



# Scoresbysund – Aurora Borealis

11. to 18. 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 49

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welcome you on board!

# Day 1 – Monday, 11. September 2017

## Embarkation, Akureyri, Iceland

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

*today's writer: Birgit*

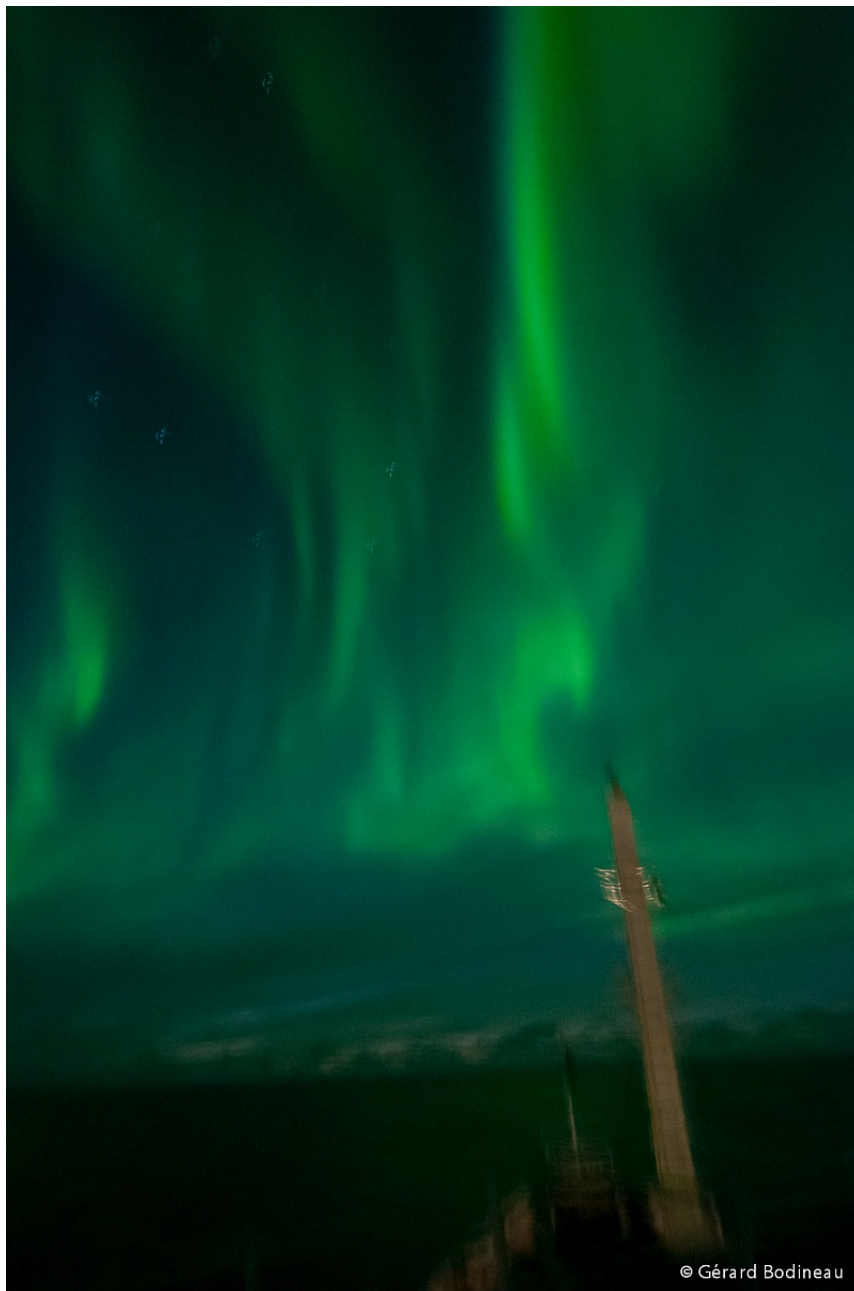
We arrived at the pier in Akureyri at around 3 o'clock in the afternoon, after a scenic bus ride from Reykjavik to the North. We settled into our cabins and gathered then for the first time in the Observation Lounge, for a first welcome by our expedition leader Katja and a mandatory safety information 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 and Katja introduced the expedition team. Captain Evgeny joined us in the lounge for a welcoming toast before we headed down to the dining room for our first scrumptious dinner prepared by Head Chef Ralf and his staff.

Our first evening ended with a sensation – Katja called us on the decks, as our first Aurora was observed! We see the northern lights for a little while, and with this nice start we fall happily into our beds.





