaciers precariously positioned along the coastline, this harbor, within the larger Andvord Bay, is named after the whaling ship, Neko, which was positioned here from 1911 – 1912 and 1923 – 1924. The ship was owned by the powerful Norwegian whaling company Salveson & Son, who made a fortune from hunting seals and whales in this region. Today, it is hard to imagine that such a bloodbath could have taken place in place as peaceful as Neko Harbour. Once our zodiacs stopped running, silence was interrupted only by the cries of penguins and occasional roars from calving glaciers around the larger bay area.



The probability of encountering humpback whales in Wilhelmina Bay is higher than many other places around the Antarctic Peninsula, but no one expected that we would see as many as 20 to 25 whales as we sailed into the area! Everyone was in for a treat as we launched the zodiacs to get closer to the feeding whales in the open sea. Their exhalations could be heard clearly as they would come up for air between lunge feeding for krill. Some guests even had the pleasure of seeing whales breach clear out of the water, smashing body weights of approximately 40.000kg back through the surface with dramatic splashes all around.



To complete this fantastic zodiac cruise, we paid a visit to the nearby Foyn Harbour, named after Sven Foyen, the man who invented the very deadly exploding harpoon. Here lies the rusty wreck of the whaling ship *Guvernøren*, 'The Governor', beached purposely in 1915 by a fast-acting captain, who wanted to save his men from a fire onboard. By running the ship aground at least he and his men would be on land and with other whaling ships in the vicinity, they were all rescued soon after. Today, as we pass by the wreck, where three modern sailing yachts are anchored up, Antarctic terns circle above our heads to chase us away from the site they consider theirs. Soon after the fog seems to grow thicker and it is time to return to Plancius, while we can still see her in the distance.

## **Day 8 – 12<sup>th</sup> of February**

### **Deception Island – Whalers Bay**

GPS position: -62.98°S / -60.56°W

We woke early to David announcing our approach to Neptune's Bellows, the narrow chasm in the crater rim of the sunken caldera of Deception Island. We gathered on the outer decks and held our breath as Captain Levakov guided us through the eastern side of the 300-metre gap, with Ravn Rock waiting just below the surface to founder another ship in the middle of the passage.



After passing the stern of *Southern Hunter* wrecked on the western beach, we turned to starboard and made our way into Whalers Bay. After a short zodiac ride, we stepped onto the volcanic ash beach and breathed in the beautiful smell of sulphur indicating the island's on-going geothermal activity.

From the rusting dry dock where we landed, we had time to wander through the remains of the Norwegian whaling station, which operated on shore from 1911 to 1931. During that time, whales were harpooned at sea, floated alongside ships into Whalers Bay, winched up the slipway and flensed. We walked around the pressure cookers in which the bones, meat and entrails were boiled to extract as much oil as possible, with waste bones crushed down for fertilizer. The sheer scale of the oil tanks added to the eerie silence of the old whaling station, a sobering reminder of such a destructive era of exploitation.

The hangar beyond the whaling station was a reminder of the feat of the Australian Sir Hubert Wilkins, making history in Deception Island by becoming the first person to fly an aeroplane in Antarctica in 1928.

We walked around the buildings from the British Base B, established in 1943 as part of Operation Tabarin, conducting scientific research and reinforcing British territorial claims in Antarctica. The base was damaged beyond repair in the mudflows resulting from the volcanic eruption of February 1969, and the buildings are a fascinating insight into that devastating force of nature.



Many of us walked along the shoreline past fur seals roaring at us when coming too close and the old water boats and enjoyed stretching our legs on the way up to Neptune's Window with its steep precipice into the ocean below.

Many brave souls jumped into the water at the end of our landing and everyone received a well-deserved hot chocolate when coming back on board Plancius after a raining morning. After warming up outside and inside, we prepared our cabins for the upcoming Drake and enjoyed another delicious lunch – maybe the last time for a while !?

After lunch, the ropes were set up in the lounge for our entry into the Drake Passage and we had some time to rest or continue preparing our cabins for the upcoming days. At 15:00, Louise invites us to her lecture about the whaling times including a bit of a background story of her great great grandfather, who had been a whaling manager in the Arctic first, and later also in Antarctica.

