



OCEANWIDE

EXPEDITIONS

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

on board

m/v Ortelius

January 13 – 23, 2018



M/V *Ortelius* was named after the Dutch cartographer Abraham Ortelius (1527-1598) who published the first modern world atlas, the *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* (Theatre of the World) in 1570. M/V *Ortelius* was built in 1989 in Gdynia, Poland, as a research vessel for the Russian Academy of Science and was named *Marina Svetaeva*. In 2011 she was purchased by Oceanwide Expeditions. The vessel was re-flagged and renamed *Ortelius*. Now the ship is sailing as a 125-passenger vessel. *Ortelius* is 91 m long, 17,6 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5,80 m, with an Ice Strength rating of UL1/1A, top speed of 12 knots and one diesel engine generating 3200 kW.



Captain Mika Appel

and his international crew of 49

including

First Officer:	Toni Salo	[Finland]
Second Officer:	Franziska Braas	[Germany]
Third Officer:	Warren Villanueva	[Philippines]
Chief Engineer:	Aleksandr Bondarev	[Lithuania]
Hotel Manager:	Dejan Nikolic	[Serbia]
Assist. Hotel Manager:	Sava Savov	[Bulgaria]
Head Chef:	Khabir Moraes	[India]
Sous Chef:	Richard Arokiasamy	[Malaysia]
Ship's Physician:	Tom Matthews	[The Netherlands]

and

Expedition Leader:	Cheryl Randall	[United Kingdom]
Assist. Expedition Leader:	Kurtis Randall	[Canada]
Expedition Guide:	Martin Berg	[Sweden]
Expedition Guide:	Ben Giunchi	[Argentina]
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Expedition Guide:	Sarah Jenner	[United Kingdom]
Expedition Guide:	Michael Green	[United Kingdom]
Expedition Guide:	Danial Rodery	[France]

welcome you on board!

Day 1 – January 13, 2018

Embarkation, Ushuaia

GPS position at 1600: 54°48.6'S, 068°18.0'W

Air Temp: 13°C Sea Temp: 9°C Wind: N 4 Sea state: 2



So finally, the much-awaited departure day was upon us! We woke up in Ushuaia to blue skies and sunshine, full of excitement and anticipation at the thought of boarding the Ortelius Plancius for our forthcoming adventure - for many of us today signified the culmination of a lifelong dream!

We spent the morning exploring this lovely Patagonian city, soaking up the local flavours and enjoying the sights. Ushuaia marks the end of the road in Argentine Tierra del Fuego, but also the beginning – the beginning of once-in-a-lifetime adventure. During the summer this rapidly growing frontier town of 55,000 bustles with adventurous travellers. The duty-free port flourishes with tourism but also thrives on a sizeable crab fishery and a burgeoning electronics industry. Ushuaia which stands for “*bay that penetrates to the west*” in the indigenous Yaghan tongue, clearly benefits from its magnificent, yet remote setting.

It was a sunny but breezy afternoon as we made our way along the pier to the boat at 16:00, ready to board our new floating home for the next 11 days. We were greeted by members of our expedition staff who directed us to the reception where we were checked in by Hotel Manager DJ and his assistant Sava, and the friendly hotel team showed us our cabins. There we found our luggage and in no time at all we settled in and started to explore our new surroundings.

At 17:00 we convened in the lecture room on deck three to meet expedition leader Cheryl, who welcomed us on board the ship. Third Officer, Warren then acquainted us with the safety features of the vessel and with the essential do's and don'ts on board. Soon afterwards it was time for the mandatory safety drill and we gathered in the bar, donned our big orange lifejackets and went through the roll call to make sure everybody was there. We were then escorted outside to take a look at the lifeboats, but were left confident that we would have no reason to do this again in the next 11days!

Many of us then headed out on deck with cameras in hand as we pulled away from the pier and started to navigate the Beagle Channel.



At 18:30 we met in the lounge/Bar on Deck 6 in order to meet key crew/staff and learn about ship routine during our voyage. Hotel Manager DJ imparted useful information about mealtimes, Internet/Webmail access and treating the toilets nicely. He was followed by Expedition Leader Cheryl, who introduced Captain Mika – the person who would get us there and back again safely. He spoke a few words and explained that we were welcome on the bridge during daylight hours, which is a great viewing platform for bird-watching and also the place to find out from officers on watch what life is like at sea. We raised a glass of bubbly (or orange juice) to the success of our voyage and then Cheryl told us a little about the forthcoming voyage before handing a over to her team of guides and the Grande Espace team for a little self-introduction.

Shortly afterwards we were invited to the dining room to enjoy the first of many delicious meals on board, prepared by head chef Khabir and his team. There was a real buzz in the dining room, as we got to know each other and talked about our hopes and aspirations for this voyage.

Our first evening was occupied with more exploration of the ship, adjusting to her movements and settling into our cabins before retiring for the night.

Day 2 – January 14, 2018

Drake Passage: At Sea towards Antarctica

GPS position at 0800: 56°41.9'S, 066°26.8'W

Air Temp: 8°C Sea Temp: 7°C Wind: NE 7 Sea state: 3-4



Overnight the Drake Passage put on its usual show. With lots of movement caused by a 3m swell.

We were woken gently at 8.00am with a call over the tannoy. First job of the day was breakfast before starting our busy day of mandatory lectures.

These started with the IAATO lecture where we found how to interact with the wildlife without causing the animals distress. The excitement built as we all realised what we are going to do and see.

Then onto another great lunch at sea.

Then we enjoyed cleaning our personal kit, the room was full of the sounds of vacuuming and laughter as we cleaned and check our kit to ensure we had no seeds on the Velcro and zips. Once we had cleaned we acknowledged doing so with a signature. This took up most of the afternoon but ensures Antarctica stays pristine.



We must be far from land as the seabirds were very sparse. However, a few Albatross circled the ship flying without flapping their wings at all. These birds are very beautiful and ever so graceful.



Recap came too soon, the topics covered were the Antarctic Convergence we learnt some great facts about the water around Antarctica Curtis gave a great lecture. We should cross the Convergence [Polar Front] this evening so we were told to expect fog.

Martin gave a brief introduction on the seabirds we will hopefully see. He showed some great photos he had taken and told us some great facts about each type of bird.

Then off to dinner for more of the great food onboard Ortelius. The day seems to have just flown by and we are all ready to begin our adventure proper very soon.

Day 3 – January 15, 2018

Drake Passage: At Sea towards Antarctica

GPS position at 0800: 61°22.5'S, 066°59.9'W

Air Temp: 2°C Sea Temp: 5°C Wind: SSE 8 Sea state: 4



The night passed peacefully, with the winds dropping considerably, so most felt well rested when the wake-up call came at 07.30. Outside, there was a cool breeze, the clouds were hanging low and a thick fog was lingering, which was no surprise as overnight we had crossed the Antarctic Convergence and were now officially in Antarctica, based on the biological boundary.

After breakfast, we headed up into the lounge where Sara presented an 'Introduction to Polar Photography' where she gave us some useful tips on how to improve our pictures. She explained how it is not just picture taking, but more about picture making, how we can arrange the horizon and where to put our main component of the picture. She also introduced us to some of the technical terms and settings, such as f-stop, shutter speed and ISO and which to use for what kind of picture. On Sara's recommendation, many people headed out on to deck afterwards to play with their cameras and get acquainted with some of the techniques she spoke about.



At 11:00, Michael gave a lecture on polar exploration, with an emphasis on the Mawson expedition. It was most interesting to hear about the heroic, but extremely treacherous lifestyles the early polar explorers had to endure, making us realise how lucky we were to have the very comfortable Ortelius as our safe haven.

Soon afterwards lunch was being served, but there was no time for mid afternoon nap as we had to reconvene in the lecture room for a mandatory zodiac safety briefing, where Kurtis



explained how zodiac operations would work over the forthcoming days.

Thereafter, it was the campers meeting with Ben where he explained how the activity would operate and answered any questions the group had. As expected there were a few surprised faces when he appeared with the bivy bags and the potty toilet!

At 16:00, Martin invited us to his Penguin lecture in the bar which provided us with an overview of the breeding cycle, habitat and seasonal change effecting several species of penguins. It looked at the challenges and pressures involved in reuniting with a partner from previous years or finding a new one, setting up home with a good nest, finding food and avoiding predators. All of this has to be achieved in the short Austral summer



and the penguins do it, not with ease, but with great determination and courage in a very difficult environment. His lecture only served to boost our excitement as to what we might see the next few days. All this was followed by another meeting! This time, the kayakers met with Louise for an introductory briefing into the activity including the distribution of the gear and setting up the kayaks.

Day 4 – January 16, 2018

Cuverville Island and Port Lockroy

GPS position at Cuverville: 64°41.00'S, 062°38.00'W

Port Lockroy: 64 49 00 S, 063 029 00W

Air Temp: 1°C Sea Temp: 2°C Wind: SW 8 Sea state: 3



We awoke early and had breakfast before getting ready for a full day of adventures. As we approached Cuverville the wind was gusting 40 kts and the sea was a mass of white horses. It didn't look promising. However, the nearer we got to the island the better the conditions became. We left the ship and headed to the island.



