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EXPEDITIONS

## Iceland – Northeast Greenland

18. to 25. September 2017  
on board

***MV Plancius***



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



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# Captain Evgeny Levakov

and his international crew

of 46

Hotel Manager:	<b>Dejan Nikolic</b>	[Serbia]
Assist. Hotel Manager:	<b>Sava Savov</b>	[Bulgaria]
Head Chef:	<b>Ralf Barthel</b>	[Germany]
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Dive Guide:	<b>Ashley Cordingley</b>	[United Kingdom]

welcome you on board!

# Day 1 – Monday, 18. September 2017

## Embarkation, Akureyri, Iceland

**GPS-Position 17:00: 65°41.6' N / 018°05.0' W**

*today's writer: Ása*

We arrived at the pier in Akureyri at around 3 o'clock in the afternoon, after a scenic bus ride from Reykjavik to the North. We settled into our cabins and gathered then for the first time in the Observation Lounge, for a first welcome by our expedition leader Katja and a mandatory safety information and drill. The briefing was held by First Officer Artur who was talking about ship safety and how to prepare for the worst. A general alarm-drill (seven short blasts followed by one long blast) was made, and we all took the SOLAS orange life jackets and mustered in the lounge guided by crew and staff. After a roll call to assure everyone was present, we went out to the lifeboats hoping to never actually have to use them again.



After a short break to enjoy this scenic navigation, Katja invited us for another briefing about life on board given by Dejan. Dejan introduced us to the interiors of the ship, hotel operations and dining room edict. Captain Evgeny joined us in the lounge for a welcoming toast before we introduced the expedition team. However, this introduction was interrupted by our very first wildlife encounter – 4-5 humpback whales were feeding around the ship. We enjoyed the humpback show until we were invited down to the dining room for our first scrumptious dinner prepared by Head Chef Ralf and his staff.



# Day 2 – Tuesday, 19. September 2017

## At Sea towards East Greenland

**GPS-Position 08.00: 68°30,3 N / 020°25,8 W**

**Wind: NE 9/10 Sea conditions: rough Weather: clouds Temperature: +6°C**

*today's writer: Sebastian*

Yesterday everything was so calm coming out the fjord, but that did not last for too long. During the night the wind increased and the movement of the ship started, it was pitching up and down and from time to time it felt like we were lifting up on our beds. In the morning, the dining room was pretty empty, but still some brave ones made it for breakfast.



At 10 am it was time for an interesting lecture given by Kasper and it was about the historical aspects of east Greenland, a subject that is clearly close to his heart. It started with the very first Inuit settlements, followed by the Vikings voyages, and then through the modern era of the Danish history in East Greenland.

The wind keep increasing, reaching up to 50 knots (almost 100km an hour), but life on board kept going on and at 12:30 it was time for another meal.

After lunch the weather got worse, strong winds with a snow storm. A Plancius was bravely making her way through the waves, most of us stayed in our cabins to avoid walking around the ship. In the afternoon Åsa's lecture was postponed until weather conditions would improve. The wind kept on going up until we reached 50 knots and 70 knots of wind gusts. In the evening Katja announced that the recap would be postponed for the next day due to the movements of the ship. So, instead there was a Frozen Planet documentary series played in the observation lounge. Some of us watched this passionate film before dinner time.

In the evening the crew and staff went through all the cabins dispensing apples and crackers for those who were not able to make their way to the dining room. Later on we went to sleep hoping that conditions will improve soon and having experienced the real forces of the Denmark Strait

## Day 3 – Wednesday, 20. September 2017

### Vikingebugt

GPS-Position 08.00: 70°18,7 N / 023°08,6 W

Wind: NNE5/6 Sea conditions: calm Weather: snowfall Temperature: 0°C

Most of us were already awake when we heard Katja's wake up call. We had been rolling and pitching during the whole night but luckily our floating home was becoming more steady as we sailed deeper into Scoresby Sund. Now the dining room was teeming with fellow travellers getting over from seasickness, we'd all recovered the colour in our cheeks.

After a deserved breakfast we gathered in the lounge to meet the rest of the staff members whose introduction had been postponed due to the amazing breaching humpbacks on the very first day. Then we continued with the mandatory AECO and Polar Bear safety briefings during which Katja explained the guidelines that we should all comply with in order to carry out responsible tourism in the area and how to behave in bear's land.



After lunch we all got ready for our first activity of the trip, a zodiac cruise in Vikingebugt. The wind had fortunately calmed down completely and the fog had lifted enough to let us admire the landscape around and the glacier sliding down deep in the bay, the one responsible for many of the icebergs that we were planning to cruise around. The snow was falling slowly; granting everything it touched a special charm. We smoothly sailed into the bay, around the icebergs with infinite shapes and colours and past the basalt columns that made us wonder about their curious outlines. Despite the lateness of the season some of us managed to spot a juvenile guillemot swimming in the water, a glaucous gull and some ravens flying around.

After almost two hours cruising we went back to the ship where Sava surprised us with hot chocolate that couldn't suit best our needs, what a lovely welcome! Later that afternoon we went to the lounge to listen to Åsa's lecture on climate change, "The shifting Arctic", that helped a lot in clearing doubts and becoming more aware of the changes in the Polar Regions.

Shortly after recap we had a visit, it was Rembrandt Van Rijn, the other company's sailing vessel that was approaching so that we could hand them over their provisions. It was really picturesque watching the three-masted vessel so close to us while the zodiacs drove back and forth with the supplies.



During recap we learnt about our future plans and then Andreas and Valeria explained about the basalt columns formation and why the ice is blue. DJ then invited us for dinner where we all kept talking about our first day in Scoresby Sund.

## Day 4 – Thursday, 21. September 2017

### Røde fjord, Røde Ø, Rypefjord

GPS-Position 08.00: 70°29,12 N / 028°08,8 W

Wind: calm Sea conditions: calm Weather: Snowing Temperature: 2°C

today's writer: Kasper

After a very calm night, we were waking up to a winter wonderland with falling snow and misty clouds covering the icebergs surrounding the ship. After breakfast, we entered our zodiacs to explore this white surrealistic landscape. While exploring the icy world, we learned about the origin of the icebergs and also how you can see the different patterns, layers and colouration of the icebergs and from there read out quite much about how their history.



Cruising around in between these giants, some of them 80 meter tall, is an inspiring thing. So some boats chooses to turn off the engine and float around in silence for a while. This seemed like a good idea, but for the boat piloted by Kasper, the silence lasted a bit longer than expected, because the engine on his boat wouldn't start again. So the guests from Kasper's boat were transferred to other boats and he was then towed back to Plancius for repairs. With a new set of start plugs, he was back in business again! Meanwhile the rest of the boats landed ashore for a quick hike up a small hill on the Røde Ø (the red island) and got a magnificent view over the stranded icebergs. After a morning in the snow and on the water, we return home to Plancius for lunch and for a ship cruise up through the fjords towards this afternoon's activity. While sailing north, the hotel team opened the Ship Shop for us and the German travel agent Polar News group gathered for a meeting with their escort guide Julia. In the afternoon, we arrived at Rypefjord and our second outing of the day. This landing was our first real hiking possibility in Greenland, so we gathered on the beach after a short transfer by zodiac. We explored the tundra and were watching out for wildlife, which at this time of the year might be difficult, but it was nice to stretch our legs and sweat a bit.