# Day 2 – Tuesday, 12. September 2017

## At Sea towards East Greenland

**GPS Position 08:00: 68°23,5 N / 020°17,5 W E**

**Wind: NN Sea state: rough Weather: snow Temperature: 4°C**

*today's writer: Kasper*

When we embarked yesterday, everything was so very calm and pleasant, that did not last long. Already around midnight last night the movement started, the ship was rolling and most of us had the feeling of sliding from side to side in our bed. In the morning, the restaurant was pretty empty for breakfast and in the lounge a lot of us sat starrng at the horizon.



Outside the windows, the sea was grey, white capped and the spray was caught by the wind and sent high in the air. but not matter the weather, life onboard has to on, this means to at least to try to keep to the daily program, this morning this means lecture time. The lecture this morning was with Kasper and about the historical aspects of east Greenland, a subject that is clearly close to his heart. With this knowledge-input, its time for yet another meal. The afternoon does not show any signs of better weather, so Katja chooses to delay the planned briefings, these are mandatory and everyone is therefore supposed to attend and this would be hard when quite a few of us were still in our beds. So the afternoon is spent watching for seabirds or to rest.

Just before dinner, we are introduced to the evening Recap, a time to get together, get updated about the plans for the next days and to learn a bit more from the expedition team. This evening Gérard tells us about the Northern Light and Valeria about the sailors illness Scurvy. After learning everything about scurvy we all look forward to eat a

lot of vitamin C in the restaurant, so the queue outside the restaurant is long this evening. After dinner we entered the Scorsbysund fjord and finally we got some shelter from the seas – and we witnessed a wonderful sunset!



And the evening kept on getting better, because around midnight we are treated with yet another display of the Northern light, so for some of us, this night ended up being a short one, good night!





# Day 3 – Wednesday, 13. September 2017

## Vikingebugt, Danmarks Ø

**GPS Position 08:00: 70°26,5 N / 024°59,4 W**

**Wind: S2 Sea state: smooth Weather: clear Temperature: 2°C**

*today's writer: Gérard*

Last night, some auroras lightened the sky until very early morning so some of us did not have a long sleep, especially those who got up before sun rise to enjoy the wonderful colours of this morning.

After breakfast, Katja asked us to gather in the lounge to explain us the guidelines of tourism in the Arctic, as well as how to be safe with potential polar bears ashore, how to board the Zodiacs and to go ashore. Immediately after this briefing, the rest of the staff was waiting for us at the gangway for a Zodiac cruise.



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We went along the shore to see some very strange basalt columns. They were formed about 60 millions years ago, when a hot spot produced as huge amount of lava, making many horizontal layers of basalt. By cooling down, the basalt retreats and it makes cracks in the form of regular polygons.





After watching this very particular phenomena, we sailed for a moment into the brash ice coming from the glacier front at the end of Vikingebukt.





We continued in a small bay, surrounded by mountains also made by successive layers of lava. We stopped by a small stream normally making a nice waterfall but as the weather was quite cold, this stream was not flowing any more. After a small walk to warm up, we went back to Plancius.



During the afternoon Plancius moved deeper into Scoresby Sound. Katja invited us to the lounge to give us information on the plans for the afternoon and tomorrow. Soon after we landed on Danmarks Ø. We were offered the choice of four different walks from leisurely to a fast hike.



The four groups stayed for two hours ashore, each of us having a more or less intense walk in a way to enjoy it as much as possible. The weather was perfect, with a lot of sun shine and a gentle breeze. All groups went back at same time.



We were just on time back on board Plancius for the delicious dinner prepared by the Chef Ralf.



# Day 4 – Thursday, 14. September 2017

## Sydkap, Jytte Havn

GPS Position 08:00: 71°14,0 N / 025°00,3 W

Wind: NW6 Sea state: slight Weather: clear Temperature: 5°C

*today's writer: Sebastian*

Today we heard the wake up call a bit earlier than planned. The sunrise colours were so nice that Katja decided to call us a before to enjoy this beautiful moment before breakfast.



Close to 9 in the morning we arrived to our first destination: Sydkap (the South Cape). As we were getting ready at the gangway for activities, another announcement came out, the landing was going to be delayed for a while, as a sudden tidal wave from a turning iceberg far away came to shore and created a big swell on the beach. Once everything calmed down we started operations and, once on land, we divided into three groups: fast, medium and leisure.

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 alongside the same slope. Some Arctic Hares were observed during the long hike.

The leisure group stayed around the hut and enjoyed an easier walk on the tundra, and after a while, they went on a Zodiac cruise around some iceberg before going back to the ship.





During lunch, *Plancius* moved westward to the entrance of Ø Fjord (the Fjord of Islands), close to a small archipelago named Bjørneøer (the Bear Islands). On our way Captain drove *Plancius* carefully around huge icebergs to give us the chance to take pictures and enjoy the magnificent icy giants.

