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Around Spitsbergen on board *m/v Ortelius* **August 01- August 10, 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. MV *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

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welcome you on board!

Day 1 – August 01, 2018

Embarkation, Longyearbyen

GPS position at 1600: 78°14.6'N, 015°05.20'E

Air Temp: 13°C Sea Temp: 3°C Weather: overcast Wind: NNW 2 Sea state: calm



We started our journey in Longyearbyen harbour, a small city named after American John Munro Longyear. John Munro was one of the first pioneer in mining industries and expedition cruises in Spitsbergen. He founded a coal mining settlement in 1906 in Adventfiord called „Longyear City”.



Ortelius left the harbour with all passengers and luggage in the late afternoon. Around 5pm we were invited by Hotel department Sava and third officer - Igor to lecture room for Welcome and safety briefing onboard m/v *Ortelius*. After a series of presentations, we participated in the mandatory safety drill wearing the SOLAS big orange lifejackets and also seeing what the emergency lifeboats looked like inside. After the safety drill, we were invited back to the bar where we met our Captain Mikka Appel and the full Expedition Team. All our expedition leader



presented the team and gave us plans for coming days and together with Captain Mikka we raised our glasses for a toast to the voyage. After a long day of traveling, we found

our places in the Dining Room for a delicious dinner. At the end of day, we collect our lifejackets and rubber boots for the coming zodiac operations and finally we could end our joyful first day.



Day 2 – August 02, 2018

Ny London & Ny Alesund

GPS position at 1200: 78°57.3'N, 012°02.0'E

Air Temp: 15°C Sea Temp: 2°C Weather: cloudy Wind: SSE 3 Sea state: calm



We woke to our first morning on *Ortelius* entering Kongsfjorden under blue skies and sunshine. The relatively calm waters overnight had made for a restful sleep and we were all eager to head off for our first excursion in the Svalbard archipelago. However, before going ashore we had to attend a further three briefings; zodiac safety, the do's and don'ts of Arctic conduct and polar bear safety but it was no time at all till the zodiacs were lowered into the water to take us ashore at Ny London.

Here was a chance to explore the tundra, learn a little of the history surrounding this failed marble mine from the 1911-1920 and look for wildlife. Once ashore we split up into several different groups and strolled around the mining remains, the fresh water ponds and small waterfall. A couple of Svalbard reindeer were spotted and most people saw the nesting long tailed skuas at close range, but one thing is for sure, everyone observed the brilliance of summer tundra in bloom!



All too soon it was time to head back to the ship for lunch and the short transit across the fjord to Ny Alesund; the worlds northernmost year-round community. This former coal mining village is now a scientific community operating under the Norwegian Polar Institute research governance. We were given time to wander around the museum, visit the small souvenir shop, send post cards home to loved ones and of course learn a little about the history of Arctic exploration and the attempts to reach the North Pole from Ny Ålesund. Expedition guides, Ian and Jerry, led us out to the airship mast Amundsen had built for the air balloon *Norge* which he flew over the North Pole before finally landing further on in Alaska. It had been a cold, wet afternoon ashore, so the coffee/tea station was put to good use when we returned to the *Ortelius* at 5pm.

We then slowly made our way down the fjord to get a better view of Kongsvegen Glacier, it was still fairly overcast and damp outside, but nonetheless the view was well worth venturing onto the outside decks for. Then came the exciting news; a female polar bear and cub had been spotted high up on the cliff, this of course created great excitement, and everyone dashed outside with cameras in hand. It was decided that the best course of action would be to have a quick dinner while the expedition team launch the zodiacs, allowing for a post dinner cruise in hopes of getting a closer look of the two resting bears.

The zodiacs were lowered, and we were all on the water shortly after 8pm, we proceeded in convey over to the cliff face. The bears were happily sleeping on our arrival and appeared to be pretty uninterested in our fleet of zodiacs, packed full of anxious tourists desperate to put their cameras to use. With little action from the bears we decided to head along the cliff





to where Kittiwake gulls were nesting and also to take a closer look at some of the amazing blue ice that was floating along the shoreline. We were just about to call it a night when we noticed that the bears were waking from their slumber and looking to make a move. Their action was brief, but more than enough to convince us all we made the right decision to venture out on this wet, windy Arctic evening. It was incredible to watch them clamber up the hillside, and fantastic to see both mother and cub looking so healthy. Once the bears settled down again for the night, we made our way back to the *Ortelius*, all feeling very content with what we had experienced on our first expedition day up north.

Back on board the atmosphere was warm and jovial, fuelled by the excitement of the past hour or so. Either with a night cap or a cup of tea, off to bed we went, to recharge for the next day of exploration in the Svalbard archipelago.

Day 3 – August 03, 2018

Bockfjord & Worsleyneset

GPS position at 1200: 79°37.9'N, 013°44.0'E

Air Temp: 9°C Sea Temp: 2°C Weather: fog Wind: E 2 Sea state: calm

The day started a little slower than normal although we had the standard wake up call. We had all slept well after our evening zodiac cruise to see the polar bear mother and cub.

We arrived in Bockfjord, the *Ortelius* shrouded in fog as we drew closer to the intended landing site at Jotunkjeldene. This is a site where a weakness between continental plates allows the formation of a small thermal springs on the sinter terraces.



Unfortunately, the fog combined with low cloud cover lead to unsafe conditions to attempt a landing at the location. We were able to see the sinter earth from the ship and at least have a different perspective on the geology of the region.

Adam Jones, an award-winning photographer was onboard and kindly gave us a presentation on achieving photographs that we are happy with. The lecture was well attended and his tips and material were both interesting and useful.

We then had lunch and the ship repositioned to Worsleyneset for our afternoon landing. The area has very low-lying topography and as such offered better viewing of the landscape and terrain. As the afternoon went on the weather began to improve. Once on land we saw a range of different Arctic plants displaying their late summer colours. As soon as we were on shore were split in to several different walking groups and photography focused group was also offered.



We enjoyed the time with our guides to explore the tundra and shoreline of this area. Some excellent Polar Bear tracks were found well preserved in the mud as we navigated a small lagoon. It was impressive to see up close how large these animals are from the size of their paws, it looked as though there had been male and female bears as well as a cub in the area.