When we came back to the landing site, there was a bit of a surprise, since the tide tables in the area is almost non-existent, our boats was kind of stuck on the bottom of the landing. So getting back onboard took a bit longer time than expected and the expedition team was working hard to get everyone safely back to our home away from home. After all of this, when everyone was back onboard, we were called for a special dinner in the aft, where DJ and the hotel team had made a special arctic BBQ dinner for us with wine, beer and dancing. Another wonderful day and evening in the arctic!



# Day 5: Friday, 22. September 2017

## Jytte Havn, Sydkap

GPS-Position 08.00: 71°06.16 N / 025°41.52 W

Wind: calm Sea conditions: calm Weather: Snowing Temperature: 4°C

today's writer: Åsa

The first landing of the day was in Jytte Havn, where we divided into different hiking groups exploring the landscape in our own pace. The waters in East Greenland are not very well charted, so Plancius had to anchor a bit out in the fjord and we were offered a beautiful approach to land by the zodiacs shuttling as back and forth between the icebergs.



After our hike in Jytte Havn, our captain Evgeny offered us a beautiful ship cruise among the icebergs on our way to Sydkap. We gathered on the outer decks of Plancius and took a lot of photos! When approaching Sydkap, a herd of muskox was discovered and we quickly changed our landing place. We landed on a beach close to some Thule culture remains and gathered all passengers before we approached the hill where the animals were grazing. It is difficult to approach a group of animals with more than 100 persons, but we all managed to get a glimpse of those fantastic animals before they went away from us. It was most probably a male and some female with calves. The muskox are perfectly adapted to a cold climate by having an inner layer of wool and an outer layer of long hair. By this compact fur, they do not need to spend any unnecessary energy in keeping an appropriate body temperature.



During the night, we got another surprise – the northern light! Katja woke us up at 02.00 in the morning and we got dressed and out on deck, where we could enjoy the aurora borealis in the sky.



## Day 6 – Saturday, 16. September 2017

### Hurry Inlet, Ittoqqortoormiit

GPS-Position 08.00: 70°29,5 N / 022°25,1 W

Wind: N4 Sea conditions: calm Weather: cloudy Temperature: 3°C

*today's writer: Valeria*

The clock had just struck 7 when we heard Katja's wake up call. Conditions were calm this morning and the sun was shyly shinning as we sailed into Hurry inlet for our morning landing.

After an energetic breakfast we were ready by the gangway to board the zodiacs, we could see how the clouds came in and the snow started to fall. By the time we were all on shore gathered around the remains of a Thule house, the snowflakes had added a magical touch to the landscape. It was a perfect atmosphere to listen to Kasper taking us on a journey hundreds of years into the past, to the days of the Thule culture. As the sky cleared a bit we wandered around the place within the perimeter the staff was marking, taking time to explore the smaller life in the ground and to enjoy a moment of solitude in these remote latitudes.



Before returning to the ship, the bravest in the group went for a polar plunge in the icy waters of the inlet while the staff handed out the towels and the boats were ready to bring the crazy swimmers back on board straight away. While we had lunch the ship repositioned in front of Ittoqqortoormiit, the northernmost settlement in east Greenland. Before going ashore, Birgit gave us an insight of the Greenlandic culture, their way of living and how to interpret what we would see; it was a mind opening talk that helped a lot in clarifying many things about the Inuit society nowadays. We spent the afternoon strolling around the small village with colorful houses and roller-coaster roads; most of us visited the tourist office, and the sheriff's house and workplace where his wife exhibited her work of art.



We came back to the ship with different impressions about this remote village on the edge of eastern Greenland, but grateful of having had the opportunity of seeing with our own eyes how the people in the north live in this extreme place on earth.

At recap time Dj brought the so not good news about settling accounts, which also meant that unfortunately the voyage was coming to an end. Katja told us about the forecast for the crossing and then Lothar, a guest lecturer, gave a small talk about the

northern lights, followed by Åsa who helped us identify some of the plants we had seen and Seba telling us about the life cycle of Musk oxen.

Shortly after dinner we were in open waters and most of us went to our cabins looking for shelter and hoping for good winds during the following day.



# Day 7 – Sunday, 17. September 2017

## At Sea towards Iceland

**GPS-Position 08.00: 67°35,2 N / 019°37,2 W**

**Wind: ESE8 Sea conditions: rough Weather: cloudy Temperature: 8°C**

*today's writer: Kasper*

Always look on the bright side of life – a famous saying from an even more famous group of comedians, and for us onboard the Plancius, it seems to be our mantra for the trip. Because we once again found ourselves in grasp of the high seas. So it was very appropriate that DJ and Katja did a joint wakeup call in both English and German, accompanied by the Monty Python tunes. Having breakfast while the ship is listing and rolling is an interesting experience, when everything is moving on the tables. After breakfast Andreas has a lecture marathon, because he does a lecture about glaciers first in English and then directly changes over to do the same one in German, puh.



After lunch, we are still bumping around, but more and more comes out of the cabins to have some fresh air and enjoy the first sights of Iceland on the horizon. In the afternoon Asa has a lecture about the other end of the world, with a talk about the trips that Oceanwide does to the Antarctic islands of Falkland, South Georgia and of course to the Antarctic itself. As Iceland comes closer and closer, we are soon south of the Arctic Circle and soon it was time to a lot of goodbyes. Katja and the team says goodbye and we all cheer with our dear Captain Levakov, then dinner and packing, but gladly, by this stage we were finally in shelter of the fjords, so we are done with the rocking for this time. Dinner was again fabulous and this evening DJ did a presentation of a lot of the galley and hotel staff, a very

good way to say thanks for all the hard work they did on this trip. Then it was off to bed one last time before tomorrow's departure.



## Day 8– Monday, 18. September 2017

### Disembarkation in Akureyri, Iceland

GPS-Position 08:00: 65°41.6' N / 018°05.0' W

*today's writer: Åsa*

After the breakfast it was time to say *goodbye* – to the fantastic days on board *Plancius*, from the team, from new found friends... The busses were already waiting for us, and the little blue expedition ship that had become a home for us in the last two weeks had to be left behind while we were driving towards Reykjavik to continue our voyage or travel home.

We will never forget this voyage and its unforgettable moments which were - also for the globetrotter among us - an amazing adventure with unique impressions of Northeast Greenland. We definitively know now how it feels to get infected by the polar virus the expedition team was talking about. The one or the other is already planning in his mind the next travel to the far North, or maybe the far South.



*Thank you very much for this wonderful voyage, for your flexibility and enthusiasm. We are looking forward to see you back on board at any time - in the North, the South or somewhere in between!*



*Travelled distance on our voyage:  
988 nm*

**On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Evgeny Levakov, Expedition Leader  
Katja Riedel, Hotel Manager Dejan Nikolic and the rest of crew and staff on board MV  
*Plancius:***

**We wish you all the best and a good voyage home!**

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**Plancius 167 Dive Log 18th Sept to 25th Sept 2017.**  
**Scoresby Sund Greenland Arctic.**



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Sabine Renate, Schubart Uwe, Castanares Gil Domingo Salvador, Robert Gardener.

