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Around Spitsbergen

on board

m/v Ortelius

July 14 – July 23, 2018

M/V *Ortelius* was named after the Dutch cartographer Abraham Ortelius (1527-1598) who published the first modern world atlas, the *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* (Theatre of the World) in 1570. 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.



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Captain Mika Appel and his international crew of 49

including

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welcome you on board!

Day 1 – July 14, 2018

Embarkation, Longyearbyen

GPS position at 1600: 78°13.8'N, 015°36.2'E

Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 5°C Weather: cloudy Wind: NW 4 Sea state: calm

Since Longyearbyen's foundation as a coal-mining settlement in 1906 by John Munro Longyear, it has been the starting point for many historic and pioneering expeditions. The town has a permanent population of around 3,000 residents but this number increases significantly during the summer with the arrival of thousands of cruise ship tourists ready to explore the archipelago of Svalbard



At 4pm we excitedly gather at the pier in order to embark our new floating home for the next ten days – the *M/V Ortelius*. The Ortelius was at anchor out in the fjord, so at the pier there were members of the expedition staff on hand to take care of our luggage and hand us lifejackets as we were transfer to the ship by zodiac. Soon we were crossing the calm waters towards the ship and the adventure was underway. We made our way up the gangway and were met by hotel team who checked us in and showed us to our cabins. As soon as we had settled into our rooms most of us found ourselves either on the outside decks enjoying the views or in the bar for a coffee or tea.

At 5.15 pm we convened in the lecture room on Deck 3 to meet Expedition Leader Ali, who welcomed us on board the ship. Third Officer, Igor, then acquainted us with the safety features of the vessel and with the essential dos and don'ts on board. He was followed by Hotel Manager Szuzanna , from whom we learned about ship routine during our voyage and useful information about mealtimes, Internet/Webmail access and treating the toilets nicely!



Soon afterwards it was time for the mandatory safety drill and we gathered in the lounge/bar, donned our big orange lifejackets and went through a roll-call to make sure everybody was there. We were then escorted outside to take a look at the lifeboats but were left confident that we would have no reason to do this again in the next 10 days!

At 6.45 pm we gathered in the bar on Deck 6 in order to get to know the expedition staff and meet Captain Mika. Captain spoke a few words and explained that we were welcome on the bridge during daylight hours, which is a great viewing platform for bear searching and also the place to find out from officers on watch what life is like at sea. We raised a glass of bubbly (or orange juice) to the success of our voyage and then Ali told us a little about our future plans before handing over to her team of guides for brief self-introductions.

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

After dinner, there was one final task to complete and that was the collection of rubber boots from the lecture room. Staff were on hand to ensure we got the correct size and fit and were ready to go ashore on Svalbard in the morning.

Day 2 – July 15, 2018

Ny London & Ny Alesund

GPS position at 1200: 78°58.8'N, 011°48.2'E

Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 2°C Weather: sunny Wind: NNW 2 Sea state: calm



We woke to our first morning on Ortelius entering Kongsfjorden under blue skies and sunshine. 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. First, however, a mandatory zodiac briefing as well as polar bear behavior workshop needed to be attended. After a hearty breakfast we all gathered in the lecture room to learn the does and don'ts of how to behave in the zodiacs and how to be a respectful visitor in the polar environment. Shortly after this it was time to head to the gangway for a landing 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.



We boarded the zodiacs 10 persons at a time and skimmed across the calm waters, past icebergs delivered from Kongsvegen and Kongsbreen glaciers and swiftly arrived at the gravel landing beach. Once ashore we split up into several different groups and strolled around past the mining remains, some of us also made it to the fresh water ponds teeming with birdlife, and we all observed the brilliance of the tundra in bloom. Several reindeer were also encountered, and good views were had by most.



All too soon it was time to head back to the ship for a little lunch and the short transit across the fjord to Ny Alesund; the worlds northernmost year-round community. A rich history of coal mining backgrounds this town, but it is now home to 15 different international research stations, ranging from the Italy, China, all the way to India. This afternoon we were alongside the pier, thus no zodiac ride until tomorrow. Here was another great opportunity for birding and several “resident” reindeer

were easily observed. This was also the only prospect to mail postcards from the high arctic and “shop” in the small souvenir store, with most items boasting 78° N. Expedition guide 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 crash landing further on in Alaska.

The brilliant sun kept shining and we leisurely made our way back to the ship. A brief recap of plans for tomorrow was held in the bar, and Adam cultured us on the marble mining history of E. Mansfield. We headed off to dinner and the ship headed out of the fjord and north. The evening was majestic and many of us headed out on deck to enjoy the scenery and search for whales. A very fine first day!



