



**OCEANWIDE**  
EXPEDITIONS

# ANTARCTIC PENINSULA Base Camp

on board

**m/v Ortelius**

**November 28<sup>th</sup> - December 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13 knots and one diesel engine generating 3200 kW.



# Captain Ernesto Barria

and his international crew of 56

including

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welcome you on board!

# Day 1 – Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Embarkation, Ushuaia

**GPS position at 0800: 54°51.1'S, 068°01.4'W**

**Wind: SE Bft 2 Sea State: 1m Weather: Blue sky Air Temp: 18.6 °C Sea Temp: 8°C**

It is late afternoon on a glorious sunny day in when the first new passengers arrive to board the Ortelius. Our new family, from the young to the young at heart, walked down the pier with clear excitement and anticipation. The expedition staff greet each guest as they climb the gangway for the first time and direct them to the reception to check in. The hotel manager, DJ, and his assistant Alex, quickly have all passengers assigned and shown to their cabins where they will spend the next 11 days.



Photo by Joselyn Fenstermacher

A few folks lingered in the dining room sorting out their rental gear but then came an announcement to meet in the lecture room for the mandatory safety briefing, followed by an abandon ship drill— practicing how to muster and put on the lifejackets. The ship pulled away from the dock with three strong blasts to the ship's horn during the muster roll call in the bar—so we knew we were on our way! After following our muster captains up on deck to get familiar with the life boat locations, the drill was finished-- offering an excellent chance to enjoy more moments in the fresh air, appreciating the gorgeous backdrop of craggy mountains surrounding Ushuaia. Next up came Captain's Cocktails, a chance to meet the ship's master Ernesto Barria and hear his greeting and thoughts on how to get the most out of this trip—remember to slow down and appreciate your surroundings. Then our Hotel Manager DJ gave a presentation about house rules, how the ship works, and all-important meal times. The Expedition Team also had a go, with Katja outlining how the



team will operate and explained that everyone is in good hands so just trust the team to keep everyone safe and do as much as we possibly can under Mother Nature's rules. Then each team member introduced themselves briefly and by then everyone was ready to get out of the bar which had become almost like a sauna due to the unusually warm and sunny day!



Photo by Joselyn Fenstermacher

The outer decks provided a welcome respite, a chance to soak up yet more impressive scenery along the Beagle Channel, with snow-capped mountains and craggy slopes covered in beech trees offering us a farewell on our journey further south. Too soon for some, and not soon enough for others, DJ's announcement came calling us into dinner. A wonderful three-course meal was served by DJ and his team, much to the delight of all those new aboard and setting the standard for the rest of the cruise. After dinner, with no more briefings or meetings to be had, folks focused on getting comfortable in their cabins, walked the outer decks, or gathered in the bar—chatting about all the exciting things to come during the voyage and bonding over a few drinks while Rolando provided wonderful service and witty banter. The doctor also dropped by to discuss with those concerned how to manage sea sickness over the next few days on the infamous Drake Passage. The staff informed the passengers that during the night we would be leaving the shelter of the Beagle Channel and enter open water so to prepare for the “motion of the ocean”. Properly prepared, we drifted off, cosy in bed, dreaming of the adventures in store.



## Day 2 – Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### At Sea in the Drake Passage

**GPS position at 0800:** 56°41.4'S, 065°29.2'W

**Wind:** NW Bft 4 **Sea State:** 3m **Weather:** Partly Cloudy **Air Temp:** 11°C **Sea Temp:** 1°C

The first full day onboard *Ortelius* welcomed passengers and crew with low winds and sunshine, a rare event on the Drake Passage. DJ announced the breakfast buffet to be open at 8:00 and after that our expedition guides gave briefings for those guests who had signed up for the kayaking, snowshoeing, and mountaineering activities. Seems like Antarctica is going to be busy!



Photo by Joselyn Fenstermacher

Outside the seabirds have been going on about their business. Some are following the ship others just flying past. Most common are the Cape Petrels, but also Giant Petrels and Black-browed Albatrosses have been seen around the ship pretty much the entire day. After lunch it was time for more briefings, next up: camping! At recap, our Expedition Leader Katja told us the plans for tomorrow-- another day at sea, thus there wasn't too much on the agenda of today's recap but this briefing time is also usually the moment to explain more in depth some topics of interest during the trip. Recap will become one of the most important formats over the next couple of days. All staff are definitely prepared to handle our questions and if time might be too short, discussions can always be continued after dinner in the bar. After dinner Rosalie

gave an interesting lecture about oceanography. Altogether, a quite calm day onboard *Ortelius*, which made for a perfect day to prepare for Antarctica itself.