As another preparation for the Drake Passage, our hotel team invited us to the bar for a happy hour with all the drinks for half the price. The only other time that the lounge is so full of people is at our daily recaps that followed just after the happy hour with David preparing us for the Drake with a few safety announcement and explaining us the plans for the sea days. Thereafter, Tobias gave us a more detailed introduction to the geology of Deception Island followed by Louise telling us a few things about krill. Another fantastic and unfortunately last day of our time in Antarctica ended. While some of us rather chose to retire to their cabins, the others enjoyed another delicious dinner in the dining room.

## **Day 9 – 13<sup>th</sup> of February**

### **At sea towards Antarctica**

What a day today, NO wake up call!

Yesterday David told us about the storm that we are heading into, and I guess that quite a few of us went to sleep yesterday with a bit of a fright of what a proper Drake passage crossing might feel! But this morning its not too bad, a gentle rolling of the ship and a bit of sunshine outside, so maybe we will be lucky and get into the lee of South America before the worst hits? In the morning Lydie had an interesting lecture about the Sea Ice Of Antarctica, where she went through how important ice is as a habitat for all kinds of animals and as a part of the planets ocean dynamic's. The rest of the day went past with an increasing feeling of loosing balance, the weather in the Drake is showing its teeth. After lunch we reach 40 knots of wind and waves of 6-8 meters and the bridge says that we are still not at the top of the storm...many spends time out on the bridge wings and inside the bridge, to get a real look at the violent weather that this region is so famous for. The weather peaks around midnight, now with gusts of wind reaching 60 knots and waves of 10 meters, when we are hit by one wave that is a bit larger than the others, we role more than 20 degrees, no wonder that David calls everyone to the cabins and asks us to stay there and call for assistance if anything is needed, instead of having to many people out and about. So nothing else to do than go to bed and hope to sleep a bit! But after tonight, we can say that we crossed the Drake for real.

## **Day 10 – 14<sup>th</sup> of February**

### **At sea towards Antarctica**

Steadily Plancius moves through a stormy Drake Passage towards Ushuaia. Over the course of the night waves have rocked the ship. At 08:00 the first expedition members arrive in the restaurant for breakfast. It will remain a quiet morning on board as the ship moves toward more sheltered waters near the South American continent.

At 16:00 Plancius arrives at Cape Horn and is granted the permission to sail past at 3 Nm. The waters here are calmer and all expedition members are able to enjoy the sight of the most Southern point of the Americas on the outer decks. Near the land more seabirds and some Paeles Dolphins are seen near the ship.

The calmer waters were also used to return the boots, kayak gear and settle the accounts with the hotel in preparation of disembarkment the next morning.

At 18:30 the last daily briefing is given and David sums up all that has happened during this expedition. The captain also reflected on the expedition and presented a toast to all.

At the last dinner of this expedition the hotel and kitchen staff was presented and thanked in the restaurant. As the ship sails into the night towards the Beagle Channel this expedition almost reaches its end.

## **Day 11 – 15<sup>th</sup> of February**

### **Arrival in Ushuaia**

# **THE END !**



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*Lydie Lescarmontier*

Sighting of Birds & Mammals seen during this trip will be uploaded to Observation.org  
Some pictures will be added to the sightings as well.

Go online to <http://antarctica.observation.org> (look for user = Hans Verdaat)  
(create a free account to access the photo overviews)

Map of sightings



**Thanks to all !**

Species list: Common birds and m

English	Latin	Deutsch
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>	Kaiserpinguin
Adelie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>	Adeliepinguin
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>	Eselspinguin
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>	Kehlstreifpinguin
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>	Goldschopfpinguin
Southern Rockhopper Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysocome</i>	Felsenpinguin
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	Magellanpinguin
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>	Wanderalbatross
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>	Nördlicher Königsalbatros
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>	Südlicher Königsalbatross
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	Schwarzbrauenalbatross
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>	Graukopfalbatross
Light Mantled Albatross	<i>Phoebetria palpebrata</i>	Rußalbatross
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>	Nördlicher Riesensturmvogel
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	Südlicher Riesensturmvogel
Antarctic Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialoides</i>	Südlicher Eissturmvogel
Cape Petrel (Pintado)	<i>Daption capensis</i>	Kapsturmvogel
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>	Weißflügelsturmvogel
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>	Schneesturmvogel
Soft Plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>	Weißfedernsturmvogel
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>	Blausturmvogel
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	Weißkinnsturmvogel
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	Dunkelsturmtaucher
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	Großer Sturmtaucher
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>	Taubensturmvogel
Slender-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila belcheri</i>	Belcher-Sturmvogel
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	Buntfußsturmschwalbe
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>	Schwarzbauchmeerläufer