Day 3 – July 16, 2018

Reinsdyrflya, Worsleyneset & Monacobreen

GPS position at 1200: 79°41.1'N, 013°50.8'E

Air Temp: 10°C Sea Temp: 4°C Weather: overcast Wind: NE 3 Sea state: calm



During the night we changed our position from Kongsfjord to Liefdefjorden which translates to "Love bay" in the Dutch. Today's morning plan was a landing in Worsleyneset, but we had to change it because around 7 o'clock from public announcement system we heard great information that a Polar bear had been spotted! Hotel Department prepared for us tasty breakfast and after thirty minutes we were ready to board zodiacs and cruise along the shore to observe the Polar bear from a safe and closer distance. It was an amazing view. A huge young male lay quietly near shore at Reinsdyrflya, from time to time he raised his head looking in our direction.

After one and half hour zodiac cruise, we left our fluffy friend on shore and returned to *Ortelius* with great pictures and big smiles. Once we were onboard *Ortelius*, the Polar bear finally moved . . . he decided to

swim across Woodfjord to eastern side of fjord. We were able to observe a swimming bear; however, we could only best detect him with our binoculars.

At 12:30 Suzanna and Sava invited us to dining room for lunch. During lunch time we ship cruised up to the end of

Liefdefjorden to Monacobreen, the biggest glacier in fjord. The glacier is named after Duke Albert I. of Monaco; he led the expedition that mapped the glacier in 1906. The afternoon plan was to zodiac cruise the 4km long ice-face. During the cruise we admired beautiful scenery with hundreds of birds: Kittiwakes, Arctic tern, Black guillemots, Arctic skuas and Glaucous gulls. We observed a very curious Bearded seal swimming around some of our boats. After great time out in the zodiacs we headed back to *Ortelius*, and





before dinner Ali, Sara and Adam gave us more information about seal identification, Bearded seals, and Polar bears. Ali presented us with more information about plans for next day, but it wasn't the end of attractions for today. After dinner at 21:40 we pass the 80°N parallel, close to Moffen island. We headed back out on deck or to the bridge to see a big group of Walrus digesting on the sandy beach and the rare Sabine's gull was spotted flying close to the shore amongst the Kittiwakes and Glaucous gulls. A full and rewarding day.

Day 4 – July 17, 2018

Phippsoya & Parryoya and then North to the ice

GPS position at 1200: 80°40.7'N, 020°42.6'E

Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 0°C Weather: cloudy Wind: SSE 2 Sea state: calm

The day began with a wakeup call from our Expedition Leader Ali, followed by a call to breakfast by our hotel manager Szuzanna. A hearty breakfast was served and enjoyed as the Expedition team departed the ship early to scout the site of our morning landing, Phippsoya.

The team left the warmth of Ortelius and headed off towards the island of Phippsoya. With a fresh breeze in their faces, they rounded the headland to the intended landing site in a sheltered cove next to an old trapper's hut.

Phippsoya stood out amongst others of the 'seven islands' group, with a small cover of cloud atop the mountains. As the expedition team scouted this island that was known to have had a bear here recently, the last remaining patches of snow could be seen amongst the boulder strewn landscape. Ali was quick to notice a cream coloured blob on a patch of snow above the trappers' hut, as other staff trained their



binoculars towards it, it was soon confirmed that the blob was indeed a waking polar bear. The black button nose could be seen with dark coal like eyes, as the bear began its early morning stretch regime.

The days plan dynamically changed, and instead of a landing, a zodiac cruise was planned as soon as breakfast had finished.

We boarded the zodiacs eager at the prospect of seeing a bear and were not disappointed.

The bear, a young male aged between 3-5 was very lucky, as in the small bay where he was residing was a whale carcass. The prevailing wind and current causes all matter

to be deposited in the bay, as we could see on the beach. An array of timbers to old fishing nets and floats adorned the area near to the hut, but among them stealing the show was our bear.



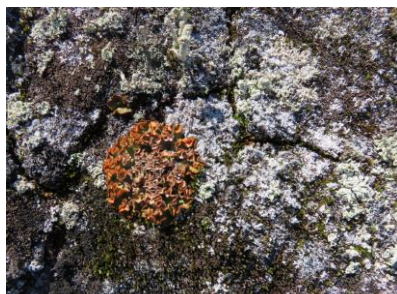
The carcass had washed up at least 8 days previously as one of the staff had been to the island and seen the bear feeding on the carcass (which was significantly bigger, now it was the bear who was bigger and the carcass tremendously smaller). The bear continued to enjoy its breakfast as we marvelled at this young king of the Arctic tearing at the flesh and pawing at the carcass to free up more edible chunks of whale. After the cruise we headed back to Ortelius and enjoyed a warming lunch. As we ate the clouds were blown away by light airs and we would be enjoying a sunny afternoon among the seven islands.

We carried out a landing at the nearby Parryoya, a tropical like sandy beach with clear blue water led us to the head of a small bay where we could then roam in a large area. The expedition staff had scouted the area and were stationed on the perimeter of the landing range monitoring the landscape for any bears.



We enjoyed the freedom of the landing; some sliding down the snow slopes, while others enjoyed a hike to a viewpoint, or a stroll along the beach.

