



# Spitsbergen – Northeast Greenland

29. August to 11. 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.



# Captain Evgeny Levakov

and his international crew of 46  
including:

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welcome you on board!

# Day 1 – Tuesday, 29. August 2017

## Embarkation, Longyearbyen, Adventfjord

**GPS Position 08:00: 78°14.0' N / 015°35.8' E**

**Wind: light air Sea state: calm Weather: overcast Temperature: 7°C**

*today's writer: Gérard*

Some of us had just arrived at the Longyearbyen airport as scheduled. For the ones who were supposed to come last night, the plane was not able to land due to fog, but the new flight landed by midday at 78 degrees North. We had a few hours to explore Spitsbergen's small capital city, visiting the museum and the church. At 16.00 we were able to board M/V *Plancius*. Sandra, our Assistant Expedition Leader, greeted us on the pier and we took the first steps up the gangway into the ship.

Once on board, Hotel Manager Dejan welcomed us. And with the help of the hotel crew we settled into our cabins; our luggage was already there! We had a few minutes to wander around and get familiar with the interior of the ship, as this would be our home for the two following weeks.



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By 17:00, all passengers were on board and *Plancius* cast off the pier and started sailing into Adventfjorden. We were soon gathered in the observation lounge to be briefed about safety on board. 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) 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, Christian, our Expedition Leader, invited us for another briefing about life on board given by Dejan. We were a very multicultural/international group. All orientation material was given both in German and English. Dejan introduced us to the ship, hotel operations and dining room meals while Christian introduced the expedition team. Captain Evgeny joined us in the lounge for a welcoming toast of sparkling wine or juice before we headed down to the dining room for our first scrumptious dinner prepared by Head Chef Ralf and his staff.

Some of us were eager to get out on deck to enjoy the arctic light and views of Northern Fulmars and Kittiwakes. An exciting first day came to an end, but that was the start of many more adventures to come in the following two weeks.





## Day 2 – Wednesday, 30. August 2017

### Northwest Spitsbergen: Raudfjord and Magdalenefjord

**GPS Position 08:00: 79°47.9' N / 010°28.0' E**

**Wind: N-8 Sea state: moderate Weather: snow Temperature: 1°C**

*today's writer: Valeria*

Many of us were already awake before Christian's wake up call, the movement of the ship to which we were still trying to get used to, was the responsible for keeping us in veil.

Christian informed us that we had 30 knots of wind outside and that visibility was very poor. It was indeed, some of us plucked up courage and went outside to check it out, and others had a look through the cabin's TV.



While we approached our intended landing site in order to scout conditions there, we attended the mandatory briefings on zodiac operations and polar bears after which we were given our rubber boots.

When we thought that the morning was almost gone, Christian surprised us with an announcement, we were going ashore! We all rushed to our cabins to get ready and in no time we were by the gangway, still trying to figure out the lifejackets!



We landed on Alicehamna, a beautiful harbour within Raudfjord, completely covered in fresh snow; it looked magical. We soon split up in different groups with different pace and we went out exploring the site, closely followed by our guides.



We had some first approaches with birds like Purple Sandpipers, black-legged Kittiwakes and Arctic Skuas but above all we were taking in the splendid Arctic.

Back on the ship we warmed ourselves up again and had a comforting meal while the ship repositioned for the afternoon activity. The wind was still blowing as we sailed into





Smeerenburgfjord first and then through Sörgattet Strait into Magdalenefjord afterwards, the sun was shining now and the light enhanced even more the beauty of the landscape surrounding us.



Once again our Expedition Leader surprised us, we were going to land on Gravneset (norwegian for "*The Grave Peninsula*"). This was the chosen place by 17<sup>th</sup> century whalers to establish a whaling station that worked until 1623. The name of this place is a clear reference to the approximately 130 graves that can be found here, one of the three largest burial areas in Spitsbergen. When whaling turned into a pelagic activity, Gravneset still continued to be visited for freshwater, repairs and burials. The crosses of the graves are gone, either because they fell victim to the weather or because the trappers that followed the whalers' steps used them as firewood. Not only coffins but also some skeletons have surfaced due to the constant



freezing and melting of the ground. We split once again in 3 different groups and went out on a hike, filling our memory cards with images of the amazing landscape.

After a nice hike we went back on board where a delicious dinner was waiting for us. Some of us stayed in the lounge for a while before going to bed as we sailed into open sea towards Greenland.





# Day 3 – Wednesday, 31. August 2017

## At sea

**GPS Position 08:00: 78°18.8' N / 000°06.8' E**

**Wind: N-4 Sea state: moderate Weather: cloudy Temperature: 4°C**

*today's writer: Sebastian*

Today we woke up at sea in route towards the biggest island in the word: Greenland.

The morning was the time to catch up with what we had left behind the day before; it was time for recaps and lectures. We started our educational program with an Introduction to Spitsbergen/Svalbard given by Gérard. It was a review of the Arctic Archipelago's geography, geology, flora and fauna, and the human presence and its political status.

Right after the lecture we heard over the P.A. system that there were some blows ahead, we gathered in the lounge, the bridge and the outer decks to see these giants of the sea. They seemed to be fin whales, but they were quite elusive. Some of them came a bit closer and we managed to confirm the species. After an hour, *Plancius* resumed the navigation and we went to the dinning room for a recap about the activities we had done in Svalbard and to listen to the new plans. We also learned from Steffi about the life and adventures of Wanny Woldstad, the first female trapper that lived in Svalbard.





After a nice buffet lunch, the first pieces of sea ice started to show up here and there in the water. Christian announced the first tabular iceberg of the trip. It was time to go to our cabins, dress up warmly, get our cameras and go out on deck. It was a big tabular iceberg, square shaped, with lines of blue and some white. In every place of the ship it was possible to hear the “click”, “click” of our cameras taking pictures.



Later in the afternoon we reached the sea ice, what a delight to see the white in the horizon!



At first, it was just open water with big and small ice floes at a certain distance from each other, but then, *Plancius* went deeper into the icy world and we noticed that the ice had caused the swell to calm down. Most of us were outside on deck checking for wildlife, we saw a group of harp seals swimming nearby the ship, and there was an astonishing number of ivory gulls flying around us.

We also spotted Pomarine Skua, Kittiwakes, Arctic Terns, Northern Fulmars and some beautiful Little Auks.

By dinner time, *Plancius* made her way out of the ice. At night encountered some head winds and waves that made *Plancius* pitch her way overnight to the “Land of Men”. Another exciting sea day was waiting for us tomorrow.



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# Day 4 – Thursday, 01. September 2017

## At sea

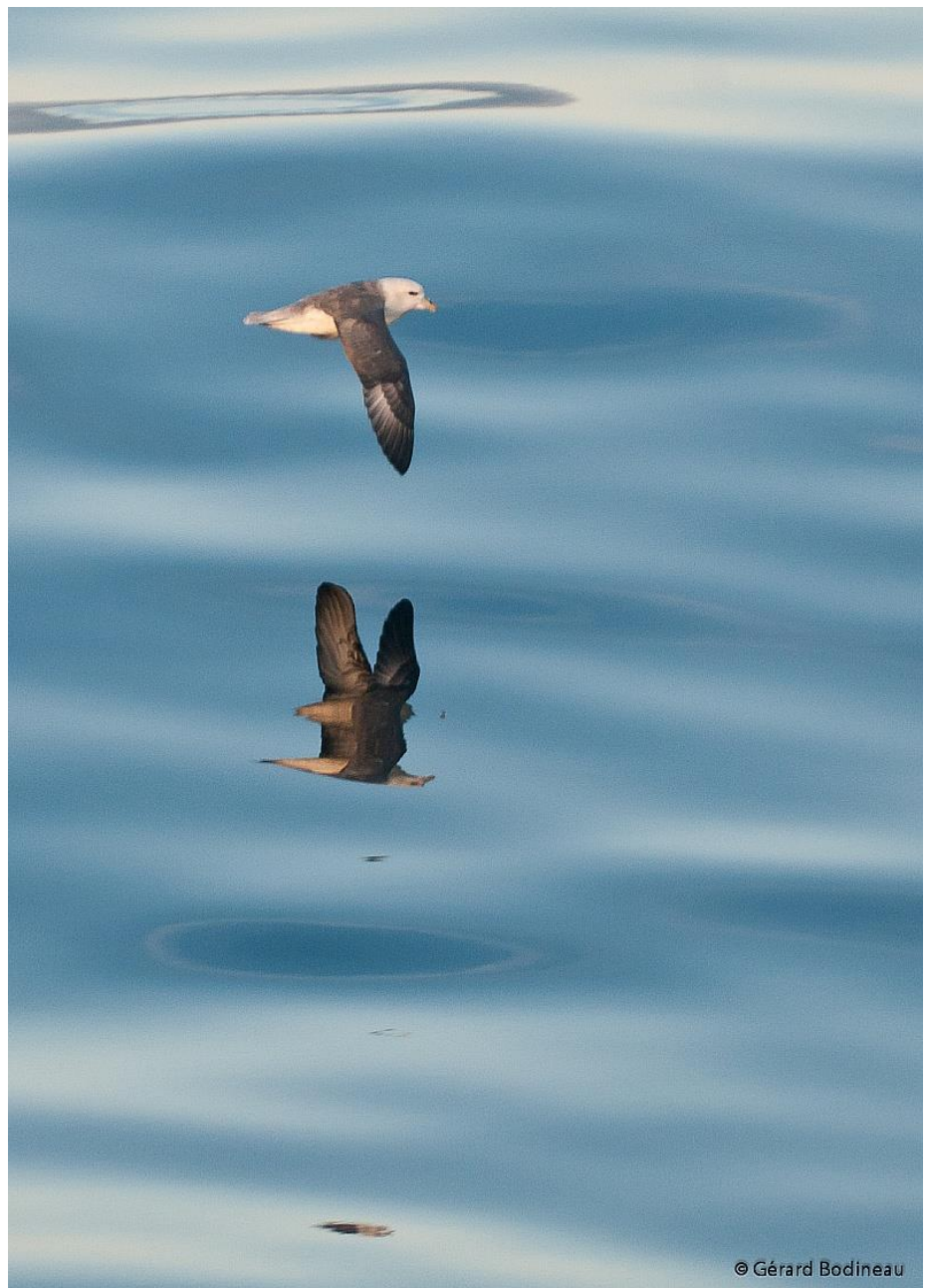
**GPS Position 08:00: 75°23.2' N / 009°42.6' W**

**Wind: W-4 Sea state: moderate Weather: cloudy Temperature: 3°C**

*today's writer: Kasper*

Traveling by sea was easy these days, as we made our way westwards, towards Greenland. The sea was quite calm, the visibility was perfect and we were making good speed towards our goal. We had been in open water all night, actually since we left the sea ice the day before, this meant that we had made such a good speed that Christian decided to take a slight detour to see if we could find more sea ice.

The day started strangely, because it was our Hotel manager DJ that made the wakeup call, or rather there were no announcements before breakfast was announced. After breakfast and another cup of coffee, the day's program started with a lecture by Valeria about the history of whaling, both in the Arctic and Antarctic. This lecture gave a good understanding of this gruesome industry, the extent of the hunt and the background of why this happened in the first place, very interesting for everyone listening and we all left the lecture knowing a bit more about this part of human history.



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Then was time for recap with Christian in the lounge, this was our Expedition Leader's chance to tell us all about the plans for the close future, but also so that the Expedition Staff could explain a bit more in details some of the interesting things we had seen the past days. After a morning full of mental exercise, we were all famished, so time for lunch!

After lunch, quite a few disappeared to the cabins and we had a little naptime before the afternoon's lectures program. But before we could get the lectures started, Christian came in the PA to announce that there was sea ice in the horizon and that was time to go on deck and enjoy the fantastic weather, with no wind, sunshine and clear blue skies. As we got closer to the sea ice, there was one thing that went through the head of the Expedition Guides: "will we find polar bears here?" So it was with all eyes behind binoculars and scopes that we approached this habitat of the real king in the North. The scouting pays off! Christian spotted animals by a scope from the top deck, the distance was great and his eyes must be sharp like an eagle, because most of the rest of us could not find the animals at this distance.



Then Captain Levakov himself took over the controls on the bridge, because as we approached the patch of sea ice where the bears had been found, we could see that there was quite a swell, more than a meter actually. The swell also made it perfectly clear that this ice was not thin first year ice, no, this was the mighty multiyear ice coming from the North Pole basin, several meters thick and the floes weighing more than *Plancius* itself. The



ice combined with the swell made it very tricky for navigation between the floes, so having the Master behind the wheel was very reassuring. We managed to get a very good look at the bears, in the beginning we were delighted to see that this was a mother with her two cubs! But as we came closer, we realised that there were at least two more, some said that they even saw a sixth bear close by. The mother and her cubs were eating a freshly killed seal, and the other bears might already have had their share of the same dish, because they looked very heavy and very lazy, so this were surely happy bears that we were lucky enough to get a good look at.



We spent more than an hour with the bears and could observe how they interacted with each other and how they consumed the leftovers of the kill. At some point we had to pull back again and resume our course towards Greenland, but there were lots of happy and smiling faces that went to warm up in the lounge, no one was sorry that the lecture program was cancelled! In the evening the good weather continued and the dinner was served on time, like every other night. What a day.





# Myggebugten and Kejser Franz Joseph Fjord

**GPS Position 08:00: 73°24.7' N / 021°14.9' W**

**Wind: NE-3 Sea state: calm Weather: overcast Temperature: 1°C**

*today's writer: Gérard*

We arrived in Greenland and had our first landing at Myggbukta after breakfast. The good weather of yesterday was no longer present and a dense layer of low clouds was covering the whole sky.

