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Ice Age 3 x 60

11th June – 15th June 2018

M/V 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

Including:

Chief Officer:	Artur Iakoviev	[Russia]
2nd Officer:	Romanas Vicas	[Lithuania]
3rd Officer:	Luis Oroceo	[Phillipines]
Chief Engineer:	Teunis van't Verlaat	[Netherlands]
Hotel Manager:	Michael Frauendorfer	[Austria]
Assist. Hotel Manager:	Gabor Ferencz	[Hungary]
Head Chef:	Khabir Moraes	[India]
Sous Chef:	Ivan Yuriychuk	[Ukraine]
Ship's Physician:	Nicolette Bester	[South Africa]

AND

Expedition Leader:	Michael Ginzburg	[Russia/Germany]
Assist. Expedition Leader:	Ali Liddle	[UK]
Expedition Guide:	Lynn Woodworth	[Canada]
Expedition Guide:	Frigga Kruse	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Adam Turner	[UK]
Expedition Guide:	Julia Wellner	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Marie Brekkhus	[Norway]
Expedition Guide:	Detlef Damaske	[Germany]

Day 1 – Monday 11th June 2018

Embarkation – Longyearbyen

GPS 08.00 Position: 078°13'N / 015°36'E

Wind: Light Air. Sea State: In Port. Weather: Overcast. Air Temp: +4°C. Sea Temp: +3°C.



Longyearbyen is situated at 78° north and, as such is one of the world's most northerly settlements. It grew up as a coal mining town but now is home to around 2,100 residents who live and work here all year round. This number temporarily swells during the summer months with the arrival of thousands of visitors on cruise ships.

We had arrived at the airport a little later than scheduled but we still had some time to explore the town and buy a few postcards and souvenirs and maybe have a coffee before we

had to make our way down to the port to board Plancius.

We were met at the gangway by the Expedition staff who embarked us 10 at a time up the gangway where we were taken to Reception to be checked in by our Hotel Managers Michael, DJ and their assistant Gabor.

From here we were shown to our cabins by the very welcoming hotel staff and found our luggage already there.

We had some time to familiarise ourselves with our cabin before we were called to the Lounge for a briefing from our Hotel Manager, Michael who explained some of the procedures on board Plancius, our home for the next few days. By this time we were departing the pier so we had some time on deck in the sunshine before we were called back to the Lounge for the



mandatory safety briefing which was given by our 3rd Officer Luis Oroceo. This gave us all the information we needed about safety on board the ship and prepared us for the lifeboat drill that was to follow. We heard the abandon ship alarm and gathered at the muster station, the Lounge, wearing our big orange life jackets, the only time we hope to be wearing them. After the roll call we were taken out to the lifeboats to see where they were located and how we would embark if required.



We met in the Lounge once again to meet with our Captain Evgeny Levakov who explained a little bit about our forthcoming trip and then we toasted our voyage with champagne.

It was then a chance to meet the rest of the Expedition team, who will be guiding us safely here in Svalbard for this trip. We have an international team on board with a wealth of experience both here in the Arctic and Antarctica Our Expedition leader, Michael Ginzburg gave us a little

more information about our plans for the trip. He showed us an ice chart and it was clear to see that the pack ice is a long way north this year and on a short 4 day trip it will be impossible to reach this line of ice. It was then time for dinner, which was a chance to meet with our fellow passengers before our last task of the day which was to collect our rubber boots and zodiac life jackets from the boot room. With 24 hours of daylight many of us enjoyed some time out on deck during the evening spotting Fulmars, Guillemots, Kittiwakes and the tiny Little auks. It was a very pleasant evening on board.

Day 2 – Tuesday 12th June 2018

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GPS 08:00 Position: 078°59'N / 011°28'E

Wind: N 4/5. Sea State: Slight. Weather: Overcast. Air Temp: +1°C. Sea Temp: +2°C.



Our first morning of the voyage started with the sound of Michael's voice, gently waking us at 07:15. While it was a bit windy, and there was some low light sea fog, conditions were very promising. After visiting the breakfast buffet, we were called to the lounge for our mandatory briefings. As we are operating in Polar bear territory, it is essential that we understand the risks, responsibilities and tricks necessary to keep us - and the wildlife - safe.

The briefings also explained the Zodiac (small boat) operations, so we were all set to go ashore when we arrived at our intended landing place for the morning. By the time we had also viewed a short animation about how

to behave in the Arctic, prepared by AECO, the organisation for Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators, we had arrived on location. We were at Ny London, on Blomstrandhalvoya in Kongsfjord, Northwestern Spitsbergen.

Excited to begin our adventure on shore, we quickly gathered at the gangway and made our way into the Zodiac boats. It was a little windy and there was some swell at the gangway, but we took our time and got ashore (mostly) dry. We landed in a small cove, with two buildings directly above us, and rusting machinery beyond that. The small collection of huts and equipment, grandly called Camp Mansfield, was established by John Mansfield, a prospector who thought the island's marble could be quarried and shipped to Europe to be sold. War and the Great Depression meant that his vision was never realised.