## The Journey begins

After making long flights to Iceland we were soon underway headlong into the storm, we eventually entered the shelter of Scoresbysund. in the safety of the sound we completed the mandatory briefings and kit setup.



### **Dive One 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Vikingebugt Scoresby Sund Greenland.070N 20.8 25 05.7W**

We completed a check dive where we checked our weight and equipment was In good order. Once this was complete we made a dive in this interesting site. We saw lots of Nudibranchs and sun stars on a rocky bottom. the visibility was good and the water reminded us we were diving in the polar seas being 2-3 degrees Celsius. In addition the stark contrast between above and below the water was very clear today, with thick cloud and snow flurries setting a perfect Arctic scene.

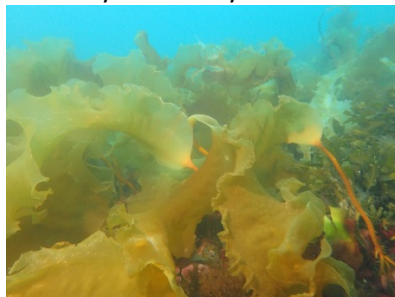
The scenery above water was shrouded in cloud and Greenland seem unwilling, however, basalt columns rising from the sea towered above us forming majestic pillars of rock that disappeared into

the cloud..



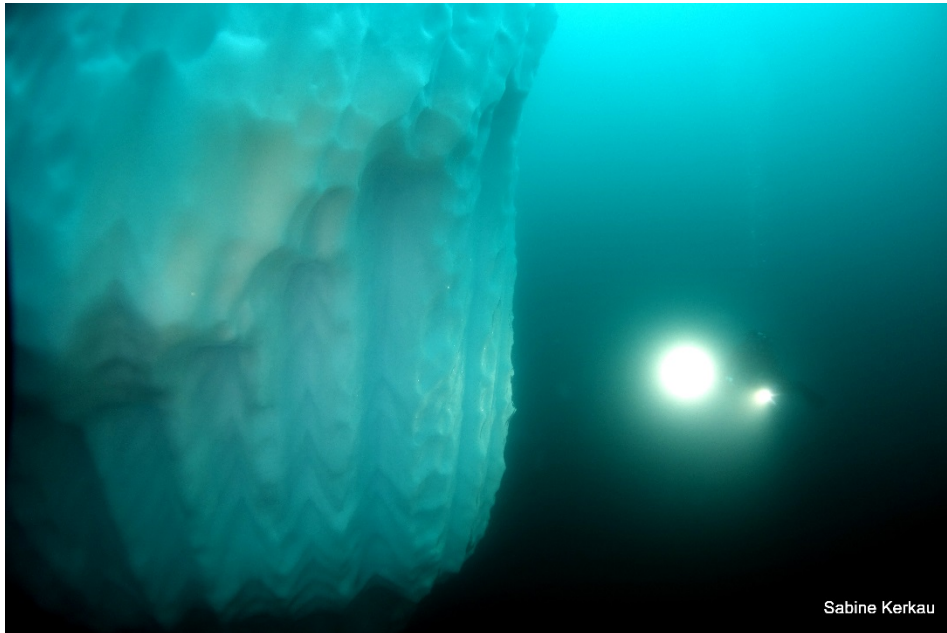
**Dive Two 21th September 2017 Rode Island, Scoresby Sund Greenland.**

We moved overnight to Rode Island a very red island with an iceberg graveyard by it. We enjoyed the cruise to the site looking at very large icebergs in this perfect fjord in great light. We then kitted up and went for a zodiac cruise in-between the cathedral like ice. Then we made a dive on a smaller piece of ice. The visibility was superb with 50 foot visibility being enjoyed throughout. This was a splendid piece of ice and the light again added a new dimension. Lots of small animals lived on the ice and these made an isolated community on this icy world.



**Dive Three 21th September 2017 Iceberg, Rype Fjord Scoresby Sund Greenland.**

After a great morning enjoying a ships cruise to the landing site we kitted up and left the ship to dive and interesting headland. After a short zodiac trip we dropped into the icy grips of the water to find a world kelp, hiding a wealth of marine creature. out of the shallows it was clear that icebergs had recently scoured the area. As always the visit was limited by our bodies and equipment and it was time to return to the surface and back to the ship. We got back on-board, to enjoy a great evening BBQing on the aft deck in this lovely spot. It also appears a lot of people can dance as well as they dive !!!!



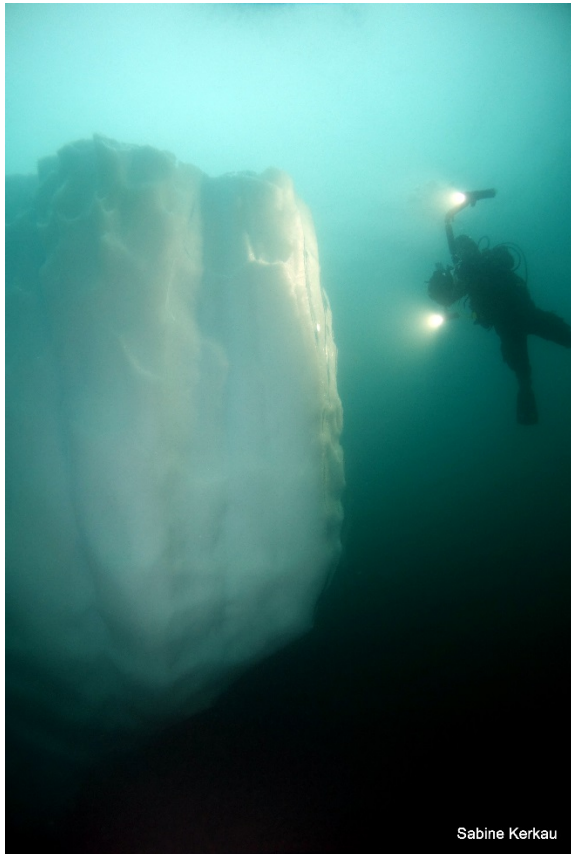
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#### **Dive Four 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 JytteHaun, Scoresby Sund .71.05.100N 25 41.938W**

By popular demand we hunted for more icebergs to dive, surrounded by giant mountains towering into the cloud. After a short search we eventually found the ideal beast to dive ,secretly hiding at the back of the bay . To everyone's surprise this small inconspicuous iceberg, became an ice giant underwater, occupied a full 30 minutes to circumnavigate. Around the iceberg jellyfish encircled the ice like an honour guard. After the dive we headed across the bay to join the landing party for a team photo and important diplomatic work .