## Day 3 – Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### At Sea in the Drake Passage

**GPS position at 0800:** 61°20.4 S, 062°55.6'W

**Wind:** WNW Bft 7 **Sea State:** 5 **Weather:** Overcast **Air Temp:** 3°C **Sea Temp:** -1°C

As everybody started to get used to the Drake Passage, the second night on board the *Ortelius* was less bumpy than expected. Because of this, more people joined for breakfast and the social life on board began to pick up. As this day was a full sea day again, the time was used to get all necessities done, before the action part of the adventure begins.

At 09:30 we received our life jackets and Muck Boots. To ensure an operation as smooth as possible, we were called deck by deck to the lecture room to try them on and find the best fit. With Ben's music as a soundtrack, we had an unexpected groovy moment as surreal as having a "shoe shop" in the middle of the Drake!



Photo by Martin Berg

The IAATO briefing (International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators) had then to be done, as it is a mandatory briefing on how to be a responsible tourist in the Antarctic. This was followed by a zodiac safety briefing to learn all the ins and outs of being safe in a zodiac for our future zodiac cruises and landings. Just after that we started with another unusual thing: cleaning our outer clothes! This was the biosecurity vacuum party, making sure we don't introduce any non-native species and keep Antarctica as pristine as we found it. After a delicious lunch prepared by Khabir and his team, deck by deck we finished out the clothes cleaning by the end of afternoon. Between jokes, laughs and muffins that were brought by Rolando, the time for a lecture arrived.



Our keen birder Martin invited us to attend his presentation “Seabirds, masters of the sea and sky”. After this really interesting look into the lives of these incredible fliers, we moved right into the daily recap and briefing. As every day, the expedition leader, Katja, started by outlining the plan for the following day, and we had some more information about the highlights of this day. We also discovered the winner of a game proposed by our expedition staff: who would guess when the first iceberg would be sighted? Congrats Stuart!

We then enjoyed the evening and gathered with chats in the bar and looking outside for our first view of land. Antarctica, here we are!

## Day 4 – Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

### Orne Harbor/ Cuverville Island – Paradise Bay Cruise

**GPS position at 0800:** 64°37.9’S, 062°36.6’W

**Wind:** East Bft 5 **Sea State:** 3 **Weather:** Calm **Air Temp:** 3°C **Sea Temp:** -2°C



Photo by Celine Clement

After crossing the Drake Lake, we were all very happy to finally take our first glimpse of Antarctica. The Antarctic Peninsula welcomed us with snowy mountain peaks, surrounded by glaciers lit up by the sun. The mountaineers joined Tamsin and Kenny up to the top of Spigot Peak and were able to see the beautiful region from a bird’s perspective. Meanwhile, the other guests explored the region around Orne Harbour by zodiac.



Photo by Emily Lee

We saw our first penguin colony, of Chinstraps though there were several Gentoo penguins sighted in the water and on land—perhaps checking out if the real estate was better here than where they came from!

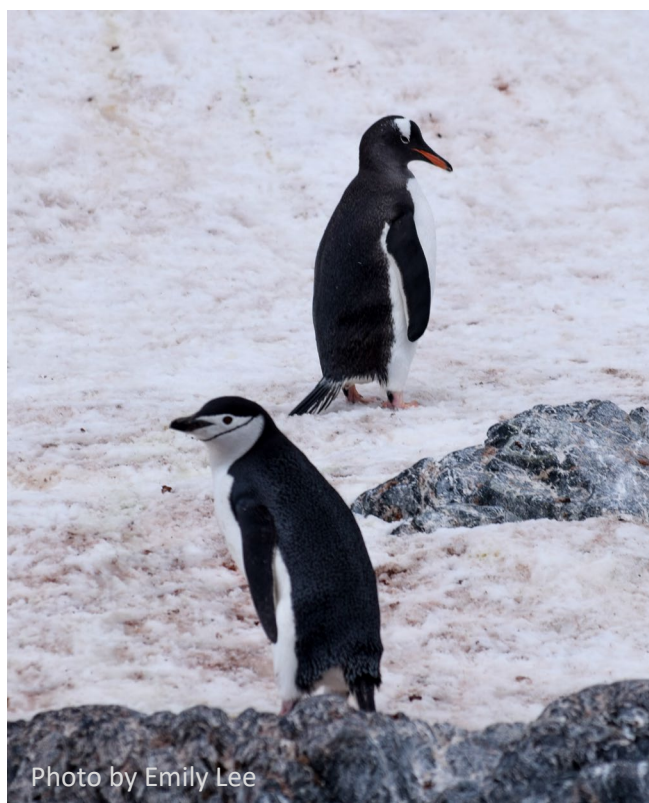


Photo by Emily Lee

The penguins appeared to be quite busy doing penguin stuff. Besides knowing that those little, lovely penguins are excellent swimmers and not clumsy at all when in their element, their waddles on land made us all smile. It is a bit like watching a child learning to walk. I guess we are simply fascinated by their determination and the attitude of never giving up. While cruising around the bay we also saw our first glaciers and (most of us 😊) were stunned by the sea ice in the bay. The crabeater seal sunbathing on the ice was also a special sight to see. The bird lovers among us spotted several different bird species in the polar sky including south polar skua and Antarctic shag.