We broke into our walking groups and began exploring the area. Most of us started by joining Frigga at the huts, where she explained some of the history of the location, grounding us in the Arctic in the 1910s. Depending on the group we had chosen to join, we set off in different directions across the tundra, searching out views, wildlife and history as we went. The stark landscape was dotted with the occasional reindeer, birds including ducks and skuas were spotted, and Purple saxifrage bloomed beneath our feet. All too soon, we were back down at the landing beach, in our lifejackets, and on a Zodiac heading back to



the ship. Lunch was calling us! Back up the gangway, we quickly stripped out of our heavy gear and headed for the lounge or dining room.

After a short afternoon break, we were arriving at 14th July Glacier, where we planned a combined landing and Zodiac cruise. Named for Bastille Day by Duke Albert I of Monaco. This glacier is a tidal glacier, with a floating tongue of ice coming out into the sea and calving icebergs regularly. Half of us started with a landing on a strip of tundra below a bird cliff swarming with Kittiwakes, where we walked along to admire the views, watch reindeer and explore the area. A small exposed natural quarry had a melt pool and flowering garden,

with yellow Draba and Purple saxifrage thriving in the shelter and warmth. The tundra itself was full of little things to explore, with feathers, bones, scat and fascinating rocks all catching our attention.



Meanwhile, the second half of the group went Zodiac cruising along the glacier front, where the blue of the older ice was obvious and very beautiful. We investigated a little iceberg, took photos with an Ice Age theme, and listened to the ice crackle around us, then headed past the landing site to a small bird cliff with Brünnichs guillemots, Black guillemots, the occasional gull, and one lone Puffin breeding in the safest spots they can claim. Proof that it is worthwhile searching out a good nest site came on four legs, when an Arctic fox arrived on the scene, sniffing around for a meal or two. Still wearing some of his white winter fur, he was surprisingly small, and dark grey with a bright white middle.

Back in the Lounge after our excursion, we chatted, learned a little about the local birds, and heard from Michael that we will have the opportunity to do a longer walk tomorrow. Dinner was a noisy affair, where we continued to catch up with old friends and make new ones. After the main meal, there was a special presentation to 'encourage' the ice bears to come and visit us, with a group leading a Karaoke session that we all joined in on for the second round. Everybody had a good laugh, and we moved up to the Lounge again for more socialising before bed.



Day 3 – Wednesday 13th June 2018

Tordenskjoldbukta and Alkhornet

GPS 08.00 Position: 078°17'N / 012°53'E

Wind: NW 3. Sea State: Smooth. Weather: Clear. Air Temp: +3°C. Sea Temp: +2°C.



After a late night for some, we were called to breakfast. Those that were to take part in the long hike had the chance to make their lunch to pack away in their bags along with their drinks and extra warm clothing.

We made a landing at Tordenskjoldbukta and the long hikers set off, not to be seen again for several hours. It was a large group but with Michael, Marie and the Doctor they were in safe hands.

Those of us that remained in the area split into 3 groups with two medium hiking groups and a leisurely stroll group. One of the medium hike groups, led by Frigga went inland first while Ali led a group along the shore. The coastal walk was beautiful with fabulous rock formations, including sea stacks and cliffs, most of which had Barnacle geese sitting on them and nesting Glaucous gulls. A skull, complete with a huge set of antlers and backbone was found and Ali looked for clues and did some detective work to work out that it was an old male that had died in late summer and it had

been eaten by an Arctic fox. Continuing along the tundra we all had the chance to see some live Reindeer as well as an array of birdlife (Snow Bunting, Barnacle Geese, Purple Sandpiper, Eider Ducks, Kittiwake and Great Skua).

The inland group also had some Reindeer and geese and enjoyed exploring the rocky ridge with views to the mountains and an inland lake. The time passed quickly as we enjoyed the views over the flat tundra and wildlife and at the end of the landing both groups joined together and we went back to the ship for lunch.

The plan for the long hikers was to start out from the first landing of the day, Tordenskjoldbukta, and go by foot to the second landing at Alkhornet. It is no less than 22km pending on the route, and 37 in total set out to complete the project. The first part of the hike was to cross Daumannsoyra, where at this time of year there is

wetlands with lots of wildlife. On our way we met a King eider, and lots of Pink footed geese that had already found their breeding grounds which we tried to avoid at our best. Several times we were approached and followed by young curious Svalbard reindeer, that gave us quite the spectacle at times.