Sabine Kerkau



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#### **Dive Five 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 Sydkap Scoresby Sund, Greenland.**

After lunch still enthused by ice we kitted up again and headed out on a short ride on the Zodiacs to a small Iceberg to make a dive. The iceberg was ragged old and wonderfully shaped, giving but an insights into the wonders that lay beneath. underwater the iceberg formed and complex system of vertical cavasses, fins and caverns. however other older sections for flat beach like areas, where small krill fed on the algae growing on the ice.

everyone returned to the surface smiling and eager to swap, thoughts on what the ice reminded them of. some people said Caribbean beach, others magical caverns.

on route back to the boat we had time to make a detour to a nearby outpost nestled in a backdrop of autumn oranges , red and dark moss greens.

#### **Dive Six 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 Hurry Inlet, Scoresby Sund.70 29.591N 22 24.217W-+**

At 8.45 am it was time again to get kitted up for our final dive of the trip. We soon had our kit ready to board the boats and dive. Our dive site was shelving away from the snow covered shore. We entered into 25ft of water and we descended to the bottom, leaving behind the falling snow. The bottom was made up of rocks from a glacial moraine, with a slight covering of weed. We didn't see a lot of life, just the occasional fish, but the visibility was good for making photos. Soon it was time to

return to the surface. We climbed back onto the boats and made a short landing with the rest of the guests, then returned to the ship ready to dekit and get ready for lunch.



### **Final thoughts**

As dive guides we seen many new faces and diving locations, but every trip is made unique and special by the people that join us. We enjoy guiding you to location that people really get to dive and seeing the excitement that provides.

Thank you all for such an excellent trip and making are job so easy and enjoyable.  
Hope to see you all diving again in the future.....

Michael Green,  
Ashley Cordingley  
Stefan Brand





## Dive Statistics

As divers we all like to know the statistics behind each dive, how long, how much air we used and how many cakes were eaten.

As a group we logged 1155 minutes underwater or 19hr of dive time, using 35724 L air on an average SAC rate of 20L a minutes.

### Individual Divers

	Totals			
	Average Depth	Total Dive Time	Total Air used	SAC
Kerkau-Haberlandt Sabine Renate	12.33333	66	200	24.57002
Schubart Uwe	11.33333	156	400	22.62443
Khan Ehsan Karim Ortwin	12.8	165	550	26.04167
Süß Helge	12.4	171	277	13.06357
Lippert Tilo W	12.5	174	335	15.4023
Otto Alexej	12.5	175	480	21.94286
Castanares Gil Domingo Salvador	13.66667	169	400	17.31852
Robert	16.33333	79	335	25.96228

### Group

Group Average			
Depth	Time	Air	SAC
12.98333	256.6667	372.125	20.86571





1. Vikingebugt
2. Røde Ø
3. Rypefjord
4. Jytte Havn, Bjørnøer
5. Sydkap
6. Hurry Inlet
7. Ittoqortoormiit

**English Name**

Northern Fulmar  
 Pink-footed Goose  
 Common Eider  
 Long-tailed Duck  
 Ringed Plover  
 Purple Sandpiper  
 Pomarine Skua  
 Glaucous Gull  
 Great black-backed Gull  
 Black Guillemot  
 Snow Bunting  
 Wheatear  
 Raven  
 Iceland Gull  
 Manx Shearwater

**German**

Eissturmvogel  
 Kurzschnabelgans  
 Eiderente  
 Eisente  
 Sandregenpfeifer  
 Meerstrandläufer  
 Spatelraubmöwe  
 Eismöwe  
 Mantelmöwe  
 Gryllteiste  
 Schneeammer  
 Steinschmätzer  
 Kolkrabe  
 Polarmöwe

**Dutch**

Noordse stormvogel  
 Kleine rietgans  
 Eider  
 Ijseend  
 Bontbekplevier  
 Paarse strandloper  
 Middelste jager  
 Grote Burgemeester  
 Grote mantelmeeuw  
 Zwarte zeekoet  
 Sneeuwgor  
 Tapuit  
 Raaf

**Scientific**

*Fulmarus glacialis*  
*Anser brachyrhynchus*  
*Somateria mollissima*  
*Clangula hyemalis*  
*Charadrius hiaticula*  
*Calidris maritima*  
*Stercorarius pomarinus*  
*Larus hyperboreus*  
*Larus marinus*  
*Cephus grylle*  
*Plectrophenax nivalis*  
*Oenanthe oenanthe*  
*Covus corax*

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**MAMMALS****Common English Name**

Ringed seal  
 Humpback Whale  
 Muskox

**German**

Ringelrobbe  
 Buckelwal  
 Moschusochse

**Dutch**

Ringelrob  
 Bultrug  
 Muskusos

**Scientific**

*Phoca hispida*  
*Megaptera novaeangliae*  
*Ovibus moschatus*

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

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## Dr. Katja Riedel – Expedition Leader

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**English:** Katja grew up in Germany, where she studied and completed a PhD in atmospheric chemistry. For her research, she overwintered at the German Antarctic Neumayer Station in 1997, where she was responsible for the Atmospheric Observatory. Since then, she has been on several scientific expeditions to Antarctica, e.g. measuring ozone at Scott Base and drilling ice cores at Law Dome. In Svalbard, she participated in a 220-km skiing expedition in the North-west of the island of Spitsbergen.

In Greenland, she worked as a

volunteer in the vicinity of Kangerlussuaq, where she helped to quantify carbon dioxide emissions from plants and soils.

In 2001, the great outdoors drew her to New Zealand, which she now calls home. Here, she has worked as a scientist for the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research in Wellington. Her main research interests were greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and in ice cores. In 2013, she quit her science job to work as freelance guide, science journalist, and photographer. She has worked as a guide and lecturer on passenger ships in both the Arctic and Antarctic since 2011. Life is an adventure for Katja, and whenever she can, she travels, hikes, cycles, sea-kayaks, and skis to the remote and beautiful places on earth. She is also a keen photographer, juggler, and chef. She speaks German and English.

**Deutsch:** *Katja wuchs im Bergischen Land auf und promovierte am Alfred Wegener Institut für Polar- und Meeresforschung in Bremerhaven. Für ihre Doktorarbeit in Atmosphärenchemie überwinterete sie 15 Monate lang in der Neumayer Station in der Antarktis. Seit 2001 lebt Katja im wunderschönen Neuseeland, wo sie erst am Nationalen Institut für Wasser- und Atmosphärenforschung in Wellington arbeitete. Dort beschäftigte sie sich hauptsächlich mit Treibhausgasen in der Luft und in Eiskernen. Seit 2013 arbeitet Katja als Reiseführerin und Fotografin.*

*In Spitzbergen unternahm sie 2001 eine 220 km lange Ski-Expedition im Nordwesten der Insel. In Grönland arbeitete sie in der Nähe von Kangerlussuaq und untersuchte dort den Kohlendioxidumsatz von Pflanzen in der Tundra. Sie hat auch eine starke Affinität zur Antarktis und hat an fünf wissenschaftlichen Expeditionen teilgenommen und den Kontinent an Bord einer Segeljacht bereist. Neben dem Reisen sind Fotografie, Lesen, Wandern Seekayak und Radwandern ihre großen Leidenschaften. Katja spricht Deutsch und Englisch.*

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## Michael Ginzburg – Assistant Expedition Leader

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**English:** Since his first scientific project at the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research (Germany) at age 17, Michael focused his work on polar algae and sea ice. Field work became his passion and even turned into an addiction when he stepped on Svalbard aged 20. Michael instantly fell in love with sea ice, and ever since, he has worked on the evolution and ecology of

diatoms of the Arctic and Antarctic. Michael has studied both marine and polar biology as well as participated in over a dozen scientific expeditions with durations of up to four months.