Port Lockroy (The Penguin Post Office).

We had to split into two teams for this landing as only 60 people are allowed ashore at any one time. Both teams had a similar experience. Seeing lots of Gentoos raising their chicks. Some were even under the Post Office. It was a joy to watch them using their highways to

move around. They give you such a nonchalant look as they pass you by. The Skuas were again flying around looking for any opportunity to grab a chick. Sheathbills also scooted around looking for feeding opportunities. We took the opportunity to send postcards home and bought many a souvenir. A surreal experience to be shopping in such a wilderness.



Cruising around the ice filled harbour was a wonderful experience. It started with a leopard Seal on the ice. Then further in the harbour we saw a large whale skeleton on the beach. Leaving the harbour, we followed the shore and saw Chinstrap penguin on the rocks. Then a large leopard seal displayed under the boat. This apex predator was huge and showed all onboard its markings as it displayed in the water. The surrounding scenery was stunning the Seven Sisters shrouded in mist were unforgettable. Although we were cold we didn't want to return to the ship.



We went back onboard all hungry and ready for our evening meal after a stunning start to our Antarctic holiday.

Day 5 – January 17, 2018

Peterman Island & Pleneau Island

GPS position at 0800: 65°14.0'S, 065°40.6'W

Air Temp: 2°C Sea Temp: 1°C Wind: NE 6 Sea state: 3



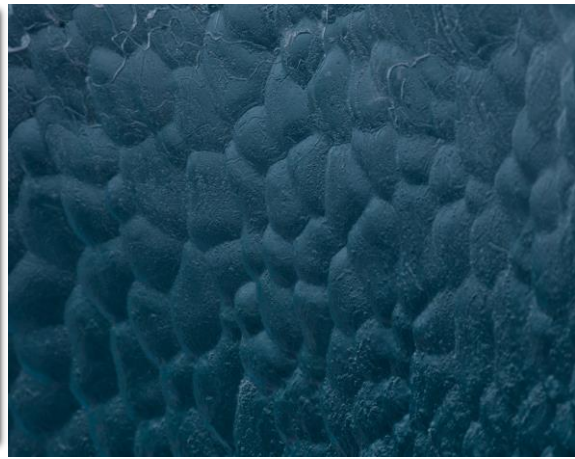
This morning, we were woken from our restful sleep after yesterday's excitement a little bit early since we were leaving the Southern Gerlache Strait and heading towards the Penola Strait. The route in between took us through the thousand-meter-deep, hundred and sixty-meter-wide, highly picturesque Lemaire Channel. Only nine Kilometers long this is one leg of our journey that was well worth getting up for. The chief officer, looking through his binoculars, gave his skeptical assessment that it looked packed with ice. None the less, we tentatively pushed ahead weaving in between the icebergs finding a path just wide enough for our ship to glide through and after half an hour, we came out the other end into a large bay, the northern end of the Penola Strait.

A quick trip inside for breakfast.



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Outside, with our bellies full, the ship arrived to the shores of Petermann Island, the farthest southern point of our journey. We went ashore to find some Adelie penguins, one of the true



Antarctic penguins, found nowhere else in the world. Along with the Adelies, Gentoos also call Petermann Island home. A walk up the hill and around the corner gave us a much-appreciated leg stretch and fantastic views of a small ice choked bay on the other side of the island. Some of us also went on a Zodiac cruise to find some ice and were treated to clear water beautiful ice, seals and some views of Humpback whales in the distance.
Lunch.



Back outside, around the corner and on the shores of Pleneau island we were met by towering icebergs, each a sculpture shaped by the wind and waves, blown into this protected harbour by storms and trapped in the shallows. The ship dropped it's anchor on the south side of Port Charcot, the winter anchorage of the Pourquoi Pas?, the first expedition of the French national hero Jean-Baptiste Charcot. Between the ship and the shores of nearby Pleneau Island we cruised around one particular iceberg shaped like a cathedral, with one square serrac still

intact in the centre. Whale blows were seen and heard in the icy stillness as seals lounged lazily after feeding. Onshore Gentoo penguins formed a fabulous foreground to the magnificent backdrop of Booth Island.

Dinner.

A few brave souls then got dressed once more to head outdoors and re-boarded the zodiacs with sleeping bags in hand to go and spend a night off the ship and on the ice.

The rest of us got tucked in bed, a very full day behind us, anxious to see what tomorrow would bring.

Day 6 – January 18, 2018

Orne Harbour And Brown Station.

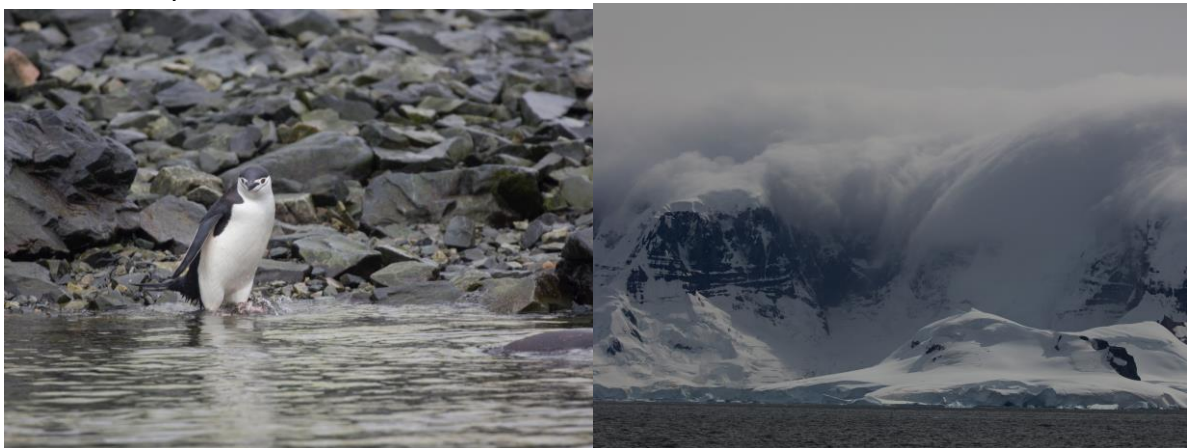
GPS position at Orne Harbour 64 38 00 s, 62 33 00 W

Brown Station 64 53s 62 53 W

Air Temp: 3°C Sea Temp: 2°C Wind: NE 4 Sea state: calm.



The 6th day of our Antarctic adventure took an early start at 3.30 am when some of us woke up in sleeping bags in rain and under a grey sky on Hovgaard Island. As soon as everyone was back on Ortelius we set course to Orne Harbour to hopefully get to spend some time with the local Chinstrap Penguins breeding on the mountain ridges above the bay. At 10.30 am we set anchor and after some 200m climbing we finally reached the crest of ridge. Snowfall mixed with rain reduced visibility somewhat, but at least a couple of Chinstrap Penguins were around to say hello.



On our way through the Gerlache Strait we counted to at least 25 Humpback Whales and a few of us were lucky to spot a distant pod of Killer Whales together with Snow Petrels, Southern Fulmars and Wilson's Storm Petrels. Late in the afternoon we arrived to Brown Station, an Argentina managed research Station. Zodiac cruises offered some close-up views of a group of curious Crabeater Seals and Antarctic Cormorants while those of us that climbed the hill behind the research station had an astonishing view over Skontorp Cove and the enormous

glacier behind. For those brave enough, the last event of the day was a refreshing bath in the one degree seawater from the cliffs in front of the research Station.



Day 7 – January 19, 2018 Neko Harbour, Wilhelmina Bay.

GPS position at Neko Harbour 64°51.00'S, 062°32.5'W

Willimena Bay 64 48 00 S, 061 31.5w

Air Temp: 2°C Sea Temp: 2°C Wind: NNE 7 Sea state: 1



This was probably one of the most complete activity days we had on the schedule, combining a landing with zodiac cruise. But the preparation started the day before during recap when we got a few tips about the safety operations due to the presence of a very active glacier very close to the place we had to go at Neko harbor.



The landing spot offered a big roaming area for having nice different views of the surroundings and get the chance to see some calvins from a safe and nice perspective, not very demanding walks but good enough to move and exercise and burn some calories after the wonderful meals that Khabir and the galley team prepared on the last days.

The first walk in direction to the glacier took us though some Gentoos (and one Adelie) to a plateau section where the remainings of an Argentinean hut was used for some penguins to nest and also a few whale's bones gave shelter from the wind to these little fellows. To the other side of the place a longer and higher path took us to a panoramic viewpoint, close to some penguins.

As it was not allowed to disembark everybody ashore at the same time, the number of passengers had to be divided and half were on land and the other half went cruising for later change and give the chance to everybody to do and visit the same place. The cruise was very entertaining, driving between the ice and seeing crabeater seals resting on the ice and minke whales getting curious and approaching to the zodiacs for a few minutes to give to us a nice welcoming and show.