We were all eager to see what the largest river crossing our route would be like, but no heavy rainfall and the main part of melting season already over, we could cross without the big adoo. After this we set course for the coastline to follow it to the end of our route, walking across the tundra on a carpet of purple saxifrage on our way. When we arrived at the beach we were gently greeted by the rolling waves of the Barents Sea and a harbour seal. As the conditions were light wind with snow in the air, and we had some margheritas to get back to, we decided to call for an earlier pick up by zodiac and therefore slowly kept walking among driftwood on the

shoreline until our heroic zodiac drivers arrived. Quite a windy day, it was an adrenaline filled and long zodiac drive with the odd puffin flying by.



As the ship repositioned for the second landing, the long hikers kept on walking. After a couple of hours of sailing we found ourselves in the shelter of Tryghammna, which translates as safe harbour and the anchor was dropped ready for us to go ashore for our afternoon landing at Alkhornet. The weather had been getting worse through lunch time but it was still pleasant outside with the snow falling, dusting the surrounding landscape with a fine powder.

The guides from the ship set off to scout the area and the landing was made safe ready for passengers but only 10 ventured out into the snowy conditions. They were lucky to

have the attention of the 4 guides ashore and saw some very relaxed Reindeer and enjoyed listening to the birds high up on the cliffs above on the main horn of the mountain. Kittiwakes and Guillemots were constantly flying past on their way back to the colony high above and Kittiwakes were flying around the cliffs like mosquitos. birdlife and learnt some more about the history of Alkhornet.

Once onboard, Margherita were served at the bar and with some non speech speeches for our lovely hosts the evening was very jolly in the bar and the socialising continued out on the back deck with an Arctic BBQ. It was a little chilly but with Gluwein and hot food things soon warmed up and we all had a very memorable evening.



Day 4 – Thursday 14th June 2018

St Jonsfjord and Poolepynten

GPS 08.00 Position: 078°21'N / 012°29'E

Wind: SE 1. Sea State: Calm. Weather: Cloudy. Air Temp: 0°C. Sea Temp: +3°C.



For some people who had maybe had one too many margaritas the wakeup call came a little early this morning but by the time breakfast was over everyone was feeling a lot better and ready to go ashore in beautiful St Jonsfjord. The staff were already there to meet us and once on shore we divided into our usual walking groups with the long hikers stopping at the old trapper's cabin first before hiking up the moraine while the medium hikers went inland in the opposite direction. The leisurely group made their way along the shore to the hut and enjoyed some time along the beautiful tundra which was a carpet of Purple saxifrage in places.

Both of the hiking groups made it up to the top of the moraine and had beautiful views down onto the top of the Gaffelbreen glacier. After taking plenty of photos it was time to just sit and enjoy the Arctic silence, although the Arctic is never really silent. We could hear the meltwater stream running down from the glacier, male Eider duck were calling in the bay and a male Rock ptarmigan flew from his rocky roost and passed overhead with a strange clicking sound. It was a magical few moments on Svalbard. From here it was time to make our way back down the moraine and along the slope to reach the beach. It had been a really lovely morning exploring the lowland area of St Jonsfjord.



Back on board we all enjoyed a leisurely lunch as the ship repositioned to Poolepynten, our landing locations for our last excursion ashore. Our mission for the afternoon was to visit the Walrus that often



haul out on the low-lying spit of land and even from the ship we could see that they were at home.

The first group was soon ashore with the guides and we made our way along the beach which was covered with driftwood, most of which has come from the forests of Siberia and travelled around the Arctic region on the circumpolar currents. We could see Arctic terns gathered by the pond having just arrived from Antarctica to breed for the summer season.

As we got closer to the Walrus we made a line which was controlled by the guides and we slowly made our approach. We could smell the Walrus

before we could see them and as we lined up between the navigation marker and the hut we could see over 60 Walrus, all males lying together in a pile. The females and calves are currently out on the sea ice to the east and north as the calves are born in May and June. These males were mostly just sleeping and

scratching but occasionally one would try and climb over the pile and those being squashed by 1500kg of blubber would grunt and grumble, raising their tusks and giving us a very nice show.



There were quite a few Walrus in the water as well which gave us a great show as they came to check us out and then play fought amongst themselves. We watched one make its way into the sea by rolling over like a sausage, an easy way to move a large volume of blubber. We could see young males and older, mature bulls, distinguished by the lumps on their necks, 'bosses' and by much longer tusks. It was a real privilege to be able to spend time with these marine mammals and enjoy watching their interactions in the group. Both groups enjoyed some fabulous time with the Walrus but also enjoyed the birds along the shore, a Brünnichs guillemot and some feeding Grey Phalarope

were seen on the shore line.

Back on board we had time to warm up before returning our rubber boots to the boot room and then getting ready for Captains Cocktails in the Lounge. This was a chance to toast the success of our voyage with the Captain, Eveygeny Levakov and also thank the Expedition team for their hard work on this voyage. After a chilly photo session on the front deck it was time for a celebratory dinner which went on long into the night. Happy Birthday to all our special guests!



After the party.....