Common Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides (urinatrix) berard</i>	Lummensturmvogel
Imperial (Blue Eyed) Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>	Blauaugenscharbe
Antarctic Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis</i>	Antarktikscharbe
Pale-faced Sheathbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>	Weißgesicht-Scheidenschnabel
Chilean Skua	<i>Catharacta chilensis</i>	Chileskua
South Polar Skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>	Suedpolarskua
Brown Skua	<i>Catharacta antarctica</i>	Braune Skua
Dolphin Gull	<i>Larus scoresbii</i>	Blutschnabelmöwe
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	Dominikanermöwe
South American Tern	<i>Sterna hirundinacea</i>	Falklandseeschwalbe
Antarctic Tern	<i>Sterna vittata</i>	Antarktisseeschwalbe
<b>English</b>	<b>Latin</b>	<b>Deutsch</b>
Antarctic Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera bonaerensis</i>	Zwergwal
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Buckelwal
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blauwal
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Finnwal
Southern Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis schlegelli</i>	
Long Finned Pilot whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Grindwal
Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Schwertwal
Gray's Beaked Whale	<i>Mesoplodon grayi</i>	
Southern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon planifrons</i>	
Chilean Dolphin	<i>Cephalorhynchus eutropia</i>	
Hourglass Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i>	Stundenglasdelfin
Peale's Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>	Peale-Delfin
Leopard Seal	<i>Hydrurga leptonyx</i>	Seeleopard
Crabeater Seal	<i>Lobodon carcinophagus</i>	Krabbenfresserrobbe
Weddell Seal	<i>Leptonychotes weddelli</i>	Weddellrobbe
Southern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga leonin</i>	Südlicher See-Elefant
Antarctic Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus gazella</i>	Antarktischer Seebär
South American Sea Lion		