After an afternoon of sun, sand, scenery and Arctic views we headed back to the ship where Ali told us more about the bear we had seen and of the plans for tomorrow. Adam spoke of the two Royal Navy Officers; Constantine John Phipps and Sir William Parry after whom the two islands we had visited were named. Now we were headed north to the ice, we went to sleep in anticipation of the new frozen world we would wake to in the morning.



Day 5 – July 18, 2018

North in the ice

GPS position at 1200: 81°33.2'N, 015°55.5'E

Air Temp: 2°C Sea Temp: -3°C Weather: overcast Wind: SSW 2 Sea state: ice



Overnight the captain had brought the ship to the edge of the pack ice, which was notably higher in latitude than previous years, with it only being found past 81 degrees north.

Waking up in the fringes of the northern pack ice is a fairly unique experience; one few will ever be able to experience. The morning started with a little low-lying fog and mist which hindered visibility, but nonetheless most of us went outside after breakfast to enjoy this special high Arctic icescape. Several seals were seen, either swimming in the water or hauled out on ice floes. Most of the swimming ones were identified to be Harp seals, while most of the seals on the ice were Bearded and Ringed seals. Around us we saw many Kittiwakes, who took advantage of the currents *Ortelius* was making as she pushed ice floes away, exposing small Polar cod. Glaucus gulls in turn took advantage of that, trying to steal these small fish from the Kittiwakes. To their great delight, the birders on board spotted a few Ivory gulls passing by the ship during the course of the morning.

As the morning progressed, the visibility improved. The Expedition guides were on the Bridge and outside decks with binoculars scanning every lump of ice and shadow to see if it was a bear. With such clear conditions, the search radius was huge, it was challenging for everyone.



The hotel staff kindly served a mid-morning treat of hot chocolate (with a little Rum tippie for those who wished) on the outside decks. Later this morning at 11am, many people headed to the lecture room where Sara presented an 'Introduction to Polar Photography', she thus provided some useful tips on how to improve our pictures. On Sara's recommendation, many people headed back out on deck afterwards to play with their cameras and get acquainted with some of the techniques she spoke about.



The search for bears by the Expedition staff of course continued during and after lunch, but it seemed luck was not to be on our side today! At 3pm there was a trio of mini lectures by Iain, Shelli and Ali, their chosen subjects being Sea Ice, Arctic Whales and Polar Bear. It was truly fascinating to learn more about the wonderful environment and wildlife we had been experiencing over the past days or so. The educational material only added to our excitement about some of the other things we could see in the forthcoming days.



At recap Iain spoke a little bit about the avian behaviour we had witnessed with the Kittiwakes earlier in the day, followed by Szymon who spoke about glaciers and of course Ali shared the plans for the following day.

During dinner we moved into open waters as we headed south again, it was the perfect opportunity to relax, look at pictures or enjoy a drink at the bar.

Day 6 – July 19, 2018

Alkefjellet & Torrellneset

GPS position at 1200: 79°34.2'N, 018°37.7'E

Air Temp: 4°C Sea Temp: 3°C Weather: fog Wind: ESE 3 Sea state: smooth

An overnight transit from the northern pack ice saw us arrive at the stunning cliffs of Alkefjellet for our morning excursion - a zodiac cruise underneath arguably one of the most scenic places in Svalbard. Great pillars and pedestals of dolerite rise vertiginously from a plinth of marble; limestone metamorphosed through contact with molten volcanic rock over one hundred million years ago. The glacial cap above issues forth ice and debris where it cuts through lines of weakness amongst the buttresses.



Naturally stepped, these pillars and cliffs provide ideal homesteads for the sixty thousand plus pairs of Brunnich's Guillemots who reside here. It is an avian domain teeming with life. Constantly moving, the unmistakable aroma of ammonia and a cacophony of echoing bird calls. To be deep in amongst it is a sensory overload!

But of course, with plenty of prey, comes predators...