Total distance sailed on our voyage:

Nautical miles: 380nm

Kilometres: 703km



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Ali Liddle — Assistant Expedition Leader



English

Originally from the UK, Ali spent 15 years living in the Falkland Islands where she worked as a Primary school teacher both teaching out in 'camp' and at the school in Stanley. Latterly, she was employed as Education Officer for Falklands Conservation and shared her time between classroom teaching and conservation. In 1997, she spent 9 months living on South Georgia where she ran the Post Office and took every opportunity to hike, ski and explore the surrounding peaks and coastline.

She has published three books to date: *Plants of the Falkland Islands* and two art and craft books for children using penguins and albatross as the inspiration. Ali is a keen runner, having

completed three marathons in the Falkland Islands and two in the UK, and she also enjoys cycling, hiking and camping. Ali has been working on Antarctic and Arctic expedition cruises with Oceanwide for more years than she cares to remember and works on all of the Oceanwide vessels at some point during the year. She has recently relocated from Northumberland to the Isle of Skye where she is renovating a cottage and enjoying the hiking opportunities of the island.

Her particular interest is natural history and the wildlife, and she enjoys sharing her knowledge of and passion for the polar regions.

Deutsch

Ali kommt ursprünglich aus Großbritannien und hat 15 Jahre lang auf den Falklandinseln gelebt. Dort arbeitete sie als Grundschullehrerin im sogenannten "Camp" wie auch in der Schule von Stanley. Später war sie zuständig für den Bereich Bildung des Umweltamtes und teilte ihre Zeit zwischen Klassenzimmer und Naturschutz. 1997 verbrachte sie neun Monate in Südgeorgien, wo sie das Postamt betrieb. Gleichzeitig nutzte sie jede Gelegenheit, um zu wandern, Ski zu laufen und die umliegenden Gipfel und Küstenlinien zu erkunden. Sie hat drei Bücher veröffentlicht: *Pflanzen der Falklandinseln* und zwei Kunst- und Handwerksbücher für Kinder, die von Pinguinen und Albatrossen inspiriert sind. Sie ist eine leidenschaftliche Läuferin und hat bereits drei Marathons auf den Falklandinseln und zwei in Großbritannien absolviert. Außerdem fährt sie gerne Rad und liebt das Wandern und Zelten.

Ali arbeitet bereits seit vielen Jahren auf allen Schiffen der Oceanwide-Flotte, sowohl in der Antarktis wie auch der Arktis. Sie ist vor kurzem von Northumberland in England auf die Isle of Skye in Schottland gezogen, wo sie zur Zeit eine alte Kate renoviert. In ihrer Freizeit genießt sie die unglaublichen Wandermöglichkeiten der Insel.

Ihr besonderes Interesse gilt der Natur und der Tierwelt: dieses Wissen und ihre Leidenschaft für die Polarregionen teilt sie gerne mit Euch.

Lynn Woodworth — Expedition Guide



English

Lynn comes from the mountains and lakes of western Canada, where she first developed her love for remote wilderness and cold water. She started travelling at 17 and settled in Australia, where she completed two biology degrees, including a PhD in conservation genetics, examining minimum viable population size in wildlife. In 1996, she first went to Antarctica by accident. Travelling again after her time in academia, Lynn left her motorcycle in Argentina to sail to the Antarctic Peninsula. She was hooked on Antarctica and has been working in the polar regions ever since. She has been to the Ross Sea region, and knows the Antarctic Peninsula, the Falkland Islands and South Georgia better than some penguins. In the northern summer, she has taken ships to arctic Canada, Iceland, Greenland, Svalbard, Russia and the North Pole. Lynn stopped counting at somewhere over 135 voyages, 17 different vessels, and more than two years of her life spent in the Drake Passage. She has held most ship-based roles including lecturer (wildlife and natural history), guide, zodiac driver, Assistant Expedition Leader and Expedition Leader, and has also worked on shore as Operations Manager. She has co-authored two books on the Antarctic, *Antarctica The Complete Story* (published on three continents) and *The Blue Continent* (released in 17 languages at last count). Lynn still calls Australia home and has recently moved to Tasmania, as close to Antarctica as she can get and still be in Australia.