The afternoon arrived and we found ourselves in between glaciers at Wilhelmina bay, but this time just for a cruise between the brush ice. We were lucky to see leopard, Weddel and crabeater seals all around the place and with no wind at all which made it even better.

Unfortunately, the day was not full of good news. Checking the forecast and weather predictions, Captain Mika and the crew discovered that on our way back we were going to head straight to a storm with 65 knots of wind and 8 meters waves (sometimes up to 10 meters). Considering safety first and also being in schedule for everybody make it back home in time on the booked flights, the team took the decision of turning around one day before the original plan. When the news were told by recap, some scared faces appeared but also trusting on the Captain experience and choice.

Day 8 – January 20, 2018

At sea in the Drake

GPS position at 0800: 62°13.1'S, 058°54.0'W

Air Temp: 3°C Sea Temp: 2°C Wind: NW 6 Sea state: 10

After getting last night's news that we needed to leave the peninsula a day early it was with heavy hearts that we woke up this morning back out at sea having left the glaciated shores of the Antarctic Peninsula. Headed north again, we have some time to digest what we have seen, try and understand what we have experienced and appreciate such a wonderful place.

The sea was calm, the ship only moved a little, we weren't due to hit the heavy weather until tomorrow and the expedition team wasted no time in giving a few more informative lectures; from Jean-Baptiste Charcot an explorer of the past to oceanography and geology, the underwater world of diving in Antarctica and seals and Krill the day was packed full of information and interest, our learning not yet done for the voyage.

All day long, we had tremendous bird life around the ship, squadrons of Cape petrels kept up with us as we made our way along, the odd Black Browed albatross and one lonely Grey Headed albatross also made appearances as they whizzed by searching for their next meals. A few whale blows were spotted in the distance in the evening time a nice reminder of our experiences the day before in the Gerlache Strait.

Our daily recap showed us our progress so far on our crossing, nearly half of the distance we need to cover already behind us. We also cleared up the mystery of why ice is blue



and heard some rather long-winded poetry of why the fur side is the best side inside when dealing with the explorer's Reindeer sleeping bags.

After dinner, as a night cap, Daniel told us about some of his time spent in Dumont D'Urville as he narrated a film documenting a year around the station.



Day 9 – January 21, 2018

Drake Passage: At Sea towards Ushuaia

GPS position at 0800: 60°32.4'S, 061°09.9'W

Air Temp: 3°C Sea Temp: 3°C Wind: W 9 Sea state: 5

In the night the ship had rocked and rolled with the significant swells, bouncing and pitching along. Some of us did not get much sleep and the day was a rather quiet one, starting slow with most people taking to their cabins either to tend to their seasickness or to make up for lost sleep. Few people were at meals. The Bridge was a good place to be to keep an eye on the horizon as well as watch out for the occasional big wave breaking over *Ortelius'* bow or the lonely seabird seemingly enjoying the conditions.

It was good to experience the full fury of the sea. You could feel its energy beneath your feet with every rise and fall of the ship. It made you feel like one of the old adventurers we have learnt so much about this week.

The ship was surrounded by many seabirds big and small the most impressive being the Albatross that circled the ship.

After breakfast, Louise lectured about Early Whaling History and some of her family history in Antarctica. While the low ceiling of clouds with intermittent mist and fog banks kept on rolling through, the conditions eased somewhat in the afternoon when Kurtis gave his talk on Southern Oceanography, followed by Mick who shared part two of his penguin lecture ("Penguin Summer") with us. At Recap, we learned about the Flemish cartographer Abraham Ortelius – and that we'd probably better have an early night: On our journey north to Ushuaia, according to the forecast, wind and swell were to pick up again during the night.



Day 10 – January 12, 2018

Drake Passage: At Sea towards Ushuaia

GPS position at 0800: 56°51.6'S, 064°46.4'W

Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 6°C Wind: W 8 Sea state: 4



After a night with less ship's movement than expected, we woke to grey seas and grey skies. The wind had increased, and every now and then, spray came flying across the bow and up to the Bridge windows. The sea had shown us all her majesty and we were still smiling.



Day 11 – January 13, 2018

Ushuaia

GPS position at 0800: 54°49.0'S, 068°17.0'W

All good things come to an end, they say. Today was our last morning on the *Ortelius*. After a last night in our cabin, which had come to feel like home, it was time to move on to new adventures. We put our luggage in the corridors this morning as asked, so the crew could take it off the ship for us. After one last breakfast on board, it was time to say goodbye. Goodbye to our ship and its crew and staff, and to our new friends. Arrangements were made to stay in touch and farewells were said. We could look back on an exciting and successful trip all the way to the Antarctic Circle and to some of the most spectacular places of the Antarctic Peninsula, and all of us had many memories (and photos!) of wildlife and stunning scenery during our days at sea, Zodiac-cruising activities and shore landings.



Finally, we handed in the keys to our cabins, picked up our luggage from the pier, said goodbye to *Ortelius* and the team and made our way into Ushuaia or to the airport for our onward journeys. Maybe we'll meet again somewhere, some day!

Thank you all for such a great voyage, for your company, good humour and enthusiasm. We hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!



Total Distance Sailed: 1.869 Nautical Miles

**On behalf of
Oceanwide Expeditions,
Captain Mika Appel,
Expedition Leader Cheryl Randall,
Hotel Manager Dejan Nikolic
and all the crew and staff,
it has been a pleasure travelling with you.**

KAYAKING LOG

CUVERVILLE ISLAND, 16 January 2018, Morning

Conditions were lovely for our first kayak outing, with all kayakers keen to get started, and perhaps more than a little nervous.

We began the paddle away from the ship to the lee side of the island and spotted a little rocky island with heavy rusting metal chains attached, remnants of the early whaling era a hundred years ago. Sensing heavy wind ahead and numerous huge icebergs choking our path we doubled back and stayed within the shelter of the island. With low slung clouds obscuring the mountain tops we still witnessed the grandeur of this Channel (the Errera) and all its glaciers. What a fantastic start to the journey!



PETERMANN ISLAND, 17 January 2018, Afternoon

Here at this island we were to attempt a circumnavigation but again, huge icebergs blocked our path on the final leg that would've completed the circle. However, in the meantime we witnessed our first Adelie penguins atop a rocky outcropping and nearby found a leopard seal. Conditions were calm and beautiful with low hanging clouds. In a small cove we arranged ourselves into two lines and at the right moment held our paddles aloft so newlyweds Jay and Casey could paddle their way down the center. Sadly, we missed that we had another newlywed couple and never got the chance to repeat the mission.

From there we proceeded around the island, becoming more and more exposed to the large swells coming off the Drake Passage, outside the barrier of islands a few miles further west.

We doubled back and headed toward the landing site to view the overwintering cove of Charcot's ship the Pourquoi Pas?, gratefully accepting a ride back to the ship...our outing had been so long, and wonderful, we were starting to feel the chill.

By now all were feeling more confident and really feeling the rhythm of the swing of the paddle and appreciating the lovely company surrounding us. The group really started to gel.



SKONTORP COVE, 18 January 2018, Afternoon

This magnificent cove has a drop-dead-gorgeous backdrop of several glaciers, all forcing their way together in a tight area, making for some of the best and most beautiful paddling of the trip. On our way there we stopped off to view impossibly high nests of the Blue Eyed Shag colony...perched precariously with their fluffy and quickly growing chicks. In the rocks overhead we spotted veins of two types of minerals. Around the point we found a tiny cove with a few scattered ice bergs. The ice cliffs became a great backdrop for a photo session. Back out into the main cove we dared not venture any closer to the glacier face, as the zodiacs were privileged to do. So we stayed safely outside the brash ice field and away from a rather large berg and just viewed the entire face as we paddled parallel to it, safely away. In the meantime we witnessed three good sized calvings off the face in a far left corner...a vulnerable spot where glacier pressures appeared immense. Another glorious paddle, then back to the ship for a hot cup of coffee, or hot chocolate and the afternoon baked goodies.



NEKO HARBOUR, 19 January 2018, Morning

Again all were out in force on a lovely quiet and calm morning. We wandered through loose brash for some time, working our way further into the dead-end cove, all while eyeing warily a rather large and apparently unstable ice berg in the center. It had flaked off several times, waking us up to the reality of these potentially dangerous bergs. We were rewarded with finding Crabeater seals (they actually eat fish and squid, not crabs!), snoozing happily atop three low bergs, allowing us a view into their quiet worlds. Eat and sleep seems to be the height activity of their 'balmy' summers down here. The bergs were spaced so perfectly and evenly apart we could wander at our will between them for great photos.

Our trusty guardian for the day, guide Michael, also rewarded us with loads of great shots of us posing in various formations as well as paddling along through the brash. Another stellar day was ours. So easy was the swing of the paddle and the distances we covered we felt so at home we didn't want it to end.