Soon after breakfast Christian announced the landing near a Norwegian cabin built in 1922. The zodiacs shuttled us to this cabin by groups of ten. After having a look at the inside, we separated in three groups with different rhythms of walk. While the long hikers started quickly with Kasper and Steffi in direction of the closest hill, the leisurely group stayed around the cabin with Christian and Gérard, having a lot of time to talk about the numerous species of plants seen in this rich tundra.



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The medium group went for an intermediate walk on top of some nearby undulated elevations with the rest of the guides. Although it didn't look to be a good place for wildlife,



some species of birds were spotted, including Pink-Footed Geese and Barnacle Geese. A few Musk Oxen were also seen through the mist but only with binoculars. While being ashore, the weather deteriorated and it snowed more and more. It was time to come back on board before being completely soaked and cold.



During the afternoon, as the visibility did not improve and we were not able to look at the nice scenery of Kejser Franz Joseph Fjord, instead the staff invited us to some lectures. Gérard talked about Polar Bears and Miriam about the sea ice, two appropriate topics after the sightings of the previous day.

At 18:30, we met Christina in the Lounge for a Recap. He explained us the plans for the following days in the fjord system on North-East Greenland. Kasper then gave us some general information about Greenland.

## Day 6 – Saturday, 03. September 2017

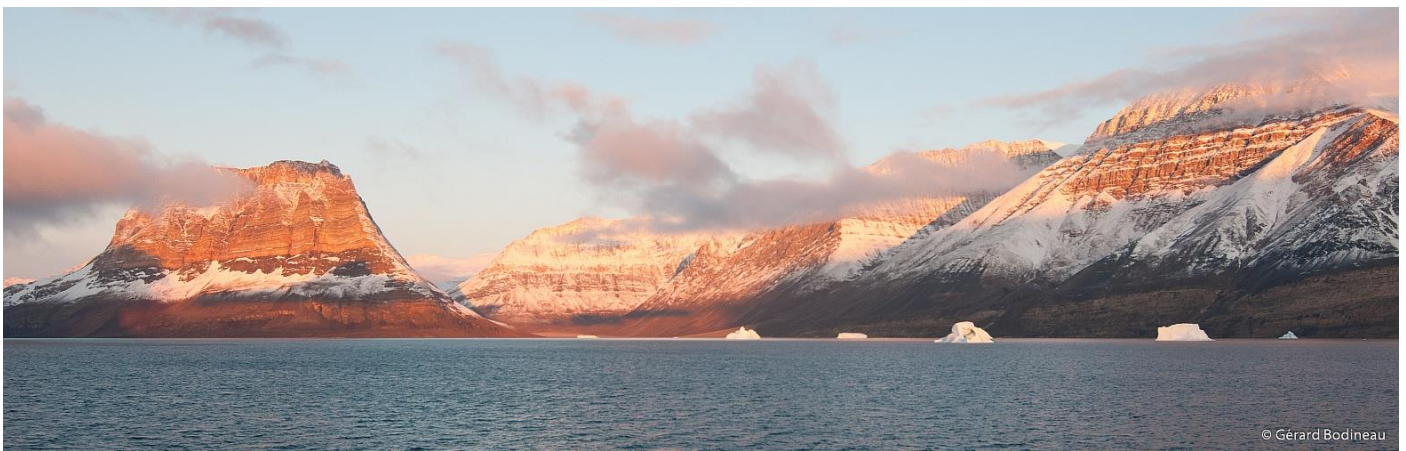
### Sunrise at Teufelsschloss, Blomster Bugt and Maria Ø

**GPS Position 08:00: 73°19.7' N / 025°17.5' W**

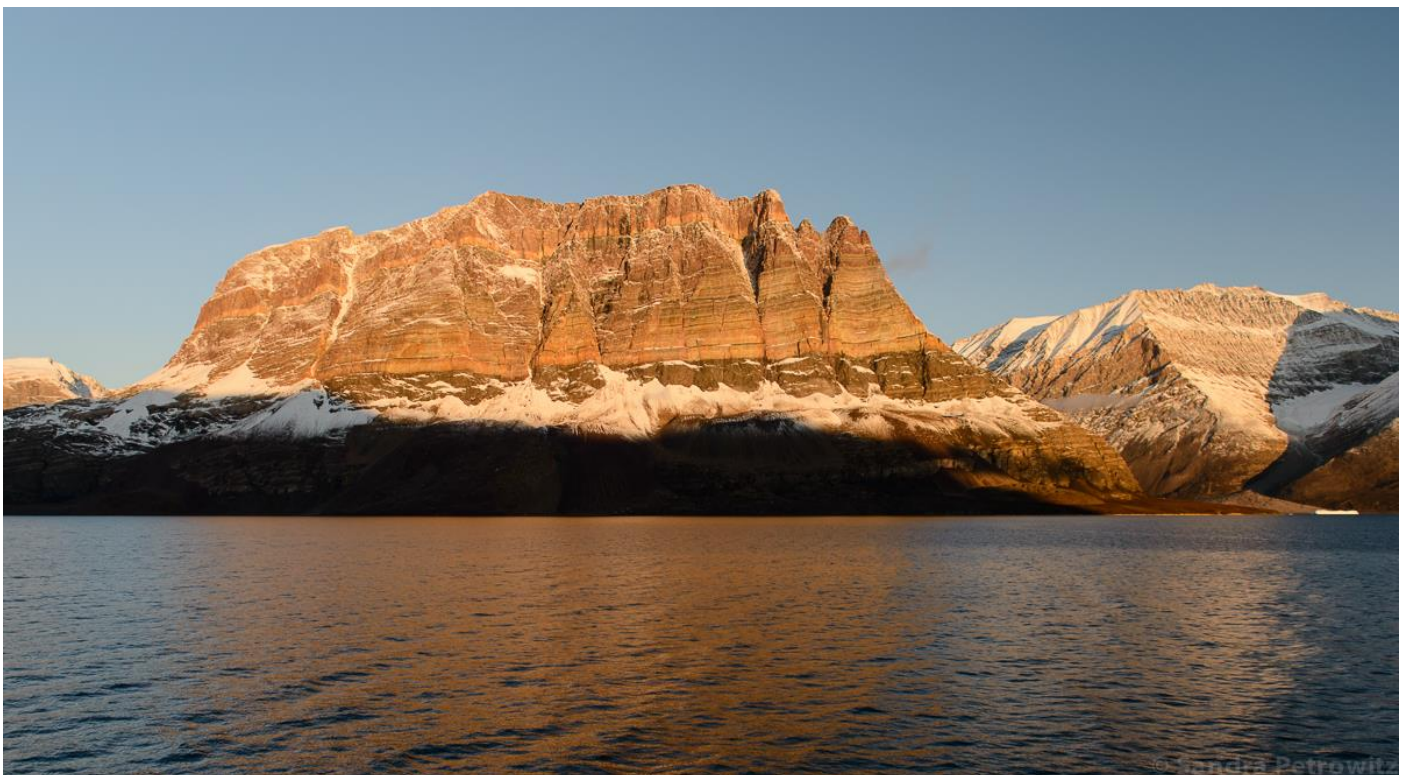
**Wind: light air Sea state: smooth Weather: clear Temperature: 1°C**

*today's writer: Valeria*

Wake up call was earlier than usual today, but it was for a good reason, the sun was rising as we sailed into Kejser Franz Joseph Fjord. By 5.30 am many of us were already in the outer decks admiring the impressive landscape as the sun caressed the folded slopes of Teufelsschloss and the mountains all around. It was a breath-taking scenery.



The hotel staff kindly brought some pastries to the bar that we very much enjoyed while we kept looking at the sunrise.





At seven o'clock we heard the second wake up call and shortly after we had breakfast before getting ready for our morning landing.



The day couldn't be better, the sun was shining and not even a drop of wind was blowing, Blomster Bugt, the "Flower Bay", was waiting for us. The place is named so due to the variety of plants that can be encountered but also it is a known spot for Arctic Hare and Musk Ox, our

binos were ready! As we got ashore we divided in the usual groups, fast hikers, medium and leisurely and quickly dispersed on land. As we explored the area we saw more and more droppings of oxen, they had to be somewhere close. We finally caught sight of them! Although the hares remained elusive some of us had the chance to spot some Musk Ox in the distance.





The morning went through and we were once again by the landing site ready to come back on board for the desired lunch.





During the afternoon we sailed along Kejser Franz Joseph Fjord while we kept enjoying the views all over the place, some from the inside others from the outer decks. After a fairly long navigation, we arrived at Maria Ø a middle sized island named after the eldest daughter of the Swedish explorer Nathorst. The sky was partly covered with clouds but they still allowed a beautiful light to go through, and the water in the fjord was in absolute calm.



As soon as we got ashore we divided into the usual groups and explored the coastline, the valleys and the higher ridges. The smaller things such as flowers, lichens and mushrooms caught our eyes but so did the wonderful landscape surrounding us. We explored the island for about two hours before we all met back onshore ready to board the zodiacs that would take us back to the ship and to the dinning room!

Some of us gathered around Charlotte's bar and had a drink while chatting about another awesome day in the far North.

# Day 7 – Sunday, 04. September 2017

## Segelsällskapet and Holm Bugt

**GPS Position 08:00: 72°28.8' N / 024°44.6' W**

**Wind: SW-3/4 Sea state: smooth Weather: overcast Temperature: 3°C**

*today's writer: Sebastian*

In the morning *Plancius* made her way towards a very special place. The name is almost impossible to pronounce: Segelsällskapet in Swedish. To pronounce it more easily Sandra told us to remember the phrase... "Seagull Sells Carpet", more understandable in English. The place was named by A.G. Nathorst in 1899 after the Royal Swedish Yacht club.



We landed on a nice pebble beach, close to a very fascinating geological formation. The rocks were made of many layers of red, yellow and brown lime-stone, polished by the huge glaciers that covered Greenland during the last ice age. As an alternative to the walking groups, the staff defined a perimeter within which we were allowed to walk freely at our own rhythm. Some of us enjoyed a bit of privacy and contemplation by sequestering away from the large group for a moment. We had a lot of time to observe and take photos of these very unique rocks. Even some of the ship's crew members joined us in this unique place.



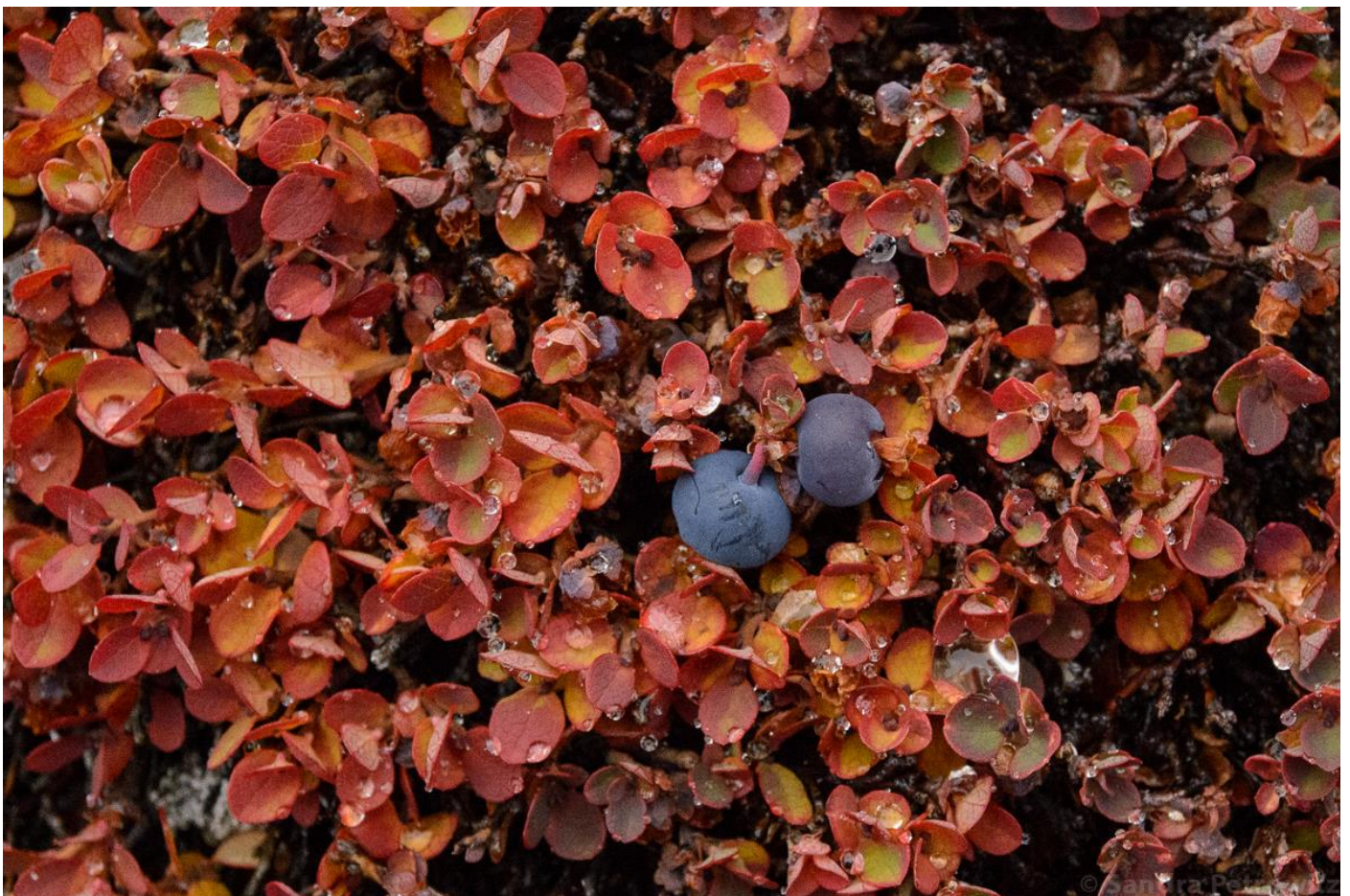


After taking pictures of the most beautiful sights we divided into groups. The leisurely stayed behind, scattered and hung around the nicest rock formations on the beach, while the medium and fast groups set off in the direction of a nearby saddle. On the voyage up we saw many unusual geological formations and reddish tundra with prostrate dwarf willows and blueberry bushes, all quite reminiscent of autumn weather. Rocks rounded by ancient glacier movement and layered slates put down millions of years ago were commonplace in this fantastic landscape. The hikers found Musk Oxen on the other side of the saddle, past a beautiful lake and sneaked closer to get a better view. They were lucky and skilful enough to get away with a 'unique picture'. The medium group stopped on top of the saddle and gathered. Getting closer to the lake, however, was a true delight. There was no wind, providing for an excellent reflection on the lake surface. Later, everybody





headed back towards the zodiacs, and to the ship.