Deutsch

Lynn ist Kanadierin. Die Bergen und Seen des westlichen Kanadas weckten ihre Vorliebe für entlegene Wildness und kaltes Wasser. Ihre persönliche Odyssee begann mit 17 Jahren: sie zog nach Australien und absolvierte ein Biologiestudium. Ihre Doktorarbeit in Genetik mit Anwendung im Artenschutz behandelte kleinstmögliche Bestandsgrößen. Ein glücklicher Zufall brachte Lynn 1996 das erste Mal in die Antarktis. Nach ihrer akademischen Auszeit war sie mit dem Motorrad in Argentinien unterwegs, dass sie kurzerhand stehenließ, um gen Süden zu segeln. Seitdem haben die Polarregionen sie voll im Griff. Sie kennt die Ross See, die antarktische Halbinsel, die Falklandinseln und Südgeorgien besser als einige Pinguine. Im Sommer der Nordhalbkugel begleitete sie Schiffe ins arktische Kanada, nach Island, Grönland, Svalbard, Russland und zum Nordpol. Lynn hörte mit dem Zählen bei mehr als 135 Reisen auf 17 verschiedenen Schiffen und mehr als insgesamt zwei Jahren in der Drake Passage auf. Sie arbeitete in etlichen auf einem Schiff vorkommenden Positionen: Lektorin für Natürliches und Tierisches, Guide, Zodiakfahrerin, (assistierende) Expeditionsleiterin, sowie Operationsmanagerin an Land. Sie ist Co-Autorin von zwei Büchern über die Antarktis: *Antarctica The Complete Story* (auf drei Kontinenten veröffentlicht) und *The Blue Continent* (bei der letzten Zählung in 17 Sprachen übersetzt). Lynn ist vor kurzem nach Tasmanien gezogen, näher zur Antarktis war nicht möglich.

Frigga Kruse — Expedition Guide



English

Frigga comes from the beautiful county of Schleswig-Holstein in northern Germany. She makes her living as an archaeologist, geologist, and guide. When she travelled to the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula in 1999, there was nothing to suggest that the polar regions would become her place of work. In 2008, she first visited Svalbard to carry out archaeological fieldwork as part of her PhD research on the British mining history of the Arctic archipelago, which resulted in the book *Frozen Assets* (2013). She has since become a regular. Her current research focuses on 420 years of natural-resource exploitation (whaling, sealing, fur-hunting, and mining) in and around Svalbard and Jan Mayen and the lasting impact on Arctic marine and terrestrial ecosystems. Since 2015, she

has been sharing her broad polar knowledge and a knack for story-telling as a guide and lecturer on Oceanwide's expedition cruises. You can approach her in German, English, and Dutch.

Deutsch

Frigga stammt aus dem herrlichen Holsteinland in Norddeutschland. Sie verdingt sich als Archäologin, Geologin und Guide. Als sie 1999 die Südshetlandinseln und die antarktische Halbinsel besuchte, ließ noch nichts vermuten, dass die Polarregionen später ihr Arbeitsplatz werden würden. 2008 reiste sie das erste Mal nach Spitzbergen, um archäologische Feldarbeiten für ihre Doktorarbeit in der britischen Bergbaugeschichte des Archipels auszuführen, was zu dem Buch *Frozen Assets* (2013) führte. Seitdem gehört sie zum arktischen Inventar. Ihre derzeitigen Forschungen konzentrieren sich auf 420 Jahre Rohstoffausbeutung in Spitzbergen und Jan Mayen. Welchen bleibenden Umwelteinfluss hatten Wal- und Robbenfang, Pelzjagd und Bergbau? Seit 2015 teilt sie ihr breitgefächertes Wissen und ein Händchen zum Geschichtenerzählen als Guide und Lektorin auf Oceanwide's Expeditionskreuzfahrten. Ihr könnt sie auf Deutsch, Englisch und Niederländisch ansprechen.

Adam Turner, FRGS — Expedition Guide



English

Adam was brought up in countryside of Essex, England. He began sailing at the age of 9 and began working on the local river aged 12 before leaving school. By 16 he had a small fishing boat and was working on boatyards and taking tourists to see the local seal colonies as well as helping out on the local Lifeboat. Adam then joined HM Forces and was posted to Northern Ireland and in the UK, he also served in Kenya as a boat operator. In 2002 Adam joined the Police and spent several years on a specialist unit working across the UK with his search dog Charley. Since being a young lad Adam had dreamt of working in the Antarctic like his Uncle had done in the late 1980's, in 2014 Adam left the Police and worked as

Boating Officer for British Antarctic Survey at King Edward Point, South Georgia where he spent just over a year. Adam studied at Middlesex University and gives lectures on history, in 2017 he was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, he now works as guide and Consultant.

Adam hold a commercial masters certificate and instructs in several marine disciplines, he enjoys diving, climbing, kayaking and outdoor activities.

Deutsch

Adam ist in Essex, England aufgewachsen. Schon mit 9 Jahren begann er zu segeln und arbeitete mit 12 auf dem lokalen Fluss, bevor er die Schule verließ. Schon mit 16 war er Eigentümer eines kleinen Fischerbootes, arbeitete in kleinen Werften und nahm Touristen auf kleine Ausflüge zu den lokalen Seehundbanken mit. Er war außerdem auf dem örtlichen Rettungsboot beschäftigt. Seine Ausbildung erhielt er in der Armee und wurde in Nordirland, England sowie Kenia als Bootsführer stationiert. 2002 ging er zur Spezialeinheit der Polizei und arbeitete überall in England mit seinem Suchhund Charly und bildete Hunde aus. Seine Liebe zum Wasser hat Adam nie aufgegeben: Er unterrichtet verschiedene Techniken der Seefahrt und ist der Fahrer seines örtlichen Rettungsbootes. Seit seinen jungen Jahren hat er davon geträumt, eines Tages wie sein Onkel in der Antarktis zu arbeiten. Für diesen Traum verließ Adam im Jahr 2014 die Polizei, um als Bootsoffizier für ein Jahr für das British Antarctic Survey auf King Edward Point, Südgeorgien zu arbeiten. In England ist Adam als freiberuflicher Berater und Trainer beschäftigt. Mit seiner kleinen Familie genießt er es, in der Natur unterwegs zu sein. Adam ist sehr an Geschichte und Tieren interessiert.