The unique experience of participating in a paddling group was the way in which we bonded...we had time to get to know one another and form friendships based on our mutual interests. Whether working together as a team lowering and raising the kayaks, helping each other into and out of the kayaks, handing off paddles and paddling next to each other formed friendships we might not have otherwise experienced. It was rather like a fraternity of kindred spirits. A truly valuable experience.

We were all keenly aware of the privilege we had in this mostly quiet world, taking our time, absorbing all the beauty and spiritual offerings it gave us. It can require putting the camera away and



appreciating it with our senses, unfettered by obstacles and impediments. Nature has a way of stripping away our human baggage, bringing us to the very heart and soul of our existence, if only we take the time and patience required to see and feel it. It is so very worth the effort.



A huge thank you to our paddlers for the use of these treasured photos.

Submitted 23 January 2018

Louise Adie, Kayak Guide

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Species list: Common birds and Marine Mammals from Beagle Channel to Antarctic Peninsula

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PENGUINS					
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>	Manchot Empereur			
Adelie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>	Manchot Adélie		X	
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>	Manchot Papou			
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>	Manchot à jugulaire			
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	Manchot de Magellan	X		
ALBATROSS					
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>	Albatros hurleur		X	X
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>	Albatros royal du Nord			
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>	Albatros royal du Sud			
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	Albatros à sourcils noirs	X	X	X
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>	Albatros à tête grise			X
Light Mantled Albatross	<i>Phoebetria palpebrata</i>	Albatros fuligineux		X	X
PETRELS					
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>	Pétrel de Hall			
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	Pétrel géant	X	X	
Antarctic Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialoides</i>	Fulmar argenté		X	

Cape Petrel (Pintado)	<i>Daption capensis</i>	Damier du Cap		X	X
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>	Pétrel Antarctique			
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>	Pétrel des neiges			
Soft Plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>	Pétrel Soyeux			
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>	Pétrel bleu		X	X
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	Puffin à menton blanc		X	X
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	Puffin fuligineux		X	
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	Puffin majeur			
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>	Prion de la désolation		X	X
Slender-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila belcheri</i>	Le Prion colombe			
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachvotilaturtur</i>	Le Prion de Belcher			
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	Océanite de Wilson		X	X
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>	Océanite à ventre noir		X	X
Diving-petrel	<i>Pelecanoides sp.</i>	Puffinure		X	
SHAGS					
Rock Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax magellanicus</i>	Cormoran de Magellan	X		
Imperial (Blue Eyed) Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>	Cormoran impérial	X		
Antarctic Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis</i>	Cormoran (impérial)			
SHEATHBILLS					
Pale-faced Sheatbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>	Chionis – Bec en fourreau			
SKUAS					
Chilean Skua	<i>Catharacta chilensis</i>	Labbe du Chili	X		
South Polar Skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>	Labbe de Mac Cormick			
Sub-Antarctic (Brown) Skua	<i>Catharacta antarctica</i>	Labbe brun			
GULLS AND TERNS					
Dolphin Gull	<i>Larus scoresbii</i>	Goéland de Scoresby	X		
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	Goéland dominicain	X		
Brown-hooded Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus maculipennis</i>				
South American Tern	<i>Sterna hirundinacea</i>	Sterne hirundinacée	X		
Antarctic Tern	<i>Sterna vittata</i>	Sterne couronnée			

Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna</i>	Sterne arctique			
MAMMALS					
English	Latin	Francais			
BALEEN WHALES			13-Jan	14-Jan	15-Jan
Antarctic Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera bonaerensis</i>	Petit Rorqual antarctique			
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Mégaptère (Baleine à bosse)			X
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Baleine bleue			
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Rorqual commun			X
TOOTHED WHALES &					
Long Finned Pilot whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Globicéphale noir			
Killer Whale/Orca	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Orque (épaulard)			
Hourglass Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i>	Lagénorhynque sablier			
Dusky Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i>				
Peale's Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>	Lagénorhynque à menton noir			
SEALS					
Leopard Seal	<i>Hydrurga leptonyx</i>	Léopard de mer			
Crabeater Seal	<i>Lobodon carcinophagus</i>	Phoque crabier			
Weddell Seal	<i>Leptonychotes weddelli</i>	Phoque de Weddell			
Southern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga leonin</i>	Eléphant de mer austral			
Antarctic Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus gazella</i>	Otarie à fourrure des			X

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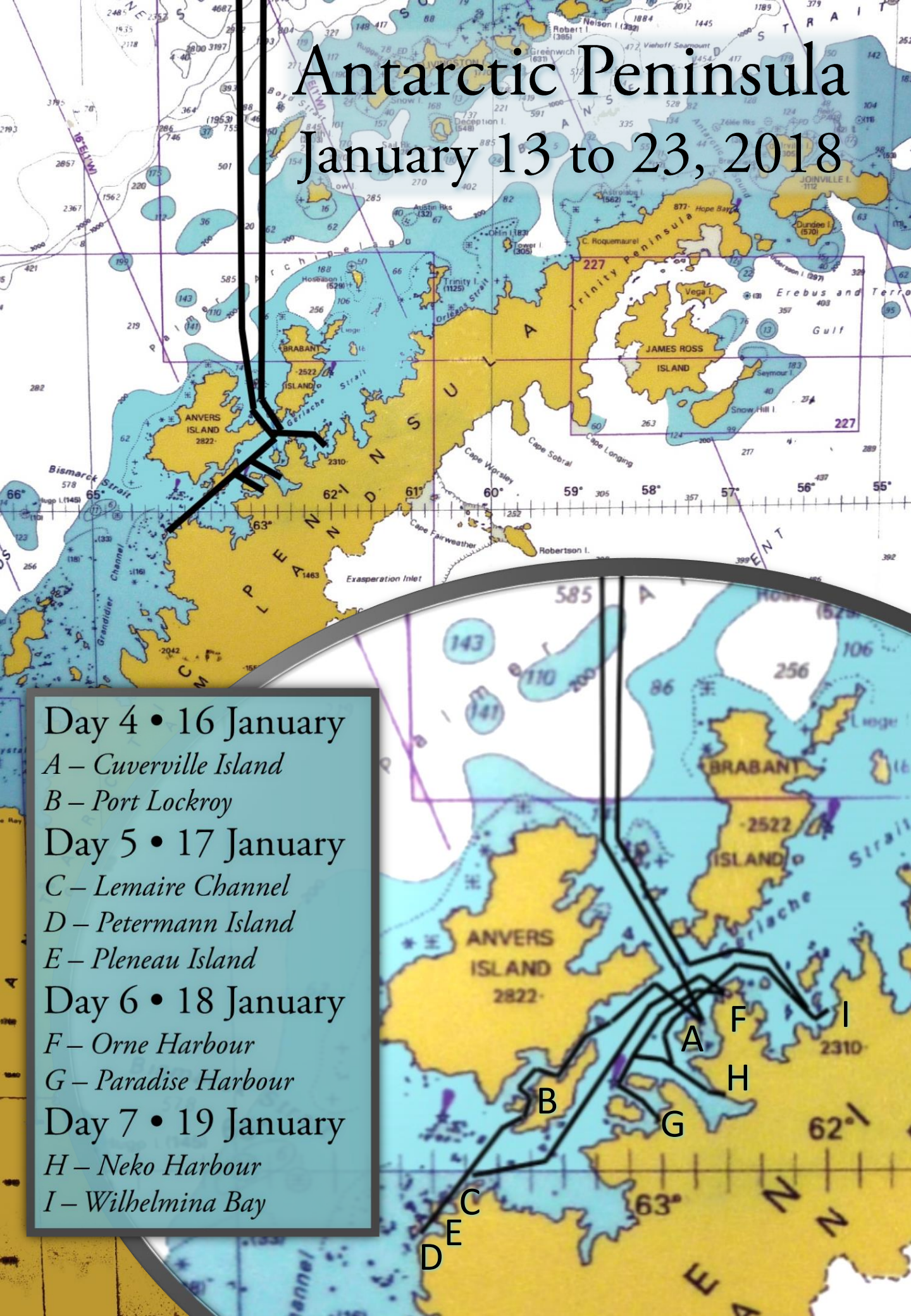
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Antarctic Peninsula

January 13 to 23, 2018



Day 4 • 16 January

A – Cuverville Island
B – Port Lockroy

Day 5 • 17 January

C – Lemaire Channel
D – Petermann Island
E – Pleneau Island

Day 6 • 18 January

F – Orne Harbour
G – Paradise Harbour

Day 7 • 19 January

H – Neko Harbour
I – Wilhelmina Bay

Cheryl Randall – Expedition Leader



An Oxford law graduate, Cheryl worked as a corporate lawyer at a leading London law firm for four years, before leaving England in pursuit of a more active, outdoor lifestyle. She then spent sixteen months driving around Australia in a Toyota Landcruiser; the perfect segway for a change of career on life's magical journey!