In the afternoon 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, that mixed with the red colours on the dwarf birch, made a beautiful combination for pictures.





There were still a lot of flowers as well, like if summer was lasting longer on this island. The leisure, and medium 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 and on their way back to the ship they cruise on the Zodiacs around big icebergs stranded in the harbour. The fast hikers climbed up the hill of the island to obtain fantastic views.



Back on the ship, dinner was a bit special: a barbecue on the aft 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, and some of us broke into a dance to keep warm.



Later in the evening, Plancius left its anchorage and slowly sailed the entrance of Ø Fjord, getting ready for a fantastic ship's cruise tomorrow morning.



# Day 5: Friday, 15. September 2017

## Rypefjord, Rødefjord

GPS Position 08:00: 70°26,1 N / 026°49,8' W

Wind: N2 Sea state: calm Weather: cloudy Temperature: 3°C

*today's writer: Valeria*

Wake up call was earlier than usual today but for a good reason, the sun was rising as we sailed along the scenic Rødefjord and the breath taking views were a fair trade for one hour of sleep.



At seven o'clock we heard Katja again with a second wake up call, this time for the lazy ones. After breakfast we had a short pre landing briefing where we learnt about our morning landing at Rypefjord and that this was a good place for spotting Musk Oxen, the hopes were high. By mid morning we were positioned and ready to start operations. As soon as we got ashore Katja told us that there were three Musk Oxen just behind the landing site. Once everybody was landed we were briefed on how we would make the approach and try to get a good glimpse of them.

That was not an easy task, approaching them silently and without being seen was a central key for a successful sighting, otherwise these nervous animals would easily run away. It was amazing how we all worked as a group, remaining silent and slowly getting closer, and we managed to have a group of more than 50 people enjoying the oxen only 120 meters away from us!





We then got to a beautiful viewpoint over a rocky edge and when we were starting the way back we had another surprise, an Arctic Hare! Once again we became silent and we had an awesome close up of this pristine white furry bunny lying less than 20 meters away! Nobody wanted to leave but DJ and Sava were waiting for us with a delicious lunch.

In the afternoon we dropped anchor at Røde Ø, truly an iceberg alley. We boarded the zodiacs for an incredible zodiac cruise around these icy giants. The shallow waters around the island make these huge frozen beasts to get stranded here and gave us perfect photo opportunities. The shapes, the colours, and the size of these pieces of ice were just astonishing. What a fantastic place!







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After a little over an hour and a half the zodiacs came to land in a small cove 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 in the shallow water round the island made it an ideal contrast for pictures.



From the small bay many of us went up the slope to reach a viewpoint from where we gazed at the iceberg graveyard we had just cruised through, seeing it from a bird's-eye view gave us quite a different perspective.



Back on board DJ surprised us with whiskey on the rocks, rocks from the ice we had just cruised around! After a short briefing where we learnt about the future plans we heard the call, dinner time! Another gorgeous day in eastern Greenland.



## Day 6 – Saturday, 16. September 2017

### Hurry Inlet, Ittoqqortoormiit

GPS Position 08:00: 70°26,1 N / 022°34,8 W

Wind: S2 Sea state: calm Weather: clear Temperature: 3°C

today's writer: Åsa

At the morning landing at Hurry Inlet, we had our last chance to hike in Greenland for this time. We started with Kasper describing the life of the Thule culture inuits that lived in this region previously. They most often lived together in small groups of up to 25 people and on this landing site, we could see remnants of a few houses. Their main living was based on hunting and the dominant food resource was fresh meat. Scurvy was not a problem, most probably because they did not process the meat, and thus kept all the vitamins.



As usual, we divided into different hiking groups, where some investigated an old fox trap and some went over the ridge to improve the view over Hurry Inlet even more.





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Before heading back to our home Plancius, some of the brave passengers had a refreshing polar plunge at the beach.

Straight after lunch, we landed on the beach in Ittoqqortoormiit after a bumpy zodiac voyage with increasing wind speeds.



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We could stroll around by ourselves and explore this little settlement in our own pace. Some went to the little shop up the slope, while others investigated the church, the police station and the school. Many dogs came up to us and wanted to check out our items, especially down on the beach while we were waiting for our zodiac shuttles back.



The guides concluded our journey with a super-recap, trying to cover many aspects of Eastern Greenland and the divers showed some their diving photos, which were very much appreciated.