After a successful zodiac cruise, we sailed to Cuverville Island aiming to land. However, this plan was destroyed by the ice; ice is nice but sometimes a lot is not. Eventually we set sail towards Paradise Bay for a scenic ship cruise. After Katja's introductory lecture to Antarctica, we were greeted by several humpback whales in the bay. The whales were curious and approached our vessel fairly close. For many of us this was the first time to wave hello to a whale. What a beautiful and memorable day in Antarctica!



## Mountaineering

The day started windy and overcast making us feel cautious about the day's mountaineering objective, Spigot Peak. Luckily, however, although the weather was generally deteriorating, we were able to seize a window of better weather in the morning and 10 Ortelius passengers summited Spigot Peak at 11am. The ascent took us past some Chinstrap penguin rookeries so we able to observe a large number of Chinstrap penguins from fairly close up but without disturbing them. They are clearly far better climbers than their cousin, the Gentoo, having built their nests about 200m above sea level; the weather didn't seem to bother them as much as it did us. As far as an afternoon attempt, poor weather and a build-up of large moving icebergs prevented us from going ashore at all, although we got so cold and wet onboard the zodiacs that it certainly felt like we'd climbed a major summit.

## Day 5 – Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Leith Cove / Brown Station-Skontorp Cove

**GPS position at 0800:** 64°50.7'S, 062°33.6'W

**Wind:** NW 3 Bft **Sea State:** Ice **Weather:** Cloudy **Air Temp:** 5°C **Sea Temp:** -3°C

The day started with a wake-up call from Katja at 07:15, and DJ announced breakfast at 07:30. There were high, on-shore winds in Neko Harbor (around 28 knots) with lots of ice and white-capped waves. Conditions were determined to be too poor to land, so the ship sailed towards Paradise Bay in search of better weather, cruising around a giant table-top iceberg at 09:00. Passengers went out on deck and onto the bow to observe and take photographs.



The ship then sailed to Leith Cove; winds were around 18 knots and the sun was out. Passengers were taken out on zodiac cruises from 10:00 to lunchtime. A group of nine passengers were given a photography cruise with Emily, mountaineers climbed Contessa Point with Tamsin and Kenny, and kayaks were launched with Fran. Lunch was served at 12:00.

*Ortelius* then sailed to Base Brown/Skontorp Cove where there was a split landing. The first five zodiacs took passengers ashore while the other passengers cruised around Skontorp Cove. Kayaks were launched with Fran, a photography cruise was given with Emily, and mountaineers climbed to a lookout point above Base Brown. Kayakers and zodiacs spotted a humpback whale which they followed and watched for about twenty minutes. At Base Brown, passengers respectfully observed gentoo penguins.



Photo by Emily Lee





Photo by Tanja Brown

A recap took place in bar at 18:30 where Katja explained the plan for tomorrow and Martin gave a quick presentation on ten common Antarctic bird species. Dinner was served at 19:00. In the evening, Emily helped passengers from today's photography zodiac cruises edit their photos.



Photo by Tanja Brown



## Kayaking

Today the weather delivered. The Beau Soleil school group had got prepared the evening before so it was a quick getaway for the morning session of kayaking at Leith Cove. The wind dropped bit by bit and we collected on the water – just in front of the small island that was to be the camping spot that night. We were enchanted by the sight of gentoo penguins around us in the water, sometimes only a matter of feet away, far more interested in ‘grooming’ and washing themselves than us puny kayakers. We started on a journey round Leith Cove which is ringed by ice cliffs. We were chatting briefly about the tendency of the ice cliffs to collapse like the example shown in the video at Neko Harbour. Then just as we were paddling around there was a tremendous roar and a large section of cliff collapsed. Fran very quickly ascertained that we were at a safe distance but told us make sure to turn and face the cliff. Sure enough we could see a small wall of waves building up but it was hidden and deflected by a very large and stable tabular berg which was also a safe distance away. Quickly the only evidence left was a residual swell and we bobbed gently around for a few minutes in open water, hearing it slap off other bergs in vicinity. All too quickly the session was over and we headed back to the ship for a cruise down to Paradise Bay.