In the afternoon we landed on Holm Bugt, a long sandy beach with a long flat tundra with some undulations and some hills and mountains on the background, roughly about 2 kilometres from the beach. Again we split into 3 groups and started our afternoon adventure, the long hikers aimed for the hills behind where they managed a quite rare and amazing sighting: a stoat in its white pelage jumping from rock to rock. The medium group walked towards a scenic river where they performed some exploration, and the third group had a nice walk over the flat tundra.



In the evening we headed towards Scoresby Sound, getting there would take us a full night sailing and the weather forecast was not the best, so we prepared our cabins securing our cameras and fragile objects before we went to sleep.

## Day 8 – Monday, 05. September 2017

### At Sea and Scoresbysund

**GPS Position 08:00: 70°22.9' N / 022°13.8' W**

**Wind: NW-5 Sea state: moderate Weather: rain Temperature: 1°C**

*today's writer: Kasper*

After yesterday's landing, we set sails eastwards, out of the big fjord of Kong Oscar and out of the National Park of East Greenland. As we approached the open sea of the east coast, *Plancius* started to move, just a little at the beginning, but late in the evening the ship was really moving. Living on a ship means that we have to expect our home to move with wind and the waves, but when the action really starts it's always more comfortable to lay flat instead of walking around.

When we got up in the morning, and shuffled into the dining room for breakfast, there were a lot of tired faces and a lot of talking about sliding from side to side in the beds. The reason for all the movement was a low pressure front located between Iceland and Greenland, sending 50 to 60 knots of wind down from the north and this of course needed to happen when we had to sail out of one protected fjord and enter another.





The morning was grey, with a bit of snow and wind, enough to make the tops of the waves white. After breakfast the program said that while sailing towards our afternoon destination, Kasper would give a lecture in the lounge. The subject of this lecture was the “History of East Greenland and the National Park”, something that clearly was close to the lecturer’s heart. Since Kasper does not speak German, Christian showed a lot of skill by translating the lecture into German simultaneously!



After lunch we were soon let down by the fact that the wind had not died down enough to do the planned zodiac cruise, so Christian quickly made up a plan B, to go further into Scoresbysund in the search for better weather! To spend the time, Kasper was put on for a second lecture, this time about the SIRIUS patrol of Northeast Greenland.

Our disappointment lasted only a short while, because as we made our way to the West, away from the sea, the weather improved! We were rewarded with some spectacular light falling on the icebergs of the inner Scoresbysund. The Captain skillfully manouvered the vessel between and as close as safety allows to these massive structures. The outside offers so spectacular sights that Kasper

was happy to cancel his talk and joined everyone else on the outer decks. The evening was ended with the daily recap together with Christian and the Expedition Team and then dinner was served. Another good day on board the MV *Plancius*.







## Day 9 – Tuesday, 06. September 2017

### Sydkap, Jytte Havn (Bjørneøer) and Arctic BBQ

**GPS Position 08:00: 71°17.4' N / 025°00.7' W**

**Wind: light air Sea state: calm Weather: cloudy Temperature: 4°C**

*today's writer: Gérard*

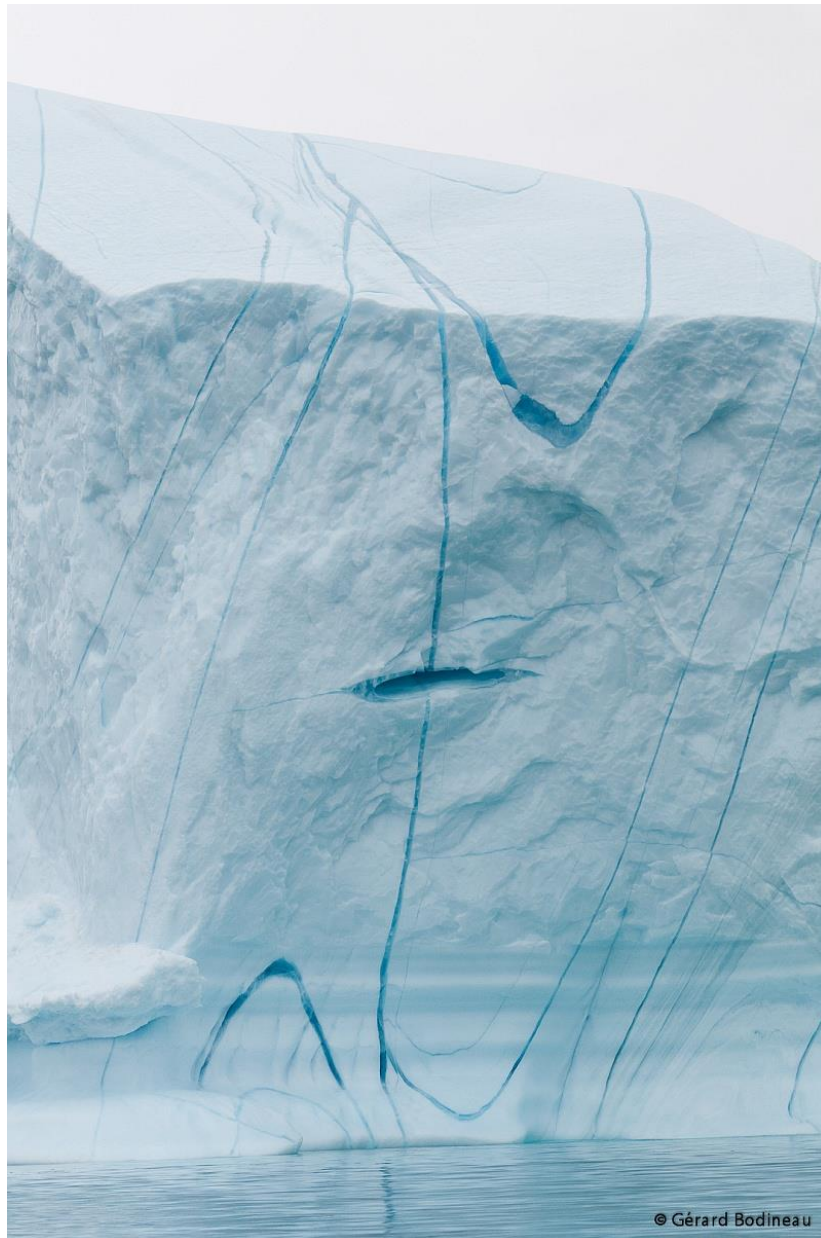
After a calm night at anchor, Christian woke us up at 7:00 am. As announced yesterday, we had the choice between a landing at Sydkap or a zodiac cruise. As some Arctic Hares were spotted near two former local houses, that are uninhabited nowadays, Christian changed his plans to give us the opportunity to have a look at them. We landed on a small rocky beach near those houses. As we were only about 40 people who chose to go on the hike, we separated only into two groups: fast and medium.



The fast hikers headed towards a slope in order to reach the top of the neighbouring hill, while the medium group walked on a somewhat easier terrain along the shore. Some Arctic Hares were observed during the walk.

At the same time, in the fjord, the other 60 of us boarded the zodiacs and went around some huge icebergs slowly drifting in the mouth of North-West Fjord. The icebergs were

gigantic, and especially one of those massive pieces of ice was impressive showing many blue lines made of pure ice that originated from meltwater freezing inside the crevasses.





During the lunch, *Plancius* moved westward to the entrance of Ø Fjord (the Fjord of Islands), close to a small archipelago named Bjørneøer (the Bear Islands). Captain drove *Plancius* carefully around a huge iceberg to choose the correct spot to anchor. We landed in a small cove of a place named "Jytte Havn", so called after a small wooden ship. As usual we made four groups of different speed. Surprisingly, this island was covered with a lot of vegetation, mainly Northern Willows, giving a predominant green-yellow colouration. As opposed to many other places, there were still a lot of flowers as if summer was lasting longer on this island. The four groups made a more or less long loop on this island to have a look to the other side with a picturesque sharp mountain range.





During the afternoon, the weather improved and the sky cleared. Just after coming back on board, the sunshine appeared, giving us a bright view on the big iceberg near *Plancius*.



The dinner was a bit particular: a barbecue on the back deck. The crew set up some tables and benches and many of us had dinner outside, while watching the magnificent light on the surrounding mountains.





## Day 10 – Wednesday, 07. September 2017

### Ø Fjord, Harefjord and Rypefjord

**GPS Position 08:00: 70°57.7' N / 026°21.3' W**

**Wind: SW-6/7 Sea state: slight Weather: cloudy Temperature: 3°C**

*today's writer: Valeria*

Wake up call was a bit earlier today when Sandra announced that we were sailing into Ø Fjord while the sun timidly lit the landscape around us. The wind was blowing at about 30 knots but that was not an impediment for those of us in the outer decks enjoying the morning breeze.



A second wake up call was heard at around 7.30 and shortly after we all gathered in the dinning room for a warm tea and deserved breakfast.





The sun was shining brightly in a clear sky, and the sea was dead flat, somewhat like a mirror. We hopped on the zodiacs ready for our morning landing in Harefjord. The autumn colours, the blue sky and the majestic icebergs combined, created fantastic scenery.

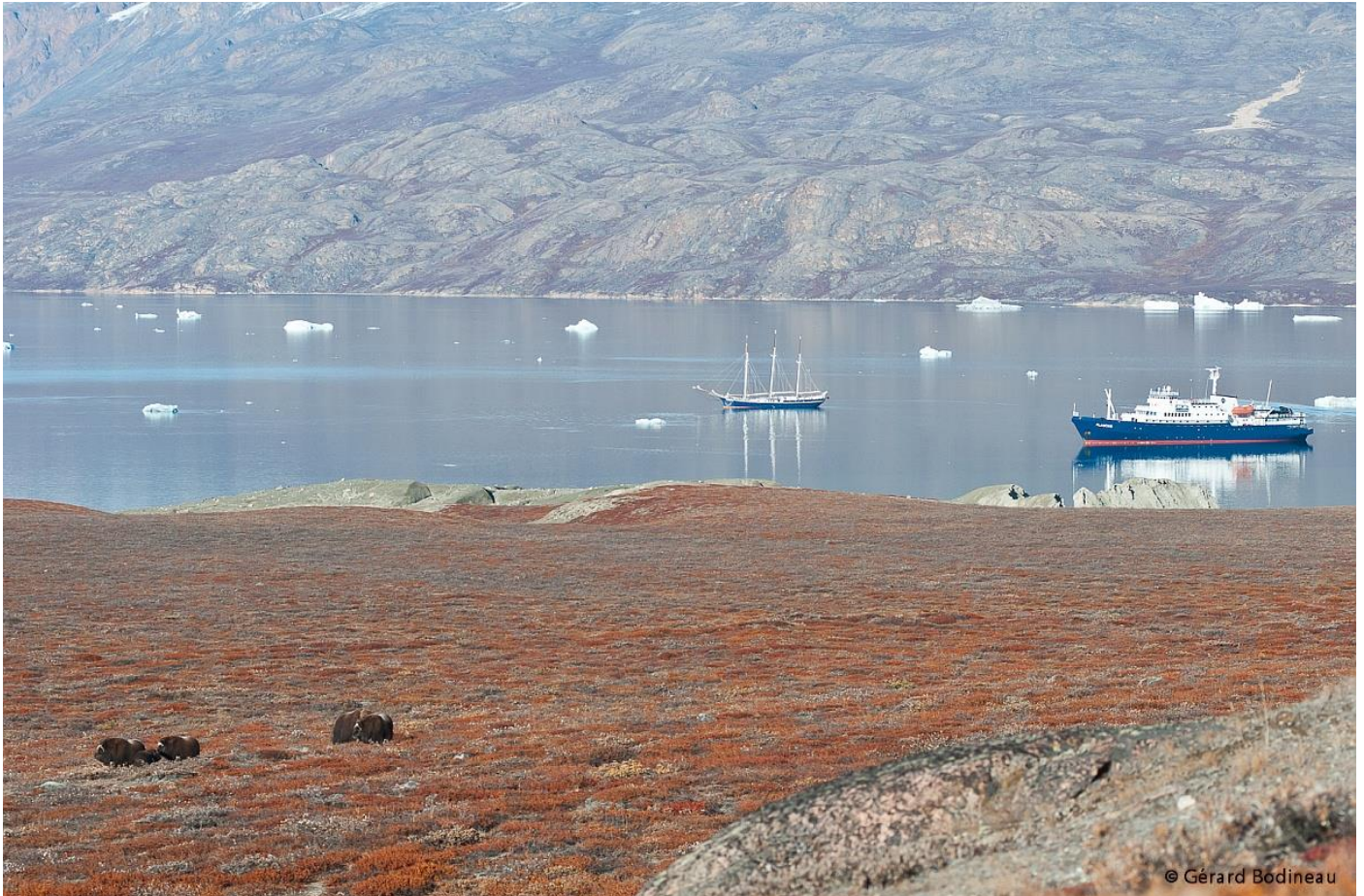


Once on shore Christian told us that there were some Musk Oxen around so we tried to reach a viewpoint within the perimeter that the expedition staff was marking. Unfortunately the oxen remained elusive but we still enjoyed the views from up the hill and the sun warming us up.