## Day 7 – Sunday, 17. September 2017

### At Sea towards Iceland

**GPS Position 08:00: 67°45,8N / 019°15,7 W**

**Wind: SSE4 Sea state: slight Weather: cloudy Temperature: 19°C**

*today's writer: Birgit*

We could sleep in! Well, at least a bit. DJ woke us almost as gentle as Katja did the last days, and called us for breakfast at 8. A lot more of us were present than on the last traverse of the Denmark Strait, it seemed we had better sea legs by then, but also the wind and sea were nicer than on the way here.

In the morning we heard a very interesting lecture of Gérard about ice and glaciers, so we could understand more about all the ice we have seen in the past days.

After lunch and some snoozing it was paytime! We could settle our account with DJ, and then Katja called us to see some dolphins jumping behind our ship and following us for quite a while.



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Then Birgit took us across the Greenlandic inland ice – virtually only, with her talk about her Greenland Crossing in 2013.

After that, it was time to return our boots, that had kept our feet so nice and dry the last week. Meanwhile we could already see the mountains of Iceland, and in wonderful weather we approached the fjord of Akureyri.



Katja and her team and the Captain welcomed us then for a Captain's Cocktail, where we looked back on the great experience we just had, and where the divers showed us some more pictures of their underwater adventures.

The day ended in the open sea, at the bar – our last evening on board the Plancius!



## 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: Birgit*

After the breakfast it was time to say *goodbye* – to the fantastic days on board *Plancius*, to the team, to 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 week 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:*

**Nautical Miles: 1049**

**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!**

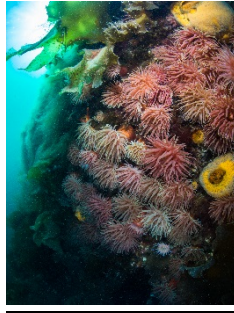
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## Plancius 16 Dive Log 11th Sept to 18th Sept 2017.

### Scoresby Sund Greenland Arctic.



Dive Team: Leader Henrik Enckell, Dive Guides Catherine Buckland, William Gillbertson, Michael Green, Dive Team, Faith A Ortins, Byron Conroy, Lavonne Terkla Chris, Weaver, Trux Terkla, Michael Salarezza, Jennifer Strang, Steve Fredric, John Strang, Sue Fredrick, Terina Hancock, Bill Wagman, Sally Wahrmann, Milan Ficek. Michael, Wright, Paul Holbrook, Laura Perry, Wendy Quimby, Pam Hollich, Jim Van Gogh, Rebecca, Bartow, Orest Romaniuk, Barbara Romaniuk, Alexander Reznicek

After making long flights to Iceland we were soon underway. We completed the mandatory briefings during our crossing. The sea days were an adventure with a force 6-7 blowing with a moderate swell. As soon as we arrived in Scoresby Sund we started the dive program.

#### **Dive One 13<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 Brittle 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. Soon it was time to return to the ship for charging of cylinders before our second dive of the day. The above water scenery was nice with basalt columns rising from the sea to form majestic pillars.



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#### **Dive Two 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Danmark Island Scoresby Sund, 70 26.811N 26 16.446W**

After lunch we had a short relaxing break then left the ship for a short trip across the sund to the dive site. We enjoyed a wall dive with life on it. We saw sea slugs, and a jelly being eaten. Brittle stars were on the shelves and the topography was interesting showing the