Photo by Fran Potheary





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The afternoon was similarly blessed with calm weather perfect for kayaking. It was a little misty and overcast with a gentle snow falling, extremely atmospheric. The bird cliffs by Base Brown were noisy and active with terns, cormorants and cape petrels; and the waters off the Base itself were teeming with gentoos on their way between their on-land nest sites, and their on-the-water feeding and washing grounds. Early on DJ, who was captaining one of the Zodiacs, found a minke whale in Skontorp Cove and we were able to follow it to the edge of the packed ice. Not wanting to get too close to the ice in a cove that is notorious for glacial calvings, we turned around and headed back to Almirante Brown as we had heard there were crabeater and Weddell seals hauled up on the shore. Unfortunately, we could not get close to them due to (more) ice and shallow waters – but that ended up being to our advantage as looking north to Bryde Channel we could see and hear a humpback whale. We paddled quietly in the direction of the blows, enjoying a time of solitude and silence away from the ship – then the whale turned and came back towards us. We were probably about 100m or more away but it was a special moment, that was soon shared by the Zodiac cruisers. It was a great note to end the day on and few of us will forget the moment of being in the vicinity of this amazing mammal.

## **Mountaineering**

The morning started very windy at Neko Harbour where our original mountaineering objective lay, so the ship sailed round to Leith Cove which was much more sheltered. Despite a later start to the activities, we managed to ascend a simple snow peak with a group of 18 which was dubbed the 'Lesser Contessa'. In the afternoon with better weather, we landed on Point Brown. Plan A was to be dropped by Zodiac on the south side of the point and traverse northwards, via the peak, back to the Brown base. After closer inspection it looked too dangerous to land the Zodiacs on that side of the point (very steep slopes and icy waters), so we went in from the normal side. This was a great afternoon with 12 guests, taking in the peak and a traverse of the glacier below. Wildlife highlights were many gentoo penguins and both minke and humpback whales just off the Base.



Photo by Tanja Brown

## **Day 6 – Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

### **Ship Cruise: Neumayer Channel, Gerlache Strait area**

**GPS position at 0800:** 64°48.6'S, 063°33.9'W

**Wind:** SW 7 Bft **Sea State:** 4 **Weather:** Snowing **Air Temp:** -1°C **Sea Temp:** -2°C

We woke up to a rather Antarctic morning, with stiff 30+ knot winds and an angry looking sea. Conditions were impossible to go forward with our planned landing at Port Lockroy; even if we could have gotten the zodiacs off the ship it was hard to imagine anyone wanting to go out in that frothy, wave-tossed water. The plan then was to keep a lookout for whales as we cruised back up through the impressive Neumayer Channel and north through Gerlache Strait, as Captain Ernesto and EL Katja tried to find any shelter from the persistent west winds buffeting the peninsula.