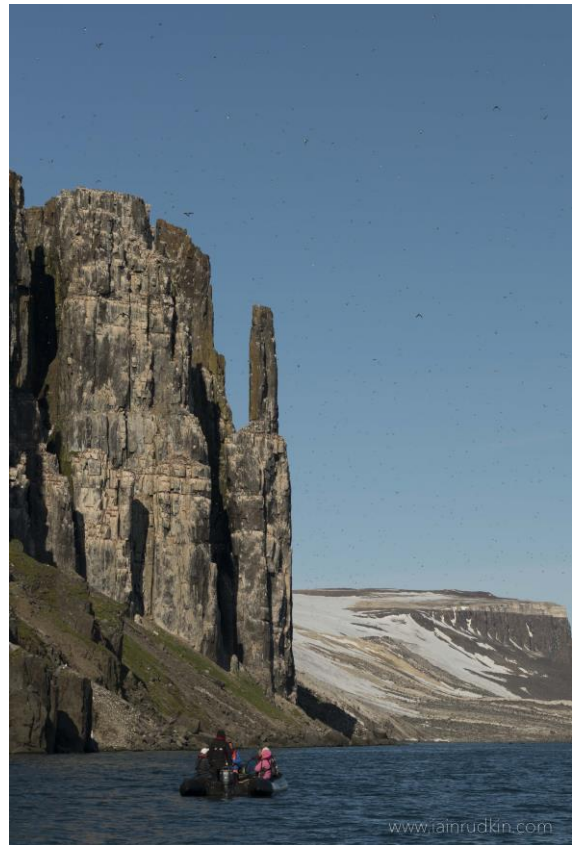
It is usual to see the predacious Glaucous Gull strutting malevolently on the fallen boulders at the base, readily willing to pick off a stray chick and consume it whole. Or the slightly less common Great Skua, often seen harassing the rafts of Guillemots out at sea - a terror from the skies! Less common still is the Arctic Fox. It's not that these animals aren't relatively commonplace under the cliffs of Alkefjellet, but they are often hard to pick out - especially at this stage in the summer where observation is nigh on impossible due to their

mottled brown and cream fur. To pick out these three hunters amongst the chaos that is Alkefjellet is pretty special. As staff, we couldn't wish or hope for better. So, when a Polar Bear was spotted high on the cliffs, a pretty special day turned into something rather unique.

I've heard tell of Polar Bears on the cliffs of Alkefjellet but never had the opportunity to see it for myself. And though it was high above our heads, the bear was easy to pick out as it scrambled from ledge to ledge, scouring the crag for accessible eggs. It would occasionally vanish from sight behind a block only to reappear moments later and at one point we held our collective breath as it slid hesitantly down a snow patch. And then it moved onwards and upwards until it was the perfect silhouette against the deep azure of the arctic sky, a truly breathtaking experience.

An excursion along the coast at Alkefjellet is without doubt a highlight of any trip to Svalbard; a spectacle like no other. To be fortunate enough to add a bonus bear to the mix turned an unforgettable moment into something far beyond that. Something that will certainly stay with us for a long time. Despite thick fog curtailing our afternoon activities, it is hard to put a dampener on this most amazing of mornings!

Post prandial entertainment came in the form of a ships cruise along the mighty Bråsvellbreen. A colossal calving ice front which drains the western part of Nordaustland.



Austfonna and Vegafonna combined constitute the third largest mass of ice on earth after Antarctica and Greenland. The ice front continues onwards to the east for a further one hundred and seventy kilometres. Statistics aside and despite the low, atmospheric cloud, an idea of the scale of the icecap was obvious from the ship as we cruised through its offspring en route to Freemansundet and another day of adventure!



Day 7 – July 20, 2018

Freemandsundet & Storfjorden

GPS position at 1200: 78°03.0'N, 019°53.0'E

Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 2°C Weather: overcast Wind: SSW 6 Sea state: moderate

The morning started out bright and sunny, and the hills of Freemandsundet were easily viewed. A strong wind was blowing from the southwest up to 45 knots, whipping up waves and chop; and although it made a remarkable sight it was not safe for zodiac operations, thus we sailed past the plan "A" landing at Kapp Waldberg. The canyons filled with nesting Kittiwakes could still be observed from Ortelius and we steadied our binoculars on the teeming clouds of birds. As we continued down the fjord, now settling into a new plan and a fresh cup of tea, the Expedition staff were still scouring the hills for additional wildlife. The call went over the address system that a Polar bear had been spotted on the northern shore half way up the hillside. We bundled up, binoculars and zoom lenses in hand and headed out on deck. Shortly four other bears were spotted. A sow with two cubs and a second solitary male. What we didn't expect was the



drama that soon played out. Whilst the sow and cubs were wandering the highlands possibly chewing on vegetation, one of the males below suddenly jumped into action and began sprinting across the lower span of tundra directly towards the sow and cubs. It was a striking site to witness just how quickly this bear traversed the kilometer or so between them. He was in fast pursuit of the small family. The mother soon realized the danger they were in a started a quick uphill evasive route in the opposite direction, lighter on her feet, but with the cubs in tow they were moving quicker than the male in chase, but it seemed he would not give up anytime soon. It would be a long day for that poor sow.



We continued southwest towards Kapp Lee, but the wind, swell and now fog proved unsuitable for getting off the ship here as well. Even with the limited visibility we could see that the walrus were not “home”, consequently it was not worth the risk of battling the seas.

Ali, Sara and Adam put on a triple topic lecture covering “Ice Maidens of the North”, Superstitions of the seas, and the Beaufort scale, which afterwards upon looking outside we could now make an educated statement regarding the conditions of wind and sea.

The ship slowly crossed Storfjorden towards the main island of Spitsbergen and a little more shelter. Lunch was served in the dining room, but attendance was thin as many passengers were feeling the “motion of the ocean” and took to the comfort of their cabin.