Cheryl decided to turn her passion for adventure to a career at sea. As a professional sailor, Cheryl sailed over 20,000nm on some of the world's most beautiful superyachts, seeking her endless summer in the Mediterranean and Caribbean, traversing the huge locks of the Panama Canal en route to the blissful isolation of a Pacific crossing. Cheryl loves all watersports; her ultimate diving highlight as a Rescue Diver has been swimming with hammerhead sharks off the Costa Rican Cocos Islands.

Always captivated by Antarctica's rich history, ancient landscapes and abundant wildlife, Cheryl has now crossed the Drake Passage sixty times to reach the great white south. Cheryl's search for sunlight takes her to the Arctic in the boreal summers, whether guiding intimate groups across the vast Canadian wilderness by canoe or sea-kayak or enjoying wildlife interactions in Svalbard, Norway. Fantastic Arctic wildlife experiences include wolves strolling in to camp, sea-kayaking with narwhal, and having a polar bear lick the bow of the ship whilst in the pack ice! In 2014, Cheryl was privileged to be part of the Victoria Strait Expedition which located Sir John Franklin's HMS Erebus (last seen in 1845), in the Canadian Arctic, earning the Erebus Medal recognising her contribution to the discovery.

Always looking for new ways to view the world, Cheryl holds her Private Pilots Licence and this summer gained her float plane rating, flying amongst the stunning 30,000 Islands of Georgian Bay, Ontario.

An avid explorer, Cheryl most recently travelled through the colours, smells and sounds of Rajasthan, India, after having fulfilled her lifelong dream of crossing Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Among her solo travels, Cheryl includes as highlights hiking up Kota Kinabalu in magical Borneo, ballooning over the Serengeti at dawn and being lucky enough to meet Lonesome George in the Galapagos Islands.

Diplômée en droit d'oxford, Cheryl travaillait comme avocat d'affaire dans un important cabinet londonien, avant de quitter l'Angleterre à la recherche d'une vie plus active et plus tournée vers la nature. Elle a alors passé 16 mois à parcourir l'Australie dans un Toyota Landcruiser: la recette parfaite pour un changement de carrière dans le parcours magique de la vie!

Cheryl décida alors de transformer sa passion pour l'aventure en une carrière en mer. En tant marin professionnel, Cheryl a navigué plus de 20 000 miles sur les plus beaux super-yachts du monde, poursuivant des étés sans fin entre la méditerranée et les caraïbes, ou passant les énormes écluses

du canal de Panama en route vers la solitude bénie d'une traversée du Pacifique. Cheryl adore tous les sports marins ; son expérience ultime en tant que Plongeur Secouriste fut de nager avec les requins-marteau au large des îles Cocos du Costa Rica.

Toujours fascinée par la riche histoire de l'Antarctique, ses paysages sans âge et son abondante vie sauvage, Cheryl a maintenant accumulé plus de 60 traversées du Drake en route vers le Grand Sud. Sa recherche du soleil la mène vers l'Arctique pendant les étés boréaux, que ce soit en guidant des petits groupes à travers les étendues sauvages canadienne en canoé et kayak de mer, ou en savourant les rencontres avec la vie sauvage au Spitsberg, Norvège. Ses plus belle expériences de l'arctique incluent des loups marchant tranquillement jusque dans le camp, du kayak de mer avec les narvals, et un ours polaire léchant la proue du bateau dans la banquise. En 2014 Cheryl a eu la chance de faire de l'Expédition du Détroit de Victoria qui a localisé le navire de Sir John Franklin, le HMS Erebus, disparu en 1845 dans l'arctique canadien, ce qui lui a valu la médaille Erebus reconnaissant sa contribution à la découverte.

Toujours à la recherche de nouvelles façons de voir le monde, Cheryl a son brevet de Pilote Privé et a obtenu cet été sa qualification pour hydravion, volant au dessus des incroyables 30000 îles de Georgian Bay, en Ontario.

Exploratrice passionnée, Cheryl a récemment voyagé à travers les couleurs, odeurs et sons du Rajasthan en Inde, après avoir accompli le rêve de sa vie en traversant la Russie à bord du Transsibérien. Parmi ses meilleurs voyages en solitaire Cheryl citerait l'ascension du Kota Kinabalu à Bornéo, un vol en ballon au dessus du Serengeti à l'aube, et avoir eu la chance de rencontrer Lonesome George dans les îles Galapagos.

Kurtis Randall – Assistant Expedition Leader



Hi there, I am excited to be one of your guides onboard! I am from a small town outside of Ottawa, Canada. Most of my time growing up was spent paddling and hiking on the lakes, rivers and forests of beautiful shield country in Ontario. I have been working in the outdoor tourism industry as a guide for over a decade, spending my summers in the Canadian arctic and sub-arctic leading multi-week canoe and sea kayak expeditions and my winters here, in the south playing around the ice. As well as being a guide and adventurer, I schooled as a geologist, I have a passion for rocks and landscapes with particular interests in earth systems and mineralogy. I am happy to talk and share some knowledge over a cup of tea or glass of whiskey in the lounge, not only on geology but on all things natural science. Above all, my biggest passion is living and playing in the outdoors and sharing those experiences with you.

Salut à tous, je suis ravi d'être un de vos guides à bord ! Je viens d'une petite ville proche d'Ottawa au Canada. L'essentiel de mon enfance fut passé à pagayer et marcher dans les lacs, rivières et forêt du bouclier canadien en Ontario. Je travaille dans le domaine du tourisme naturel comme guide depuis plus de dix ans, passant mes étés dans l'arctique Canadien à diriger des expéditions de plusieurs semaines en canoë et kayak de mer, et mes hivers ici, dans le sud, à jouer autour de la glace. En plus d'être un guide et aventurier, je suis formé comme géologue, avec une passion pour les roches et paysages, et un intérêt particulier pour les systèmes terrestre et la minéralogie. Je suis toujours heureux de discuter et de partager mes connaissances autour d'une tasse de thé ou d'un verre de whisky dans le salon, pas seulement sur la géologie mais aussi sur toute les science naturelles. Par dessus tout ma plus grande passion est de vivre et jouer à l'extérieur, et de partager ces expériences avec vous.

Sara Jenner – Expedition Guide



For as long as Sara could remember she has had a passion for travel and searching for the wildest and most remote places on earth. Back in the UK when she was only 10, she remembers trading in her favourite pink bicycle for the money to start her travel fund. Every birthday and every Christmas she added a little more in the kitty and finally, at 18 she realised her dream of diving at the Great Barrier Reef! At that point, the travel addiction was born!

Sara is a keen photographer and when she is not wrapped up warm in the polar regions she enjoys working as a photographic guide in Botswana, on the beautiful Chobe River and Okavango Delta, so really has a life of two halves.

Sara's love of wildlife and the great outdoors has taken her to all seven continents and she has travelled extensively in the polar regions including the Antarctic

Peninsula, Spitsbergen, Greenland, Iceland, Baffin Island and Canadian High Arctic. Returning to the UK, Sara used this knowledge to work in the travel industry as a polar specialist for several years, until the travel bug again hit and Sara decided to swap life on the land for a life at sea and has just enjoyed her first Arctic season as part of an expedition team.

Aussi loin qu'elle peut se rappeler Sara avait la passion des voyages et des endroits les plus sauvages et retirés de la terre. Déjà lors de son enfance en Angleterre, quand elle n'avait que 10 ans, elle se souvient d'avoir vendu son vélo rose préféré pour démarrer sa collecte de fonds pour les voyages. A chaque anniversaire et Noël elle ajoutait un peu, et à 18 ans elle a pu réaliser son rêve d'aller plonger sur la grande barrière de corail ! Ce jour là, l'addiction aux voyages avait pris racine en elle!

Sara est une photographe passionnée, et quand elle n'est pas emmitouflée chaudement dans les régions polaires, elle aime travailler comme guide photographe au Botswana, sur la magnifique rivière Chobe ou dans le delta de l'Okavango, partageant ainsi sa vie en deux parties contrastées.

L'amour de Sara pour la nature et l'extérieur l'a emmenée sur les sept continents, et elle a beaucoup voyagé dans les régions polaires incluant la Péninsule Antarctique, le Spitzberg, le Groenland, l'Islande, la Terre de Baffin et le haut-arctique Canadien. De retour en Angleterre Sara a utilisé ses connaissances pour travailler dans le tourisme et les voyages en tant que spécialiste polaire pendant des années, avant que le virus du voyage n'attaque à nouveau et qu'elle décide d'échanger sa vie à terre pour une vie en mer, ce qui l'a amenée à vivre sa première saison Arctique comme membre de l'équipe de guides.

Louise Adie, Kayak Guide



Trinidadian born Louise has been enthralled with the natural world all her life, encouraged by her Norwegian parents. She's currently a passionate consumer of historical tales, particularly those involving the human exploration of the polar regions of the world.

For the past eight years she has lectured aboard eco tourism cruise ships about the various players in the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. She has even given the toast numerous times at the graveside of Sir Ernest Shackleton.