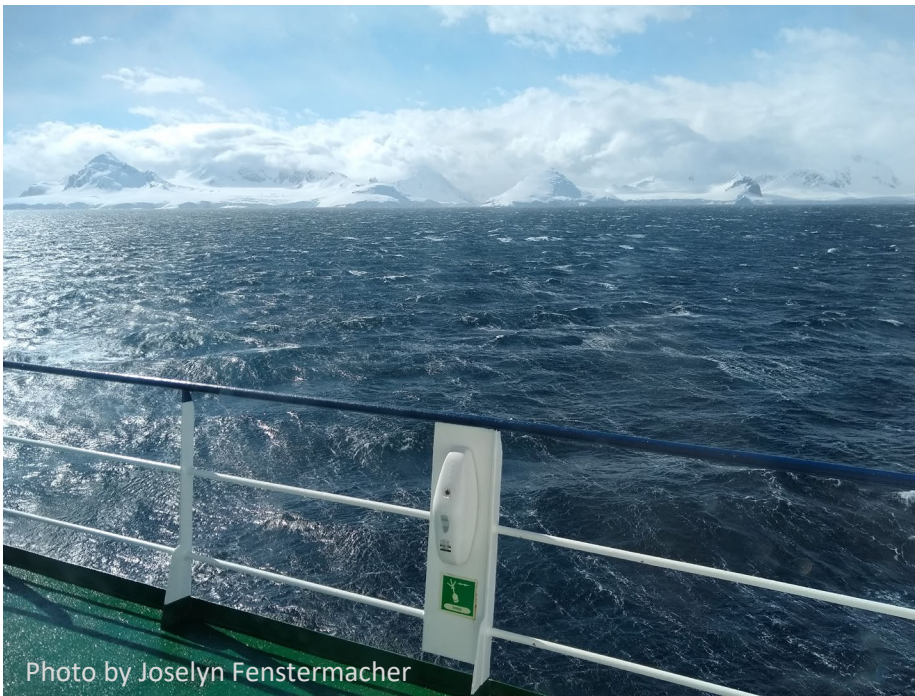


Photo by Joselyn Fenstermacher

We headed to Wilhelmina Bay where there had been reports of calmer waters and where whales can often be found. The hoped-for shelter in Foyen Harbor on the southeast side of Enterprise Island was not enough as the wind was still kicking up above 25 knots, making the water choppy and outside of parameters to operate safely.



Photo by Celine Clement

What we did find was spectacular scenery. So we headed back south into Wilhelmina Bay and enjoyed some time gazing at the >7000' Mt Johnson and Mt

Walker and their impressive snowy slopes, a glaciologist's paradise. Antarctica was showing off for us, her glorious white slopes, craggy windswept peaks and cliffs, framed by a large expanse of fast ice—an unusual opportunity to appreciate what the shores and bays of Antarctica look like during the winter, all frozen in and creating a platform for life that does not persist during the southern summer.



There were even a few Weddell seals hauled out on the ice at some distance from the ship—only their tracks from the water's edge inland gave the initial hint that there might be something (besides us!) living and breathing out there in the stark white wilderness. After some skilled manoeuvring by the Captain, we continued on with our ship's cruise, soaking up the sun and blue skies and heading north, to get into position for our planned morning excursion to Danco Island. Those that stayed out on deck after another excellent dinner by Chef Khabir and team were treated to that special light that happens only rarely, on a clear day, with the sun low on the horizon... a special finish to a classic Antarctic day.





Photo by Emily Lee

## Day 7 – Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Ship Cruise: Errera and Lemaire Channels

**GPS position at 0800: 64°46.1'S, 062°40.1'W**

**Wind: W Bft 7 Sea State: Ice Weather: Partly Cloudy Air Temp: 2°C Sea Temp: -2°C**

Rosalie gave a sea ice lecture for breakfast, without being aware of the icy wonders of the day yet to come. Today was the best day of the cruise for many of us! We sailed as far as 65,7 degrees South. During our spectacular ship cruise, we passed through the Errera Channel, the Gerlache Strait, the Lemaire Channel and even the French Passage. The polar environment appeared in a beautiful, soft light and left some of us speechless. Not only the scenery changed throughout the day but also the weather. We experienced everything from clear blue skies to heavy snowfall. It seemed like we met Antarctica in all its different faces.



Photo by Joselyn Fenstermacher

Our skilled captain brought us safely through the narrow Lemaire Channel and we could lay eyes on one of the most picturesque landscapes found around the Antarctic Peninsula. We saw many icebergs and crabeater as well as Weddell seals resting on the ice. As Martin mentioned, some were lazier than others 😊. While sailing through the Lemaire Channel we were also greeted by our old friends the humpback whales. When we reached Petermann Island, we had a lovely BBQ and karaoke evening in the bar. While some enjoyed themselves very much singing their heart out, others made a snowball fight on deck in penguin costumes. However, most of us spent the evening out on deck enjoying the sea ice and massive icebergs. We were sailing through 40cm thick sea ice which covered the ocean up to the horizon. This was the real Antarctic experience, rounded off by hopping Adelie penguins. What an amazing and incredible memorable day!



Photo by Joselyn Fenstermacher





Photo by Joselyn Fenstermacher

## Day 8 – Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Neko Harbor / Enterprise Island-Foyn Harbor

**GPS position at 0800: 64°48.5'S, 062°41.9'W**

**Wind: NNE 4 Bft Sea State: 2 Weather: Partly Cloudy Air Temp: 4°C Sea Temp: -3°C**



Photo by Joselyn Fenstermacher

It is the eighth day of our trip and we finally have some well-earned good weather. Well, the wind was still around 30 knots in the morning when we headed into Neko Harbour, but we were determined to give the

landing a try anyway. Just before eight o'clock the staff headed off towards the shore with the first Zodiacs to scout the landing. One hour later we were all on the shore, astonished by the beautiful scenery of white mountains, blue glaciers, a dark sea, blue sky, and a bright sun. Although the wind had dropped since the early morning we still needed to be on alert; the nearby glacier is active and quite often gigantic chunks of ice crash into the ocean and create massive waves. We certainly don't want to be on the shore when those waves smash into the shoreline!