In the early afternoon we had made it across and outside of Agardhbukta, nevertheless this side of the fjord is heavily glaciated and the coastal waters shallow and poorly charted. Although the wind had decreased the swell had grown. Decidedly, we would stay on the ship this afternoon, enjoying the views of



1,000-meter mountains and glaciers swooping down to the sea. This area is well known for whales, so those who hadn't tucked into a polar nap kept a keen eye out for blows. At 3pm a documentary film was shown on climate change, tea was set out and we spent the time reading, editing photographs, and striking up conversation. As true expeditioners we were being tested by the elements the arctic had to throw at us, however unlike those of centuries past we had the comfort and safety of *Ortelius*. One can hardly protest and can only feel humbled by this commanding polar environment. The sun broke out in the late afternoon and Sava and Raquel hosted "Happy Hour" before recap; where we learned of tomorrow's plans, a bit about reindeer biology from Sara and Ian spoke of the forces behind the making of lenticular clouds which graced the skies outside this evening.

Day 8 – July 21, 2018

Burgerbukta & Gåshamna

GPS position at 1200: 76°58.8'N, 015°53.2'E

Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 32C Weather: overcast Wind: SSW 5 Sea state: smooth



After long day at sea from Freemansundet to Hornsund, visibility conditions did not show much improvement this morning, but we decided to go outside anyway. After breakfast the expedition team prepared for a zodiac cruise in the western branch of Burgerbukta, in hope that the fog would clear by the afternoon's planned landing at Gåshamna.



The first minutes of cruise were a little romantic; sleet, strong wind and choppy sea prevailed, however we were all too happy to just be off the ship, never mind a little water. Soon, under the guidance of our drivers we reached shelter from the steep mountains inside the fjord, and circumstances changed in just few seconds. Beautiful light conditions, an immense rainbow formed over the fjord and calm seas prevailed.



Our destination was Paierlbreen – a huge valley glacier at the end of the fjord. The landscape around us was astounding, several huge blue icebergs, astonishing rock formations of steep cliffs and waterfalls, as well as flocks of Kittiwake gulls decorating the ice. After 2 hours of cruising it was time for lunch. During lunch 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).

Expedition staff offered us a landing in Gåshamna with several hiking possibilities. Contemplative, medium, medium photography and a long mountaineering hike on one of the peaks. Those who took the long hike profited in a view from the top which was quite breath taking. Almost clear sky on the summit, we could see the whole 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. The skies continued to clear and soon we headed back to the ship where the hotel department was preparing for us an outside Arctic BBQ dinner. We all bundled back up and gathered on the helideck behind the bar and proceeded to a great feast with grilled ribs, steaks, sausages, salads and mulled wine. The evening sun shone down upon us and to the beat of some classic tunes of age we soaked in the charm of the day.





Day 9 – July 22, 2018

Poolepynten & Tordenskjoldbukta

GPS position at 1200: 78°26.3'N, 011°55.6'E

Air Temp: 9°C Sea Temp: 3°C Weather: overcast Wind: SSW 3 Sea state: smooth



The morning started with our usual wakeup call from Expedition leader Ali, we made our way to breakfast in eager anticipation of the planned activities that lay ahead.

Good news came over the ship's address system that, "YES!" the walrus that we had been looking forward to seeing were at their haul out site at Poolepynten. 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 far 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.

We all enjoyed an hour with the walrus before heading back to the *Ortelius* where we had lunch and prepared ourselves for the afternoon activity.

The afternoon saw us on shore at Tordenskjoldbukta where we had a choice of hiking options.

We were able to see several of Arctic species on our hikes ranging from Eider ducks to Snowbunting as well as Arctic Skua. The highlight of the day for many was the chance to see some Svalbard Reindeer. We were also back in the tundra in the land of plants and flowers, taking in some of

the last blossoms of the season: Arctic mouse-ear, moss companion and a variety of saxifrage,. For those of the required 'mens rea' a polar plunge from the beach was offered with towels provided, several took the opportunity to swim including our Doctor, Jodie.

We all returned back to *Ortelius* after a full day of activities and enjoyed a farewell cocktail with the Captain and Expedition Team before dinner.



Day 10 – July 23, 2018

Longyearbyen

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

Air Temp: 10°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. In the wee hours of morning, *Ortelius* sailed towards Longyearbyen on Sunday night. A dozen or so were headed to the airport for an early morning flight and the majority would depart in the morning, 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, picked up our luggage from the pier 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: 1,225 Nautical Miles

**On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions,
Captain Mika Appel,
Expedition Leader Ali Liddle, Hotel Manager Szuzanna
and all the crew and staff,
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4. Add 3 to 5 pictures (they should be 2 MB minimum in size, in landscape format and attached separately when you decide to send your entry to us).

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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。

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



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。



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。

Jodie Sage – Doctor



Jodie was born in Somerset, UK and graduated from Peninsula Medical School in the south west of England; her current 'day' job is in Poole Hospital as an Intensive Care doctor.