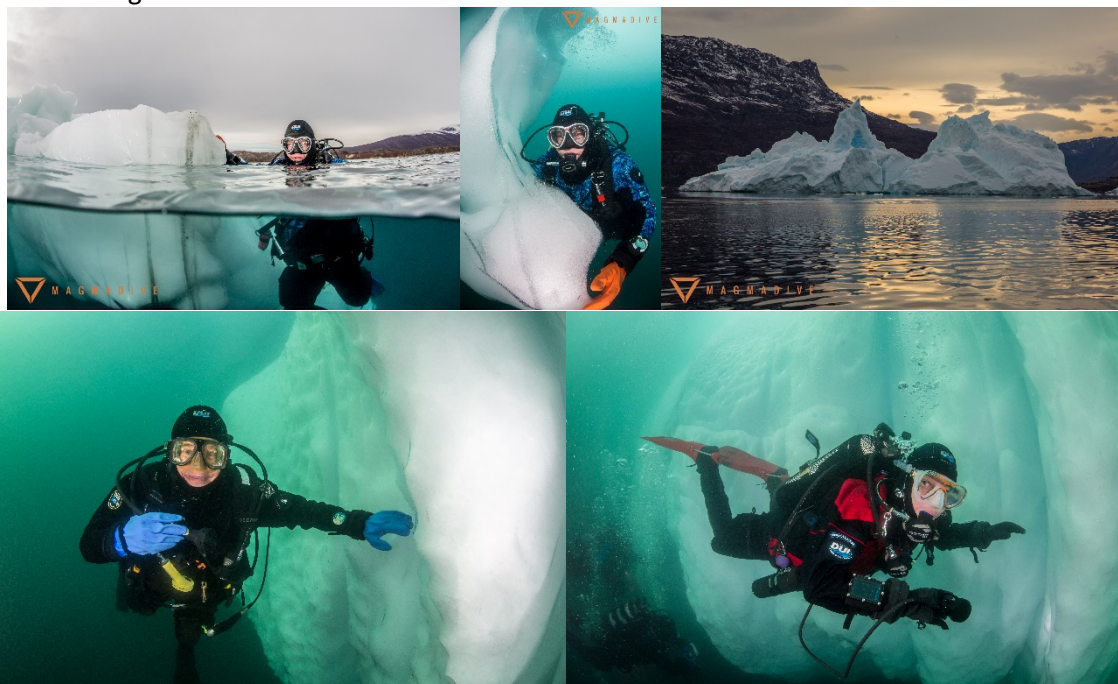


geology of Greenland on the site. Soon we returned to the Zodiac and enjoyed a cruise around the island taking in the mountainous scenery and the large icebergs in the sound.



### **Dive Three 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Sydkap Scoresby Sund, Greenland.**

After breakfast we kitted up and headed out on a short ride on the Zodiacs to a small Iceberg to make a dive. The visibility was good and the surface of the sea had large pieces of pancake ice on it. We dived and enjoyed the scenery and playing with our buoyancy in the mix of salt and freshwater. The videographers and photographers amongst the team enjoyed trying to capture the light coming through the water column and the ice. Finally we surfaced the pancake ice made the surface look like a stained glass window. A beautiful dive..



### **Dive Four 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 JytteHaun, Scoresby Sund .71.05.100N 25 41.938W**

After lunch we made our way back to the sheltered deck to kit up. We went across the fjord a short way to dive what looked like an interesting place. We think no-one has dived here before so true expedition diving. When we arrived on the site the visibility looked promising. WOW! it didn't dissappoint with fantastic topography and superb visibility. A bonus was the slight current which allowed us to travel a great distance along the wall. We saw lots of anemones and small lumpsuckers along with colourful jellyfish. The life obviously took advantage of the current to flourish. Too soon forty minutes had passed and we had to surface. We got back onbaord and enjoyed a great evening BBQ on the aft deck in this lovely spot.



#### **Dive Five 15th September 2017 Iceberg, Rype Fjord Scoresby Sund Greenland.**

After a great morning enjoying a ships cruise to the landing site we kitted up at 10.20am and left the ship to have a play with ice. We were joined by all the snorklers and had a whale of a time getting on to a small flat piece of ice for photos. One of the team even wore a Polar Bear costume much to the enjoyment of all. We made a dive around this ice. It looked flat from the surface but was very different under the surface. Lots of nooks and crannies which caught the light and made this a very special dive. Soon it was time to return to the surface and back to the ship.



#### **Dive Six 15th September 2017 Rode Island, Scoresby Sund Greenland.**

For the afternoon dive we moved to Rode Island a very red island with an icebeg 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 inbetween 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 throughtout. 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 Seven 16th 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 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 shore. We entered into 25ft of water and we descended to the bottom. Which was rocky with a slight covering of weed. We didn't see a lot of life but the visibility was good for making photos. Soon it was time to return to the surface. We climbed back onto the boats and returned to the ship ready to dekit and get ready for lunch.





Wildlife list PLA16-17 - East Greenland / 11 to 18 Sept. 2017

## BIRDS

### English

Northern Fulmar  
 Northern Gannet  
 Common Eider  
 Gyrfalcon  
 Red-breasted Merganser  
 Long-tailed Duck  
 Glaucous Gull  
 Great black-backed Gull  
 Kittiwake  
 Brunnich's Guillemot  
 Black Guillemot  
 Puffin  
 Raven  
 Wheater  
 Arctic Redpoll

### Latin

*Fulmarus glacialis*  
*Sula bassanan*  
*Somateria mollissima*  
*Falco rusticolus*  
*Mergus serrator*  
*Clangula hyemalis*  
*Larus hyperboreus*  
*Larus marinus*  
*Rissa tridactyla*  
*Uria lomvia*  
*Cepphus grylle*  
*Fratercula arctica*  
*Covus corax*  
*Oenante oenante*  
*Carduelis hornemanni*

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## MAMMALS

### English

Bearded seal  
 Ringed seal  
 White-beaked Dolphin  
 White-sided Dolphin  
 Arctic Hare  
 Muskox

### Latin

*Erignathus barbatus*  
*Phoca hispida*  
*Lagenorhynchus albirostris*  
*Lagenorhynchus acutus*  
*Lepus timidus*  
*Ovibus moschatus*

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1. Vikingebugt
2. Danmark Ø
3. Sydkap
4. Jytte Havn, Bjørnøer
5. Rypefjord
6. Rødefjord
7. Røde Ø
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## Dr. Katja Riedel – Expedition Leader

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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 Northwest 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.