We also saw the skeleton of a small bear as well as some far more interesting geology and patterns in the landscape choreographed by the permafrost and annual freeze and thawing of the substrate. On the small ponds a pair of Red-throated divers were spotted and the calm waters of Worsleyneset teamed with Eider duck families, the ducklings paddling along behind proud mothers.



We all returned to the *Ortelius* where Expedition Leader Ali told us the plans for tomorrow and Sara gave a presentation on seal identification.



Day 4 – August 04, 2018

Karl XII and then North to the ice

GPS position at 1200: 80°39.2'N, 024°56.0'E

Air Temp: 5°C Sea Temp: 2°C Weather: foggy Wind: SSE 2 Sea state: slight



Today ended up being a day that one wouldn't, nor could, easily forget. It started early with the Expedition staff heading out toward the island with the intention of scouting the morning's ventures looking for wildlife. Yet those on board with a keen eye and steady hand on the binoculars could already see that the suspicious white dots up the rocky hat of the island were not just snow patches. Soon all zodiacs were launched and we disembarked the good ship *Ortelius* and headed straight into the clear skies towards

the green mystical mountain kingdom of Polar bears and wily walrus.

In the opening stages, we watched in awe, excitement, and deep soulful pleasure as the resident Polar Bears of the island walked about, gave us many a look back themselves, and strutted their stuff. There was a number of personalities expressed amongst the bears, ranging from a resting lazy fellow, a beautiful lady who turned cannibal, the majestic showman on the rocks, and the fine fellow with a limp who we all cheer for and wish well for a good healing before winter. In total we counted six living bears and one carcass of either a cub or a small bear.

Many a story, tall tale, and questions were told, asked, or explained, but in the end, the greatest story we experience was simply the one we watched with our eyes as we looped and rounded the island. Under the clear skies, we came upon many mysterious scenes and wonderous sights, pleasing every taste of those who wish for the wild.



Many Kittiwake gulls were flying about as they have a nesting colony on the cliffs above. Their eggs and chicks would likely be the only resource of food for these bears trapped on the island. We spotted a few Great skuas, walrus, guillemots and even a few puffins. But as always, the King of the north stole the show. After we returned to the ship we set off North, the true calling of the compass and for some a pinnacle of this journey to the far North. Now knowing our sights were set upon the pack ice, we steamed ahead. A pair of short lectures delivered by Sara and Iain, respectively on Polar Bears and Sea Ice brought a little more clarity to the present days sightings and what lay ahead for the journey. Before dinner most of us enjoyed a nice happy hour drink before recaps by Ali and Phil. Ali told of the events experienced by the expedition team's early morning scout, which involved an encounter with a surprised and defensive Walrus; resulting in a little early morning drama and a punctured zodiac. This story was followed by tomorrow's plans to be in the ice and Phil spoke about how to immigrate to



Svalbard.



In the end, after a good dinner, tea or other beverages in us, we headed off to sleep with the anticipation of icy expanses that most only ever dream of, knowing that the day ahead had all the potential in the world to enliven, excite, and fill our souls with the cool pleasures that only the ice of the Northern reaches of the planet could provide.



Day 5 – August 05, 2018

North in the ice

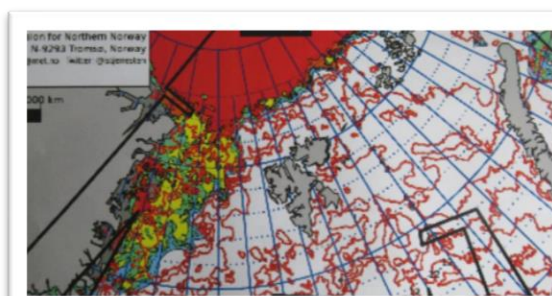
GPS position at 1200: 82°26.1'N, 017°26.8'E

Air Temp: 1°C Sea Temp: 0°C Weather: overcast Wind: E 2 Sea state: ice



Late on Saturday evening, *Ortelius* had entered the fringes of the pack ice, some had stayed up in anticipation of this moment, and others awoke to a patchwork blanket of ice covering the ocean. We were moving at a steady able continuously northward. Already at 6 am we had reached 82° 23'2 N. The hunt was on to find an Ice bear. However, after the bountiful views of yesterday at Karl XII, just the experience of being in such an environment was astounding. Visibility came and went throughout the morning. Kittiwake gulls were keeping the ship company, benefiting largely as *Ortelius* pushed aside the sea ice, exposing tasty Polar cod that reside on habitat provided underneath the ice.

We swapped from the outer decks, to the bridge, the bow and to the lounge for a warmup and tea or coffee throughout the morning. Lunch was served, and conversation was lively. Outside the ice and mist conditions were ever changing. These elements in themselves were hypnotic and soothing in a way. This is a vista uniquely arctic and one that is sadly in decline. It is a pleasure to enjoy the expanse of such a landscape, time in the ice is a moment to reflect and a time for contemplation.





At three pm Adam gave a historical presentation in the lecture room on Benjamin Leigh Smith, A Forgotten Englishman of the north, whilst Jerry presented to the Chinese speaking passengers on whales and further wildlife of the arctic.

Although all staff were on either the bridge or deck, with binoculars glued to their heads, a polar bear on ice was not seen. This is not unusual, considering the latitude and quality of ice we had encountered. Several species of seals were sighted both Bearded and Harp. We had reached $82^{\circ} 28'2'' N$ likely the only ship in this part of the world today, and for most their own personal outermost northern achievement.

To coincide with tomorrow's travel preparation's we exited the ice somewhere around 5 pm. Back in open water we picked up speed. We headed into re-cap to learn of tomorrow's planned activities as well as gain a little knowledge of what all the Kittiwakes were doing near



our ship all day from Iain. Some additional material of the Northern Fulmar from Ali, the fulmar has been sighted every day in numbers throughout the voyage. Lastly a teaser of what we hope to see tomorrow: Brunneich guillemots on the bird cliffs at Alkefjellet from Sara.