She enjoys a range of hobbies from trail running to knitting, triathlon to baking and is currently trying to plan a sea-kayaking trip off the coast of Sweden. She attempts to balance her medical career with various expedition plans, often including a tandem bicycle. In addition she maintains a passion for

global health and has worked on projects in different developing countries to create sustainable health care for all.

She has provided medical support for various expeditions and endurance events in almost every climate imaginable and enjoys the challenge of limited resources and remote medicine.

Jodie Sage – 医生

Jodie 在英国 Somerset 出生，并在英格兰西南部的半岛医学院毕业，她“正常”的工作是 Poole 医院的重症监护医生。

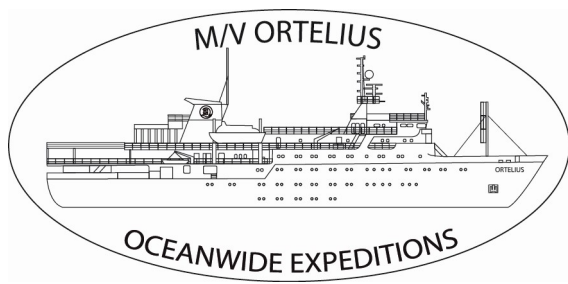
她的爱好非常广泛，从越野跑到织毛衣，从铁人三项到烘焙，她现在最大的计划是在瑞典海岸线海洋皮划艇计划。她尝试着平衡她的“正常”生活和其他探险计划，经常包括多人单车活动。另外她也非常热衷去第三世界国家帮助那里的人们开发并发展保健计划。

她曾在很多次偏远地区和特别地区的探险和重大事件中提供医疗支持。



Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	短尾贼鸥		X	X	X						
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicauda</i>	长尾贼鸥		X								
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	大贼鸥		X								
Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	萨宾氏鸥				X						
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	北极鸥	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iceland gull	<i>Larus glaucooides</i>	冰岛鸥										
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	银鸥										
Lesser black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	小黑头鸥				X						
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	X	X	X	X	X
Ross' Gull	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>	楔尾鸥										
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	象牙鸥	X				X	X				
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	北极燕鸥	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	厚嘴海鸦	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	白翅斑海鸽/黑海鸽	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	小海雀	X	X	X	X	X	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	X			X				

MAMMALS											
English	Scientific		14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul
Walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	海象			X	X					X
Bearded seal	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>	髯海豹			X	X	X	X			
Ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>	环斑海豹					X				
Harp seal	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>	格陵兰海豹					X			X	
Hooded seal	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>	冠海豹									
Common /Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	斑海豹		X	X						X
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	小须鲸				X	X	X			
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera 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 Wh	<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>Devinapterus leucas</i>	白鲸									
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	北极熊			X	X		X	X		
Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	北极狐						X			
Spitsbergen Reindeer	<i>Rangifer tarandus platyrhinus</i>	北极驯鹿	X	X					X		X



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Longyearbyen

Saturday 14th July

WELCOME ABOARD!

For the arriving passengers: luggage will be delivered to your cabin as soon as possible. Please check to make sure you have received all your luggage!

**** 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, Zsuzsanna 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.

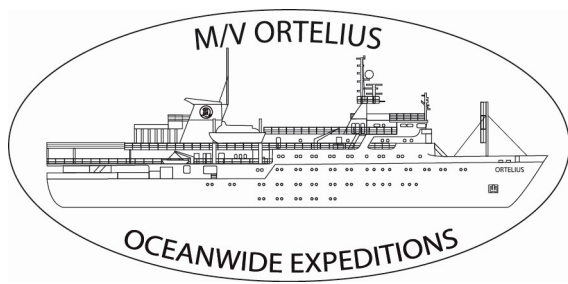
18.00 Departure of the Ortelius. Please stay off the bridge during these operations.

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!



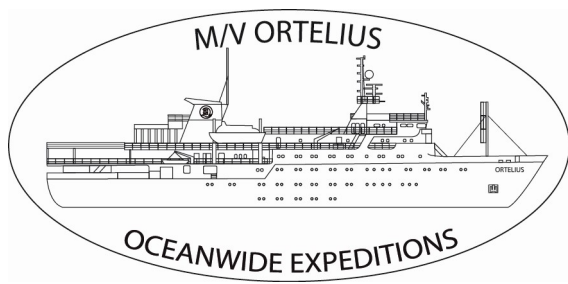
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Ny London and Ny Alesund

Sunday 15th July

- 07:00** 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 for this.
- 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 offer medium hikes and a leisurely walk.
- 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, most debit cards and Euros.
- 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 Expeditions 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 (Deck 4 behind Reception).



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Worsleyneset and Monacobreen

Monday 16th 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** **Worsleyneset.** We hope to take you ashore on the open tundra area of Worsleyneset where we will offer a number of hiking options. The area is generally flat but with beautiful tundra vegetation and very often Reindeer are seen in the area. Please could the everyone wishing to do a long hike come to the gangway first. We will have a medium hiking groups and a leisurely walking groups next.