Having travelled all seven continents, it was only a matter of time before Michael began sharing his passion for nature in photography and publications. Today, Michael is leading expeditions and working as a photojournalist throughout the world. In 2016, Michael accepted a teaching position for photojournalism as well as the position of the editor in chief for The Explorer's Magazine.

**Deutsch:** Mit gerade mal 17 Jahren bekam Michael die Chance an einem Forschungsprojekt des Alfred Wegener Instituts für Polar- und Meeresforschung (Bremerhaven) mitzuwirken und seitdem hat er seine Arbeit auf Eisalgen und das Meereis konzentriert. Feldarbeit bekam seine grosse Leidenschaft, nachdem er mit 20 jungen Jahren zum ersten Mal Fuß auf Spitzbergen (Svalbard) setzte. Michaels grosse Liebe für das Meereis trieb ihn dazu, Evolution und Ökologie der arktischen und antarktischen Meereisdiatomeen zu studieren und dies tut er nun schon mehr als 12 Jahre. Zwischenzeitlich nahm er an dutzenden wissenschaftlichen Expeditionen teil mit z.T. vier Monaten Länge.

Alle sieben Kontinente bereist, war es nur eine Frage der Zeit, bis Michael seine Leidenschaft für die Natur in Fotografie und Dokumentation teilte. Heute leitet Michael verschiedene Expeditionen und arbeitet als Fotojournalist rund um die Welt. In 2016 akzeptierte er eine Dozentenstelle für Fotojournalismus sowie eine Position als Chefredakteur für das Explorer's Magazine.



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## Birgit Lutz – Expedition Guide

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**English:** Birgit changed her life from award-winning journalist to Arctic addicted adventurer in 2007, after a first voyage to the North Pole aboard the Russian icebreaker Yamal. She took up „Circumpolar Studies“ at the Canadian University of the Arctic and since then combines arctic voyages with writing.

In 2010 and 2011 she skied from drift ice station Barneo to the North Pole. In 2013 Birgit crossed Greenland on skis and became Fellow of the Explorers Club New York. In 2015 and 2016 she spent several months in East Greenland, in the region of Ammassalik and went hunting and fishing with natives. Her fourth book tells about this experience.

In 2016 Birgit has initiated a project for the German Alfred-Wegener-Institute for Polar and Marine Research, for which she collects data about marine anthropogenic pollution. She is a requested speaker for companies and speaks English, Italian, Dutch and a bit French. She loves sharing her enthusiasm for the Arctic and lives with her husband besides an idyllic mountain lake in Bavaria.

**Deutsch:** Birgit ist ausgebildete Journalistin. 15 Jahre lang arbeitete sie für die Süddeutsche Zeitung, aber nach einer ersten Reise zum Nordpol an Bord des russischen Eisbrechers Yamal im Jahr 2007 begann sie „Circumpolar Studies“ an der University of the Arctic in Kanada und kombiniert seither Schreiben mit Reisen und Arbeit in der Arktis.

2010 und 2011 ging sie auf Skiern von einer russischen Station zum Nordpol, 2013 durchquerte sie Grönland und wurde Fellow des Explorers Club New York. Über diese Abenteuer veröffentlichte sie mehrere Bücher. 2015 und 2016 verbrachte sie mehrere Monate in Ostgrönland und ging mit Einheimischen Jagen und Fischen. Ihr viertes Buch handelt von diesen Erfahrungen.

2016 initiierte Birgit ein Projekt für das Alfred-Wegener-Institut in Bremerhaven, für das sie Daten über marine anthropogene Verschmutzung sammelt. Sie ist eine gefragte Rednerin vor Unternehmen und sie spricht Englisch, Italienisch, Niederländisch und ein bisschen Französisch. Sie liebt es, ihre Begeisterung für die Arktis mit anderen zu teilen und lebt mit ihrem Mann an einem bayerischen Bergsee.

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## Kasper Jæger — Guide and Lecturer

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**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.

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## Valeria Otero Faus - Expedition Guide

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**Valeria Otero Faus was born by Río de la Plata riverbanks, in Buenos Aires City where she became a Tour Guide.**

Her restless nature took her in 2007 to a tourist ranch in El Calafate, Santa Cruz province, where she discovered her understanding of alternative types of tourism, especially those aiming at environmental education.

Back in Buenos Aires she combined her passion for bicycle riding with her professional desire to highlight environmentally sound policies whilst guiding “carbon free” bike tours around the capital city.

She arrived in Ushuaia towards the end of 2009 to broaden her guiding experience, this time as a tour guide in maritime excursions along the Beagle Channel, thus developing a sound knowledge and interest in marine conservation. Her curiosity took her southwards to Antarctica in 2012 as staff on board expedition vessels.

At present she combines the trips to Antarctica with her activity as a local guide in the city of Ushuaia during her stays on land. Valeria is also keen on photography, music and dance, she seizes every opportunity she has to sneak into a milonga and dance a few tangitos. She speaks fluently Spanish, English and speaks French too.

### **Deutsch:**

Valeria Otero Faus wurde in Buenos Aires geboren. Ihre ruhelose Natur führte sie 2007 zu einer Touristen Ranch in El Calafate, wo sie ein Gefühl für alternativen Tourismus entwickelte, ganz besonders interessiert ist sie an Umwelterziehung. Zurück in Buenos Aires vereinte sie ihre Leidenschaft fürs Radfahren mit ihrem beruflichen Wunsch umweltfreundliche Praktiken zu fördern und begann “Kohlendioxid freie” Radtouren durch die Stadt zu leiten.

Sie ging 2009 nach Ushuaia, um weitere Erfahrungen als Guide zu sammeln, diesmal auf einem Schiff im Beagle Kanal. Dadurch erwarb sie weitreichende Kenntnisse im Bereich Meeresschutz. Ihre Neugier trieb sie weiter nach Süden in die Antarktis, wo sie seit 2012 auf Expeditionsschiffen arbeitet. Zur Zeit kombiniert sie ihre Touren in die Antarktis mit ihrer Tätigkeit als einheimischer Guide in Ushuaia. Valeria interessiert sich für Fotografie, Musik und Tanz und nimmt jede Gelegenheit wahr Milonga oder Tango zu tanzen. Sie spricht fließend Spanisch und Englisch und auch etwas Französisch.