Day 6 – August 06, 2018

Sorgfjord, Alkefjellet, & Brasvellbreen

GPS position at 1200: 79°35.7'N, 018°29.1'E

Air Temp: 10°C Sea Temp: 3°C Weather:cloudy Wind: N 4-5 Sea state: moderate



Sorgfjord is reputedly one of the most scenic parts of north east Spitsbergen and one rich in arctic history. It was the scene of possibly the world's most northerly sea battle in 1693. A charged confrontation between three French naval vessels and forty Dutch whalers, testimony to the value

placed on the plunder of these arctic cetaceans. Many explorers such as Nordenskiöld and Parry also based themselves in its naturally calm waters to launch various forays ever northwards. However, it was this same calmness that was our undoing today. Morning mist showed no sign of dissipating in the tranquil peace of the fjord. A wooden cross intermittently revealed itself as an eerie reminder of whalers from days past and a couple of walrus wallowed in the shallows but alas this wonderful arctic gem, steeped in tales from days gone by, was to elude us on this occasion. With just a hint of regret, *Ortelius* navigated once more into the Hinlopenstretet and turned south for Alkefjellet - Mount Guillemot!

Under sunny skies and glassy waters, Alkefjellet can be a pleasant, but not overly atmospheric sail where the birds take top billing. Today with low mist shrouding the upper ramparts of the cliff, isolating the doleritic pinnacles and towers from the bastion behind, there is an unearthly element to the landscape. A sense one has walked straight into a colder, more inhospitable lost world.





A dark and foreboding canopy lies thickly overhead and a confused sea which swells and crashes against the base, tossing our Zodiacs back and forth. A tempest is in the making! Gone are thoughts of framing that perfect wildlife shot. Instead, hastily taken photos to be cropped later are snatched between sheltering one's camera from sea spray and the ever-present risk of aerial excrement. And all the while concentrating on keeping that all

too recent lunch in its correct place! Vast armies of guillemots' swarm overhead like clouds of locusts. Beaks filled with fish on the way to their companion on the rocks, while yet more squabble and squawk all around the boat. Amidst this tumultuous sea and cacophony of noise, individual males call to their offspring daring them to take that leap of faith into adulthood. It's an exciting place to be. All around is life, noise and the stench of guano. To be deep amongst it in such conditions is a pleasure, a real joy. Maybe not entirely comfortable on this day but something to last long into the memory. As always, the great bird cliffs of Mount Guillemot have delivered!

As afternoon turned to evening, the skies began to clear. Sporadically broken by domed lenticular clouds indicative of strong winds, riding high over the pale polar desert of Nordaustland. Along past eroded hillsides and shingle shorelines *Ortelius* sailed until it reached



the seemingly endless ice cliffs of Austfonna. Golden light shone on this dramatic and unforgettable ice front with a myriad of its offspring littering the sea in front. Cataracts of glacial effluent could be seen surging down melt channels before cascading terminally into the water beneath. An epic landscape suitably befitting an epic day!

Day 7 – August 07, 2018

Kapp Waldberg & Kapp Lee

GPS position at 1200: 78°12.2'N, 020°40.8'E

Air Temp: 10°C Sea Temp: 3°C Weather: overcast Wind: N 3 Sea state: calm



A week already into our grand adventure up North in Svalbard. Although the morning started out with coffee cups in hand and an eye out towards Kapp Waldberg, where we hoped to land for a hike into the Kittiwake colonies. The Expedition staff were again glued to their binoculars on the bridge scanning for the ever-elusive Polar Bear, this morning he wasn't elusive for us at all. Plan "A" was quickly tossed in the waste bin. The ship set a new course for second a potential landing, needing both some shelter from the strong winds blowing down the channel as well as a bear free site. We spent the time in transit watching for bears along the hillsides of Freemondsund. A number of bears were visible from the ship on shore, having lazy bear naps and snoring away under the mid-morning sun. Upon arrival at Sudneset the Expedition team felt hopeful, the winds had calmed, the

beach looked good, all until up there on the hill, mixed in amongst the boulders was another Polar bear! Nothing could be done, so we piloted on to the afternoon's excursion site.

After a hearty lunch, we headed down to Kapp Lee with itchy feet ready to go hiking. We split up according to our groups, cameras and rain gear in hand to prepare for our treks. Some ran up and out towards the plateau's top on the long hike. Others had beach rambles. Some of us in the middle group learned the unfortunate lesson of how true it was to be aware of mud and soft tundra. Several became trapped in the boot-sucking mire, and it was truly a struggle to get out. The rain and wind picked up later in our hikes, making the afternoon fill with what many Scandinavians call "Troll Weather." Mystical, rainy, wild views surrounded us; clouds swirled and the wily mist pressed upon our faces.



We followed the directions of Ali, our fearless expedition leader as a change of beach was necessary due to steepening waves and surf coming into our original landing beach. Although this sight is typically sheltered thus why the Pomors chose it as a hunting camp in the 18th century and built small huts from brick and beach logs, these have since decomposed and the more obvious cabins built by Norwegian trappers in the early 1900's is what draws the eye. We transported our bodies and goods around to the calm lagoon where our trusty zodiac drivers came to escort us off the beach and to the cozy warm *Ortelius*.

After a hearty dinner, we set out South, down and around the make it to our next spot: the icy kingdom and beautiful glacial views found in Burgerbukta.