- 13:00** **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

During lunch we will sail further into Liefdefjord where the mountain scenery is spectacular.

- 14:30** **Monacobreen.** During the afternoon we will be in the area of Monacobreen a large glacier, named after the Duke of Monaco. Our activity during the afternoon will depend on the conditions we find but we hope to do a Zodiac cruise by the glacier and seabird cliffs. For this we will split you into 2 groups with each group going out in the boats for the same amount of time.

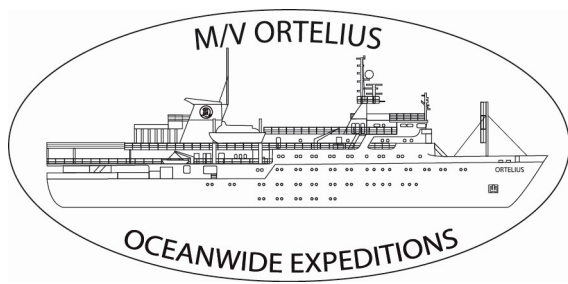
Please listen to PA announcements for timings for your cruise.

- Group 1** All of our English speaking guests.

- Group 2** All of our Chinese speaking guests plus our Spanish travel group.

- 18:30** Re-cap. Please join the Expeditions 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 (Deck 4 behind Reception).



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Phippsøya

Tuesday 17th 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 **Phippsøya.** This morning we hope to be able to take you ashore at Phippsøya, which is one of the Seven Islands situated to the north of Spitsbergen. It was named after the Phipps expedition attempting to reach the North Pole in 1773. Here we will offer our hiking options with a long hike, a medium hike and a leisurely walk. Walrus can sometimes be found on the sand beach near to the landing site so we will visit these if they are at home. The island can be quite 'beary' at times so please stay close to your guide and listen carefully to any instructions.

Please can long hikers come to the gangway first. This walk will be around 6km with some rough rocky terrain and a short steep hill.

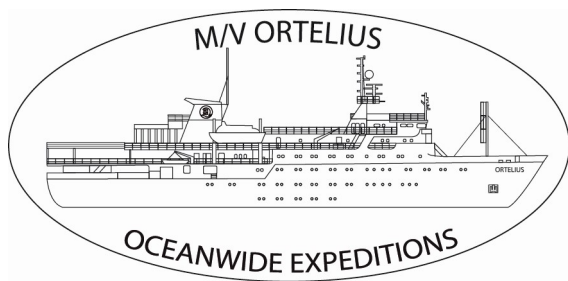
12:30 **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

During the afternoon we will sail north towards the pack ice so please join us on deck to see what we can see on the way!

15:00 Please join members of the Expedition Team in the Lecture room for a series of short presentations about Polar Bears, Whales and Sea Ice.

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

Wednesday 18th July

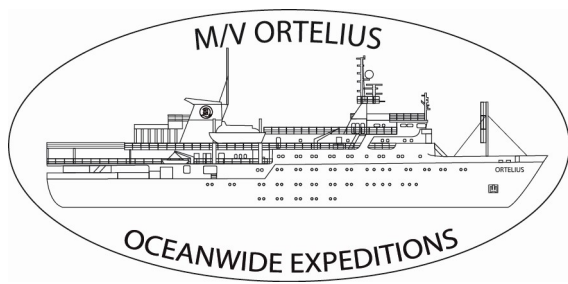
Expedition Day in the Ice!

During the early morning we will start navigating into the pack ice where we will spend most of the day. Enjoy this unique Arctic experience.

- 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.
- 11:00** Please join Sara in the Lecture room for a **Photography Workshop Presentation**. She will explain how to take photos that you are happy with!
- 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 members of the Expedition Team in the Lecture room for a series of short presentations about Polar Bears, Whales and Sea Ice.
- 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.



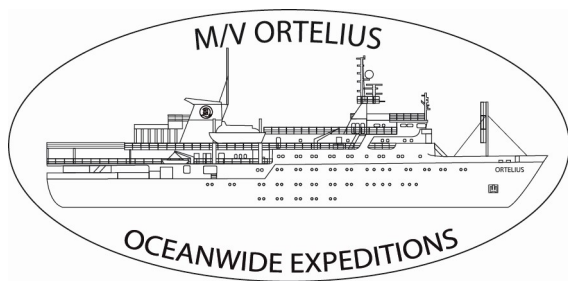
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Hinlopen Strait

Thursday 19th 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** **Alkefjellet.** This morning we hope to take you out on a Zodiac cruise at the bird cliffs at Alkefjellet. These are home to 60,000 pairs of Brünnich's guillemots. We will cruise the length of the bird cliffs and enjoy the spectacle. For this we will split you into 2 groups with each group going out in the boats for the same amount of time.
- Group 1** All of our Chinese speaking guests plus our Spanish travel group.
- Group 2** All of our English speaking guests. Approximately 10:30.....
Please listen to PA announcements for exact timings for your cruise.
- 12:30** **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~14:30** **Torellneset.** This afternoon we hope to take you ashore on Nordauslandet, the second biggest island in Svalbard. Here we will offer our usual hiking options, a long hike, a medium hike and a leisurely walk. This is a regular haul out place for Walrus so we hope to find them at home. Each group will have time with the Walrus during the afternoon. Please listen to the instructions of your guides when approaching the Walrus.
- 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.