## ANDREAS ALEXANDER – EXPEDITION GUIDE



Andreas studied geology and mechanical engineering in Germany, worked on power plant construction sites in Austria and the Netherlands, a scientific drilling project in the Swedish mountains and studied volcanoes in Alaska. Following his passion for ice, snow and mountains he moved up to Svalbard where he studied Arctic Technology, Arctic Geology, Arctic Geophysics and Arctic Biology at the University Centre of Svalbard. He soon started his own glacial research and can now regularly be found crawling and climbing under glaciers, trying to resolve some of the big riddles in glaciology. Besides his research, Andreas works as a field assistant for the University Center in Svalbard, as an editor, as photographer and as a guide, where he shares his polar fascination with the guests. His work and research has lead him all around Svalbard, from the Polish Polar station in Hornsund, over Ny-Ålesund up into the ice at 81° North.

Andreas hat Geologie und Maschinenbau in Deutschland studiert, auf Kraftwerksbaustellen in Österreich und den Niederlanden und einer Forschungsbohrung in den schwedischen Bergen gearbeitet und in Alaska Vulkane studiert. Seiner Faszination für Eis, Schnee und Berge folgend, ist er nach Longyearbyen gezogen wo er Arktisch Technologie, Arktisch Geologie, Arktische Geophysik und Arktische Biologie am Universitätszentrum Spitzbergen studiert hat. Bald darauf hat er seine eigene Gletscherforschung begonnen und kann nun regelmäßig kletternd und kriechend unter Gletschern gefunden werden. Auf der Suche nach Lösungen für einige der großen Rätsel der Glaziologie. Neben seiner Forschung arbeitet Andreas als Feld Assistent für das Universitätszentrum in Spitzbergen, als Lektor, Fotograf und als Guide, ein Job bei dem er seine polare Faszination mit seinen Gästen teilt. Seine Arbeit und Forschung hat Andreas rund um Spitzbergen geführt: Von der Polnischen Forschungsstation in Hornsund, über Ny-Ålesund bis hinein ins Eis auf 81° Nord.



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## Sebastian Arrebola – Expedition Guide

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**English:** Sebastian is from Buenos Aires, Argentina. He holds a tourism degree and has completed a one-year mountain guide training course, climbing in regions like Mendoza, Bariloche, and Tierra del Fuego. In 2000, he moved to Ushuaia and became a tour guide. From 2002, he lived in England for almost two years to follow various courses of the Royal Yachting Association.

Sebastian took his specialism in polar tourism and natural history on a first trip to Antarctica on board a 36-ft sail boat, where he developed ice-navigation skills and came to appreciate the polar environment. He has since led several expedition cruises down the very south. Since

2008, he also ventures north into the Canadian Arctic, through the Northwest Passage, and to Svalbard.

Sebastian has been an invited speaker on Antarctic topics at international meetings and public events. He has published in magazines like The Great Southern Route, Superyacht Times, and Boat International and co-authored “ANTARCTICA, DISCOVERING THE LAST CONTINENT”. He speaks Spanish and English.

**Deutsch:** Sebastian kommt aus Buenos Aires, Argentinien, und hat Tourismus studiert. Während eines einjährigen Bergführerkurses kletterte er in den Regionen Mendoza, Bariloche und im Feuerland. 2000 zog er nach Ushuaia und arbeitete als Tourguide. Ab 2002 wohnte er zwei Jahre lang in England, um dort an verschiedenen Kursen der Royal Yachting Association teilzunehmen. Sebastians Spezialismus in Polartourismus und -naturgeschichte begleitete ihn auf seiner ersten Antarktisreise. An Bord eines 12-m Segelschiffs schulte er seine Eisnavigation und lernte die polare Umwelt schätzen. Seitdem hat er etliche Expeditionskreuzfahrten in den tiefsten Süden geführt. Seit 2008 treibt es ihn auch in den Hohen Norden, d.h. in die kanadische Arktis, durch die Northwest-Passage und nach Spitzbergen (Svalbard).

Sebastian hat vor internationalen Gesellschaften und in Öffentlichkeitsarbeit über antarktische Themen gesprochen. Er hat in verschiedenen Zeitschriften veröffentlicht und ist Co-Autor von “Antarktis, Entdeckung des letzten Kontinenten”. Er spricht Spanisch und Englisch.

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## Åsa Lindgren – Expedition Guide

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**English:** Åsa has a polar research background with several seasons in the Arctic, investigating arctic ecosystem ecology during several expeditions all around Arctic. Since 2011, she is a research coordinator at the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat and plans logistics for research expeditions both to Arctic and to Antarctica. During the season 2012/13 she was working at the Swedish Antarctic Station Wasa and did a traverse to the German station Neumayer. Her main platform is the Swedish Icebreaker Oden, going into Arctic almost every summer, often to the North Pole.

When there are no research missions, she work as a polar guide on tourism vessels and her wish is to mediate knowledge, admiration and respect for those vulnerable and unique environments.

Previously she has worked at the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi and with ecotourism policies in Samoa in the South Pacific.

Åsa lives on the countryside in Sweden, with her husband, 3 children, 4 horses and loves all outdoor activities such as skiing, skating, riding, hiking and running.

**Deutsch:** Åsa hat mehrere Jahre in der Polarforschung gearbeitet, schwerpunktmäßig im Bereich der Polarökologie, während mehrerer Expeditionen in die Arktis. Seit 2011 plant sie als Forschungskordinatorin die Logistik für Expeditionen in die Arktis und Antarktis. In der Saison 2012/13 arbeitete sie an der schwedischen Station Wasa und ging im Rahmen eines Datensammelungsprojekts zu Fuß zur deutschen Neumayer Station (mehr als 400 km). Ihr Hauptarbeitsplatz ist der schwedische Eisbrecher Oden, der fast jeden Sommer in der Arktis unterwegs ist und oft bis zum Nordpol fährt.

Wenn es keine Forschungsaufträge gibt, arbeitet sie als Polar Guide auf touristischen Schiffen und versucht, ihre Liebe und Respekt für diese wunderbaren und empfindlichen Regionen an andere Menschen weiter zu geben. Zuvor arbeitete sie beim Umweltprogramm der Vereinten Nationen (UNEP) in Nairobi und an Ökotourismus-Projekten im süd pazifischen Samoa.

Åsa lebt auf dem Land in Schweden, mit ihrem Mann, drei Kindern und vier Pferden. Sie liebt alle Outdoor Sportarten wie skifahren, schlittschuhlaufen, reiten, wandern und laufen.

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## Michael Green – Dive Guide

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**English:** When young I spent summers by the sea with my grandfather this gave me a love of all things maritime.

Taking up sport diving in 1990 after being a diver in the Navy. I am a British Sub Aqua Club Open Water Instructor, PADI instructor and Advanced Diver. I hold a

certificate to operate both Inspiration and Drager rebreathers.

I have dived worldwide and have led trips to Scotland, Chuuk Lagoon and Palau, Bikini Atoll and Cuba and have worked for the last three years in the polar regions. I enjoy wreck diving and have been on many expeditions to explore wrecks around the world.

Outside of diving I am doing a degree in photography and art in the UK.

I look forward to helping you have a safe adventure here in Greenland.

**Deutsch:** Ich verbrachte die Sommer meiner Kindheit mit meinem Großvater an der See, und so wuchs meine Liebe für das Meer. Nachdem ich in der Navy tauchte, begann ich 1990 mit dem Sporttauchen. Ich bin British Sub Aqua Club Open Water Instructor, PADI instructor und Advanced Diver.