Day 8 – August 08, 2018

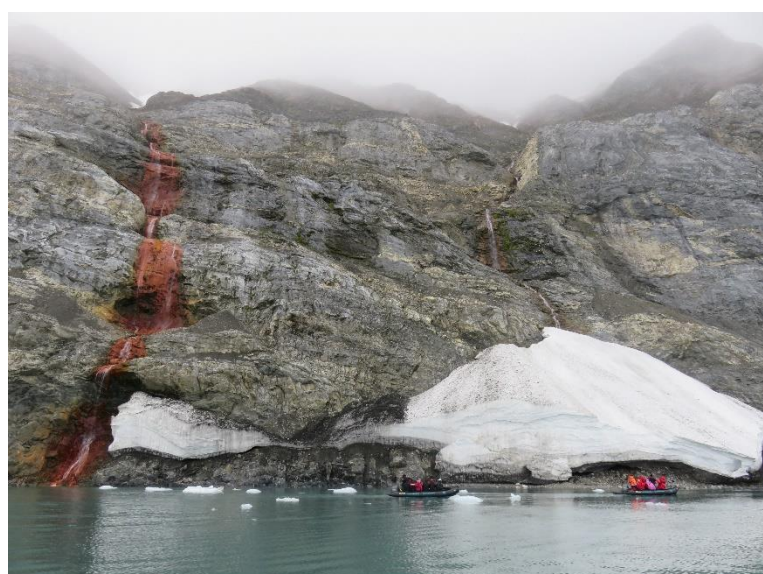
Burgerbukta & Brepollen

GPS position at 1200: 77°01.4'N, 015°59.2'E

Air Temp: 5°C Sea Temp: 3°C Weather: fog Wind: N 3 Sea state: calm

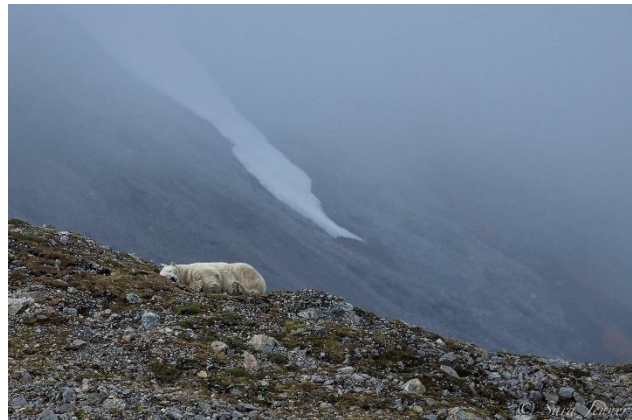
Overnight we had sailed around the Southern tip of the archipelago and up to Hornsund, one of the most spectacular areas of Spitsbergen. Named by Jonas Poole, an English whaler in the 1600's after his crew returned to the ship bearing a deer's horn, it is a place of deep, high sided fjords, active glacier fronts and crenellated ridgelines.

When we woke there was some low-lying fog and mist in the air, but the weather forecast suggested that it was meant to improve so we wrapped up warmly and the zodiacs were lowered ready for our morning cruise. Our destination was Paierlbreen, a huge valley glacier at the end of the Burgerbukta fjord. This area is known for its steep mountains and dramatic scenery and the low clouds added to the drama of this landscape. We started our cruise





along the left-hand side of the bay and stopped regularly at the many waterfalls coming down the cliffs, the huge blue icebergs and the flocks of kittiwakes decorated the brash ice. Advancing northwards up the fjord, visibility improved, and we gained magnificent views of the glacier front that was waiting for us. After almost two hours of cruising we headed back towards the ship, only to hear that two polar bears had been spotted at the entrance of the fjord. Both bears were happily resting up on the moraine slopes and showed little interest in our presence, but nonetheless it was two more to add to our ever-increasing bear count.



Back on-board Captain Mikka set a new course to Gåshamna (Goose Bay), a scenic bay surrounded by high mountains, with the highest peak in Hornsund – Horsundtind (1429 meters).



As the weather had much improved since the morning the expedition staff were able to offer us a landing with several hiking possibilities. Contemplative, medium, medium photography and a long mountaineering hike to one of the peaks. Those who took the long hike profited in a view from the top which was quite breath taking. With almost clear skies on the summit, we could see the whole of Hornsund up to Brepollen. Those who took the medium walks had time to explore the historical Pomor sites as well as the English land based whaling station in the bay. Remnant whale bones and blubber deposited in the ground still lend ample nutrients to the soil, thus creating small satellite biospheres of flora to the stark glacial outwash landscape.



As the afternoon drew to a close, all the groups reconvened on the beach and were given the opportunity to take an Arctic polar plunge! A brave few headed into the 2-degree water, some just to wet their feet and others taking a proper swim, caps, goggles and all. Respect and congratulations to you all!

Back on board there was just enough time for a short recap from Ali before heading out on deck to enjoy the Arctic BBQ Dinner that the hotel department had kindly arranged. We gathered on the helideck to enjoy a great feast of grilled ribs, steaks, sausages, salads and mulled wine before dancing the night away to some solid classic tunes – it was the perfect way to end another fabulous expedition day.



Day 9 – August 09, 2018 Poolepynten, Alkhornet

GPS position at 1200: 78°24.9'N, 015°03.7'E

Air Temp: 5°C Sea Temp: 3°C Weather: overcast Wind: S 3 Sea state: calm



Our last morning of arctic excursions started with the anticipated welcoming wakeup call from Expedition leader Ali. We had now fully circumnavigated the Svalbard archipelago and in good planning this morning we arrived at Poolepynten. Good news came over the ships address system that, “YES!” the walrus that we had been looking forward to seeing were at their haul expected out site, or they were “home”. We made our way to breakfast in eager anticipation of the planned activities that lay ahead.



This point of land is a favoured site for these marine mammals as it is easily accessible and the location provides a plentiful supply of nearby food, soft sand and relative shelter.

We split into two groups for the landing. This allowed for premium viewing in smaller numbers, as well as not to overwhelm the walrus with our presence. Once ashore we walked with our guides to the animals, at a certain distance beyond the minimum 30 meters we were instructed to form a line and slowly walked in unison towards the herd, stopping periodically to observe and appreciate these giants of the Arctic without disturbing them.

After about one hour the groups interchanged. The weather remained relatively the same however, small bits of wildlife altered as a sneaky Humpback whale passed by, very close to shore. Day 9 and the first whale we had sighted. We all enjoyed our time with the walrus before heading back to the *Ortelius* where we had lunch and prepared ourselves for the afternoon activity.



The ship transited over to Alkhornet. A striking mass of rock jutting nearly straight out of the ocean and up. This location in Svalbard is almost the crowning landing of everything one could desire in a location. Nesting Kittiwakes and little auks above on the cliffs, colourful tundra, and today more Reindeer than ever imagined. Mist, light wind, and occasional sunshine littered the horizons. Walking groups set off in different directions under the guidance of expedition staff. Each group encountered wildlife in diverse ways, but everyone encountered a reindeer or two, or three or twenty.



The terrain was quite fine for walking and we were able to take in some distance as well as photograph and enjoy our final time in the arctic. Back at the beach, we donned our life jackets loaded in the zodiacs for the last time and headed back to the ship. Onboard we had a time to shower or warm up before the Captain's farewell cocktail as well as a toast to the voyage and crew. Dinner was a fanfare of gourmet delight and on top of this we had a chance to meet some of the galley crew, dinning staff and stewards.

A bitter sweet night of returning muck boots, sharing memories, laughs, and photos. Exchanging contact information and enjoying the final moments of a unique and dynamic voyage in the high arctic.