**Marine mammals from Beagle Channel to Antarctica**

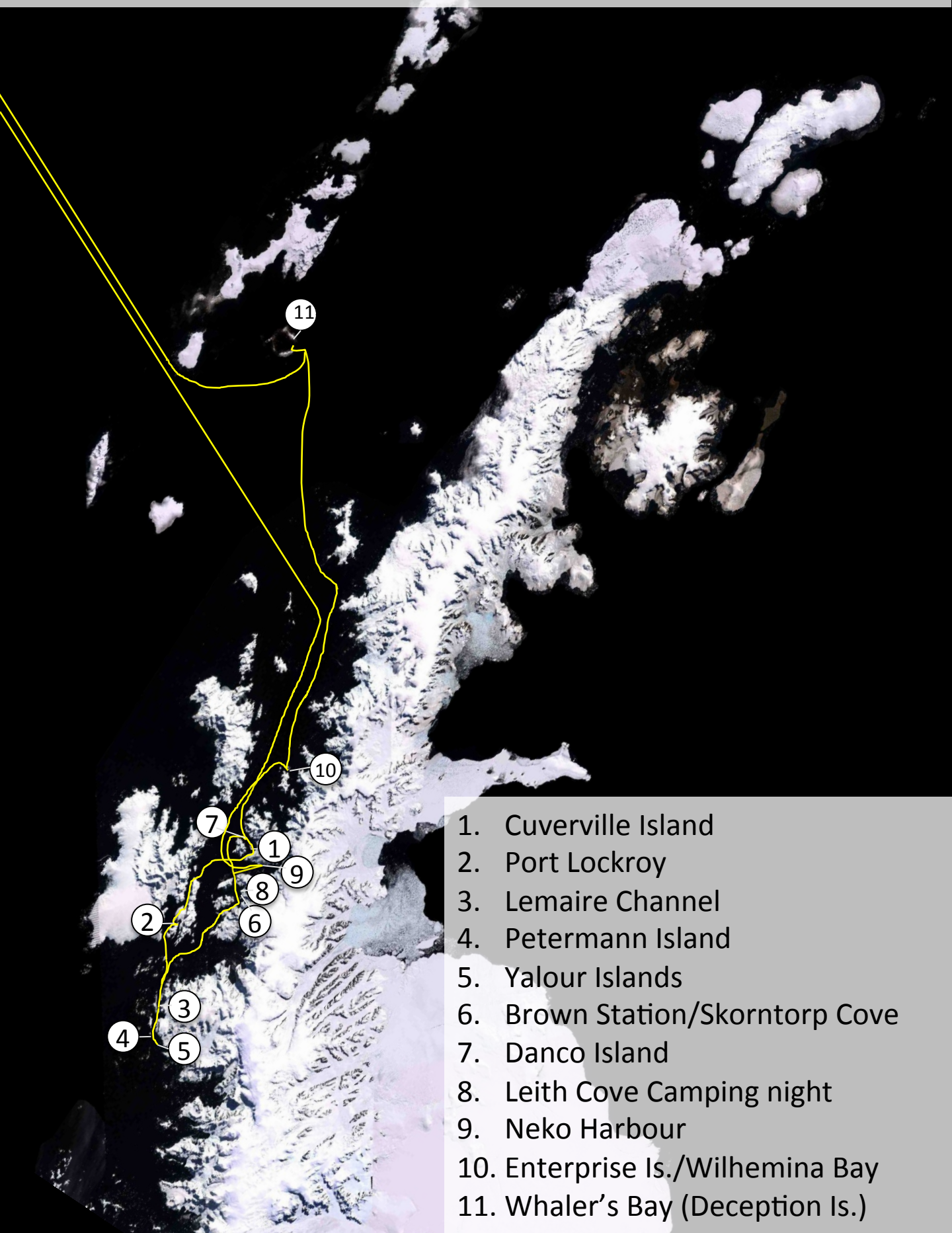
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Manchot Empereur											
Manchot Adélie					X						
Manchot Papou			X	X	X	X	X	X			
Manchot à jugulaire			X			X	X	X			
Gorfou doré											
Gorfou sauteur		X	X							X	
Manchot de Magellan	X										X
Albatros hurleur		X	X					X	X	X	
Albatros royal du Nord											
Albatros royal du Sud		X							X	X	
Albatros à sourcils noirs	X	X	X					X	X	X	X
Albatros à tête grise		X	X					X	X	X	
Albatros fuligineux		X						X	X		
Pétrel de Hall	X	X	X						X	X	X
Pétrel géant				X	X	X	X	X	X		
Fulmar argenté			X					X			
Damier du Cap		X	X			X	X	X	X		
Pétrel Antarctique											
Pétrel des neiges				X			X	X			
Pétrel soyeux		X						X	X		
Pétrel bleu		X						X			
Puffin à menton blanc		X	X					X	X	X	
Puffin fuligineux		X							X	X	
Puffin majeur											
Prion de la désolation		X	X					X	X		
Prion de Belcher									X	X	
Océanite de Wilson		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Océanite à ventre noir		X	X					X	X		



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1. Cuverville Island
2. Port Lockroy
3. Lemaire Channel
4. Petermann Island
5. Yalour Islands
6. Brown Station/Skorntorp Cove
7. Danco Island
8. Leith Cove Camping night
9. Neko Harbour
10. Enterprise Is./Wilhemina Bay
11. Whaler's Bay (Deception Is.)

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## David Berg – Expedition Leader

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David is an accomplished Expedition Leader and a professional guide from Sweden. He has spent the last 5 years working as a full time Adventure guide and explorer, traveling between Arctic and Antarctic. David has a wide range of experience from leading Expeditions on different Ships to dogsledge driving and Kayakguiding in the cold regions of the World. He has led Expeditions in Svalbard, Greenland, Scotland, Iceland, Faroe Islands, South Georgia, Falkland islands and ofcourse Antarctica. Earlier in 2016 he completed an unsupported crossing of the Inlandice of Greenland backtracking Fridtjof Nansens footsteps. The 600- kilometer long journey on the ice took 27 days. He also spent several winters working for the Icehotel in Sweden driving snowmobiles in temperatures dropping down to minus 50 degrees.