Photo by Tanja Brown

From higher ground the Gentoo penguins follow our every single move, apparently just as curious about us as we are about them. The breeding season has begun and many of the penguins in this colony are just about to lay their first egg or are collecting stones for the nest. Watching penguins go about their daily business is both hilarious and, in some ways, quite humbling—it's incredible to get a glimpse of the hard-ship and determination that is required of the penguins to find their mates, build a nest, and guard the egg.



Photo by Tanja Brown



After lunch, we set sail towards Deception Island, an active volcano just south of the South Shetland Islands. It's a long way to go and during the afternoon we sail through the Gerlache Strait under a sunny sky. Humpback Whales are seen from the bridge together with snow petrels and other seabirds.



Photo by Martin Berg

During the late afternoon we had time for a final Zodiac cruise and at 17.30 we are back on the water, this time at Foyn Harbour. The area holds a shipwreck from the whaling era and it is almost unreal to see the rusty bow of the ship through the water in an otherwise so isolated land. The cruise had to be short this time and at 19.00 we are all back at the ship where our dinner awaits. The last event for the day was the daily recap with Katja and her expedition team at nine o'clock. Tomorrow Deception Island, fingers crossed that the weather permits us to land!



Photo by Tanja Brown

## Kayaking

It was really touch and go today whether kayaking would happen. After a long night of travel, encountering ice at several places along the way, we arrived back in Neko Harbor with a 20-knot wind blowing and some big down-draughts from the mountains. We had prepared ourselves the evening before so we were pretty ready to go at 07:45 as planned, once we had fitted out the kayaks. Fran decided to give it 15 minutes and headed for the bridge to talk to the Captain and check the wind speeds. When she decided it was “all systems go” we loaded the kayaks and jumped into a Zodiac and headed away from the ship and away from Neko Harbour and the landing site. While it was tempting to go see the penguins on shore, the glacier was actively calving and it was simply too risky so we went further up Andvord Bay and found a clear area to put on. The wind was probably around 16 knots but several of the group were experienced and we faced into the wind and paddled back enjoying some waves but staying safe and dry and most importantly having fun. We saw a humpback whale off to the other side of the bay but for once we decided to just continue paddling though our progress was slow against the wind. After a day or two of being on the ship, everybody was enjoying the chance to stretch their legs and arms and exercise! Back at the ship we helped get the kayaks up and watched the antics of the polar plungers from the side of the ship.



Photo by Fran Potheary

## Mountaineering

Today we returned to Andvord Bay for an ascent of the slopes above Neko Harbour. As we progressed beyond the busy gentoo colonies we were kept moving by the increasingly bitter wind. The determined slog put in by the passengers on the way up was rewarded by clear 180 degree views of Andvord Bay and out to the Gerlache Strait. In the afternoon we bagged a double peak on a small island which lies in the shelter of Enterprise Island. We were treated to a good show by the prolific local birdlife here and despite trying to keep our distance found ourselves being dive bombed by a couple of territorial skuas.





Photo by Tanja Brown

## Day 9 – Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Deception Island Ship Cruise, and farewell Antarctica!

**GPS position at 0800: 62°50.9'S, 060°06'W**

**Wind: NNW 7 Bft | Sea State: 5-6 Weather: Mist Air Temp: 2°C Sea Temp: 1°C**

We woke up inside an active volcano today. However, don't be deceived, Deception Island wasn't very welcoming today. The wind was blowing with over 25 knots with gusts being even stronger. Therefore, we were unable to approach land. Instead we pursued a ship cruise inside the caldera. Even though we couldn't step foot on the shore and explore the abandoned whaling station, we were able to take a glimpse from afar and get a feeling for the desolate atmosphere. Fog, rain, and driving snow contributed to remind us of this grim past. On the far side of the caldera we were able to see the buildings of two different scientific stations with their stark backdrop of breath-taking lunar-like landscape.

As we left the caldera we approached our biggest challenge of the trip. The Drake Shake. The forecast did not look exactly promising which is why most of us participated in a patch party with Tanja the previous night. To begin, the Drake did not seem as bad as expected and the Ortelius was only rocked around by 4m waves. Unfortunately, the forecast worsened and bigger waves were expected for the night. Most passengers met us in the bar for a recap and even the dining room was fairly crowded during dinner—perhaps everyone trying to fully enjoy their last moments of relative peace and calm onboard before the proper Shake began.