Back on board we had lunch while the ship repositioned for the afternoon landing in Rypefjord.



The day was getting warmer and we all had to put some layers away as soon as we started the different hikes in the usual groups. We were glad to learn that there were oxen on land; we had a second chance after all. Almost all of the groups managed to get a good sighting of these great animals. That was not an easy task, approaching them silently and without being seen was the central key for successful sighting, otherwise these nervous animals would've ran way.



More than 3 hours later we were back on the landing site, longing for a fresh shower and a proper meal!







In the evening we met at the bar for the recap where Christian told us that we should not be surprised if we heard an announcement late that night, we were on the quest for northern lights. We remained optimistic since the sky was still clear, ideal for these lights.

It was close to midnight, not many were still around Charlotte's bar, when we heard Christian's voice, we had northern lights in the sky! Not only the *Aurora Borealis* but also an almost full moon in a quiet and clear night, just the perfect ending for a great day.





# Day 11 – Thursday, 08. September 2017

## Røde Fjord and Røde Ø

**GPS Position 08:00: 70°41.5' N / 027°53.7' W**

**Wind: W-2 Sea state: calm Weather: clear Temperature: 4°C**

*today's writer: Sebastian*

Last night we had little sleep, but it didn't matter because we stayed up to watch the Northern Lights. While we were still dreaming about Auroras we heard the first wake-up call at 6 am to see the sunrise and jumped out of bed. It was another day full of activities.



This morning's plan was to sail down Røde Fjord marvelling at the red mountains and white icebergs. It took us a couple of hours to sail the fjord and in the meantime we were delighted by the icebergs we saw along the way, some were electric blue, and they came in all sorts of shapes and sizes. As we progressed down the fjord, the density of icebergs became greater and greater. Our first stop was in Rolige Bræ with its





super tall glacier front. As we approached the glacier with the zodiacs we entered into an “Icy Wonderland”: brash ice, small icebergs, big icebergs, bergy bits!



The treat of the morning came when we saw a polar fox near the glacier, it was chasing two ravens in the steep slope and we all had a great view of it while it moved from one rock to another.







We made our way back to the ship, but only for a short lunch while we were repositioning to Røde Ø (Røde Island, or Red Island in English).

Right after lunch we boarded the zodiacs for an incredible zodiac cruise around the icebergs. The shallow waters around the island make these huge icy beasts to strand here and give us the perfect opportunity for pictures in the ice. The shapes, the colours, and the size of these pieces of ice were just astonishing. What a fantastic place!





After a little over an hour and a half the zodiacs came to land in a small bay on the North of Røde island, which is indeed red, and cut by huge basaltic dykes. The intense colour comes from sediments of Carboniferous and Permian age, which were laid down in desert conditions, thus allowing the development of haematite. The brilliant red of the rock and some strange and magnificent rock formations, together with the huge concentration of icebergs grounded by the shallow water round the island made it an ideal contrast for pictures. From the small bay many of us went up the slop to reach a view point, there we gazed at the iceberg graveyard we had just cruised through, seeing it from a bird's-eye view, which gave us quite a different perspective. While we were on top, two icebergs calved, the first one was a small one (but the echo around the island made it sound like a big thunder), but the second one was much bigger and the calving made the iceberg flip over completely.



Back on the ship we set sail one more time, this time through Føn Fjord. Many of us went out on deck to enjoy the calm day and beautiful scenery.

In the recap Christian and Sandra talked as usual about the plans for the next day, then Gérard talked about Northern Lights and Vale explained why the glacier ice is sometimes blue, after it was time for dinner.





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## Day 12 – Friday, 09. September 2017

### Igterajik and Ittoqqortoomiit

**GPS Position 08:00: 70°25.3' N / 022°45.1' W**

**Wind: W-2 Sea state: calm Weather: cloudy Temperature: 5°C**

*today's writer: Kasper*

And then we sailed west, the long trip home had almost begun, but gladly, we still had a full day in Greenland to look forward to. The morning started at Kap Steward, at the entrance to Hurry Inlet. Here the Expedition Staff tried to get a landing going, but due to swell on the beach this plan was cancelled. So when everyone was back on board, a new plan B was made, to go further into Hurry Inlet and look for shelter, and to spend the time in a good way while we repositioned, Kasper held his second lecture.



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This lecture was about what he described as his biggest dream, it was about the SIRIUS patrol of Northern Greenland. His voice broke as he told about not making it into this small elite unit of the Danish Navy and it was apparent that this was a subject that was close to his heart. After this interesting lecture, Christian and the Expedition Team found a landing site that looked promising on the eastern shores of the Inlet. We set off for our last expedition landing of this voyage and were greeted ashore by a few very excited staff members, because this place was a former Thule Inuit settlement site, with house ruins and everything. So those interested in this could listen to stories about the Thule people and the rest could get out and stretch their legs and get some fresh air.





Back on board we enjoyed lunch and then it was civilisation time. First a briefing about our visit to the settlement of Ittoqqortoormiit, the northern most settlement of East Greenland and one of the most isolated in the world. Coming here was strange, in many ways, first and foremost, because we suddenly saw other people, for the first time in a few weeks, but also because this was a special place. We visited the church, the local tourist office and had a walk around, most of us thinking about the remoteness of this place. Some returned quickly back to *Plancius*

other spent as much time ashore as possible. Some visited the local policeman and his wife for a chat about life and art.









Once back on board we had the daily recap where Christian told about the plans for the crossing to Iceland, Kasper told a little bit about the Thule people, in which he gave a very graphic explanation this time using a chair...and then our Hotel Manager DJ had bad news for us, the bills had to be paid the following day. To wash away our sorrow about the bills, we enjoyed another great dinner before we exited the shelter of the Scoresbysund and headed out into open sea, the Denmark Strait and potentially with a night full of rolling...





## Day 13 – Saturday, 10. September 2017

### At sea towards Iceland

**GPS Position 08:00: 67°59.4' N / 019°57.3' W**

**Wind: N-7 Sea state: rough Weather: overcast Temperature: 2°C**

*today's writer: Miriam*

Finally again a sleep in! There was no wake up call, only a breakfast call at 8 am, while the *Plancius* made her way towards Iceland on the Denmark Strait in 30 knots waves. Yesterday was our last day at beautiful Greenland, the land of people, and today we were on our way home, well, our way to Iceland in the first place.

At 10.30 am a movie about the Sirius Patrol was on the programme, a movie that Kasper kindly was provided by friends of him who had joined this patrol.

At 12.30 pm everybody was invited to the restaurant for lunch. Due to the strong movement of the ship, there was no buffet this time, but Nasi Goreng was served at the tables.



In the afternoon Christian invited us into the lounge to show a picture show from his adventures in East Greenland. Our Expedition Leader is a skilful kayak paddler and has led



several kayak trips in the fjords of Greenland, as guide but also in personal trips. Beautiful pictures and short videos were screened over the TVs of the lounge. The presentation was shortly interrupted by the call of the bridge that it was possible to see dolphins at starboard side... These marine mammals apparently heard the call and decided to not dive up anymore. Afterwards the horror started! The Hotel management “invited” us to come to the reception to pay the bills...



While we were slowly coming closer to Iceland, the sea was calming down a little. Bird watchers got very excited to see the Northern Gannets flying around the ship.

The last evening had finally arrived, however it was still a very diverse evening with the Captain's cocktail, a last delicious dinner in the restaurant and last but not least the return of the rubber boots. Now it was time to pack the suitcases!





Tag 14 – Sonntag, 11. September 2017

## Disembarkation in Akureyri (Iceland)

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

After the breakfast it was time to say *goodbye* – to the fantastic days on board *Plancius*, from the team, from new friends...

The buses were already waiting for us, and the little blue expedition ship that became a home for us in the last two weeks had to be left behind while we were driving to with the buses to Reykjavik to continue our voyage or travel home.

We will never forget this voyage and its unforgettable moments that were - also for the globetrotters among us - an amazing adventure with unique impressions of Spitsbergen and Northeast Greenland. We definitively know now how it feels to get infected by the polar virus the expedition team had mentioned. Some are already planning in their minds the next trip 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:*

**Nautical Miles: 2044**

**Northernmost Position: 79°55,1 N / 011°04,8 E**

**On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Evgeny Levakov, Expedition Leader  
Christian Engelke, 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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## Wildlife list PLA15-17 - Spitsbergen - East Greenland / 29 Sept. to 11 Oct. 2017

English	Deutsch	Latin	29/8	30/8	31/8	1/9	2/9	3/9	4/9	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	10/9
Great Northern Diver	Eistaucher	<i>Gavia immer</i>						X				X			
Red-throated diver	Sternaucher	<i>Gavia stellata</i>													X
Northern Fulmar	Eissturmvogel	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	X	X	X	X			X	X				X	X
Sooty Shearwater	Dunkelsturmtaucher	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>													X
Northern Gannet	Basstölpel	<i>Sula bassanan</i>													X
Pink-footed Goose	Kurzschnabelgans	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>		X			X	X						X	X
Barnacle Goose	Weisswangengans	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>		X			X				X				
Common Eider	Eiderente	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>		X							X				
Gyrfalcon	Gerfalke	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>						X							
Long-tailed Duck	Eisente	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>					X								
Ringed Plover	Sandregenpfeifer	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>							X						
Purple Sandpiper	Meerstrandläufer	<i>Calidris maritima</i>		X										X	
Pomarine Skua	Spatelraubmöwe	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>			X										
Arctic Skua	Schmarotzerraub-möwe	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	X	X			X			X				X	X
Long-tailed Skua	Falkenraubmöwe	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>			X										
Great Skua	Große Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>													X
Glaucous Gull	Eismöwe	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Great black-backed Gull	Mantelmöwe	<i>Larus marinus</i>								X					
Kittiwake	Dreizehenmöwe	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	X	X	X	X				X				X	X
Ivory Gull	Elfenbeinmöwe	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>			X	X									
Arctic Tern	Küstenseeschwalbe	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	X	X	X					X					X
Brunnich's Guillemot	Dickschnabellumme	<i>Uria lomvia</i>				X									
Black Guillemot	Gryllteiste	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>			X	X									
Little Auk	Krabbentaucher	<i>Alle alle</i>			X	X									
Puffin	Papageitaucher	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	X	X											
Snow Bunting	Schneeammer	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>		X				X	X		X	X		X	X
Raven	Kolkrabe	<i>Covus corax</i>					X	X	X		X	X		X	
Wheater	Steinschmätzer	<i>Oenante oenante</i>							X		X	X			
Arctic Redpoll	Polarbirkenzeisig	<i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>						X			X	X			



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Bearded seal	Bartrobbe	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>					X	X					X		
Ringed seal	Ringelrobbe	<i>Phoca hispida</i>		X								X	X		
Harp seal	Sattelrobbe	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>			X										
Fin Whale	Finnwal	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>			X										
White-sided Dolphin	Weißseitendelfin	<i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i>													X
Polar Bear	Eisbär	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>				X		X							
Arctic Fox	Polarfuchs	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>						X					X		
Arctic Hare	Schneehase	<i>Lepus timidus</i>									X	X			
Muskox	Moschusochse	<i>Ovibus moschatus</i>					X	X	X		X	X			
Ermine or Stoat	Hermelin	<i>Mustela erminea</i>							X						





- 1- Longyearbyen
- 2- Alicehamna
- 3- Gravneset
- 4- Fin Whales
- 5- Sea Ice / Polar Bears
- 6- Myggbukta
- 7- Teufelsschloss
- 8- Blomsterbugt
- 9- Maria Ø
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- 11- Holmbugt
- 12- Iceberg Ship Cruise
- 13- Sydkap
- 14- Bjørne Ø
- 15- Harefjord + Rypefjord
- 16- Rolige Brø
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- 18- Igterajik
- 19- Ittoqqortoomiit
- 20- Akureyri



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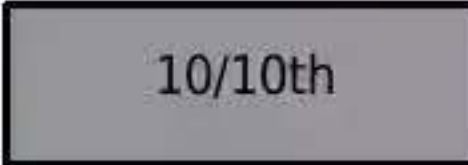