Day 10 – August 10, 2018

Longyearbyen

GPS position at 0800: 78°13.8'N, 015°36.2'E

Air Temp: 9°C Sea Temp: 5°C Weather: cloudy Wind: SW 2 Sea state: calm

What an adventure it had been that was now coming to an end. After a last night in our cabin, which had come to feel like home, it was time to move on. We put our luggage in the corridors as asked, so the crew could take it off the ship for us. After one last wake-up call and 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 extraordinary trip, and all of us had many memories of wildlife and spectacular scenery during our days at sea, Zodiac-cruising activities and shore landings. Finally, we handed in the keys to our cabins, had one last zodiac ride to the pier where we picked up our luggage and made our way into town or to the airport for our onward journeys. May we meet again somewhere, someday!



Thank you all for joining us on this remarkable adventure, for your great company, good humour and enthusiasm. We hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!

Total distance sailed: 1,445 Nautical Miles
Most northerly position 82°28'N, 017°30'E

**On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions,
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Expedition Leader Ali Liddle, Hotel Manager Sava
and all the crew and staff,
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Birds							
English Name	Scientific	中文名	01-Aug	02-Aug	03-Aug	04-Aug	05-Aug
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	红喉潜鸟		X	X		
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	北方暴风鹱	X	X	X	X	X
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	粉脚雁					
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	白颊黑雁		X	X		
Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	黑雁					
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	鸥绒鸭	X	X	X	X	
King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	王绒鸭					
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	长尾野鸭					
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>	岩雷鸟					
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	剑鸻		X			
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	三趾鹬					
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	紫滨鹬		X	X		
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	红腹滨鹬					
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	红翻石鹬					
Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	灰瓣蹼鹬					
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	中贼鸥					X

Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	短尾贼鸥		X	X	X	
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	长尾贼鸥		X			
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	大贼鸥		X	X		
Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	萨宾氏鸥					
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	北极鸥	X	X	X	X	X
Iceland gull	<i>Larus glaucoides</i>	冰岛鸥					
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	银鸥					
Lesser black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	小黑头鸥					
Great black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	大黑头鸥					
Black-Legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	三趾鸥	X	X	X	X	X
Ross' Gull	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>	楔尾鸥					
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	象牙鸥					X
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	北极燕鸥					
Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	厚嘴海鸦	X	X	X	X	X
Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	白翅斑海鸽/黑海鸽	X	X	X	X	X
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	小海雀	X	X	X		X
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	海鹦	X	X	X	X	
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	雪鹀		X	X		

MAMMALS							
English	<i>Scientific</i>	中文名	01-Aug	02-Aug	03-Aug	04-Aug	05-Aug
Walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	海象				X	
Bearded seal	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>	髯海豹		X			X
Ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>	环斑海豹					
Harp seal	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>	格陵兰海豹					X
Hooded seal	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>	冠海豹					
Common /Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	斑海豹		X			
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	小须鲸					
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenopentera musculus</i>	蓝鲸					
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	长须鲸					
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	座头鲸					
Bowhead whale	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>	弓头鲸					
Narwhal	<i>Monodon monoceros</i>	独角鲸					
Northern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>	北瓶鼻鲸					
Orca (Killer Whale)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	虎鲸					
White-beaked Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>	白瓶鼻海豚					
Beluga	<i>Dephinapterus leucas</i>	白鲸					
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	北极熊		X		X	
Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	北极狐					
Spitsbergen Reindeer	<i>Rangifer tarandus platyrhynchus</i>	北极驯鹿		X			

06-Aug	07-Aug	08-Aug
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- 1- Ny London
- 2- Ny Alesund
- 3- Worsleyneset
- 4- Carl XII Oya
- 5- Pack Ice
- 6- Alkefjellet
- 7- Brasvelbreen
- 8- Freemansundet
- 9- Kapp Lee
- 10- Burgerbukta
- 11- Gashamna
- 12- Poolepyten
- 13- Alkhornet
- 14- Longyearbyen



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 often 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.

Adam Turner 探险队员

Adam 在英格兰的 Essex 乡村长大。在 9 岁的时候他就开始航海，12 岁的时候就开始在当地的河上工作。16 岁的时候他就拥有了一艘自己的小渔船，并且在码头做着一份带游客去看本地海豹栖息地，还帮助当地的救援组织。之后他参加了海军，驻守在北爱尔兰，并且还在肯尼亚执行过行动。2002 年 Adam 成为了警察并且是特警。在 Adam 很年轻的时候就梦想着像他的叔叔一样在南极工作，2014 年他辞去了警察工作并在英国南极科考队作为一名管理船只的官员，在爱德华国王岛和南乔治亚群岛都工作过。2017 年他被推选进入皇家地质协会，现在作为他们的向导和顾问。

他同时还是很多项户外活动和海事活动的教练，他喜欢潜水，登山，皮划艇等户外活动。

Ali Liddle — Expedition Leader



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 3 books to date – Plants of the Falkland Islands and 2 art and craft books for children using penguins and albatross as the inspiration. Ali is a keen runner, having completed 3 marathons in the Falkland Islands and 2 in the UK and also enjoys cycling, hiking and camping.

Ali has been working on Antarctic and Arctic cruise ships 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, the wildlife and she enjoys sharing her knowledge of and passion for the polar regions.

Ali Liddle – 探险队长

在英国出生，最近 15 年在福克兰群岛的斯坦利生活，并且是一名小学老师。最近他被福克兰群岛教育局提升为教育长。1997 年他在南乔治亚群岛生活了 9 个月，在那里管理那里的邮局并且一有机会就去徒步，滑雪，探索周边的山峰和海岸线。

她已经出本了三本书，一本关于福克兰群岛的植物，两本专门为孩子写的关于企鹅和信天翁。Ali 热爱跑步，她已经完成了 3 次在福克兰群岛和英国的马拉松赛事，同时她也很喜欢骑行，徒步和宿营。

Ali 已经在 Ocean wide 的南北极探险船上工作了很多年，而且熟悉这个公司所有的船。她最近搬到了 Isle of Skye, 在这里建造了一个小屋，并且享受在这个小岛上徒步。她特别感兴趣的是自然历史和野生动物，同时她也很喜欢分享她对极地的热爱的知识。

Iain Rudkin – Assistant Expedition Leader



'A love for travel alongside a passion for mountains, wild places and photography has allowed Iain to fulfil many a childhood dream. Equally at home in his native Scottish mountains as in the polar regions, Iain has been fortunate enough to be able to combine his enthusiasm for the wilderness with a real life job - a privilege not lost on him! This 'work' has led him to over winter three times in Antarctica, climb unclimbed peaks as well as getting covered head to toe in penguin guano...it's not all glamorous!'