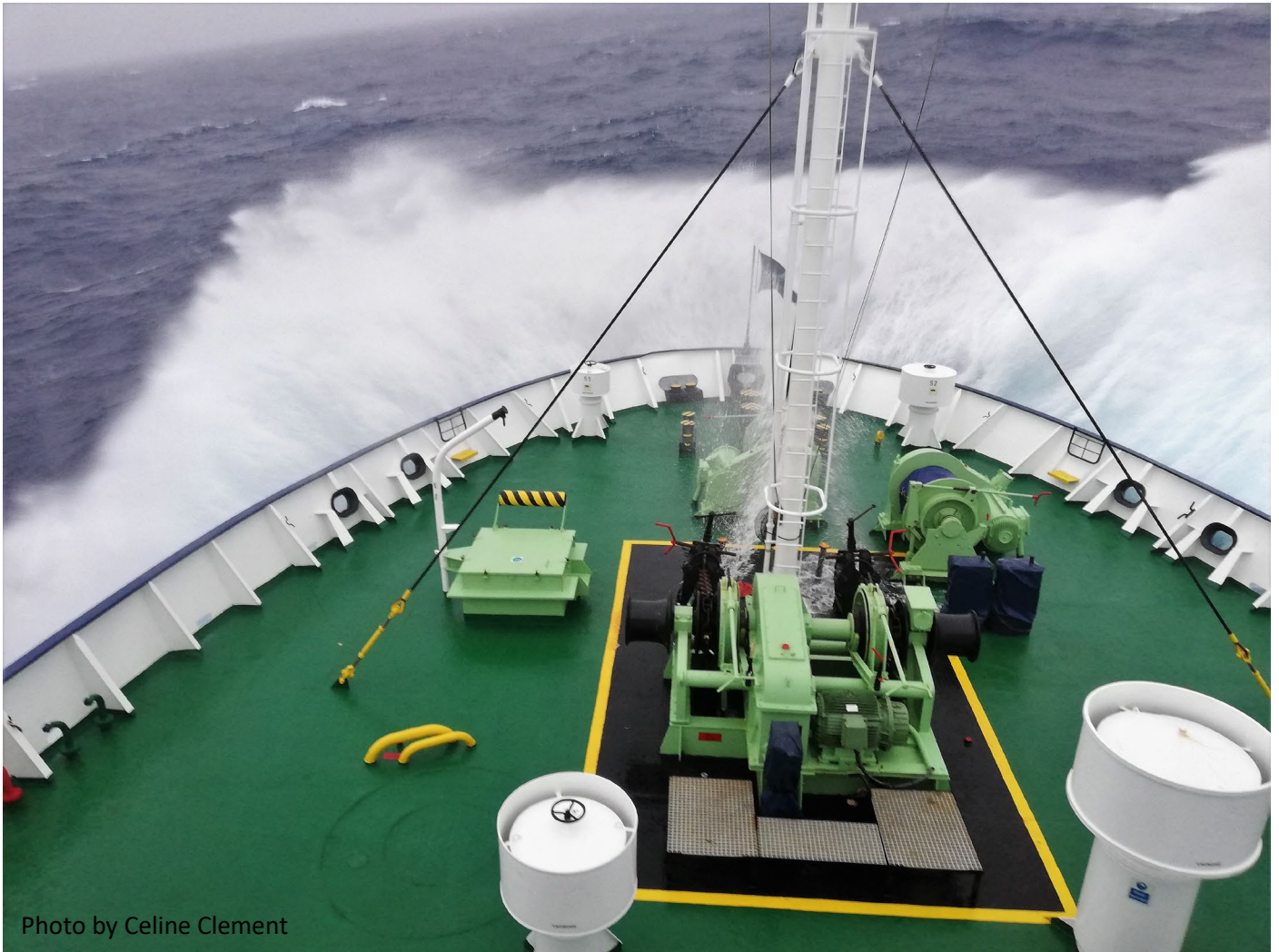
# Day 10 – Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## At Sea

GPS position at 0800: 60°16.6'S, 061°31.3'W

Wind: WSW 10 Bft | Sea State: 8 Weather: Cloudy Air Temp: 2°C Sea Temp: 0°C

Today, there was no wake-up call, as the Drake Passage was quite rough and it was nicer to just have a sleep in. Swells reached up to 14 m, and winds hovered around 60 knots for the majority of the day, limiting our speed to an average of 5 knots for much of the day. Cape petrels could be seen gliding alongside the wake of the *Ortelius* seemingly oblivious to the wild weather surrounding them.