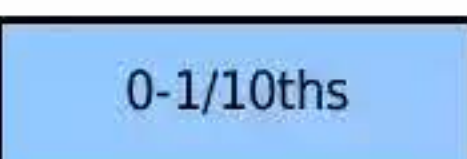
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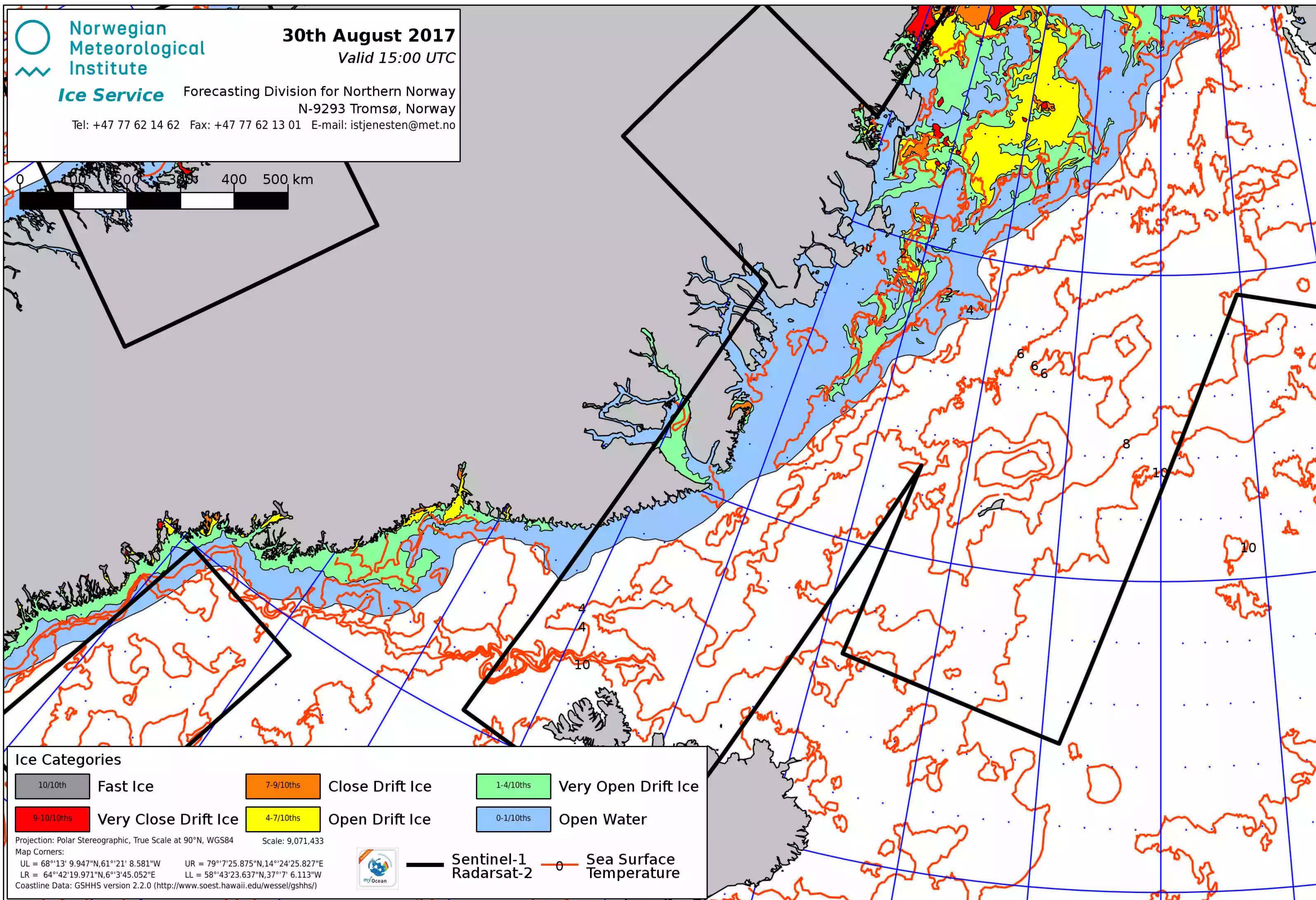
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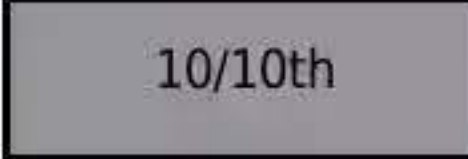


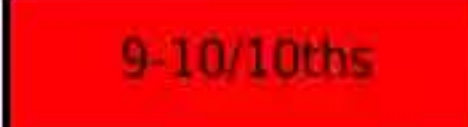


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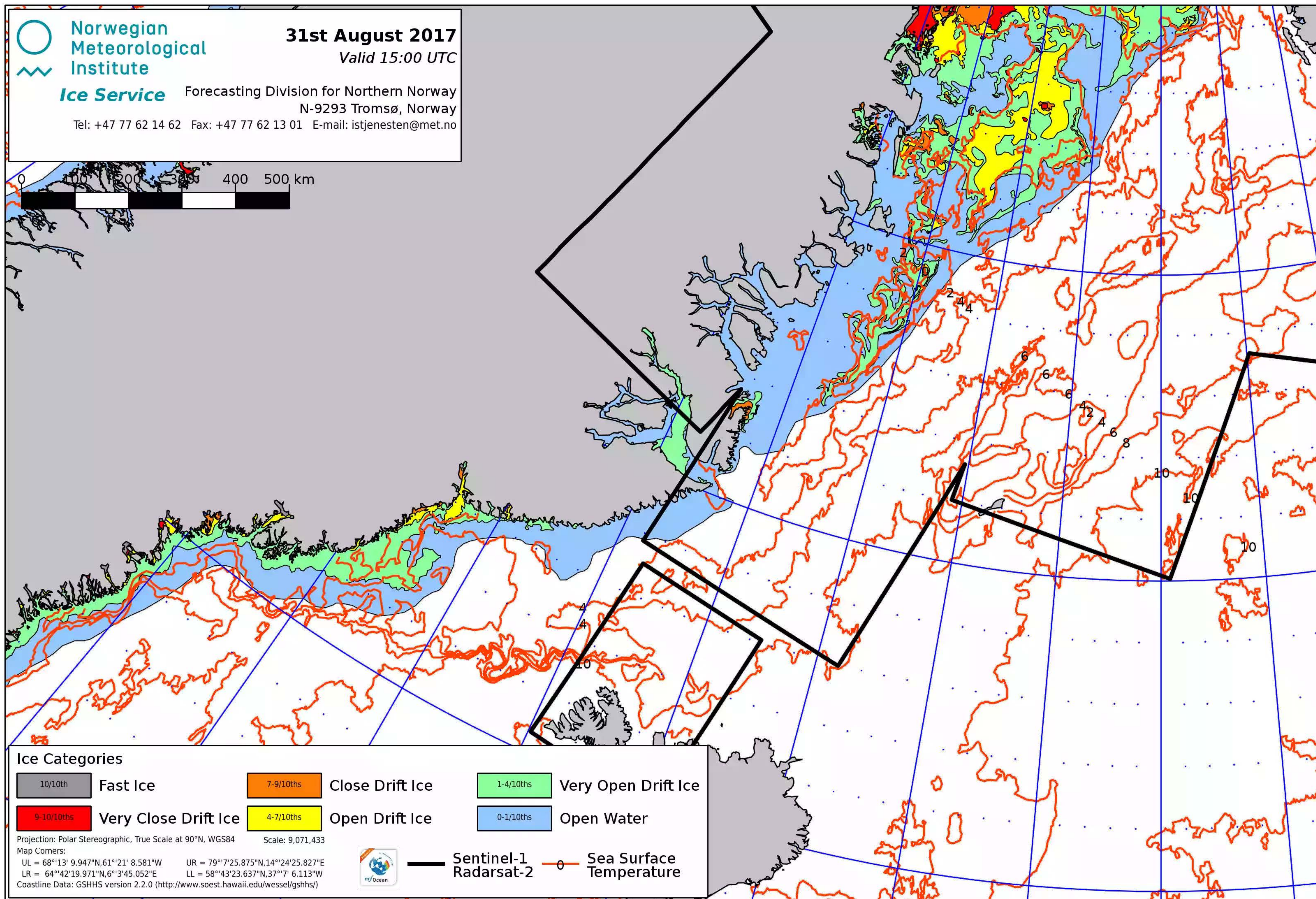
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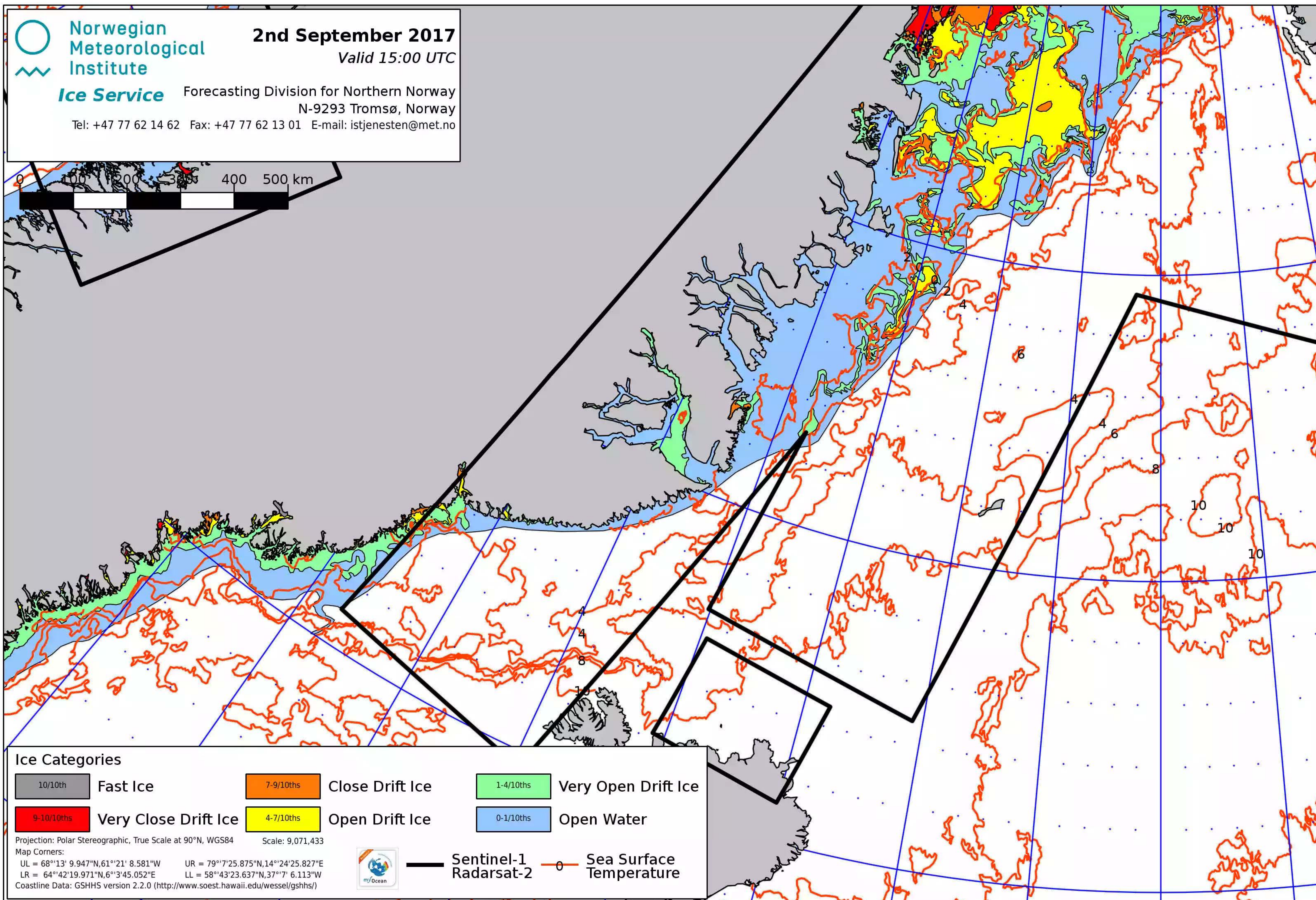
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Third Officer:	<b>Warren Villanueva</b>	[Philippines]
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Hotel Manager:	<b>Dejan Nikolic</b>	[Serbia]
Asst. Hotel Manager:	<b>Sava Savov</b>	[Bulgaria]
Chef:	<b>Ralf Barthel</b>	[Germany]
Sous Chef:	<b>Ivan Yuriychuk</b>	[Ukraine]
Ship's Physician:	<b>Marieke Timmerman</b>	[The Netherlands]

and

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welcome you on board!





# Spitzbergen & Nordostgrönland

an Bord der

## ***Plancius***

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29. August 2017 (Tag 1)

# Willkommen an Bord!

- ab 16.00**     **Angekommen!** Nachdem Sie Ihre Kabine bezogen haben, können Sie gerne unser Schiff erkunden. Ihr Gepäck bringen wir umgehend in Ihre Kabine – bitte prüfen Sie, dass nichts fehlt (und auch nichts Überzähliges vorhanden ist).
- TBA**             Die ***Plancius*** verlässt Longyearbyen. Es geht gen Norden!
- TBA**             **Erstes Treffen und Begrüßung** in der Bar/Lounge – Deck 5. Verpflichtende **Seenot-Rettungsübung** für **alle Passagiere** in der Lounge. Hören Sie bitte auf unsere **Durchsagen!**
- TBA**             Wir treffen uns in der Bar/Lounge auf Deck 5 für weitere Informationen vom Expeditions- und Hotelteam.
- 19.30**            Das **Abendessen** wird im Restaurant serviert (Deck 3, hinter der Rezeption).