In the past two years she has written and acted in two one-act, one-woman plays about luminary Antarctic explorers British Sir Ernest Shackleton and Norwegian Roald Amundsen. Her next play will be about Australian Douglas Mawson.

Setting the stage for this hunger for human exploration, her great grandfather, Alexander Lange, was the first Norwegian whaling manager to begin the taking of whales in Antarctica in 1905, after having worked in the Arctic areas surrounding Svalbard for twenty years.

Now entering her fourteenth year in the expedition cruising world, Louise has worked on ships from the Antarctic to the Arctic as both a kayak guide and a historian.

Living in the US most of her life, Louise has recently been published in two important periodicals, WoodenBoat Magazine and Sea History Magazine. Both articles were focused on the recently launched Norwegian Viking ship, the Draken Harald Harfagre, and its exploratory voyages through the North Sea, the East coast of Greenland and into the Great Lakes of the US.

Native de Trinidad, Louise a été emballée par le monde naturel toute sa vie, encouragée par ses parents Norvégiens. Elle est actuellement une consommatrice passionnée de récits historiques, particulièrement ceux traitant de l'exploration humaines des régions polaires du monde.

Durant les 8 dernières années elle a donné des conférences à bord de bateaux de croisière sur les différents acteurs de l'âge héroïque de l'exploration de l'Antarctique. Elle a aussi plusieurs fois donné le vin d'honneur sur la tombe de Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Dans les deux dernières années elle a écrit et joué deux pièces en un acte pour une actrice, à propos des explorateurs antarctique éclairés, l'Anglais Sir Ernest Shackleton et le Norvégien Roald Amundsen. Sa prochaine pièce sera au sujet de l'Australien Douglas Mawson.

Pour expliquer cette faim pour l'exploration humaine, Louise mentionne son arrière-grand père Alexander Lange, qui fut le premier patron baleinier Norvégien à commencer les prises en Antarctique en 1905, après avoir travaillé dans les régions arctiques autour du Spitsberg pendant 20 ans.

Entrant maintenant dans sa quatorzième année dans le monde des croisières expéditions, Louise a travaillé sur des bateaux de l'Antarctique à l'Arctique, aussi bien en tant que guide kayakiste que comme historienne.

Vivant au Etats-Unis pour la plus grande partie de sa vie, Louise a récemment publié dans deux périodiques importants, les magazines WoodenBoat et Sea History. Les deux articles portaient sur le bateau viking Norvégien récemment mis à l'eau, le Draken Harald Harfagre, et ses voyages d'exploration à travers la mer du nord, le long du Groenland Est et vers les grands lacs américains.

Benjamin Giunchi – Expedition Guide



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Ben comes from the country side of Argentina, known as “The Pampas”. Since very young experienced nature but after a few years traveling around the country he discovered his passion about Patagonia and the mountains. This also woke up a curiosity about glaciers and wildlife and he became a guide around El Calafate and El Chaltén.

Having the chance to share some time with people around the world, he turned into a Tour Leader to expand his knowledge about culture in South America and took a few courses that could take him closer to his dream... Antarctica!!!

As we are probably hitting a dram together, I invite you to share all the good vibes and enjoy a unique place in the world and your life... WELCOME TO YOUR ADVENTURE!!

Ben vient de la campagne argentine, “la Pampa”. Depuis son plus jeune âge il était passionné de nature, mais c’est en voyageant dans son pays qu’il a découvert sa passion pour la Patagonie et les montagnes. Cela éveilla une curiosité pour les glaciers et la vie sauvage, et il devint guide autour d’El Calafate et El Chaltén.

Ayant eu la chance de passer du temps avec des gens du monde entier, il devient responsable de voyages pour approfondir ses connaissances des cultures de l’Amérique du sud, et prends quelques cours pour s’approcher de son rêve... l’Antarctique !

Pendant que nous touchons à ce rêve ensemble, je vous invite à partager les bonnes vibrations et à savourer un endroit unique au monde, un moment unique dans votre vie... BIENVENUE DANS VOTRE AVENTURE !

Martin Berg – Expedition Guide



Martin's passion for birds and mammals has brought him all over the globe in his search for rare species. He has always been drawn to adventures and has participated in numerous expeditions into the Amazon rainforest, the Arctic, Caucasus, and the Himalayas to study rare and endangered bird species. He has also spent several seasons studying seabirds on islands in the North Atlantic Ocean and around New Zealand and as well as conducted at-sea surveys on seabirds and marine mammals in waters around Antarctica.

Martin has studied biology at Lund University in Sweden and marine biology at Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre in Canada and is currently doing his PhD at Stockholm University where he is investigating what impact overfishing has on seabird survival and population dynamics. Martin is skilled in bird and mammal identification, and while almost always focused with his binoculars, busy finding birds and whales, he always welcomes a good chat about ecology and conservation.

La passion de Martin pour les oiseaux et mammifères l'a emmené dans tous les coins du globe à la recherche d'espèces rares. Toujours attiré par l'aventure il a participé à de nombreuses expéditions dans l'Amazonie, l'Arctique, le Caucase, et l'Himalaya pour étudier les espèces rares et menacées. Il a aussi passé plusieurs saisons à étudier les oiseaux marins des îles de l'Atlantique Nord et autour de la Nouvelle Zélande, et conduit des recensements en mer des oiseaux et mammifères marins dans les eaux de l'océan austral.

Martin a étudié la biologie à l'université de Lund en Suède, la biologie marine au centre des sciences marines de Bamfield au Canada, et il est actuellement doctorant à l'université de Stockholm où il étudie les impacts de la surpêche sur la survie et la dynamique des populations d'oiseaux marins. Martin est spécialisé dans l'identification des oiseaux et mammifères, mais bien qu'ils soient toujours les yeux dans ses jumelles occupé à trouver des oiseaux et baleines, il est aussi heureux d'une bonne discussion sur l'écologie et la conservation.

Daniel Rodary – Expedition Guide



Daniel RODARY is an ecologist by training, with a master in wildlife and habitat management from University of Quebec in Rimouski, and a first specialisation on Emperor Penguin in Antarctica.

He overwintered in the French station of Dumont D'Urville, tracking penguins in winter and in the pack-ice with satellite and dive-recording loggers. These 15 months in antarctica were completed with 2 winter scientific expeditions on the Aurora Australis, the icebreaker of the Australian Antarctic Division.

In Spitzbergen he started with an amateur expedition of 800 km from Longyearbyen to Smeerenburg and back, with a friend, travelling in a Zodiac and camping on shores.

Daniel started guiding in polar regions in 2002, and has since been in Spitzbergen and West Greenland, and the also in warmer water on the Orinoco river in Venezuela.

Among various jobs he was fisheries observers off Newfoundland, and program manager at The Cousteau Society, where he managed polar programs and integrated development programs in the Red Sea. He is now coordinator of a reforestation program in Haiti, Mexico and India for the NGO Biomimicry Europa, which deals with Biomimicry, sustainable innovation inspired by nature.

Daniel RODARY est biologiste, formé au Québec à la gestion de la faune et de ses habitats, avec une première spécialisation de recherche sur les manchots empereurs en Antarctique, où il a effectué un hivernage à les suivre par satellite et enregistreurs de plongée dans la zone de la banquise et du pack, en plein hiver austral.

Ce passage en antarctique a été complété par deux expéditions hivernales avec les expéditions polaires Australiennes à bord du brise-glace Aurora Australis. Il a aussi effectué quelques voyages au Spitzberg, où il a débuté avec une croisière en autonomie complète sur 800 km en Zodiac ; et deux saisons sur la côte ouest du Groenland. Dans les zones plus chaudes, son travail de guide l'a amené plusieurs fois dans la forêt vierge du delta de l'Orénoque. Il s'intéresse au changement climatique, aux programmes scientifiques internationaux, aux pêcheries et à la gestion durable des écosystèmes marins. Au sein de l'Equipe Cousteau il a géré les programmes polaires, les relations avec les institutions internationales, les chaires d'écotechnie avec l'UNESCO, et a participé à la coordination des programmes de développement intégré des zones côtières en Mer Rouge.

Il est depuis mi-2009 coordinateur de Biomimicry Europa, association pionnière sur le biomimétisme durable en Europe. Il y gère l'ensemble du réseau et les projets principaux, avec entre autres le programme « Arbres Sauveurs » associant des arbres aux propriétés spécifiques avec des systèmes agro-forestiers en boucles fermées inspirés des écosystèmes forestiers, et l'exposition sur le biomimétisme en collaboration avec l'architecte Luc Schuiten.

Michael Green – Expedition Guide



I have always loved the Sea and so joined the Navy as soon as I left School. In the Navy I became a diver and have enjoyed diving and instructing all over the world.

I joined Oceanwide Expeditions three years ago as a dive guide and have led and guided both in the Arctic and the Antarctic. I love both equally. Antarctica is one of the most special places on this planet in my opinion.