Iain Rudkin – 探险副队长

喜欢旅行而且热衷于登山，户外，摄影这些爱好填满了 Iain 的童年。他家在苏格兰的群山之中，他在家的时间和在极地的时间基本是一样的，他很幸运的将他对户外的爱好变成了他的工作。他的工作使他很幸运的在南极过冬三次，登顶了不可攀登的山峰，当然也有全身都被粘上企鹅粪便的时候，并不是所有时候都是完美的。



Shelli Ogilvy

探险队员 & 演讲师

Guide: Shelli Ogilvy was born and raised in Alaska. She grew up in a rural town separated from the road system, with glaciers, whales, bears and big mountains as her backyard.

Shelli has been guiding as a wilderness leader since 1997. She has been working as an expedition guide in the polar regions of both Antarctica and Arctic

beginning in 2007 through the present. Master in Sea Kayak and Zodiac driving/ Marine Biologist and wilderness Naturalist. When not guiding on ships, she works taking small groups by sea kayak out into wilderness settings for overnight camping trips in Alaska.

Shelli obtained her Bachelors of Science in 2001 with a major in Marine Biology. She has worked with several different research groups, primarily studying identification and biology of humpback and gray whales off the North Pacific Coast, as well as many observational studies in South Atlantic/ Pacific and Antarctic waters. Her passion for spending time over the years in Polar Regions makes her more aware of changing environments, ice, glaciers, and distribution of wildlife.

Her other background includes exploring the waters of the North and South via sea kayak. Needless to say, being on the ocean is one the places she best calls “home”.

When not guiding, Shelli is an accomplished artist. She published an illustrated bird book in 2009 and is shown in several small galleries. Other interests include working on her small cabin in Alaska, backcountry skiing, fly-fishing, and above all sharing these beautiful polar landscapes.

Shelli 在阿拉斯加偏远的小乡村出生长大，冰川，鲸鱼，熊，大山就是她家的后院。她从 1997 年开始做户外向导。从 2007 年开始她就在南极和北极地区做探险队员。她是皮划艇，冲锋艇专家，也是海洋生物和野外自然学家。当她不在探险船上工作的时候，会带领小组在阿拉斯加的野外做皮划艇，宿营等活动。2001 年 Shelli 取得了海洋生物学学士学位。并在不同的研究组织工作过，主要研究北太平洋的座头鲸和灰鲸，也在南大西洋/太平洋和南极海域做过观察学习。她在极地的热情使她对环境变化，海冰，冰川和这些对野生动物的影响更敏感。她还用皮划艇的方式探索南极和北极的水域，不用多说，大海就是她的家。当她不做向导的时候，她还是一位艺术家，2009 年她出版了关于鸟类的画集并在多家画廊展出。她其他的爱好包括整修她在阿拉斯加的小木屋，野外滑雪，钓鱼，最喜欢跟人分享南北极的事情。

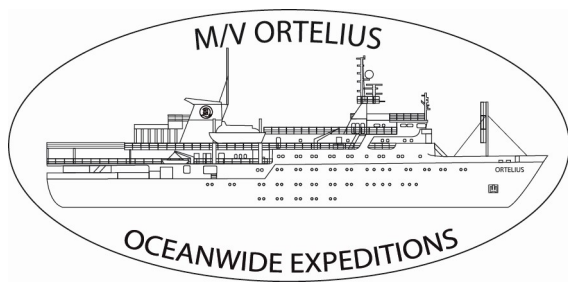
Szymon Niezabitowski - Guide



Szymon was born in 1993 in Cracow, Poland. He studied Biology and Geography in Cracow where he received graduate degree in “Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences”. His graduate thesis was about Volcanic Soils on Iceland. After he finished his studies he worked for the Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals, where he was a guide and keeper of exotic animals. From the earliest years of his life he is a passionate naturalist with a special interest in the geography and the wildlife of the higher latitudes.

Szymon Niezabitowski - 探险队员

Szymon 出生于 1993 年，Cracow，波兰。他在 Cracow 的时候学习生物和地质，并取得了 Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences 的硕士学位。他的毕业论文是关于冰岛火山灰的。在毕业后他作为向导和饲养员在动物系统进化学院工作，他在很早的时候就热爱自然尤其热爱高纬度地区的地质和野生动物



Around Spitsbergen

Aug 1st – Aug 10th 2018

Longyearbyen

Wednesday 1st Aug

WELCOME ABOARD!

Please check to make sure you have received all your luggage and if there is luggage in your cabin that does not belong to you please let us know!

**** Tea and coffee are always available in the lounge bar on deck 6 ****

17.15 Welcome briefing in the lecture room (Deck 3, forward). Expedition Leader, Ali and the Hotel Manager, Sava and will introduce you to life on board the Ortelius.

This will be followed by a mandatory 'Safety at Sea' briefing and abandon ship drill.

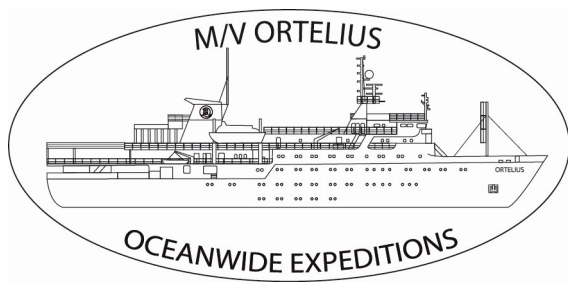
18.00 Departure of the Ortelius. The bridge will be closed during these operations.

19.00 **Welcome Cocktail.** The Captain invites all passengers to a reception in the Lounge/Bar (Deck 6) and Expedition Leader Ali will introduce your Expedition Staff and will talk about our plans.

19.30 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room (Deck 4 behind Reception). This is plated service so please be prompt!

After Dinner, around 21.00, we shall distribute rubber boots at the Lecture Room (Deck 3 forward). We will call you by deck number. Please listen for announcements.

Please note that tonight we will be sailing into the open sea. Take your seasickness medication before you really feel the movements of the vessel. Make sure that all your belongings are put away safely and that doors and drawers in your cabin are tightly closed. Walk slowly on the ship, always use one hand for yourself and one for the ship and beware of your fingers because of doors jamming!