He is an accomplished lecturer and loves to share his knowledge about the polar regions with evryone who is traveling with him. His educational background in earth science and glaciology and his big interest in polar history guarantees some interesting stories during the trip!

Many people thinks that he loves the cold but David just says that “I dont like it more than the next man. I just have a weak brain and a strong heart”!

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## Kasper Jæger – Assistant Exp. Leader

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

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

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

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

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



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## **Cecilia Vanman – Expedition Guide**

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**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.

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## Tobias Brehm - Expedition Guide

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**Tobias spends as much time as possible out in nature to observe and learn from and about Earth and Nature. He likes to share this passion with interested people and has facilities to explain these fascinating mechanisms and phenomena.**

With a B.Sc. in Geosciences and a M.Sc. in Economic Geology, Tobias' experience mainly originates from his work as an exploration geologist within the mining and metals industry. He has worked on remote projects across the world, including Iceland, Australia and helicopter-based fieldwork within the Yukon Territory and northern British Columbia; in areas that not many people have a chance to see and enjoy. This led him to join the team of Oceanwide where he can share his love and knowledge about Earth and Nature, especially of Polar Regions, with others. At home, he spends his time climbing mountains and exploring the mystical spheres of caves or abandoned mines and works for the German Mountain Rescue.

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## Rosalie Steffen – Expedition Guide

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

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

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

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

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

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## Lydie Lescarmontier – Expedition Guide

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I'm passionate about the environment and the polar regions !

I started my studies focusing on the environment, and the impact of humans on its quality. And I actually figured out that the most impacted part of the earth are the polar regions. That's why I decided to work on the evolution of glaciers in Antarctica. I

followed a master degree in oceanography and climatology and started a Doctorate degree in glaciology. I worked with the french national research center on the interaction between the Antarctic ice-sheet and the ocean, using the example of the Mertz Glacier in Adelie Land (East Antarctica) I participated to four seasons in Antarctica with the french polar institute onboard the Astrolabe, a french ice breaker, to put in place a network of GPS stations on the glacier and follow its evolution.

After my doctorate, I spent 3 years in Australia to work at the Australian National University of the mass balance of East Antarctica. A part of my job in collaboration with the Australian Antarctic Division was to set up a network of autonomous GPS beacons in different part of the continent to get accurate estimates of the quantity of ice in that region.

My work in the Arctic is more recent as I started in 2014 working as a guide in Svalbard and Greenland. And because I think that the best way to protect polar regions is to talk about them, I'm also involved in an association promoting polar sciences and networking young french polar researchers.



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## Hans Verdaat – Expedition Guide

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Hans his fascination for nature and traveling has been present all of his life. From a young age on he has been an active birder traveling across Europe. He studied Coastal Zone Management in The Netherlands and as part of that study lived half a year in Norway. In 2006 he moved to the Dutch island Texel where he

has been working ever since as a field researcher for a marine research institute. In his research he specialises in seabirds and marine mammals.

Since 2004 he has participated in seabird and marine mammal surveys in the Caribbean, West-Africa, Antarctica, Spitsbergen and European waters. He has always been fascinated with the polar regions and has participated in several scientific expeditions both to the Arctic and Antarctic.

Since 1999 he started working as a (birding) guide. The last years he has combined his full time research job with guiding. During expedition cruises he is a guide, lecturer and zodiac driver.

In his free time Hans is a keen nature photographer and as seabird- & mammal admin active on [Waarneming.nl](http://Waarneming.nl) / [Observation.org](http://Observation.org)

Hans speaks: English, Dutch and German

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## Louise Adie – Kayak Guide

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

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

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

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

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





# TRAVEL WRITING COMPETITION 2017

**Your chance to win a € 1000 gift voucher for your next polar adventure.**

FANCY YOURSELF AS A TRAVEL WRITER? ENTER OUR ANNUAL TRAVEL WRITING COMPETITION AND YOU JUST MIGHT WIN YOURSELF A **€ 1000 GIFT VOUCHER** FOR YOUR NEXT POLAR ADVENTURE.

## Write about your experience!

What was it like to camp out under the Antarctic sky? Was it scary when you encountered a polar bear? Was this your first cruise and were you nervous about crossing open waters?

After all, how your expedition made you feel is what you're going to carry with you for the rest of your life. If you share your experience you just might win yourself a € 1000 gift voucher for your next polar adventure.