**TBA** = „to be announced“, zu Deutsch: **nach Ankündigung**

Das Reisefieber hatte mich gepackt, ein Hochfrequenzton, der in den Waden einsetzte und im Hinterkopf endete. Ich würde weit in den Norden reisen. Mit einem Schiff.

*Anne B. Ragde*



## Spitsbergen & Northeast Greenland

on board the

# *Plancius*

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29<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 (Day 1)

# Welcome on board!

**from 16.00** **Welcome on board!** Your luggage will be delivered to your cabin as soon as possible. Check to make sure you are not missing anything. Feel free to explore around the ship.

**TBA** *Plancius* departs Longyearbyen northbound.

**TBA** **Mandatory Safety and Lifeboat Drill** in the Lounge (Deck 5). **ALL PASSENGERS** are required to attend this very important safety briefing.

**TBA** **Introduction to the ship** by our Hotel Team and Expedition Team in the Lounge (Deck 5).

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

**TBA** = to be announced

*Men wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful.  
Honour and recognition in case of success.*

*- Sir Ernest Shackleton*



# Spitzbergen & Nordostgrönland

an Bord der

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30. August 2017 (Tag 2)

Heute sind wir im landschaftlich großartigen Nordwesten Spitzbergens unterwegs. Das Programm hängt von Wetter- und Windbedingungen ab – und von eventuell anwesendem Tierleben. Wir halten Euch über Durchsagen auf dem Laufenden.

- 07.00 Unser **Weckruf** ertönt – guten Morgen!
- 07.30 Das **Frühstücksbuffet** steht eine Stunde lang im Restaurant (Deck 3) für Euch bereit.
- 08.30 Ausgabe der Gummistiefel** (für die deutschsprachigen Passagiere). Wir rufen Euch nach Decks auf. Bitte zieht Euch dicke Socken an und kommt in den **Stiefelraum auf Deck 3**.
- 08.30 *Verpflichtendes Briefing (auf Englisch, in der Lounge).*
- 09.30 Verpflichtendes Briefing** zum Verhalten im Eisbärland, zu den AECO-Regeln und zum Thema Zodiacs (auf Deutsch, in der Lounge).
- 09.30 *Ausgabe der Gummistiefel (für englischsprachige Passagiere).*
- TBA** Je nach Gegebenheiten möchten wir Euch noch am Vormittag die Chance auf einen Landgang oder eine Schlauchboot-Ausfahrt eröffnen. Wir setzen Euch rechtzeitig von unseren Plänen in Kenntnis – bitte achtet auf die Durchsagen.
- 13.00 Das **Mittagsbuffet** wartet auf Euch – guten Appetit!
- TBA** Am Nachmittag hoffen wir, Euch eine weitere Aktivität anbieten zu können. Bitte achtet auf unsere Durchsagen!
- 19.30 Das **Abendessen** wird im Restaurant serviert.

*Entdecken heißt sehen, was jeder zuvor gesehen hat,  
Aber zu denken, was keiner zuvor gedacht hat.*

*A. Szent-Györgyi, 1962*



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30<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 (Day 2)

Today we will explore Spitsbergen's Northwest and its impressive landscape. Our program is depending on weather and wind – and on potential wildlife. We will keep you updated; please listen for announcements.

- 07.00      **Wake-up call** – good morning!
- 07.30      **Breakfast buffet** is waiting for you in the Restaurant (Deck 3) until 08.30.
- 08.30**      **Mandatory Briefing:** behaviour in polar bear habitat, AECO rules and zodiac operations (in English, in the Lounge).
- 08.30      *Rubber-boot handout (for the German-spoken passengers).*
- 09.30**      We would like to hand out your **rubber boots**. We will call you by decks and ask you to come to the Boot Room on Deck 3 forward. Please wear your thick socks!
- 09.30      *Mandatory Briefing in the Lounge (in German).*
- TBA**      Depending on the conditions, we would like to offer you a **landing or a zodiac cruise**. We will let you know about our plans well in advance – please listen for announcements.
- 13.00      One hour of **Lunch buffet** in the Restaurant.
- TBA**      We hope to offer you another **activity** in the afternoon. Stand by for announcements please!
- 19.30      **Dinnertime** in the Restaurant – bon appétit!

*One must never be in haste to end a day;  
there are too few of them in a lifetime.*

*- Sir Francis Drake 1587*



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31. August 2017 (Tag 3)

## Auf See in Richtung Grönland

Ausschlafen – heute gibt es keinen Weckruf ☺

- 08.00 **Frühstück!** Das Buffet wartet eine Stunde lang auf Euch.
- 10.00 **Recap** für die deutschsprachigen Passagiere in der Lounge – wir laden Euch ein zu einem abwechslungsreichen Rückblick auf das, was wir bereits gesehen und erlebt haben.
- 10.00 *Vortrag von Gérard: Introduction to Spitsbergen/Svalbard (auf Englisch im Restaurant).*
- 11.00 **Vortrag** von **Christian** über eine spannende Geschichte, die an der Danskøya begann: **Andrée – von einem, der auszog, den Nordpol per Ballon zu erobern** (auf Deutsch in der Lounge).
- 11.00 *Recap: Rückblick und Ausblick (auf Englisch im Restaurant)*
- 13.00 Zeit fürs **Mittagessen** – lasst es euch schmecken!
- TBA** Unsere Route sollte uns im Laufe des Nachmittags **in die Nähe des Packeises** führen. Wir halten Euch auf dem Laufenden – bitte achtet auf unsere Durchsagen! **Falls wir im Eis auf Tiere stoßen sollten: Bitte seid auf den Außendecks sehr leise** und lasst Türen nicht zuschlagen, damit wir möglichst lange Freude an der Begegnung haben.
- 19.00 Das **Abendessen** wird im Restaurant serviert.

*Man entdeckt keine neuen Weltteile,  
ohne den Mut zu haben, alle Küsten  
aus den Augen zu verlieren.*

*André Gide*

<p><b>Wir befinden uns heute auf offener See.</b> Bitte bereitet Euch darauf vor, falls Ihr zu Seekrankheit neigt. Verstaubt bitte auch Eure teuren elektronischen Geräte an einem sicheren Platz (Schublade, Boden etc.), damit sie nicht herunterfallen können.</p>
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31<sup>st</sup> of August, 2017 (Day 3)

## At Sea towards Greenland

Sleep in – no wake-up call today ☺

- 08.00 **Breakfast.** The buffet is available for one hour. Bon appétit!
- 10.00 **Lecture** by Gérard: An **Introduction to Spitsbergen/Svalbard** (in English, in the Restaurant).
- 10.00 *Recap (in German, in the Lounge).*
- 11.00 **Recap:** Please join us for looking back at what we have seen and experienced so far (in English, in the Restaurant).
- 11.00 *Lecture by Christian: Andrée's ballooning journey to the North Pole (in German, in the Lounge).*
- 13.00 **Lunch** is waiting for you!
- TBA In the afternoon our route will take us closer to the **pack ice**. We will keep you updated on our progress – please listen for announcements. **In case we encounter wildlife in the ice: Please be very quiet on the outside decks** and close doors silently to make sure we will be able to enjoy the encounter for as long as possible.
- 19.00 **Dinnertime!**

*One does not discover new parts of the world  
without the courage  
of leaving all coastlines behind.*

*André Gide*

<p><b>We will be sailing in open waters today.</b> Please prepare if you are prone to seasickness. In addition, please make sure your valuable electronics like cameras and laptops are safely stowed away in drawers or on the floor so they can't fall down.</p>
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1. September 2017 (Tag 4)

## Auf See in Richtung Grönland

**Zeitumstellung:** In der Nacht stellen wir die **Uhren eine Stunde zurück** – das bedeutet eine Stunde mehr Schlaf für uns alle 😊

Ausschlafen – auch heute beginnt der Tag ohne Weckruf.

08.00 Das **Frühstücksbuffet** steht eine Stunde lang für Euch bereit.

10.00 **Recap:** Rückblick und Ausblick – auf Deutsch in der Lounge

10.00 *Vortrag von Valeria über Walfang in Geschichte und Gegenwart (auf Englisch im Restaurant)*

11.00 **Vortrag** von **Miriam** über **Meereis** und seine großen und kleinen Geheimnisse (auf Deutsch im Restaurant)

11.00 *Recap: Rückblick und Ausblick (auf Englisch in der Lounge)*

13.00 Das **Mittagessen** steht für Euch bereit.

16.30 *Vortrag: Miriam lüftet die großen und kleinen Geheimnisse des Meereises (auf Englisch im Restaurant).*

16.30 **Vortrag: Christian** und **Sandra** bringen Euch die **Walfang-Geschichte** näher. Stargast: **Arthur Conan Doyle („Sherlock Holmes“)**. Auf Deutsch in der Lounge.

19.00 Zeit fürs **Abendessen** – guten Appetit!

Wenn die zu Hause wüssten, wie herrlich es hier ist! Schade, dass man sich in Europa nur die Furchtbarkeit der Polarnacht vorstellen kann. Man kann wohl die Wunder der Polarwelt im Lexikon nachschlagen, aber man ahnt nicht, dass unter solchem strahlendem Himmel auch die Menschenseele ruhig, klar und strahlend ist.

*Christiane Ritter, Eine Frau erlebt die Polarnacht*



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1<sup>st</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 4)

## At Sea towards Greenland

**Time Change:** Tonight the ship's clocks will **go back by one hour** –  
we all get an extra hour of sleep 😊

Happy sleeping in – no wake-up call

- 08.00     **Breakfast** is waiting for you for one hour in the Dining Room.
- 10.00     **Lecture: Valeria on Whaling then and now** (in English, in the Dining Room)
- 10.00     *Recap in German in the Lounge*
- 11.00     **Recap:** Looking back, looking ahead (in English, in the Lounge)
- 11.00     *Lecture: Miriam on Sea Ice (in German, in the Dining Room)*
- 13.00     Hungry? **Lunch** is served!
- 16.30     **Lecture: Miriam on Sea Ice** and its mysteries big and small (in English, in the Dining Room).
- 16.30     *Lecture: Christian and Sandra on Whaling History – starring Arthur Conan Doyle („Sherlock Holmes“). In German, in the Lounge.*
- 19.00     Dinnertime / and the living is easy ...

*"I go exploring because I like it and it's my job. One goes once and then one gets the fever and can't stop going."*

*Sir Ernest Shackleton*



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2. September 2017 (Tag 5)

## Grönland: Myggbukten & Kejser Franz Joseph Fjord

**Zeitumstellung:** In der Nacht stellen wir die **Uhren erneut eine Stunde zurück** – das bedeutet wieder eine Stunde mehr Schlaf 😊

- 07.00** Weckruf – guten Morgen!
- 07.30** Lasst Euch das **Frühstück** schmecken.
- TBA** **Landgang:** Myggbukten. Die Hütte in der „Mückenbucht“ hat eine spannende Geschichte. Sie wurde 1922 erbaut und als Wetter- und Telegrafestation genutzt. Heute gehört sie zum Netzwerk der dänischen Hundeschlitten-Spezialeinheit, der Sirius-Patrouille. Wir werden in den gewohnten Gruppen die Tundra erkunden.
- 12.30** Das **Mittagsbuffet** wartet eine Stunde lang auf Euch.
- Am **Nachmittag** fahren wir durch den landschaftlich großartigen **Kejser Franz Joseph Fjord** mit fantastischer Geologie zu beiden Seiten. Genießt die Ausblicke von den Außendecks oder der Lounge aus!
- 19.00** Zeit fürs **Abendessen** – guten Appetit!
- 21.40** Sonnenuntergang

*Ein gutes Land und wert, es zu bereisen  
Henry Hudson 1607 über seine Entdeckung von Hold with Hope,  
dem Gebiet unserer ersten Anlandung*



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2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 5)

## Greenland: Myggbukten & Kejser Franz Joseph Fjord

**Time Change:** Tonight the ship's clocks will **go back by one hour** again –  
you get another extra hour of sleep 😊

- 07.00** Wake-up call – good morning!
- 07.30** **Breakfast** is waiting for you for one hour in the Dining Room.
- TBA** **Landing:** Myggbukten. The hut at „Mosquito Bay“ has an interesting history. Built in 1922, it served as a weather and telegraph station. Today it is used and maintained by the Sirius Patrol, the Danish Special Forces specialized in dogsledding. We will explore the tundra in the usual groups.
- 12.30** The **Lunch buffet** is waiting for hungry explorers.
- In the **afternoon** we will ship's cruise the spectacular **Kejser Franz Joseph Fjord** with its great landscape and fantastic geology. Enjoy the views from the outside decks or from the Lounge!
- 19.00** Dinner is served – bon appétit!
- 21.40** Sunset

*A good land, and worth the seeing.*

*Henry Hudson in 1607 on his discovery of Hold with Hope,  
the area of our first landing*



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3. September 2017 (Tag 6)