I am in my third year of a photography art degree and love seeing your photos they are all fantastic and capture different aspects of what we are going

to see. If you need any help with your camera or your photos just ask. White balance is a favourite as our cameras aren't used to an all white background.

I look forward to helping you get the most from your holiday so please don't be frightened to ask any questions you may have.

My only tip for your trip is to take the time to look, then see and most importantly think. Put your camera down once in a while and enjoy your surroundings. The photos you take will be all the better for it. They will trigger your memories of the sounds, smells and amazing things you are about to see. The nicest moments are when you can be quiet and relaxed, stop listen to the silence and think where you are. Not many people get to do what you are doing so savor every second.

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

J'ai toujours aimé la mer et me suis donc engagé dans la Marine dès ma sortie de l'école. Dans la Marine je suis devenu plongeur et j'ai pu plonger et entraîner des plongeurs aux quatre coins du globe.

J'ai rejoint Oceanwide Expeditions il y a trois ans comme guide de plongée, et ai guidé et dirigé des groupes dans l'Arctique et l'Antarctique. J'aime les deux. L'Antarctique est à mon avis un des endroits les plus spéciaux de la planète.

Je suis en troisième année d'un diplôme en photographie artistique et j'adore regarder vos photos qui sont toutes fantastiques et capturent différents aspects de ce que nous voyons. Si vous avez besoin du moindre conseil ou d'aide avec vos appareils ou vos photos n'hésitez pas à venir m'en parler. La balance des blancs est l'un de mes favoris car nos appareils ne sont pas habitués à un fond blanc uniforme.

Je me réjouis de vous aider à tirer le meilleur de votre voyage, donc n'hésitez pas à me poser toute question que vous pourriez avoir.

Mon seul conseil est de prendre le temps pour regarder, pour voir et de façon plus importante, pour penser. Posez votre appareil de temps en temps et savourez ce qui vous entoure. Les photos que vous prendrez n'en seront que meilleures. Elles seront des rappels des sons, odeurs et aspects incroyables de tout ce que vous allez voir.

Les meilleurs moments sont quand vous pouvez être silencieux et relaxés, arrêtés pour écouter le silence et penser à l'endroit où vous êtes. Peu de gens ont la chance de faire ce que vous faites, alors savourez chaque seconde.

Je me réjouis de vous aider à vivre une aventure Antarctique en toute sécurité.

Isabelle Murat - Doctor on board - Médecin à bord



I am born in 1952. I have done my medical studies in Strasbourg and my residency in Paris. I am anesthesiologist since 1984.

I was chairman of the department of anesthesiology in Armand Trousseau hospital in Paris from 1991 until 2010.

I am now retired. One to twice a year I am the doctor on board for Oceanwide ships in Arctic and Antarctic since 2011. I am also ship doctor on Aranui in French Polynesian islands.

I am still working as anesthesiologist for a nonprofit organization "La chaîne de l'espoir", and I am doing medical missions in Lao Democratic Republic.

Née en 1952, j'ai fait mes études de médecine à Strasbourg puis mon internat à Paris. Je suis spécialiste en anesthésie-réanimation et j'exerce comme anesthésiste depuis 1982.

J'ai été chef du service d'anesthésie-réanimation de l'hôpital Armand Trousseau à Paris entre 1991 et 2010.

Actuellement à la retraite, je suis médecin à bord sur les bateaux d'Oceanwide une ou deux fois par an en Arctique et en Antarctique depuis 2011 et également médecin à bord de l'Aranui aux Marquises.

Je continue mon activité d'anesthésiste pour une ONG « la Chaîne de l'Espoir ». A ce titre, j'effectue plusieurs missions médicales par an au Laos.



Captain Mika Appel

and his international crew of 49

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Assist. Hotel Manager:	Sava Savov	[Bulgaria]
Head Chef:	Khabir Moraes	[India]
Sous Chef:	Richard Arokiasamy	[Malaysia]
Ship's Physician:	Isabelle Murat	[France]

and

Expedition Leader:	Cheryl Randall	[United Kingdom]
Assist. Expedition Leader:	Kurtis Randall	[Canada]
Expedition Guide:	Martin Berg	[Sweden]
Expedition Guide:	Ben Giunchi	[Argentina]
Expedition Guide:	Louise Adie	[United States]
Expedition Guide:	Sara Jenner	[United Kingdom]
Expedition Guide:	Michael Green	[United Kingdom]
Expedition Guide:	Daniel Rodery	[France]

Welcome you on board!



Saturday 13th January, 2018

Welcome on Board!

Your luggage will be delivered to your cabin as soon as possible. After we are all onboard, please check and notify Reception if you are missing anything or have the wrong luggage. While we are embarking please feel free to explore the ship. The lounge is located on Deck 6.

~17.00 **Mandatory Safety Briefing in the Lecture Room (Deck 3).**
ALL PASSENGERS are **required** to attend this important safety briefing.

We will conduct the mandatory Lifeboat Drill right after. Please listen for the Alarm.

~18.00 Approximate sailing time. As we leave Ushuaia we recommend that you enjoy the views from the outside decks.
Please Note: The Bridge will be closed for departure while we navigate the Beagle Channel.

18.30 Soon after sailing we would like to invite you to the **Lounge** (Deck 6) for a **welcome briefing** by Expedition Leader Cheryl Randall and an introduction to the ship by Hotel Manager Dejan Nikolic.

Afterwards there will be Captain's Cocktails with Captain Mika Appel. You will also meet the rest of the Expedition Team.

19.30 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room located on **Deck 4** behind **Reception**. Bon appétit!



Sunday 14th January, 2018

Drake Passage

- 08.00 **Breakfast buffet** is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- We encourage you to wrap up warm and take a stroll on the outside decks to enjoy the ocean and seabirds.
- 09.00 Please listen for announcements as we call you deck by deck to **collect a pair of rubber boots** from the Lecture Room, yours to use for the duration of the voyage. Bring your thick socks to get the right size.
- 10.30 Please meet in the Lounge for the mandatory **International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO) briefing in English** with Cheryl. **Everyone must attend.**
- 10.30 At the same time, Daniel will be in the Lecture Room giving the mandatory **International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO) briefing in French**. **Everyone must attend.**
- 11.30 **Vacuum Party!** As required by IAATO, please come to the Lounge to vacuum camera bags, backpacks, pockets and velcro of pants and outer jackets that you plan to take ashore. We'll call you deck-by-deck to minimise queues. Staff will be here to help you. Once you've completed your vacuuming please sign the biosecurity declaration.
- 12.30 A **buffet lunch** will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 14.00 Join Martin for his talk: **Sea Birds: Masters of the Sea and Sky**. He will be in the Lounge discussing the birds we have been seeing around the ship, in English.
- 14.00 At the same time and in French, join Alain in the Lecture Room for his talk **Albatross** to gain some insight into these magnificent creatures flying with us on our way down to Antarctica.
- 15.30 Louise will give an important briefing for the **Kayakers** in the Lecture Room.
- 17.00 Join Christophe in the Lounge to learn about the **Discovery of Antarctica**, in French.
- 17.00 At the same time and in English, join Michael in the Lecture Room to learn about **Douglas Mawson** and his remarkable adventures in Antarctica.
- 18.30 Join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for our first Daily Recap.
- 19.00 Dinner is served in the Dining Room.



Monday 15th January, 2018

Drake Passage

- 08.00 Breakfast buffet is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 11.00 Join Christophe in the Lounge to learn about the **Discovery of Antarctica**, in French.
- 11.00 At the same time and in English, join Michael in the Lecture Room to learn about **Douglas Mawson** and his remarkable adventures in Antarctica.
- 12.30 A buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 14.00 Please join Kurtis in the Lecture Room for a **mandatory briefing in English** on the **Zodiac procedures** we'll be following to get on and off the vessel. Everyone must attend this essential talk.
- 14.00 At the same time in the Lounge, Daniel will be giving the same **Mandatory Zodiac briefing in French**.
- 16.00 Join Martin in the Lounge for his presentation on **Penguins**, in English.
- 16.00 At the same time, join Nathanael in the Lecture Room for his presentation on **Penguins**, in French.
- 17.00 Louise will give an important briefing for the Kayakers in the Helicopter Hangar on Deck 6 at the back of the ship. Bring the base layers you intend to wear in the kayaks.
- 18.30 Join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for our Daily Recap.
- 19.00 Dinner is served in the Dining Room.



Tuesday 16th January, 2018

Cuverville Island, Neumayer Channel, Port Lockroy

Today we hope to visit the largest Gentoo penguin colony on the Antarctic Peninsula at Cuverville Island. After passing through the beautiful Neumayer Channel, we hope to visit the Penguin Post Office at Port Lockroy. Don't forget to bring your dollars, pounds or euros!