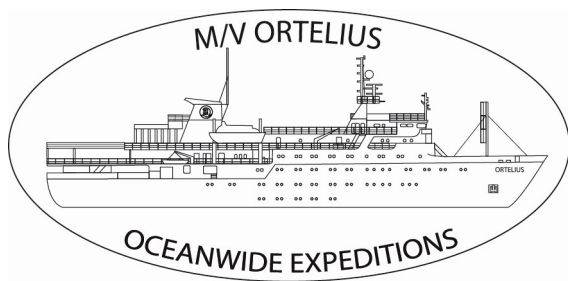
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Ny London and Ny Alesund

Thursday 2nd Aug

- 07:00** First wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!
- 07:30** **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 08:30** **Zodiac Safety and Polar Bear Safety Briefing.** These are Mandatory briefings that all passengers must attend before going on shore. Please join Ali in the Lecture Room on Deck 3 for these briefings in English.
- 10:00** **Ny London** on Blomstrandhalvoya. We hope to take you ashore at this old mining settlement where we will see the relics of the marble mine and explore the local area. It is sometimes a good place to see Reindeer and Arctic foxes. For our first landing we will take you in small groups for a walk to explore the local area.
- 13:00** **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~14:30** **Ny Alesund.** During the afternoon we will visit the settlement of Ny Alesund, a former coal mine which is now a research settlement. There is a museum and gift shop and the world's most northerly Post Office. The shop accepts Kroner, Euros, US dollars and most debit cards.
- **** **Please stay on the roads within the settlement and do not walk out of town.**
- Please do not take your mobile phones on shore or, if you do please select flight mode as they can interfere with scientific equipment.**
- 18:30** Re-cap. Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge to look back on our day and to find out the plans for tomorrow.
- 19:00** **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room.



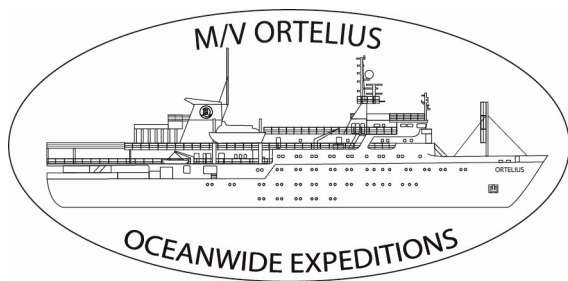
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Bockfjord and Mushamna

Friday 3rd Aug

- 07:30** Wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!
- 08:00** **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~09:00** **Bockfjord.** This is a very scenic bay off the main fjord of Woodfjorden. It is renowned for having ‘thermal’ pools but don’t expect a steaming spa! There are pools of warmer water which allow interesting tundra to grow. The glaciated scenery is beautiful and we hope to offer a number of options on shore, a long hike which will climb higher for views of the glacier, a medium hike on the lower slopes, and an easy photography walk on the tundra.
- 12:30** **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 14:00** **Mushamna.** This translates as ‘Mouse Bay’. We hope to take you ashore on the open tundra area of Mushamna where there is rich tundra vegetation and a freshwater lagoon. Again, we will offer a longer walk which will take you up the nearby hill to view the area and glacier while the medium and leisurely groups will explore the tundra and surrounding areas.
- 18:30** Re-cap. Please join the Expedition staff in the Lounge for a look back on our day and to find out the plans for tomorrow.
- 19:00** **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room.



Around Spitsbergen

1st Aug- 10th Aug 2018

Karl XII øya

Saturday 4th July

07:30 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!

08:00 **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

TBA **Karl XII øya.** This is a remote island to the east of the Seven Islands. It was named after the King of Sweden in 1682. This morning will be an expedition morning but we hope to find good weather conditions which will allow us to take a Zodiac cruise around the island. There have been reports of polar bears in the area in recent weeks so staff will go in the Zodiacs to scout the island first.

Please listen carefully for announcements about our plans and timings for the morning.

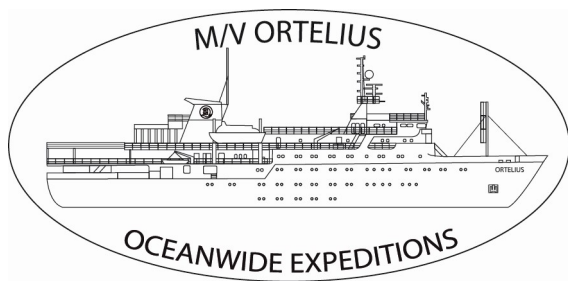
12:30 **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

After lunch we will start to sail north, a long way north, to reach the polar pack ice.

15:00 **Polar Bears and Sea Ice.** Please join Iain and Sara in the Lecture room where Iain will give a presentation about Sea Ice and Sara will talk about Polar Bears. This will be in English.

18:30 Re-cap. Please join the Expedition staff in the Lounge for a look back on our day and to find out the plans for tomorrow.

19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal.



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In the Ice

Sunday 5th August

Expedition Day in the Ice!

During the night we will start navigating into the pack ice where we will spend most of the day. Enjoy this unique Arctic experience. Staff will be on the Bridge and on deck looking for wildlife, particularly Polar bears and as soon as we see anything we will let you know.

Join us and help our search! The more eyes, the better!

07:30 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!

08:00 **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

During the morning please enjoy the experience of being in the polar pack ice and listen for announcements regarding any activities on board.

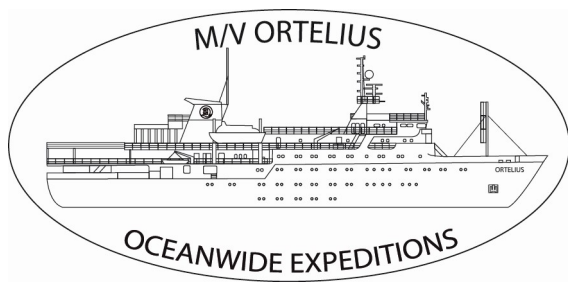
12:30 **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

During the afternoon we will continue to navigate in the ice.

15:00 Please join Adam in the Lecture room for a historical presentation about Benjamin Leigh Smith: A Forgotten Englishman. Curious? Then make your way to the Lecture Room.