Julia Wellner — Expedition Guide



English

Julia grew up in northern Germany, roaming and exploring nature from her early childhood. She quickly developed quite a taste for travelling. After studying photography in the tiny village of Vevey on the borders of the Lake of Geneva in Switzerland, she has worked and lived in New York and France. She then moved back to the calm grounds of Switzerland, spending most of her time organizing medical emergency evacuations worldwide while always keeping at least one foot in photography. Several winter months spent in Iceland made her remember that the Far North, the cold and barren landscapes are the place where she feels the most at home. Being a selected artist taking

part in a residency onboard a sailboat brought her to Svalbard in October 2016: two weeks that changed her life. She went back to Switzerland just to move up to Longyearbyen 3 month later. She now lives there all year round, working as a fulltime guide on expeditions cruises but also as a snowmobile guide.

Deutsch

Julia wuchs in Norddeutschland auf, wo sie von Kindesbeinen an durch die Natur strömerte. Sie wurde sehr schnell von Fernweh gepackt. Nachdem sie in dem kleinen Dorf Vevey am Rande des Genfer Sees in der Schweiz Fotografie studierte, lebte und arbeitete sie in New York und Frankreich. Sie zog dann in die gemütliche Ruhe der Schweiz zurück, wo sie hauptsächlich medizinische Notfall-evakuierungen organisierte – behielt aber immer einen Fuss in der Fotografie. Einige Wintermonate in Island erinnerten sie daran, dass der Hohe Norden, die Kälte und einsame Landschaften ihr eigentliches Zuhause sind. 2016 kam sie als Teilnehmerin einer Künstlerresidenz auf einem Segelschiff das erste Mal nach Svalbard: zwei Wochen, die ihr Leben grundlegend veränderten. Bereits drei Monate später fand ihr Umzug nach Longyearbyen statt. Dort lebt sie jetzt das ganze Jahr über – bei -25 Grad und viel Wind! - und arbeitet als Guide auf Expeditionskreuzfahrten oder per Schneemobil.

Marie Brekkehus — Expedition Guide



English

Marie is Norwegian, coming from a town on the west coast of Norway just south of Bergen. Currently she is however an all year resident of Longyearbyen, Svalbard. Growing up in a mountain loving family, she quickly developed a taste for nature and the outdoors. Becoming a teacher in Norwegian literature, she realized she also somehow had to bring her love for being outdoors into her professional life. She therefore combined her teachers degree with a BA in the Norwegian “friluftsliv”, meaning the hard safety skills of the mountains, but also philosophy and history of nature activities, and how to bring people into

nature. She then went to Spitsbergen for the education program Arctic Nature Guide in 2012 and was quickly smitten with love for the Arctic. Since then she been working both as an outdoor activities teacher in high school, and in the recent years working as a full-time guide in Spitsbergen, Greenland and Antarctica, not only on expeditions ships but also skiing expeditions, hiking, glacier walking and snow mobile guiding. In 2014, she performed the expedition of skiing the island of Spitsbergen from north to south, 700km in 34 days. In her spare time, she is a dedicated member of the Longyearbyen Red Cross Avalanche Rescue Team.

Deutsch

Marie stammt aus einem Ort an der Westküste Norwegens, gleich südlich von Bergen. Zur Zeit lebt sie allerdings das ganze Jahr über in Longyearbyen, Svalbard. Sie wuchs in einer Familie auf, die in die Berge vernarrt ist, womit die Weichen gestellt waren und Marie schnell eine Vorliebe für die Natur entwickelte. Als sie als Lehrerin für norwegische Literatur arbeitete, stellte sie fest, dass ihre Freude an der Natur einen Platz in ihrem Arbeitsleben finden müsste. Also machte sie einen Bachelor im norwegischen “friluftsliv”, was eine komplette Sicherheitsausbildung für die Berge beinhaltet, aber auch Philosophie und Geschichte der Freizeitaktivitäten in der Natur und eine Ausbildung als Guide. 2012 ging sie nach Spitzbergen, wo sie die Ausbildung zum Arctic Nature Guide abschloss – von der Arktis war sie sofort angetan. Seitdem arbeitet sie sowohl als Lehrerin für “friluftsliv” als auch im Gymnasium. Seit ein paar Jahren arbeitet sie ausschließlich als Guide in Spitzbergen aber auch in Grönland und der Antarktis – auf Expeditionskreuzfahrten, aber auch auf Skitouren, Wanderungen, Gletschertouren und als Schneemobil-Guide. 2014 hat sie Spitzbergen der Länge nach von Norden nach Süden auf Skiern durchquert: 700km in 34 Tagen. In ihrer Freizeit ist sie aktives Mitglied der Lawinenrettungsgruppe vom Roten Kreuz Longyearbyen.