- 07.00 Breakfast buffet is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 07.30 **Kayakers meet Louise** in reception dressed in your kayaking equipment. Gangway for kayakers will be at 08.00.
- 08.00 **Excursion at Cuverville Island.** Gangway will begin for the **English-speaking group**, who will come ashore before later cruising.
- 08.30 **Gangway for the Grands Espaces French-speaking group** who will zodiac cruise before coming ashore.
- 12.30 A buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 16.00 **Excursion at Port Lockroy. Gangway for group Albatross** who will come to shore before later zodiac cruising.
- 16.30 **Gangway for group Krill** who will cruise before coming to shore.
- 19.00 Join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for our Daily Recap.
- 19.30 Dinner is served in the Dining Room.

Timings may change throughout the day, so listen for announcements.



Wednesday 17th January, 2018

Penola Strait

Today we hope to visit the Adelie penguins on Petermann Island in the morning and then Pleneau Island with great iceberg zodiac cruising in the afternoon.

Today we would like everyone to:

- walk slowly and quietly onshore
- pay close attention to what is around you
- stick closely to the red poles
- respect the five metre distance to penguins

- 06.00 Your early morning wake-up call.
- 06.30 Passage through the beautiful Lemaire Channel.
- 07.30 Breakfast buffet is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 08.30 **Kayakers meet Louise** in reception dressed and ready in your kayaking gear. Gangway for kayakers will be at 09.00.
- 09.00 **Excursion at Peterman Island.** The first 9 zodiacs will come to shore and the last 3 zodiacs will go on a zodiac cruise before coming ashore. Please wait for the last three zodiacs at gangway if you would like to cruise this morning. Midway through the excursion, the cruisers will come ashore and if you would like to cruise at that point, come down to the shore.
- 13.00 A buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 14.30 **Kayakers meet Louise** in reception dressed and ready in your kayaking gear. Gangway for kayakers will be at 15.00.
- 15.00 **Excursion at Pleneau Island and Iceberg Alley. Group Krill** will come to gangway first to come ashore before cruising.
- 15.30 **Gangway for Group Albatross** who will zodiac cruise before coming ashore.
- 19.00 Join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for our Daily Recap.
- 19.30 Buffet dinner is served in the Dining Room for one hour.



Thursday 18th January, 2018

Orne Harbour, Brown Station in Paradise Harbour

Today we are planning two continental landings!

A visit to a chinstrap colony at Orne Harbour in the morning and in the afternoon to Brown Station and Skontorp Cove in beautiful Paradise Harbour.

- 04.00 Early morning pick-up for the campers followed by a gentle call from the bridge once the campers are back on board before we pass back through the Lemaire Channel.
- 08.00 Breakfast buffet is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 11.00 **Excursion at Orne Harbour.** Gangway will begin for the **English-speaking group**, who will come ashore before later cruising.
- 11.30 **Gangway for the Grands Espaces French-speaking group** who will zodiac cruise before coming ashore.
- 13.30 A buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 16.00 **Kayakers meet Louise** in reception dressed in your kayaking gear. Gangway for kayakers will be at 16.30.
- 16.30 **Excursion at Brown Station.** Gangway will begin for the **English-speaking group**, who will come ashore before later cruising in Skontorp Cove.
- 17.00 **Gangway for the Grands Espaces French-speaking group** who will zodiac cruise in Skontorp Cove before coming ashore.
- 19.30 Buffet dinner is served in the Dining Room.
- 21.00 Join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for our Daily Recap.



Friday 19th January, 2018

Neko Harbour, Wilhelmina Bay

This morning we are visiting Neko Harbour in Andvord Bay, Gentoo Penguins and beautiful views await us. In the afternoon, we will have a zodiac cruise in Wilhelmina Bay, In search of our large flippered friends.

- 07.30 Breakfast buffet is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 09.00 **Excursion at Neko Harbour.** Gangway will begin for the **English-speaking group**, who will come ashore before later cruising.
- 09.30 **Gangway for the Grands Espaces French-speaking group** who will zodiac cruise before coming ashore.
- 12.30 A buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 15.30 **Zodiac Cruise in Wilhelmina Bay for the Grands Espaces French-speaking group**
- 17.00 **Zodiac Cruise in Wilhelmina Bay for the English-speaking group.**
- 19.00 Join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for our Daily Recap.
- 19.30 Dinner is served in the Dining Room.



Saturday 20th January, 2018

Drake Passage

After we depart from the Antarctic Peninsula, we anticipate some larger waves as we begin our crossing of the Drake Passage. Remember to reorganise your cabin to Drake-proof your valuables and to take your sea-sickness medication.

- 08.00 Breakfast buffet is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 09.30 Join Louise in the Lecture Room for her much anticipated presentation on **Jean-Baptiste Charcot, the Polar Gentleman**, in English & simultaneously translated into French with headsets.
- 11.00 Michael will be in the Lounge with tales of **Diving in Antarctica**. Join him to hear all about exploring the underwater world in the polar regions. In English.
- 11.00 At the same time and in French, join Christophe in the Lecture Room for his talk on **Noise of the Oceans**.
- 12.30 A buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 14.00 The perfect time to learn about the oceans is whilst sailing on them. Join Kurtis in the Lecture Room to learn about **Oceanography and the Geology of Antarctica**, in English.
- 14.00 At the same time and in French, join Marianne and Nathanael in the Lounge to learn about **Oceanic Currents and Threats on the Poles**.
- 16.00 Join Martin in the Lounge for his talk on **Krill and Seals**, in English.
- 16.00 At the same time and in French, join Alain for his talk **Comparing the Arctic and Antarctic**, in the Lecture Room.
- 18.30 Join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for our Daily Recap.
- 19.00 Dinner is served in the Dining Room.
- 20.30 In the Lounge Daniel will be showing a movie on **Overwintering in Dumont D'Urville**, with light commentary in both English and French.



Sunday 21st January, 2018

Drake Passage

If we have heavy weather, we may close the outer decks. Should you find the outside doors shut and locked with the silver handles, for your safety, please do not open the doors and go outside. Portholes on Deck 3 and 4 must remain closed.

- 08.00 Breakfast buffet is served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 10.30 Join Louise in the Lounge to learn about **Early Whaling History**, in English.
- 10.30 At the same time and in French, join Nathanael in the Lecture Room to learn about **Whale and Seal Hunters**.
- 12.30 A buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 14.00 Michael will be in the Lounge talking about Frank Hurley's photographs. In English, with simultaneous translation in French.
- 16.00 Join Daniel in the Lounge for his talk on **Polar Biomimicry; Innovation Inspired by Nature**, simultaneously presented in French and English.
- 18.30 Join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for our Daily Recap.
- 19.00 Dinner is served in the Dining Room.

Please remember to keep one hand for the ship. Keep fingers out of door frames and keep doors closed and latched when not in use.

If you aren't feeling well stay in your cabin; staff will bring around fruit and water at meal times.



Monday 22nd January, 2018

Drake Passage

- 08.00 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 10.30 Join Louise in the Lounge for her re-telling of the incredible **Endurance story** of Shackleton's amazing and successful efforts to bring all 28 men back alive after losing their ship to the ice, then living on the ice for almost a year. In English translated simultaneously in French with the headsets.
- 12.30 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
- 14.00 As we sail ever closer to South America, we would like to show a short film in the Lounge called **Rounding Cape Horn**, an entertaining account of traveling through these waters by then sailor, now Captain, Irving Johnson narrating his original footage aboard one of the last square-rigged sailing ships to make the infamous journey around the cape. This will be translated simultaneously in French with the headsets.
- 15.00 Another adventure before reaching Ushuaia: **Settling Your Accounts** at reception! Please listen for announcements as DJ and Sava will call you deck by deck.
- At the same time, we will call alternate decks down to the Lecture Room to collect **rubber boots and lifejackets**. Please stand-by for your deck to be called.
- 18.00 As we reach calmer waters, the Expedition Team invite you to the Lounge for a final recap of our voyage followed by **Captain's Cocktails**.
- 19.00 Dinner is served in the Dining Room.



Tuesday 23rd January, 2018

Arrival in Ushuaia & Disembarkation

The bridge, bow and aft will be closed this morning.

Please **put your check-in luggage in the corridor** outside your cabin **before breakfast**. It will be brought to the pier for you.

07.30 Breakfast buffet available for one hour in the Dining Room.

During breakfast the stewards will make a start changing the beds, but of course you are welcome to leave your hand luggage on the table, and to use the bathroom in your cabins after breakfast.

After breakfast, we will announce when the ship has been cleared (by the Argentine Customs Officials). Please do not step ashore before you hear an announcement that the ship has been cleared!

It helps us a lot if you DO NOT wait in reception please.

Once the ship is clear, you'll be able to head down to the pier to identify your luggage.

We anticipate that buses will be ready for disembarkation at around 08.30 if we have cleared Customs by that time. Do listen for announcements for disembarkation and bus timings.

For those of you heading into town or to local hotels, taxis will be available from the end of the pier, a short walk from our berth.

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Mika Appel,
and all the crew and staff, it has been a pleasure travelling with you and
we hope to welcome you back on board again soon!