18:30 Re-cap. Please join the Expedition staff in the Lounge for a look back on our day and to find out the plans for tomorrow.

19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal.

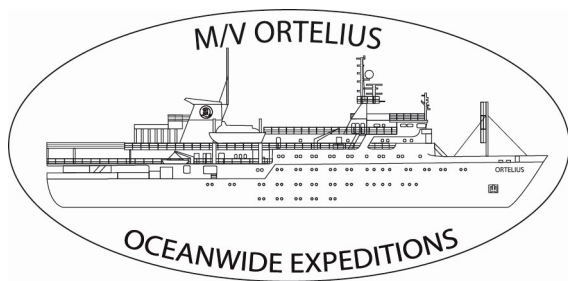


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**Hinlopen Strait
Monday 6th August**

- 07:30** Wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!
- 08:00** **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~09:00** **Sorgfjord.** This area of Nordaustlandet is known as a 'Polar Desert' and is beautiful Arctic scenery. There is a chance to see wildlife but the main attraction is the stark beauty of the area. We hope to be able to offer a few walking options on shore, including a long hike to a viewpoint nearby.
Please listen for announcements. Long hikers please come to the gangway first.
- 12:30** **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 15:00** **Alkefjellet.** This afternoon we hope to take you out on a Zodiac cruise at the high bird cliffs at Alkefjellet. These are home to 60,000 pairs of Brünnich's guillemots as well as Kittiwakes and Glaucous gulls. We often see Arctic foxes on the slopes as well so keep looking while we are cruising.
We will offer this cruise in 2 groups.
Group 1 Beijing Nine Rocks Sports and Culture Group and PhotoQuest Adventures.
Group 2 All other passengers
- Group 1 Come to the gangway at approx. 15:00**
Group 2 Come to the gangway at approx. 16:30
- 18:30** Re-cap. Please join the Expedition staff in the Lounge for a look back on our day and to find out the plans for tomorrow.
- 19:00** **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal.

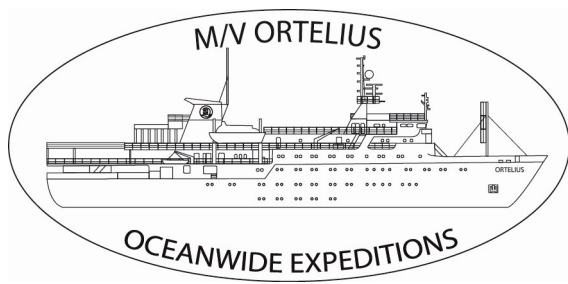


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**Freemansundet
Tuesday 7th July**

- 07:30** Wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!
- 08:00** **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~09:00** **Kapp Waldburg.** This morning we hope to take you ashore at the Kittiwake cliffs at Kapp Waldburg. We will offer our usual hiking options, a long, medium and leisurely hike. Everyone will walk into the canyons to view the birds on the nest and then the longer hiking groups will climb the hills nearby to enjoy the views from above.
- 12:00** **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~13:30** **Kapp Lee.** This afternoon we hope to take you ashore on Edgeoya. Here we will offer our usual hiking options, a long hike, a medium hike and a leisurely walk. The long hike will go up to the top of the ridge for views over the Freemansundet. It is quite steep in places and over loose rocks so be aware of your ability. The medium hikes will walk the tundra and hopefully have some time with reindeer.
- 18:30** Re-cap. Please join the Expedition staff in the Lounge for a look back on our day and to find out the plans for tomorrow.
- 19:00** **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal.



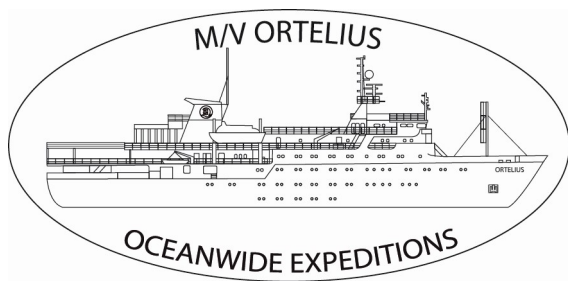
Around Spitsbergen

August 1st – August 10th 2018

Hornsund

Tuesday 7th August

- 07:30** Wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!
- 08:00** **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~09:15** **Burgerbukta.** During the morning we hope to take you on a zodiac cruise into the very scenic Burgerbukta. This is a long fjord with steep mountains on either side and the Paierlbreen glacier at the end. There are often icebergs in the fjord and opportunities for wildlife. Please dress warmly as we will be out in the boats for maybe one and a half hours and it isn't easy to come back to the ship. We plan to take you all out together in one zodiac cruise.
- 12:30** **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~14:00** **Gåshamna.** This afternoon we hope to take you ashore at the historic bay of Gåshamna. Here we will see the remains of the English whaling station and many whale bones as well as Pomor relics. We will take you to explore the area and the beautiful coastal scenery. Please stay close to your guides at all times. Long hikers – if weather conditions allow we hope to take you up to a high peak viewpoint. It is steep and rocky so please be aware of your ability!
Long hikers come to the gangway first.
- 18:30** Re-cap. Please join the Expedition staff in the Lounge for a look back on our day and to find out the plans for tomorrow.
- 19:00** **Special Arctic Dinner** is served. Dress warmly and enjoy your meal.



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Poolepynten and Alkhornet

Thursday 9th Aug

- 07:30** Wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!
- 08:00** **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 09:00** **Poolepynten.** This morning we hope to take you ashore to view Walrus at a known haul out. We hope they will be at home.....
Due to regulations we can only take half the group at a time so we will split in our usual way. Please listen to the guides as we approach and view the Walrus.
- Group 1** **All English speaking guests please come to the gangway at 09:00.**
- Group 2** **Beijing Nine Rocks Sports and Culture Group and PhotoQuest Adventures.**
Please be ready at the gangway at 10:15. Landing will be shortly after this. Please listen for announcements.
- 12:30** **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~14:00** **Alkhornet.** Our final landing will be at Alkhornet which has a beautiful high bird cliffs and rich tundra where we often see reindeer. We hope to offer our usual walks in the area to explore the scenic coast and cliffs. Long hikers please come to the gangway first – it will be a gentle long hike!!
- 18:30** Captain's Cocktails. Please join our Captain and the Expedition staff in the Lounge for a look back on our trip and toast our voyage.
- 19:00** **Farewell Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.