## Here's what you need to do:

1. Write a post (600 – 1200 words) in Dutch, English, or German about what excited you the most on your Oceanwide Expeditions cruise. The topic is entirely up to you.
2. Make sure you add titles and subtitles to the story.
3. Create a hyperlink or two inside of your post that links back to the particular trip you took as found on our website. The link could connect to the ship's page, the trip itinerary, the particular destination's page, or perhaps a page related to one of the activities you enjoyed.
4. Add 3 to 5 pictures (they should be 2 MB minimum in size, in landscape format and attached separately when you decide to send your entry to us).
5. Post it online and send us the URL where your story is published. **OR** send your post to us at [marketing@oceanwide-expeditions.com](mailto:marketing@oceanwide-expeditions.com). Either way, make sure you include your full name and e-mail address.
6. **Spread the word!**



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EVERYONE KNOWS A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS,  
BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR PHOTOS MIGHT NOW ALSO BE  
WORTH A **€ 1000 GIFT VOUCHER**?

## **Share your experience!**

Did you catch a rare seabird on the fly? Do you have a panorama of the Northern Lights filling the sky? Did you get up close and personal with a penguin? Did you capture a look of awe or wonder on a fellow passenger's face?

If you've been a passenger on any one of our past voyages we want to see your pictures.

You're free to send in as many pictures as you wish. The best pictures are the ones that capture what it's like to take one of our special expeditions to the remote and beautiful ends of the Earth.



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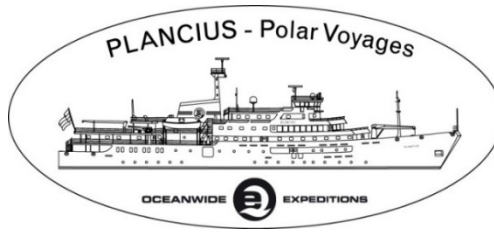
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The size of your photo should be between 2MB and 8MB. Our lucky winners will be contacted by e-mail and Facebook by January 15, 2018.

Read the terms and conditions of the contest on [www.oceanwide-expeditions.com/page/contest-terms](http://www.oceanwide-expeditions.com/page/contest-terms)





# Captain Evgeny Levakov

and his international crew of 48

Including:

Chief Officer:	<b>Artur Iakovlev</b>	[Russia]
2nd Officer:	<b>Gavin Cunningham</b>	[Britian]
3rd Officer:	<b>Luis Oroceo</b>	[Philiphines]
Chief Engineer:	<b>Sebastian Alexandru</b>	[Romania]
Hotel Manager:	<b>Zsuzsanna Varga</b>	[Hungary]
Assist. Hotel Manager:	<b>Heidi Dohn</b>	[Denmark]
Head Chef:	<b>Gabor Kiss</b>	[Hungary]
Sous Chef:	<b>Ivan Yuriychuk</b>	[Ukrain]
Ship's Physician:	<b>Lise van Turenhout</b>	[Netherlands]
Expedition Leader:	<b>David Berg</b>	[Sweden]
Assist. Expedition Leader:	<b>Kasper Jæger</b>	[Denmark]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Cecilia Vanman</b>	[Denmark]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Tobias Brehm</b>	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Rosalie Steffen</b>	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Lydie Lescarmontier</b>	[France]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Johannes Verdaat</b>	[Netherlands]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Louise Adie</b>	[United States]

## Welcome you on board!



# Antarctic Peninsula

## Embarkation – Ushuaia

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

18.45 Soon after sailing we would like to invite you to the **Lounge** (Deck 5) for a **welcome briefing** by Expedition Leader David Berg and an introduction to the ship by Hotel Manager Zsuzsanna Varga.

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

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

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

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

**Thank you.**



# Antarctic Peninsula

At Sea en route to Antarctica

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

- 0730 Wake Up call.
- 0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3) for one hour.  
*Please wait until the doors are open before entering.*
- 1000 Please join Rosalie in the **Lounge** (Deck 5) as she introduce you to the Southern Ocean
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3).
- 1400 For all those people who pre-booked for **Kayaking**, please meet with **Louise** in the **Library** (off the Lounge, Deck 5).
- 1400 Meet Hans on the top deck for an introduction to the seabirds of the Drake passage
- 1530 Tobias would like to invite you to the **Lounge** for a lecture about geology of Antarctica
- 1700 To protect your feet when we go ashore 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**.
- 1830 Please join **David** and the Expedition team in the **Lounge** for the Daily Briefing where we look back upon our day and towards future plans.