Ich war in vielen Tauchgebieten rund um die Welt unterwegs und habe Trips nach Schottland, in die Chuuk Lagune und Palau, das Bikini Atoll und Kuba und habe mindestens drei Jahre in den Polarregionen gearbeitet. Ich tauche gern bei Wracks und war auf vielen Expeditionen um Wracks rund um die Welt zu erkunden.

Neben dem Tauchen studiere ich Fotografie und Kunst in Großbritannien. Ich freue mich darauf, euch ein sicheres Abenteuer unter Wasser zu ermöglichen.



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## Stefan Brandt – Dive Guide

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**English:** Stefan Brandt has always been driven to the outdoors environment, exploring the wilderness above and below the surface.

When I was a young guy I spent most of my spare time at the water or in the woods. I lived a place where I had both opportunities.

I was taking up sports diving in 1998 and is today a Diving Instructor as well

a Technical instructor to hypoxic level which mean down to 100 meter. Both at SSI regi. Beside that I am commercial Diver. Today I have my own diving company where I mostly educate technical divers.

The underwater world has always fascinated me and it really started in 1998 when i started at the university by reading biology. I ended up with a degree in biology with main interest in bioacoustic of whales and dolphins.

**Deutsch:** Stefan Brandt war immer ein begeisterter Outdoor-Sportler, der gerne die Umgebung unter und über der Wasseroberfläche erkundete.

Mit dem Tauchen begann er 1998, heute ist er sowohl Tauchlehrer als auch Technical Instructor der die Erlaubnis hat bis 100 Meter Tiefe zu tauchen. Außerdem ist er kommerzieller Taucher. Heute hat er seine eigene Tauchfirma, in der er vor allem technische Taucher ausbildet.

Die Unterwasserwelt faszinierte ihn immer – und so begann er außerdem auch ein Biologiestudium, das er mit Schwerpunkt auf die Bioakustik von Delfinen und Walen abschloss.

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## Ashley Cordingley – Dive Guide

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**English:** Ashley has been working as a Marine Biologist and Scientific Diver for the last 12 years. During that time he worked for the British Antarctic Survey and the British government.

As the wintering marine biologist for BAS, he overwintered in the Antarctic, at Rothera base, studying the effects of Iceberg Impacts. Ashley is working towards a PhD in marine biology, restoring oyster reefs. As a scientific diver Ashley has conducted dive operations all over the world in remote locations for a wealth of scientific purposes.

As a marine ecologist and Biologist he would be happy to answer any questions on sealife and ecology.

In his spare time Ashley is a keen mountaineer and endurance sports participant.

**Deutsch:** Ashley hat in den vergangenen zwölf Jahren als Meeresbiologe und Forschungstaucher gearbeitet, für das britische antarktische Programm und die britische Regierung. Er hat auf der britischen Rothera Station in der Antarktis überwintert, wo er Eisbergverhalten studierte. Ashley arbeitet an seinem Doktor in Meeresbiologie. Er hat als Forschungstaucher zahlreiche Expeditionen weltweit ausgeführt. Als Meeresbiologe freut er sich darauf, alle eure Fragen zu beantworten.

In seiner Freizeit ist Ashley ein begeisterter Bergsteiger und Ausdauersportler.

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## Jianxi Cao – Guide

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**English:** Holding a mechanical engineering degree from Tongji University in Shanghai, he had been working for seven years at the Polar Research Institute of China as an Antarctic mechanical equipment manager. Meanwhile, he went on four working trips to Antarctica, including a winter stay

at the Great Wall Station in 2005/06; being the second group of human being reached Dome A in 2007/08; built the highest Antarctic Research station – Kunlun Station on Dome A in 2008/09; and led another team reached Dome A as the chief mechanical engineer and second station leader in 2010/11. Now, He has worked as a guide in Arctic and Antarctica for two years.

**Deutsch:** Als Mechaniker mit Ingenieursabschluss der Tongji-Universität in Shanghai arbeitet Jimmy seit sieben Jahren am chinesischen Institut für Polarforschung als Ausrüstungsmanager. Inzwischen war er zu vier Arbeitseinsätzen in der Antarktis, darunter einer Überwinterung auf der Great Wall Station im Jahre 2006, und drei Inlandexpeditionen nach Dome A, wo sich jetzt die Kunlunstation befindet. Er war Mitglied der Expeditionsteams, die 2008 den idealen Platz für die Kunlunstation auswählten und half im Jahr darauf bei ihrem Aufbau mit. 2010 kehrte er als mechanischer Leiter und zweiter Stationsleiter auf die Kunlunstation zurück und war für die lebenswichtigen Maschinen wie Schnee-LKW, Hochleistungsschlitten und Dieselgeneratoren verantwortlich der Expedition verantwortlich. Er liebt Snowboardfahren und Surfen und ist begeistert von allen Outdooraktivitäten, insbesondere Wandern und Camping.



# Captain Evgeny Levakov

and his international crew

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## Welcome you on Board!



# Scoresby Sund

## Embarkation in Akureyri Monday 18 September 2017

- 1600 **Welcome on board!** Your luggage will be delivered to your cabin as soon as possible. Please report to reception if you are missing anything. Feel free to explore the ship; tea & coffee is available in the Lounge (Deck 5).
- TBA\*** As soon as everybody is on board: Welcome by expedition leader Katja Riedel in the Lounge (Deck 5) followed by an **Introduction to the ship** by Hotel Manager Dejan Nikolic.
- 1700 **Plancius departs Akureyri.** The foredeck and aft deck are closed while the crew are handling the mooring lines.
- TBA\*** **Mandatory Safety and Lifeboat Drill (Part I)** in the Lounge (Deck 5). **ALL PASSENGERS are required to attend this very important safety briefing!**
- On alarm** **Mandatory Safety and Lifeboat Drill (Part II) in the Lounge**
- 1830 **Captain's Cocktails!** Captain Evgeny Levakov and Expedition Leader Katja Riedel invite you to join them for a Welcome Drink in the Lounge, where you will also meet the Expedition Team and ships doctor.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room located on Deck 3 behind Reception. Bon appétit!

After dinner we plan to hand out the **rubber boots**. We will call you by deck number to the boot room (Deck 3 front). Please listen for announcements and bring the socks you will wear in your boots.

**TBA\* = to be announced**

This afternoon we will sail into open waters and the ship may roll. Please ensure you secure all of your valuables (cameras, computers, etc.) in your cabin to prevent any accidents. Use the handrails when you move around the ship. Keep at least one hand free to hold on to the ship.



## Scoresby Sund

### At Sea towards Greenland Tuesday 19 September 2017

- 0730 Wake-up call
- 0800 Breakfast buffet available for 1 hour in the dining room (Deck 3)
- 1000 Depending on weather conditions we will offer a lecture about **East Greenland History** with Kasper in the Lounge (Deck 5). Please listen for announcements.
- 1230 Lunch will be available in the dining room.
- 1500 Depending on weather conditions Åsa would like to talk in the lounge in English about **The shifting Arctic** - why is the Arctic reacting so much to climate change?
- 1815 **Recap** – a regular meeting where we look back on the day and talk about our plans for tomorrow. Katja will also give an overview of our planned voyage
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

Today we will be sailing in open waters and the ship might roll. Please ensure you secure all of your valuables (cameras, computers, etc.) in your cabin to prevent any accidents. Use the handrails when you move around the ship. Keep at least one hand free to hold on to the ship.