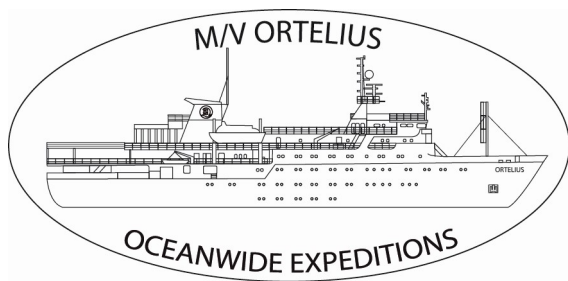
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Freemansundet

Friday 20th July

- 07:00** Wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!
- 07:30** **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 08:45** **Kapp Waldberg.** This morning we hope to take you ashore at the Kittiwake cliffs at Kapp Waldberg. 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. This is also a regular haul out place for Walrus so we hope to find them at home. Each group will have time with the Walrus during the afternoon. Please listen to the instructions of your guides when approaching the Walrus.
- 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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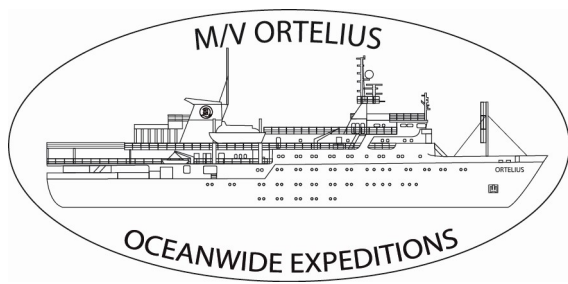
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Hornsund

Saturday 21st July

- 07:00** Wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!
- 07:30** **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 08:45** **Gåshamna.** This morning 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. On shore we will offer you a long hike, a medium hike and a leisurely walk. The long hike will go up to the top of the peak for views over Hornsund. It is quite steep in places and over loose rocks so please be aware of your own fitness and capability. The medium hike will take a similar route but not so high.
Long hikers please be at the gangway first.
- 12:30** **Buffet Lunch** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~14:00** **Burgerbukta.** During the afternoon 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 a glacier at the end. There are often icebergs in the fjord and opportunities for wildlife.

Our organisation of this will depend on the weather conditions we find when we get there. Please listen to announcements over the PA system.
- 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.

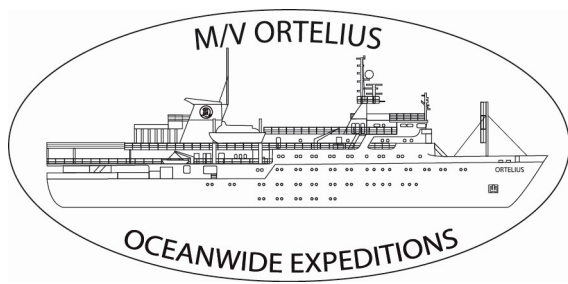


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**Poolepynten and
Tordenskjoldbukta
Sunday 22nd July**

- 07:00** Wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!
- 07:30** **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 08:45** **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 be prompt at the gangway at 08:45**
- Group 2** **All Chinese speaking guests and the Spanish Travel group. 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** **Tordenskjoldbukta.** During the afternoon we hope to take you ashore at Tordenskjoldbukta where there is some rich tundra and usually Reindeer. We will offer the usual hiking options, a long hike, a medium hike and a leisurely walk along the coast and tundra. At the end of the landing we will give you the chance to go for a swim, a Polar Plunge! We will bring the towels
- Please can long hikers come to the gangway first.**
- 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.



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Longyearbyen

Monday 23rd July

07:00 Final wake up call from your Expedition Leader, Ali. Good Morning!

07:30 **Breakfast Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

When you go to breakfast please place your large “check in” luggage outside your cabin so that the staff and crew can take it to the pier for you. When you leave the ship later you must identify your own luggage and ensure it goes either on the bus with you or in the luggage truck.

08:45 Please make your way to the pier and identify your luggage ready to go on the bus.

09:00 The bus will take you to town to the Svalbard Butikken where you can have some time before going to the airport.

~11:45 The bus will take you to the airport for your flight SK4425 at 14:45. On arrival at the airport please take your luggage from the bus or the luggage truck.

**On behalf of all the crew and staff on
Ortelius we wish you a safe journey home
and look forward to sailing with you again.**