## **Grönland: Teufelsschloss, Blomsterbugt & Ella Ø / Maria Ø**

- 05.44 **Sonnenaufgang** am **Teufelsschloss** (1340 m). Die fotogene Felsformation ist der ideale Platz zum Aufwachen. Falls das Wetter schön ist, erfolgt rechtzeitig ein Weckruf. Kein schönes Wetter = kein Weckruf, Weiterschummern 😊
- 07.00** (Zweiter) Weckruf – guten Morgen!
- 07.30 Lasst Euch das **Frühstück** schmecken.
- 08.45** **Landgang: Blomsterbugt.** Die „Blumenbucht“ macht ihrem Namen alle Ehre und ist ein sehr schöner Platz, um in fantastischer Landschaft zu wandern und zu spazieren. Mit etwas Glück stoßen wir hier nicht nur auf Blümchen, sondern auch auf lokales Tierleben wie Schneehasen. Wir werden in den gewohnten Gruppen unterwegs sein.
- 12.30 Das **Mittagsbuffet** steht eine Stunde lang für Euch bereit.  
Über Mittag fahren wir durch den **Antarctic Sund** mit wunderbarer Geologie. Genießt die Aussicht!
- TBA** **Landgang: Ella Ø oder Maria Ø.** Hier bieten sich gute Wandermöglichkeiten mit der Chance auf Panoramablicke, arktische Fauna und bunte Herbstfarben in der Tundra. Wie üblich sind wir in Gruppen unterwegs zum Erkunden.
- 20.00 Das **Abendessen** wartet auf Euch – bon appétit!
- 21.29 Sonnenuntergang

*Ein Schiff, das im Hafen liegt, ist sicher.  
Aber dafür werden Schiffe nicht gebaut.  
Sprichwort aus England*



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3<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 6)

## Greenland: Teufelsschloss, Blomsterbugt & Ella Ø / Maria Ø

- 05.44 **Sunrise** at **Teufelsschloss** (1340 m). The photogenic rock formation is THE place to be at this time of day! If the weather is nice there will be a wake-up call. If not, not 😊
- 07.00 (Second) Wake-up call.
- 07.30 **Breakfast** time.
- 08.45 **Landing: Blomsterbugt.** Named „Flower Bay“ for a reason, our morning landing spot is also a great place for strolling and hiking surrounded by magnificent landscape. If we get lucky we might also encounter wildlife like snow hare. We will go explore in the usual groups.
- 12.30 **Lunch buffet** is waiting for one hour in the Dining Room.  
In the early afternoon we will sail the **Antarctic Sund** with its impressive geology and great views. Enjoy the passage!
- TBA **Landing: Ella Ø or Maria Ø.** This place boasts great opportunities for hikers and explorers – including panoramic views, potential wildlife encounters and colorful autumn tundra. Join one of the groups to go for a walk!
- 20.00 **Dinner** is waiting for you – enjoy!
- 21.29 Sunset

*Tomorrow's winds will blow tomorrow.*

*Captain Evgeny Levakov*



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4. September 2017 (Tag 7)

## Grönland: Segelsällskapet Fjord & Kong Oscar Fjord

- 05.57      Sonnenaufgang
- 07.00      Weckruf – guten Morgen!
- 07.30      **Frühstücksbuffet:** Guten Appetit!
- 08.45      **Landgang: Segelsällskapet Fjord.** Diese spektakuläre Landestelle ist ein ganz besonderer Platz: Hier liegt Euch Ostgrönlands bunte Geologie buchstäblich zu Füßen. Spaziert durch die Erdgeschichte und erfreut Euch an der Farben- und Formenpracht!
- 12.30      Stärkt Euch beim **Mittagessen** für kommende Abenteuer.
- TBA      **Landgang.** Je nach Bedingungen möchten wir Euch auch am Nachmittag einen Landgang im Kong Oscar Fjord anbieten. Wir halten Euch über die genaue Landestelle und die zeitliche Abfolge auf dem Laufenden; bitte achtet auf unsere Durchsagen.
- 18.00      **Recap:** Rückblick und Vorschau in der Lounge.
- 19.00      Das **Abendessen** wartet auf Euch.
- 21.21      Sonnenuntergang

Weit im Norden, hinter abschreckenden Barrieren von Packeis, liegen Länder, die einen verzaubert halten. Gigantische, imaginäre Pforten, mit in den Horizont gesetzten Angeln, scheinen diese Länder zu bewachen. Langsam öffnen sich die Pforten, und man betritt eine andere Welt, in der der Mensch unbedeutend ist inmitten der Ehrfurcht gebietenden Unermesslichkeit einsamer Berge, Fjorde und Gletscher.

*Louise Arner Boyd, 1935*



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4<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 7)

# Greenland: Segelsällskapet Fjord & Kong Oscar Fjord

05.57	Sunrise
<b>07.00</b>	Wake-up call: wakey, wakey, rise and shine!
07.30	Time for <b>Breakfast</b> .
<b>08.45</b>	<b>Landing: Segelsällskapet Fjord.</b> This spectacular landing spot is a very special place, for here you can literally take a walk on East Greenland's geology. Stroll through geological eras and enjoy a myriad of colors and patterns!
12.30	Time for <b>Lunch</b> .
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Landing.</b> If conditions allow we would like to offer you a landing in Kong Oscar Fjord in the afternoon. We will keep you updated regarding the exact landing site and timings; please listen for announcements.
<b>18.00</b>	<b>Recap</b> in the Lounge.
19.00	And finally, <b>Dinnertime!</b>
21.21	Sunset

*There is more to life than increasing its speed.*

*Gandhi*



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5. September 2017 (Tag 8)

## **Grönland: Scoresby Sund AKTUALISIERT**

Angesichts der Bedingungen fahren wir tiefer in den Scoresby Sund hinein; oft bessert sich das Wetter, je weiter man ins Fjordinnere vordringt, und die Chancen steigen, dem starken Wind zu entkommen. Über die weiteren Abläufe und eventuelle Aktivitäten an der frischen Luft halten wir Euch per Durchsage auf dem Laufenden.

- 12.30      Das **Mittagessen** wartet auf Euch. Guten Appetit!
- 15.00      **Recap** auf Deutsch in der **Lounge**: der Rückblick auf einiges, was wir gesehen und erlebt haben, und ein Ausblick.
- 15.00      *Recap auf Englisch im Restaurant*
- 16.30      **Vortrag: Die Sirius-Patrouille** – von und mit **Kasper** in der **Lounge** (auf Englisch). Die deutsche Simultan-Übersetzung kommt wiederum von **Christian**.
- 19.30      Das **Abendessen** wird serviert.
- 21.14      Sonnenuntergang

Reisen veredelt den Geist  
und räumt mit unseren Vorurteilen auf.

*Oscar Wilde*



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5<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 8)

## **Greenland: Scoresby Sund UPDATED**

Because of the prevailing weather conditions, we will sail deeper into Scoresby Sund; quite often conditions improve further inside the fjord, and the likelihood increases to escape from the wind. We will keep you updated via the PA with regards to timings and potential outdoor activities.

12.30      Hungry? **Lunch** to the rescue!

**15.00**      **Recap** in English in the Dining Room: looking back at some things we've seen and experienced, and looking ahead.

15.00      *Recap in German in the Lounge*

16.30      **Lecture: The Sirius Patrol** – by **Kasper** in the Lounge (in English). With simultaneous German translation by **Christian**.

19.30      **Dinnertime** – bon appétit!

21.14      Sunset

*The wonder is always new that any sane man can be a sailor.*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



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5. September 2017 (Tag 8)

## Grönland: Auf See & Scoresbysund

Über Nacht fahren wir aus dem Kong Oscar Fjord hinaus aufs offene Meer und entlang der Küste nach Süden. Der Vormittag im Scoresbysund ist ein Schiffscruise der Extraklasse im Reich der Riesen-Eisberge. Die Landschaft ist fantastisch, Ausschau halten lohnt sich!

Kein Weckruf – Ausschlafen ☺

08.00 **Frühstück:** ein leckerer Start in den Tag.

10.00 **Vortrag: Die Geschichte des nordostgrönländischen Nationalparks.** Von und mit Kasper (auf Englisch) in der Lounge, mit deutscher Simultan-Übersetzung durch Christian.

12.30 Das **Mittagessen** wartet auf Euch. Guten Appetit!

TBA **Vikingebugt – Zodiac Cruise.** In der Vikingebugt produziert eine große Gletscherfront Eisberge und Eisstückchen am laufenden Band. Außerdem gibt es spannende Geologie zu bestaunen. Wir möchten Euch zu einer Schlauchboot-Ausfahrt einladen; über die genaue Abfahrtszeit halten wir Euch per Durchsage auf dem Laufenden. Bitte zieht Euch warm an!

18.30 **Recap** in der Lounge.

19.30 Das **Abendessen** wartet auf Euch.

21.14 Sonnenuntergang

*Reisen veredelt den Geist  
und räumt mit unseren Vorurteilen auf.*

*Oscar Wilde*

<p><b>Wir befinden uns heute Nacht und morgen früh auf offener See.</b> Bitte trifft entsprechende Vorbereitungen und verstaut Eure teuren elektronischen Geräte an einem sicheren Platz, damit sie nicht herunterfallen können.</p>
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5<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 8)

## Greenland: At Sea & Scoresbysund

During the night, we will sail out of Kong Oscar Fjord into open seas, following the coastline southwards. The morning in Scoresbysund will potentially be a fantastic ship's cruise in the realm of huge icebergs. The landscape is stunning – make sure to take it all in!

No wake-up call – sleep in 😊

- 08.00      **Breakfast:** a good start into the day guaranteed.
- 10.00      **Lecture: History of the National Park of Northeast Greenland.** By Kasper, in English, in the Lounge. Will be translated into German simultaneously by Christian.
- 12.30      Hungry? **Lunch** to the rescue!
- TBA        **Vikingebugt – Zodiac Cruise.** Vikingebugt is a bay with a big glacier more or less constantly producing icebergs and brash ice. In addition, there is stunning geology there. We would like to offer you a Zodiac Cruise; we will keep you updated via announcements regarding timings. Please dress warmly!
- 18.30      **Recap** in the Lounge.
- 19.30      **Dinnertime** – bon appétit!
- 21.14      Sunset

*The wonder is always new that any sane man can be a sailor.*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

<p><b>We will be sailing in open waters tonight and tomorrow morning.</b> Please prepare if you are prone to seasickness, and please make sure your valuable electronics like cameras and laptops are safely stowed away so they can't fall down.</p>
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6. September 2017 (Tag 9)

## Grönland: Sydkap & Jytte Havn

- 06.13      Sonnenaufgang
- 07.00      Weckruf – guten Morgen!
- 07.30      **Frühstück:** Energie tanken für den Tag.
- 08.45**      **Landgang: Sydkap.** Am Morgen möchten wir beim Sydkap an Land gehen und in den gewohnten Gruppen die Gegend erkunden. Die Wanderungen sind aussichtsreich!
- 09.15**      Alternativ bieten wir einen **Zodiac-Cruise** an (ca. 1 – 1,5 Std.). Die Liste dafür liegt an der Rezeption aus. Bitte tragt Euch dort **vor dem Frühstück** ein – und zieht Euch für die Schlauchboot-Ausfahrt warm an!
- 12.30      Das **Mittagessen** wartet auf Euch. Guten Appetit!
- 15.00**      **Landgang: Jytte Havn.** Es ist nicht weit bis zu unserer Nachmittags-Landestelle auf den Bjørne Øer (Bäreninseln). Die Wanderungen – wieder in den gewohnten Gruppen – bieten tolle Ausblicke auf die umliegenden Bergregionen und die eisberggefüllten Gewässer.
- 18.30**      **Recap** in der Lounge
- 19.00      Ein ganz besonderes arktisches **Dinner** erwartet Euch!
- 21.04      Sonnenuntergang

*Wer nichts probiert und nichts riskiert,  
der bleibt verschont von manchen Sorgen.  
Nun frage ich ganz ungeniert:  
Wozu erhebt er sich am Morgen?*

*Autor unbekannt*



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6<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 9)

## Greenland: Sydkap & Jytte Havn

- 06.13 Sunrise
- 07.00 Wake-up call – good morning!
- 07.30 **Breakfast** is waiting for you.
- 08.45** **Landing: Sydkap.** In the morning we would like to go ashore near Sydkap. We will explore the area in groups. The hikes offer great views!
- 09.15** As an alternative, we will offer a **Zodiac Cruise** (ca. 1 to 1.5 hours). There will be a list at Reception; **please sign up before breakfast** if you want to join. It is advisable to dress warmly!
- 12.30 **Lunch:** happy refueling!
- 15.00** **Landing: Jytte Havn.** It's not too far to our afternoon landing site Jytte Havn on the "Bear Islands" Bjørne Øer. The walks and hikes – again in groups – offer stunning views towards the mountains and over the iceberg-filled waters.
- 18.30** **Recap** in the Lounge
- 19.00 A very special **Arctic Dinner** is waiting for you!
- 21.04 Sunset

This grand show is eternal. It is always sunrise somewhere. The dew is never all dried at once. A shower is forever falling. Vapor is ever rising. Eternal sunrise, eternal sunset. Eternal dawn and glowing, on sea and continents and islands, each in its turn as the earth rolls. And for this  
I am forever grateful to be alive.