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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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Birgit loves being out and away – that is why her life changed from award-winning journalist to Arctic addicted adventurer. She worked for 15 years for the german Süddeutsche Zeitung, but started working on expedition cruises in 2007, after a first tour 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. She published several books about her skiing expeditions and other arctic stories. In 2015 and 2016 she spent several months in East Greenland, in the region of Ammassalik, and went hunting and fishing with natives. Her forth book, published in October 2017, tells about this experience.

In 2016 Birgit has initiated a plastic project for the german Alfred-Wegener-Institute for Polar and Marine Research, for which she collects data about marine plastic pollution – together with guests. Birgit is a requested speaker for companies and speaks english, italian, dutch and a bit french. She enjoys nature and silence, loves sharing her enthusiasm for the Arctic and lives with her husband besides an idyllic mountain lake in Bavaria.



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## Kasper Jæger — Expedition Guide

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

The longing for wilderness and high mountains came early, in his early teens he went on his first week long trekking trip in the Norwegian mountains. He comes from a Greenland loving family and therefore, after finishing his first education, Kasper went to the arctic, never to look back.

Now, years later, Kasper has managed to make a living out of his biggest interest: the great outdoors and guiding! This has given him the opportunity to work and live different places in the polar regions.

Kasper has lived with the Inuit's in the north of Greenland, with the Sapmi reindeer herders of northern Scandinavia and in the Norwegian settlement of Longyearbyen in Svalbard. During his years of guiding, he has been taking on a variety of activities like sailing, kayaking, all kinds of skiing, snowmobiling and dogsledding. Strongest is his love for dogsledding, He spent 4 years working with Alaskan husky's and dog mushing as a life style. Today Kasper is an experienced full time arctic guide, with an university education as Arctic Nature Guide. He logs more than 100 field days and tent nights, in the high arctic winter landscapes every year. Kasper is a highly practical person, with a wide range of skills for safe travel in the arctic, hiking, glaciers, sea ice, sailing and so on.

A true generalist, that has a burning passion for the cold, isolated places on the planet, both because of the stunning beauty, but also because of the rich natural and cultural history that is found here, among ice and rock.

Today Kasper lives together with his Alaskan husky's in Oslo, Norway, the first time in 10 years south of the Arctic Circle.

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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 tanguitos. 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.



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## G rard Bodineau—Expedition Guide

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Born in 1960 in Western France, G rard started to hike and camp at any season by the age of 13. After some years of mountaineering in the Alps, he discovered his passion for the Arctic in 1986. He loved it so much that he did several cross-country ski expeditions by himself ...

... in Greenland, Nunavut and Spitsbergen, among them a one-month solo expedition in Spitsbergen, one to the North Magnetic & also Geographic Poles, and a four-week yachting expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula. For 15 years, he shared his time between working as an IT specialist and guiding expeditions in the Arctic. Since 2004, he worked as a guide and Expedition Leader in Svalbard, Greenland, Antarctica and South Georgia. He decided to do guiding as his main activity in 2009. When not travelling, he lives in Provence under a sunny climate. He is most interested in glaciology and other Earth Sciences as well as ornithology.

*G rard, 1960 in Westfrankreich geboren, hat nach einigen Jahren der Bergsteigerei in den Alpen 1986 seine Leidenschaft f r die Arktis entdeckt und war auf Skiexpeditionen in Gr nland, Nunavut und Spitzbergen unterwegs (u. a. eine einmonatige Soloexpedition in Spitzbergen, Expeditionen zu den magnetischen und geografischen Polen und eine vierw chige Yachtexpedition zur Antarktischen Halbinsel).*

*Seit 2004 ist er als Expeditionsleiter und Guide in der Arktis und der Antarktis unterwegs. Er interessiert sich besonders f r Gletscherkunde, Geowissenschaften sowie f r Ornithologie. Wenn G rard nicht unterwegs ist, lebt er in der sonnigen Provence.*

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## Sebastian Arrebola

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Sebastian was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he earned a degree in Tourism. He took a one-year mountain guide training course, climbing in different parts of Argentina such as Mendoza, Bariloche, and Tierra del Fuego.