# Scoresby Sund

## Vikingebugt & Danmark Ø Wednesday 20 September 2017

- 0711 Sunrise
- 0730 Wake-up call
- 0800 Breakfast buffet available for an hour in the dining room.
- 1000 Please come to the Lounge for our **mandatory briefing program**: Katja informs you about behavior in polar bear habitat, Arctic environmental rules and zodiac operations (the black rubber boats).
- 1230 Lunch buffet will be available in the dining room.
- TBA\* This afternoon we would like to take you on a Zodiac cruise at Vikingebugt. Here we find some spectacular columnar basalt. Please dress warmly we won't leave the boats.
- 1830 Please meet the expedition team for our daily **Recap** in the bar.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!
- 1957 Sunset

TBA\* = to be announced



## Scoresby Sund

### Røde Ø & Rødefjord & Rypefjord & Thursday 21 September 2017

- 0700 Wake-up call
- 0728 Sunrise
- 0730 Breakfast buffet available for an hour in the dining room.
- 0900 Massive icebergs lay grounded next to **Røde Ø** (Red Island). We want to explore this iceberg alley by Zodiac. Please dress warmly. Additionally there will be the possibility to go ashore on Røde Ø and to get a panoramic view of the big bergs.

Over lunch we will sail through **Rødefjord** (Red Fjord). The landscape here is gentler and the rocks are made from red sandstone.

- 1230 Lunch will be available in the dining room.
- ~1530 We would like to go ashore in **Rypefjord**, named after the Ptarmigan (rype in Danish). It is a wonderful place with rich tundra, good hiking possibilities and fabulous views.

Afterwards we will be sailing down the narrow and very scenic **Ø fjord**.

- 1845 Short Recap about our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 Please dress warmly and bring your dancing gumboots for a special Arctic dinner!
- 1956 Sunset

TBA\* = to be announced





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EXPEDITIONS

# Scoresby Sund

**Jytte Havn & Sydkap**

**Friday 22 September 2017**

- 0723 Sunrise
- 0730 Wake-up call
- 0800 Breakfast buffet available for an hour in the dining room.
- 0930 This morning we hope to land at **Jytte Havn, Bjørneøer**. The islands look barren but we find some vegetation here. High mountains and the steep cliffs of Milne Land and the Greenland mainland surround the islands, making it a very scenic landing. As usual we will offer three different hiking options.
- 1230 Lunch will be available in the dining room.
- ~1530 This afternoon we would like to go ashore at **Sydkap** where we expect tundra vegetation, nice views and large icebergs. We would like to explore the area in our three hiking groups
- 1830 Please meet the expedition team for our daily **Recap** in the bar.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the dining room.
- 1945 Sunset

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## Hurry Inlet & Ittoqqortoormiit Saturday 23 September 2017

- 0700 Wake-up call
- 0716 Sunrise
- 0730 Breakfast buffet available for an hour in the dining room.
- 0900 This morning we hope to land in **Hurry Inlet**. The rolling tundra at the entrance of the inlet is a good hiking area. In addition, there are Inuit remains dating from different eras of Greenlandic history.
- For the brave ones: We will give you the chance for a **polar plunge** at the end of the landing. Bring your swimming gear (NO DRYSUITS!), we provide the towels.
- 1200 Lunch will be available in the dining room.
- 1300 Please come to the Lounge for a pre-landing briefing. Afterwards we plan to visit **Ittoqqortoormiit**, the only settlement in the area of North-east Greenland. We land at a beach (gumboots!) You will get maps and information about the different locations at arrival: The museum, church, gift shop, tourist office, Greenlandic Musher with his Greenland dogs. Currencies accepted: DKK, Euro, US \$ & credit cards.
- Most souvenirs are made from musk ox and reindeers and can be imported without problems. Others might be made of walrus. Please ask before buying if the souvenir can be imported to your home country. Please don't buy any products from endangered animals (Walrus, Polar Bear, Narwhal, Whales...)
- Important:** Don't approach chained dogs./ Don't enter any buildings not marked on the map uninvited./ Ask permission to take pictures of people./ Don't give money or sweets to the children (instead: use donation box in the tourist office)./ Please step off the road to let cars pass.
- 1715 Please meet the expedition team for our daily Recap in the bar.
- 1800 Dinner is served in the dining room.
- 1917 Sunset

**Starting this evening, we will be sailing in open waters again.** Please prepare if you are prone to seasickness. In addition, please make sure your valuable electronics like cameras and laptops are safely stowed away so they can't fall down.



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## At Sea towards Iceland

### Sunday 24 September 2017

Today we will be sailing in open waters, the Denmark Strait is sometimes wild, but also a good place for marine mammals – it's worth keeping a lookout!

No Wake-up call. 😊

0800 Breakfast buffet available in the dining room.

0930 Depending on weather conditions Andreas will talk in the **Lounge** in English about a fascinating topic: **Glaciers**.

1030 Andreas will repeat his **Glacier** talk in the **dining room in German**.

1230 Lunch will be available in the dining room.

1530 If weather conditions allow, please join Åsa in the Lounge where she will talk about her experiences at the other end of the world – **Antarctica**. This talk will be in English with German translation.

In the afternoon, we will call you by deck to reception to settle your **ship's accounts**. Later we will ask you to return your **rubber boots** to the boot room (please wait for the announcement!)

1815 **Farewell Cocktail:** Please come to the Lounge for a toast on our voyage together with Captain Evgeny Levakov and the expedition team.

1900 The **Last Supper** of the voyage will be served in the Restaurant. Bon appétit!

Please secure all breakable items (cameras, computers, etc.) in your cabin. Use the handrails when you move around the ship and keep at least one hand free to hold on.



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## Disembarkation in Akureyri Monday 25 September 2017

0700 Last wake-up call of this voyage – good morning!

**Please put your check-in luggage outside your cabin door before going to breakfast, latest by 0745 (!) and please don't forget to return your cabin keys to Reception.**

0730 Breakfast buffet available for an hour in the dining room.

Please **don't take fruit, poultry, eggs or dairy products** from the ship to shore. In Iceland, you are not allowed to bring those products into the country!

Please **don't walk onto the pier before you hear our announcement** that you are allowed to disembark. Once on shore, please identify your luggage.

0900 The **buses to Reykjavík** are leaving from the pier. Please take your luggage to the bus yourself to make sure you have it with you. One Bus will be marked with "Ikarus/PolarNews". It's about 6 hours to Reykjavík including a lunch break. The buses will take you to the town hall bus stop in the centre of Reykjavík (Vonarstraeti).

For those **staying in Akureyri**, flying from Akureyri or traveling onwards by themselves, please identify your luggage at the pier and make sure to take it with you.

## Have a safe journey home!