Detlef Damaske — Expedition Guide



English

Detlef received his PhD in geophysics and lectured as assistant at the Berlin Free University before taking up a position at the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources in Hannover. Though initially this employment to work in the Antarctic was meant for only one field season, it turned out that – apart from two geophysical 4-month assignments in Botswana and Zimbabwe – all his career was to be in the polar regions.

As scientist he has participated in 8 expeditions to the Arctic and 21 expeditions to the Antarctic – the majority of these lasting several months - being responsible for the airborne geophysical research. He played a leading role in several international campaigns, most outstanding the IPY (International Polar Year) 2008/09 flagship project AGAP

(Antarctica's Gamburtsev Province) exploring with airborne geophysics a mountain range totally under the ice in central Antarctica.

For more than 20 years he served as German representative to SCAR'S (Scientific Committee of Antarctic Research) Geoscience Standing Scientific Group which he chaired for four years. He was advisor to the German delegation to the ATCM (Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting) and member of several other international committees.

Currently he is co-chair of the SCAR Expert Group on Antarctic Digital Magnetic Mapping project. On a national base he is chairing the science advisory board of the German Society of Polar Research.

Deutsch

Nach der Promotion in Geophysik und 5 Jahren als Assistent an der Freien Universität Berlin wechselte Detlef zur Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe in Hannover. Zunächst nur für einen Antarktiseinsatz vorgesehen, ergab es sich, dass – abgesehen von zwei jeweils 4-monatigen Geländeeinsätzen in Botswana und Zimbabwe – seine gesamte wissenschaftliche Tätigkeit sich in den Polargebieten abspielen sollte.

Als Wissenschaftler hat er – verantwortlich für aerogeophysikalische Untersuchungen - an 8 Expeditionen in die Arktis und 21 Expeditionen in die Antarktis teilgenommen. Im internationalen Rahmen war er an der Realisierung mehrerer Kampagnen an leitender Stelle beteiligt, insbesondere – im Rahmen des Internationalen Polarjahres 2007/08 – dem Projekt AGAP (Antarctica's Gamburtsev Province) zur Erkundung eines total vom Eis bedeckten Gebirgszuges in der zentralen Antarktis.

Für mehr als 20 Jahre war er deutscher Vertreter in der SCAR (Scientific Committee of Antarctic Research) „Geoscience Standing Scientific Group“, die er über 4 Jahre leitete. Er war „Advisor“ der Deutschen Delegation zum ATCM (Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting) und Mitglied verschiedener anderer internationaler und nationaler Gremien.

Zur Zeit ist er Ko-Vorsitzender der SCAR Expertengruppe des „Antarctic Digital Magnetic Mapping Project“. Im nationalen Bereich ist er Vorsitzender des wissenschaftlichen Beirats der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Polarforschung.

Nicolette Bester — Doctor



English

Nicolette was born in Cape Town in South Africa. She studied Medicine at Stellenbosch University and worked for several years before adding a Master degree in Family Medicine.

In 2003, she took a vacation to work a contract as a cruise-ship doctor and never looked back.

Nowadays in her vacations, she works at sporting events such as the Cape Epic Extreme Mountain Bike Race, Iron Man events and other-ultra sporting events.

This is her second contract on the *Plancius*.

Deutsch

Nicolette ist in Kapstadt in Südafrika geboren. Sie hat Medizin an der Stellenbosch Universität studiert. Nach einigen Jahren im Beruf legte sie noch einen Master in Familienmedizin drauf.

2003 nahm sie Urlaub, um als Ärztin auf einem Kreuzfahrtschiff anzuheuern. Diese Entscheidung hat sie nie bereut.

Wenn sie jetzt Urlaub nimmt, arbeitet sie bei Ultra-Sport-Events, wie z. B. das Cape Epic Extreme Mountainbike Race oder Iron Man Wettkämpfe

Dies ist ihr zweites Mal für Oceanwide auf der *Plancius*.



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Embarkation Longyearbyen

Monday 11th June 2018

- 1700 **Welcome on board!** Your luggage will be delivered to your cabin as soon as possible. Check to make sure you are not missing anything. Feel free to explore around the ship. Refreshments are available in the Lounge Bar on Deck 5.
- 1745 Our Hotel Managers, Michael and DJ will give an **introduction to the ship**. This will be followed by a **Mandatory Safety and Lifeboat Drill in the Lounge**. **ALL PASSENGERS** are required to attend this very important safety briefing. Please listen for announcements over the PA system.
- 1930 **Captain's Cocktails!** Captain Evgeny Levakov and Hotel Manager invite you to join them for a Welcome Drink in the Lounge. You will meet your Captain and your Expedition Leader, Michael who will introduce the rest of the Expedition Team.
- 2000 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room located on Deck 3 behind Reception. Bon appétit.