*John Muir*



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7. September 2017 (Tag 10)

## **Grönland: Ø Fjord, Harefjord & Rypefjord**

- 06.00 Erster (vorsichtiger) Weckruf – bei gutem Wetter
- 06.22 Sonnenaufgang
- 07.15 (Zweiter, weniger vorsichtiger) Weckruf. Guten Morgen!
- 07.30 **Frühstück** – so kann der Tag beginnen!
- Vormittag** **Schiffscruise im Ø Fjord:** Wir fahren mit der *Plancius* durch den landschaftlich absolut beeindruckenden Ø Fjord. Genießt die Szenerie am besten von den Außendecks oder von der Lounge aus!
- TBA** Am späten Vormittag möchten wir, wenn es zeitlich passt, eine **kurze Landung** im **Harefjord** anbieten. Tundra in fantastischen Herbstfarben und großartige Ausblicke auf den eisberggefüllten Fjord erwarten Euch.
- 13.00 **Mittagessen** – guten Appetit!
- TBA** **Landgang: Rypefjord.** Am Nachmittag laden wir Euch zu einer ausgedehnten Landung im Rypefjord ein. Der Fjord, benannt nach dem Schneehuhn (rype auf Dänisch), ist ein wunderschöner Platz mit reicher Tundra, ausgedehnten Wandermöglichkeiten und grandioser Aussicht.
- 18.45** **Recap** in der Lounge
- 19.30 **Abendessen** – lasst es Euch schmecken!
- 21.08 Sonnenuntergang

*Es gibt eine Stille, in der man meint,  
man müsse die einzelnen Minuten hören,  
wie sie in den Ozean der Ewigkeit hinuntertropfen.*

*Adalbert Stifter*



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7<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 10)

## Greenland: Ø Fjord, Harefjord & Rypefjord

06.00	First (soft) wake-up call – if the weather is good
06.22	Sunrise
07.15	(Second, less soft) wake-up call. Good morning!
07.30	<b>Breakfast</b> – a good start into the day.
<b>Morning</b>	<b>Ship's Cruise, Ø Fjord:</b> During the morning <i>Plancius</i> will sail through Ø Fjord with its stunning landscape. Enjoy the views from the outside decks or from the Lounge!
<b>TBA</b>	If possible time-wise, we would like to offer a <b>short landing in Harefjord</b> in the late morning. Enjoy tundra in fantastic autumn colors and great views over the iceberg-filled fjord.
13.00	<b>Lunch</b> – bon appétit!
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Landing: Rypefjord.</b> Join us for our afternoon landing in Rypefjord, named after the Ptarmigan (rype in Danish). It is a wonderful place with rich tundra, good hiking possibilities and fabulous views.
<b>18.45</b>	<b>Recap</b> in the Lounge
19.30	Enjoy your <b>Dinner!</b>
21.08	Sunset

*We are all in the gutter but some of us are looking at the stars.*

*Oscar Wilde*



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8. September 2017 (Tag 11)

### **Grönland: Røde Fjord & Røde Ø**

- 06.00 Erster Weckruf (bei gutem Wetter)
- 06.32 Sonnenaufgang
- 07.15 (Zweiter) Weckruf. Guten Morgen!
- 07.30 **Frühstück**
- 08.45 Zodiac-Cruise im Røde Fjord.** Wir möchten Euch mitnehmen auf eine Schlauchbootfahrt in Richtung der Gletscherfront des Rolige Bræ, der am laufenden Band Eis produziert: große und kleine Stückchen – und viele. Vom Zodiac aus lässt sich diese Gletscher-Eiswelt am besten bewundern. Bitte zieht Euch warm an, wir steigen nicht aus!
- 12.00 Das **Mittags-Bufferet** bietet willkommene Stärkung.
- 13.15 Zodiac-Cruise und Landgang: Røde Ø.** Die „Rote Insel“ ist ein spektakuläres Fleckchen Erde: Direkt neben der kleinen Insel laufen riesige Eisberge auf Grund. Wir möchten Euch eine Schlauchboot-Ausfahrt in dieser fantastischen Eisberg-Welt anbieten und anschließend die Möglichkeit zur Anlandung auf Røde Ø einräumen.
- 18.15 Recap** in der Lounge
- 19.00 **Abendessen** – bon appétit!
- 21.06 Sonnenuntergang

*Eigentlich sollte ein Jahr in der Arktis für jedermann obligatorisch sein!  
Dort würde jeder erfahren, was in der Welt wichtig ist und was nicht.  
Was zählt, und worauf es im Leben ankommt. Jeder würde auf sein  
natürliches Maß reduziert werden!*

*Christiane Ritter, Eine Frau erlebt die Polarnacht*



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8<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 11)

### **Greenland: Røde Fjord & Røde Ø**

- 06.00 First (soft) wake-up call – if the weather is good
- 06.32 Sunrise
- 07.15 (Second, less soft) wake-up call. Good morning!
- 07.30 **Breakfast** – a good start into the day.
- 08.45 Zodiac Cruise, Røde Fjord.** We would like to take you on a Zodiac Cruise towards the glacierfront of Rolige Bræ. It is more or less constantly producing ice, ice, ice – small pieces, bigger pieces, lots of pieces. A Zodiac is THE place to be in order to marvel at this icy wonderworld. Please dress warmly, we will not go ashore!
- 12.00 **Lunchtime** – bon appétit!
- 13.15 Zodiac Cruise and Landing: Røde Ø.** The „Red Island“ is a spectacular sight. Next to it massive icebergs lay grounded. Let's go explore this unique iceberg alley by Zodiac; in addition, there will be a possibility to go ashore on Røde Ø and get a panoramic view of the big bergs.
- 18.15 Recap** in the Lounge
- 19.00 Enjoy your **Dinner!**
- 21.06 Sunset

*Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing at all.*

*Helen Keller*



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9. September 2017 (Tag 12)

## Kap Stewart & Ittoqqortoormiit

- 06.37      Sonnenaufgang
- 07.00      Der Weckruf ertönt. Guten Morgen!
- 07.30      Das **Frühstück** wartet auf Euch.
- TBA**      **Landung: Kap Stewart.** Die hügelige Tundra am Eingang des Hurry Inlet lädt zu verschiedenen Wanderungen ein. Außerdem gibt es Inuit-Hinterlassenschaften aus unterschiedlichen Phasen der grönländischen Geschichte zu sehen.
- 12.30      Zeit fürs **Mittagessen** – lasst es Euch schmecken!
- 13.30      **Briefing** in der **Lounge** mit allen Informationen zu unserem Besuch in Ittoqqortoormiit
- 14.30**      **Landung: Ittoqqortoormiit.** Ostgrönlands nördlichste Siedlung wurde 1925 von Grönländern aus Ammassalik gegründet. Ihr könnt den Ort auf eigene Faust erkunden und das Museum, die kleine Kirche und die Schlittenhunde besuchen. Natürlich gibt es auch einen Souvenirladen. Wir landen am Strand; bitte Gummistiefel anziehen! **An Land bekommt Ihr vom lokalen Tourismusbüro eine Karte und eine Informationsbroschüre.**
- 18.15**      **Recap** in der Lounge
- 19.00      Das **Abendessen** wird serviert – bon appétit!
- 21.01      Sonnenuntergang

*Gebt mir Hunde, gebt mir Winter, den Rest könnt Ihr behalten.*  
*Knud Rasmussen*

Dies ist der letzte Tag, an dem Ihr Eure Wäsche an Bord waschen lassen könnt.

**Heute Abend erreichen wir offenes Meer.** Bitte bereitet Euch vor, falls Ihr zu Seekrankheit neigt. Verstaubt bitte auch Eure teuren elektronischen Geräte an einem sicheren Platz, damit sie nicht herunterfallen können.



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9<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 12)

## Kap Stewart & Ittoqqortoormiit

- 06.37 Sunrise
- 07.00 Wake-up call. Good morning!
- 07.30 **Breakfast** is waiting for you.
- TBA** **Landing: Kap Stewart.** The rolling tundra at the entrance of Hurry Inlet is a good hiking area. In addition, there are Inuit remains dating from different eras of Greenlandic history.
- 12.30 Let's go for **Lunch**!
- 13.30 **Briefing** in the **Lounge** with all information prior to our Ittoqqortoormiit visit
- 14.30** **Landing: Ittoqqortoormiit.** East Greenland's northernmost settlement was founded in 1925 by Greenlanders from Ammassalik. You can explore the village on your own and visit the museum, the small church and the sled dogs. Of course there is also a souvenir shop there. We will land on the beach; please wear your rubber boots! **On shore, the local tourist office will hand out a map and an information leaflet.**
- 18.15** **Recap** in the Lounge
- 19.00 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy!
- 21.01 Sunset

*Give me dogs, give me winter, and you can keep the rest.*

*Knud Rasmussen*

This is the last day you can hand in your laundry to be washed on board.

**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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10. September 2017 (Tag 13)

## Auf See in Richtung Island

Wir sind den ganzen Tag unterwegs auf hoher See. Bitte rechnet mit Schiffsbewegung und habt immer eine Hand für das Schiff! Das Vortragsprogramm werden wir an die Bedingungen anpassen; wir halten Euch über Durchsagen auf dem Laufenden. Es lohnt sich, nach Tierleben Ausschau zu halten – die Dänemarkstraße ist ein guter Platz für Meeressäuger.

Kein Weckruf – Ausschlafen ist angesagt!

- 08.00** Das **Frühstücksbuffet** steht eine Stunde lang für Euch bereit.
- 10.30** **Sonntagsfilm: Die unbekannte Seite der Sirius-Patrouille** – ein ganz besonderer Einblick in den Alltag der Schlittenhunde-Spezialeinheit (in der Lounge, mit englischer Begleitung durch Kasper)
- 12.30** Das **Mittagessen** steht bereit – Ihr habt doch sicher Hunger ;-)
- TBA** Am Nachmittag rufen wir Euch nach Decks auf und bitten Euch zum **Begleichen der Schiffsrechnung** an die **Rezeption**. Außerdem werden wir Euch – ebenfalls deckweise – zu einem geeigneten Zeitpunkt um die **Rückgabe der Gummistiefel** bitten (im Gummistiefelraum auf Deck 3).
- 18.45** **Abschieds-Cocktail mit dem Kapitän** und letztes offizielles Treffen. Bitte kommt in die Lounge, um auf unsere Reise anzustoßen.
- 19.30** Das letzte **Abendmahl** wird im Restaurant serviert. Guten Appetit!

*Und am Ende all unseres Erkundens  
werden wir ankommen, wo wir losgefahren sind,  
und den Ort kennen – zum ersten Mal.*

*T.S. Eliot (1888 – 1965)*



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10<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 13)

## At sea towards Iceland

We will be sailing in open waters all day. Please keep in mind that the ship will be moving, and always have one hand for the ship! We will adjust the lecture program according to the conditions, and we will keep you updated via the PA. The Denmark Strait is a good place for marine mammals – it's worth keeping a lookout!

No wake-up call. Enjoy sleeping in!

- 08.00** The **Breakfast** buffet is waiting for you.
- 10.30** **Sunday Movie: Behind the scenes of Sirius Patrol** – a special motion picture about the dogsledding elite forces (in the Lounge, with accompanying English commentary by Kasper)
- 12.30** Lunchy Munchy ;-)
- TBA** In the afternoon, we will call you by deck to the **Reception** to **settle your ship's accounts**. In addition, we will at some stage ask you to **return your rubber boots** (Boot Room on Deck 3).
- 18.45** **Farewell Cocktail with the Captain** and last official meeting. Please come to the Lounge for a toast on our voyage!
- 19.30** **The Last Supper** will be served in the Restaurant. Bon appétit!

*For will anyone dare to tell me that business is more entertaining  
than fooling among boats? He must have never seen a boat,  
or never seen an office, who says so.*

*Robert Louís Stevenson*



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11. September 2017 (Tag 14)

### Island: Akureyri

**07.15** Der **Weckruf** ertönt ein letztes Mal – guten Morgen!

Bitte stellt Euer großes Gepäck vor Eure Kabinentür, wenn Ihr zum Frühstück geht (bis 07.45). Wir bringen es für Euch zum Pier.

**07.30** **Frühstück** im Restaurant bis 08.30.

Bitte stellt Euer großes **Gepäck auf die Gänge, BEVOR Ihr zum Frühstück geht**, und vergesst nicht, Eure Kabinenschlüssel an der Rezeption abzugeben.

Bitte nehmt **keine** Früchte, Geflügel, Eier oder Milchprodukte vom Schiff mit an Land. Es ist **nicht erlaubt**, solche Produkte nach Island einzuführen!

Bitte geht nicht von Bord, bis wir durchsagen, dass Ihr von Bord gehen könnt. Sobald Ihr an Land seid, identifiziert bitte Euer Gepäck.

**09.00** **Die Busse nach Reykjavík fahren vom Pier ab.** Bitte bringt Euer Gepäck selbst zum Bus, damit Ihr sicher seid, dass es von Bord ist. Ein Bus wird mit „Ikarus/PolarNews“ gekennzeichnet sein. Die Fahrzeit beträgt ca. 6 Stunden, es gibt eine Mittagspause. Die Busse bringen Euch ins Zentrum von Reykjavík an die Haltestelle am Rathaus (Vonarstraeti).

Wer in Akureyri bleibt, von Akureyri aus fliegt oder anderweitig weiterreist, identifiziert sein Gepäck bitte ebenfalls am Pier und nimmt es an sich.

*Eine Reise von tausend Meilen beginnt mit einem einzelnen Schritt.*

*Lao-tse*

## Wir wünschen Euch eine gute Heimreise!



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11<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 (Day 14)

## Iceland: Akureyri

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

Please put your big (check-in) luggage outside your cabin door before going to breakfast, latest by 07.45. We will take it to the pier for you.

**07.30** **Breakfast** in the Dining Room until 08.30.

Please put your big (check-in) luggage outside your cabin door **BEFORE going to breakfast**, and please don't forget to return your cabin keys to Reception.

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.

**09.00** **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 "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 center 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.

*To allow mystery, which is to say to yourself: there could be more, there could be things we don't understand; is not to damn knowledge.*

*Barry Lopez*

## Happy traveling home!