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South America. He sailed to many places, including the Mediterranean Sea, the Canadian Arctic, Svalbard, Antarctica, Argentina, Chile, and around the mystic Cape Horn. In 2002, he moved to England for almost two years, where he took several courses accredited by the Royal Yachting Association.

Sebastian has specialised in polar tourism and natural history. His first trip to Antarctica was on board a 36 ft (12 m) sailing boat, during this one-month voyage he developed skills on ice-navigation, and familiarised himself with the Antarctic Environment. He has led several expeditions to Antarctica on board different vessels, lecturing on Geography, Ice, and Antarctic History. Since 2008, he has extended his polar experience to the Arctic, sailing in the Canadian Arctic, part of the Northwest Passage and Svalbard.

As a lecturer on Antarctic topics, he has been invited to the annual meeting of the International Superyacht Society, in Fort Lauderdale, United States, and to the Antarctic week organized annually in the city of Ushuaia, Argentina.

He has written several articles related to Antarctica in different magazines and publications, like The Great Southern Route, Superyacht Times, and Boat International among others.

Sebastian is co-founder and president of FUNDACIÓN PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN DEL PATRIMONIO ANTÁRTICO, an NGO devoted to the conservation of the Antarctic Heritage.

He is also co-author of the book "ANTARCTICA, DISCOVERING THE LAST CONTINENT".

Sebastian speaks English and Spanish.

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## Åsa Lindgren – Expedition Guide

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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 plan 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.

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## Henrik Enckell – Dive Team Leader

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**Henrik is an experienced dive instructor and rebreather instructor trainer. He was one of the first dive masters to bring tourists diving in Antarctica.**

Nationality: Swedish

Henrik has been diving for 25 years and as a Rebreather Instructor Trainer he is teaching all levels of recreational and technical diving up to Advanced Trimix CCR. He runs the IART (**International Association of Rebreather Trainers**) Regional Office for Northern Europe and is a member of the IART Board of Advisors.

Henrik is a keen wreck diver and has been involved in deep wreck expeditions all over the world. Some of the interesting wrecks he has visited are the WW2 disasters General von Steuben and Wilhelm Gustloff in the Baltic and HMS Victoria ("the vertical wreck") at 145 meters/475 feet off the Lebanese coast.

His interest for both the ocean and space has engaged him in projects with the **European Space Agency** (Mars500 project) and the **SeaSpace Exploration and Research Society** (Project Poseidon) among other adventures.

He has also led dive expeditions in the Antarctic and Arctic regions during 15 years and he was one of the first persons to take people diving on expedition vessels in these remote, challenging and many times undived waters.

Henrik holds a M.Sc. degree in Electrical Engineering and a long experience in software development with project and line management positions in global companies. He has lived and worked in Tokyo, Japan for two years.

He also has a military background having served in peace keeping and peace enforcing missions in the Middle East and former Yugoslavia. He is living in Sweden with his wife, his three daughters aged 17, 13 and 12 and his two-year-old son.



Michael Green Dive Team Leader..



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.

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## Will Gilbertson – Dive Guide

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Will has always been driven towards exploring the outdoors and there is plenty of scope for this in his native Scotland. The underwater world in particular has always fascinated him and he first started diving in 2005 on moving to Aberdeen to study Zoology at University. Since then, he has dived extensively around the coast of Scotland and has been involved in instructing with the Aberdeen University Sub Aqua club and driving small boats to access the many wreck and scenic dives around the Scottish coast.

After finding the Scottish waters not quite cold enough, Will travelled to Iceland to dive the hydrothermal chimneys and continental rifts, before joining Oceanwide for a voyage to Antarctica on board Ortelius in 2015 and the Arctic the following year in Greenland and Spitsbergen.

Will still lives in Aberdeen and after graduating from University, he spent 2 years researching the ecological effects of invertebrates and microbes in marine sediments for a Masters of Philosophy. After a few years delivering training to offshore personnel in marine search operations, sea survival and helicopter escape, Will returned to a more scientific role; he currently works for a craft brewery as a microbiologist.



## Catherine Buckland – Dive Guide



Catherine Buckland is a Commercial Diving Instructor and spends six months of her time working in the UK doing this. Able to teach a variety of marine based qualifications and a diver medic has meant she has worked on various different jobs. Predominantly based around the UK and Ireland, jobs have included safety diving for underwater cameramen and being part of a team supporting one diver who wished to break the world record for the longest cold water scuba dive.

For the other six months she freelances as an instructor or medic working on outdoor endurance events including things like 100km ultra treks, where a love of the outdoors is a must!