This evening we will sail into open waters and we expect the ship to 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 at all times, and especially in rough weather. Always keep at least one hand free to hold on to the ship. Thank you.



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Ny London and 14 Julibukta

Tuesday 12th June 2018

- 0715 Your first wakeup call from your Expedition Leader Michael. Good Morning!
- 0730 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0830 **Mandatory Briefings in the Lounge.** Please attend these essential briefings with your Expedition Team. This will cover aspects of Polar bear safety and Zodiac operations on board.
- ~1000 **Ny London on Blomstrandhalvoya.** We hope to make our first landing here at Ny London. On shore we will offer a number of options – a longer hike, which will go higher and further, a medium hike, which will be at a lower level and a leisurely hike, which will have more time for photographs.
- 1300 **Buffet Lunch** is available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~1430 **14 Julibukta.** This is a beautiful fjord with high cliffs and a large glacier. This afternoon we will take you ashore to explore the area and also on a Zodiac cruise to visit the seabird cliffs and the glacier. The first 4 or 5 Zodiacs with passengers will go ashore while the next group go out cruising and then we will swap. Everyone will get to do everything!
- 1900 **Re-cap.** This is a chance to meet with the Expedition Team and look back on what we saw during the day and look ahead to our plans for tomorrow.
- 2000 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room.



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Tordenskjold and Alkhornet

Wednesday 13th June 2018

- 0730 Wakeup call from your Expedition Leader Michael. Good Morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the Dining Room for 1 hour. If you are going on the long day hike there will be a Sandwich Buffet with bread and fillings for you to make your own sandwich to take with you on the hike.
- 0900 **Tordenskjold.** We will take the long hikers ashore first and then the rest of you will go ashore and explore the tundra area in medium and leisurely hiking groups.
- 1230 **Buffet Lunch** is available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1430 **Alkhornet.** We hope to take you ashore at the beautiful location of Alkhornet. There is a large cliff which is home to thousands of seabirds and there are often Reindeer on the slopes below the cliffs. We will offer medium and leisurely hiking groups in the area and wait for the long hikers to arrive from their walk.
- 1830 **Re-cap.** This is a chance to meet with the Expedition Team and look back on what we saw during the day and look ahead to our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 A special Arctic dinner will be served. Dress warmly and don't forget to put on your dancing shoes!



**Ice Age 3 X 60
St Jonsfjord and
Poolepynten
Thursday 14th June 2018**

- 0730 Wakeup call from your Expedition Leader Michael. Good Morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~0900 **St Jonsfjord.** This morning we will be in the beautiful St Jonsfjord and hope to take you ashore near an old trapper's hut and will offer our usual hikes. We will take you up onto a moraine to look down on a glacier and explore the tundra area in long, medium and leisurely hiking groups.
- 1230 **Buffet Lunch** is available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1430 **Poolepynten.** This is a regular haul out site for Walrus so we hope to be able to go ashore and spend some time with these blubbery marine mammals. Due to regulations regarding viewing Walrus we can only take half of you ashore at a time so we will split into two groups. Each group will have the same amount of time with the Walrus on shore.
- Group 1 Everyone living on Deck 5 and Deck 6 and Cabins 401 to 413, inclusive.**
- Group 2 Everyone living on Deck 2 and Deck 3 and Cabins 414 to 429 inclusive**
- 1900 **Re-cap.** This is a chance to meet with the Expedition Team and look back on what we saw during the day and look ahead to disembarkation tomorrow.
- 2000 A Farewell and Birthday dinner will be served in the dining room. We hope you all have a lovely evening.



**Ice Age 3 X 60
Longyearbyen
Friday 15th June 2018**

0645 Your final Wake-up call from your Expedition Leader Michael. Good Morning!

0715 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

When you go to breakfast, please place your check-in luggage outside your cabin for collection by staff and crew and return your keycard to reception. Keep your outer waterproof clothes with you as we will be at anchor and will have transfer you by zodiac to the pier. It may be wet!

0840 We will take you by zodiac to the pier.

0900 Bus transfer from the pier to town.

Please identify **your own** luggage on the pier and ensure it goes onto the bus with you. Staff will be there to help you.

You will have 45 mins – 1 hour in town before the same bus takes you up to the airport to check in for your flight that departs at 11:20.

On behalf of Captain Evgeny Levakov, his officers and crew, Michael and the Expedition Team, as well as Michael and the Hotel Department, we would like to thank you for travelling with us onboard Plancius, and we wish you a pleasant and safe onward journey.