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



1900    Dinner is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3). Bon appétit.

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# Antarctic Peninsula

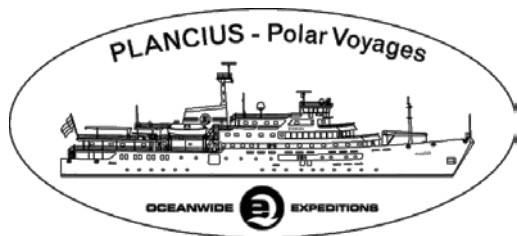
At Sea en route to Antarctica

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

- 0730 Wake Up call.
- 0800 Breakfast buffet is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3 behind reception) for one hour.
- 0930 Please come to the **Lounge** and join David and the team for a **mandatory IAATO and Zodiac safety briefing**.
- TBA\* **Vacuuming time!** We will call you by deck to the **Lounge** to vacuum your outer clothes and the bags that you will be taking ashore. Please listen out for your turn and don't forget to **sign the IAATO declaration**.
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Vacuuming time continues!**
- 1430 If you'd like to learn about the wonders of "**Antarctic Glacier Ice**", please join Lydie in the **Lounge**.
- 1530 For all those people who pre-booked for **Camping**, please meet with Kasper in the **Restaurant**.
- 1700 If you would like to learn more about the **big marine mammals of Antarctica**, please come and Join Hans in the **Lounge**
- 1830 Please join David and the Expedition team in the **Lounge** for the Daily Briefing where we look back upon our day and towards future plans.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.

\* TBA = **To Be Announced** via the PA system

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



# Antarctic Peninsula

## Cuverville Island & Port Lockroy

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017

During parts of the night and early this morning we will be sailing through the Gerlache Strait. If conditions are favourable we recommend being out on deck to enjoy the spectacular scenery.

0700 Wake-up call.

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

0845 This morning we plan to go ashore at **Cuverville Island**.  
**Here we can offer time with the Gentoo penguins and a walk along the shoreline.**

1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.

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

1445 Please come to the **Lounge** where one of the base personnel will give an introductory talk about Port Lockroy.

1500 Be ready at the gangway to go ashore at **Port Lockroy** and at **Jougla point**. Here we will divide you in two groups. Group 1 and Group 2. Group 1 starts in Port Lockroy and Group 2 starts at Jougla point and after about 1 hour we will swope.

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

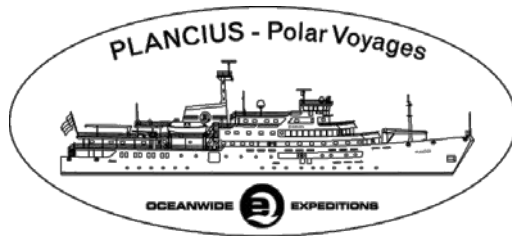
1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.

2100 **Camping attempt . – Lefèvre Point.**

**Please be ready to depart for your night ashore!**

Remember to pack your warm clothes and sunglasses and don't forget, the bathrooms onboard are more comfortable than the one onshore!!

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



# Antarctic Peninsula

**Lemaire Channel, Petermann Island and Yalour Islands**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

0700 Wake-up call.

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

This morning we will be sailing south towards the Lemaire Channel, our activities will depend on what we find and Ice situation in the area. Please standby for announcements.

0900 We plan to go ashore on **Petermann Island**. This is of course weather and ice dependent so please stand by for announcements!

1300 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.

1430 If conditions allow we would like to go and explore the **Yalour Islands**. Please listen for announcements.

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

1900 The Restaurant team would like to offer a special treat for tonight! This will be our Antarctic BBQ! It will all happen on the aft of deck 3, so dress warm and come and join us outside.  
Bon appétit.