# Captain Evgeny Levakov

and his international crew

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Hotel Manager:	<b>Dejan Nikolic</b>	[Serbia]
Assist. Hotel Manager:	<b>Sava Savov</b>	[Bulgaria]
Head Chef:	<b>Ralf Barthel</b>	[Germany]
Sous Chef:	<b>Ivan Yuriychuk</b>	[Ukraine]
Ship's Physician:	<b>Ineke Mol</b>	[Netherlands]
Expedition Leader:	<b>Katja Riedel</b>	[Germany]
Asst Expedition Leader:	<b>Michael Ginzburg</b>	[Germany/Russia]
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Dive Guide:	<b>Catherine Buckland</b>	[United Kingdom]

## Welcome you on Board!





# Scoresby Sund

## Embarkation in Akureyri Monday 11 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 on Deck 5.
- TBA\*** As soon as everybody is on board: Welcome by expedition leader Katja Riedel in the Lounge, followed by the **Mandatory Safety and Lifeboat Drill** 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**
- TBA\*** This will be followed by an **Introduction to the ship** by our Hotel Manager Dejan Nikolic (Deck 5).
- 1800 **Plancius departs Akureyri.** The foredeck and aft deck are closed while the crew are handling the mooring lines.
- 1845 **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 meet your Captain and the Expedition Team.
- 1930 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room located on Deck 3 behind reception. Bon appétit!

### **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 12 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 we will start with our **mandatory briefing program**: Behavior in polar bear habitat, Arctic environmental rules and zodiac operations (the black rubber boats). Please listen for announcements.
- 1830 **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 13 September 2017

- 0640 Sunrise
- 0700 Wake-up call
- 0730 Breakfast buffet available for an hour in the dining room.
- 0830 Please come to the Lounge for **mandatory briefing program**: Behavior in polar bear habitat, Arctic environmental rules and zodiac operations (the black rubber boats).
- Afterwards, we would like to take you on a Zodiac cruise at **Vikingebugt**. Here we find some spectacular columnar basalt. Please dress warmly. We might go for a short landing at a waterfall.
- 1230 Lunch will be available in the dining room.
- 1500 This afternoon we want to land on **Danmark Ø**, an island that is shaped by glaciers, rounded hills, small lakes and tundra are awaiting us. Remains from the Thule culture can be found here. We want to explore the island in 3 hiking groups.
- 1830 Please meet the expedition team for our daily **Recap** in the bar.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!
- 2031 Sunset



# Scoresby Sund

## Sydkap & Jytte Havn

Thursday 14 September 2017

0645	Sunrise
0700	Wake-up call
0730	Breakfast buffet available for an hour in the dining room.
0900	This morning we hope to land at <b>Sydkap</b> where we expect tundra vegetation, nice views and large icebergs. We would like to explore the area in our four hiking groups.
1230	Lunch will be available in the dining room.
1330	Please come to the Lounge to listen to a short presentation by Chris Weaver and Salvarezza (Eco Photo Explorers) about <b>Photography in the Arctic – above and below the water</b>
1430	This afternoon we would like to go ashore at <b>Jytte Havn, Bjørneøer</b> . 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 four different hiking options.
1830	Please meet the expedition team for our daily Recap in the bar.
1900	Please dress warmly and bring your dancing gumboots for a <b>special Arctic dinner!</b>
2022	Sunset





## Scoresby Sund

### Ø Fjord & Rypefjord & Røde Ø Friday 15 September 2017

At first light (ca. 6 am) Plancius will start sailing through the beautiful **Ø Fjord**. There will be a short wakeup call if the weather is good. For everybody who gets up, wonderful landscape, rugged mountains and icebergs will be your reward.

0654 Sunrise

0700 Normal wake-up call

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

TBA\* 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.

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

1300 Lunch will be available in the dining room.

TBA\* 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.

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

1915 Short Recap about our plans for tomorrow.

1930 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

2024 Sunset

TBA\* = to be announced

# Scoresby Sund

## Hurry Inlet & Ittoqqortoormiit

### Saturday 16 September 2017

- 0647 Sunrise
- 0700 Wake-up call
- 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.

- 1830 Please meet the expedition team for our daily Recap in the bar.
- 1900 Dinner is served in the dining room.
- 2002 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.





# Scoresby Sund

**At Sea towards Iceland  
Sunday 17 September 2017**

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

No Wake-up call

0800 Breakfast buffet available in the dining room.

1000 Gérard will talk in the Lounge about a fascinating topic: **Ice and Glaciers.**

1230 Lunch will be available in the dining room.

1500 Please join Birgit in the Lounge where she will talk about her **Crossing of Greenland – skiing over the world's biggest island.**

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

1800 **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.



# Scoresby Sund

## Disembarkation in Akureyri Monday 18 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. 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!