**Be out on deck and enjoy the beautiful landscape!**

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# Antarctic Peninsula

**Almirante Brown Stn &  
Georges point/Orne Island**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

- 0700 Wake-up call.
- 0730 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room.
- 0900 After breakfast we plan to go ashore at **Almirante Brown Station**, located in Paradise Bay. This will be our first Continental Landing! We would like to offer a split landing/Zodiac cruise. Please listen for announcements.
- 1300 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
- 1430 We plan to go ashore at **Georges point/Orne Island**. Here we can offer time with Gentoo penguins and amazing scenery. Please listen for announcements.
- 1830 Come and join **David** and the Expedition team in the Lounge for a quick Daily Briefing.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.
- 2100 **Camping attempt 2. – Kerr Point.**  
**Please be ready to depart for your night ashore!**  
Remember to pack your warm clothes and sunglasses and don't forget, the bathrooms onboard are more comfortable than the one onshore!!

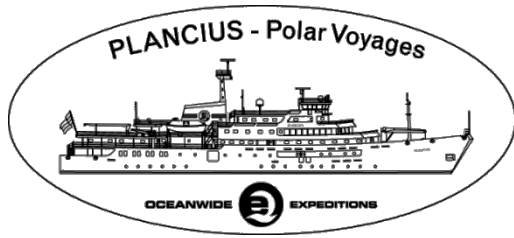
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# Antarctic Peninsula

**Neko Harbour &  
Enterprise Island/Foyn Harbour  
Saturday, 11 February 2017**

- 0700 Wake-up call.
- 0730 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room.
- 0900 After breakfast we plan to go ashore at **Neko Harbour**. This will be our second Continental Landing! A beautiful landing in a beautiful setting. Please listen for announcements.
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
- 1500 We plan to go for a zodiac cruise at **Enterprise Island** in Foyn Harbour. Here we can offer cruising time around an early whaling shipwreck and out into the bay to look for big blubbery things with mile-high blows. Please listen for announcements.
- 1830 Come and join **David** and the Expedition team in the Lounge for a quick Daily Briefing.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.



# Antarctic Peninsula

## Whalers Bay & Drake Passage

Sunday, 12 February 2017

0700 Wake-up call.

*On this morning we sail through the “Neptunes Belows” which is the entrance to the Volcaninc crater **Deception Island**. Be out on deck and enjoy the ships navigating in this narrow gap.*

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

0900 After breakfast we plan to go ashore at **Whalers bay**. This is a former whaling station which was used until 1931. Here we can experience the old whaling history, unique volcanic landscapes and maybe take a **Plunge** in the icy water.

1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.

*We are now heading back into the Drakes passage. Secure your cabins and please always one hand for the ship*

1500 If the weather allows, **Louise** would like to invite you to a Lecture in the Lounge, about **The whaling history of Antarctica**

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

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



# Antarctic Peninsula

At Sea in the Drake Passage

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**This morning there will be NO wakeup call!**

- 0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour.  
*Please wait until the doors are open before entering.*
- 1000 Please join Lydie in the **Lounge** for a lecture about **Sea Ice**.
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room and will be available for one hour.
- 1430 Please come and Join **Tobias** in the Lounge for a Lecture about **Optical Phenomenons in the Polar Regions**
- 1630 Come to the **Lounge** and Watch the movie **Around Cape Horn**, about the last real sailing ships traveling this infamous body of water. (50 minutes)
- 1830 Please join **David** and the Expedition team in the **Lounge** for the Daily Briefing where we look back upon our day and towards future plans.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room.  
Bon appétit.

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





# Antarctic Peninsula

Drake Passage

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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

- 0800 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 0930 **Louise** would like to invite you to the **Lounge** to listen to her presentation on the great explorer **Ernest Shackleton**.
- 1100 Please join **Cecilia** in the Lounge to hear her presentation on **Filmmaking in the wild**.
- 1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
- 1400 It is time to return your rubber boots! We will call you by deck to deliver your boots to the boot room on deck three forward. Please listen out for announcements. Because of rough weater times may change!!

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

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

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

15.00-15.20 Deck 6 and Deck 5

15.20-15.40 Cabins 401 to 415

15.40-16.00 Cabins 416 to 429

16.00-16.30 Deck 3 and Deck 2

Cash Euro, USD, Visa or MasterCard.

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

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



# Antarctic Peninsula

## Arrival in Ushuaia

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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

0700 Wake Up Call.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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