Passengers enjoyed seated breakfast from 8:00 – 9:00, but due to the heavy seas all lectures were cancelled for the day. Small groups of sturdy passengers could be seen in the bar from time to time, playing cards and passing the time. From 10:30 – 11:30 the bridge was closed while the ABs did some maintenance work on deck—fully clipped in and looking like they were enjoying their time outside in the wind and spray. The photo contest, which consisted of submission from passengers to four categories (landscape, wildlife, people, and other) was closed at noon, with over 60 entries across categories. At 12:30, passengers were served a plated lunch, and despite it feeling like a quiet ship most passengers seemed to brave the elements to feed their bellies. At 18:15, the daily recap was held in the bar. Katja gave a short briefing followed by DJ with some housekeeping items (all about bills and disembarkation—boo hoo!—but then Katja told us to forget about all of that for the moment since the trip wasn't over yet!). Then to bring us back to the present and our memories of the trip, Emily ran through all of the photo submissions and then we voted with our personal applause-o-meters for the winners, who received their choice of a photo book

or bottle of sparkling wine. Martin then gave a brief talk about the 10 most common birds seen around the ship and their wingspans—it was amazing to see that the wandering albatross has a wingspan equal to the arm-span of two humans! Then after a few funny video clips (... what are you sinking about?) DJ announced for dinner at 19:00 serving another virtually full house. The captain's safety message reminded us that the decks were still dangerous and slippery and so the decks would be closed until morning. And with that, we ended our day, hoping that the rocking of the ship would lull us to sleep instead of throw us out of the bed!

## Day 11 – Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### At Sea

**GPS position at 0800: 57°26.2'S, 062°55.8'W**

**Wind: NW 7 Bft | Sea State: 5 Weather: Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 0°C**

By popular request last night at recap, Katja's voice was again heard rousing our consciousnesses just before breakfast began at 8am. With that proper start to the day, the sea day routine was back on, watching the waves out of the windows, seeing what birds might be around the ship, catching up on photo editing, or simply continuing on reading a good book. The outer decks were still closed but the starboard bridge wing door was propped wide open, giving bridge visitors a welcome lungful of fresh air. Seas had calmed overnight so that the waves weren't giving off as much a show as they had yesterday, but there were still impressive bow waves spraying the bridge windows every so often.



Photo by Martin Berg

For many, the best development on the bridge was the sight of land on the ship's navigation screen—proof that the past two days at sea were actually resulting in forward progress, towards our eventual goal of Ushuaia port. Despite this promising view on screen, it was evident that the heavy seas had slowed our return progress and our calculated arrival time looks to be about 90 minutes behind schedule. It's possible



that we may be able to make up some time as the ship gets into more sheltered waters later in the day but we will have to see what happens. As the seas have calmed somewhat, the lecture schedule was carried forward with Martin presenting about the lives of penguins at 10:30am. Attendance was high and it seemed interest was too due to the numerous follow up questions from the audience afterwards. After lunch, DJ made the fateful announcement for folks to begin queuing at reception to pay their onboard accounts, and the smart ones made sure to pre-order their drinks for after dinner! Then, perhaps after a wee post-lunch snooze, many attended Celine's talk about seabirds and the challenges they face due to environmental contaminants. Her message was hopeful though—don't be overwhelmed! There are many small things each of us can do that can make a positive change. For many, the rest of the afternoon was spent divided in focus—trying to enjoy the last of our time onboard, sharing photos, contacts, and memories; but then also anticipating the final end of the voyage tomorrow and all that the transition and travel entails. The evening brought us back to the present and the amazing trip we shared with each other as Captain Ernesto welcomed us to the bar to give a cheer for the voyage and the excellent company in which we have shared the past 10 days. Many toasts were made with Prosecco in our Drake-proof paper cups, and then as a final treat we viewed the slideshow Emily created for us, highlighting so many special memories—what a treat it will be to show friends and family just what we were up to on our trip to the icy continent.

## Day 12 – Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Ushuaia

**GPS position at 0800: 54°48.6'S, 068°17'W**

All good things come to an end, as they say. Today was our last morning on Ortelius. After a last night in the cabin, which had started to feel like home already to some of the guests. Guests were instructed to put their suitcases in the corridors this morning so the crew could take them out and off the ship to be ready for transport to the airport or the storage facility in town. After one more breakfast it was time to say goodbye. Goodbye to the ship and its crew and staff, and to all new friends made. Appointments were made to stay in touch and farewells were said. All could look back to a very nice and successful trip.



At 8:30 everyone handed in the keys to the cabins, picked up the luggage from the pier, and set off by bus or foot towards our individual destinies, heading for new adventures and with many great memories.

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

**Furthest South: 65°12' S 64°11' W**

**Total Distance Sailed: 1906 NM**

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Ernesto Barria,  
Expedition Leader Katja Riedel, Hotel Manager Dejan Nikolic,  
and all the crew and staff, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.





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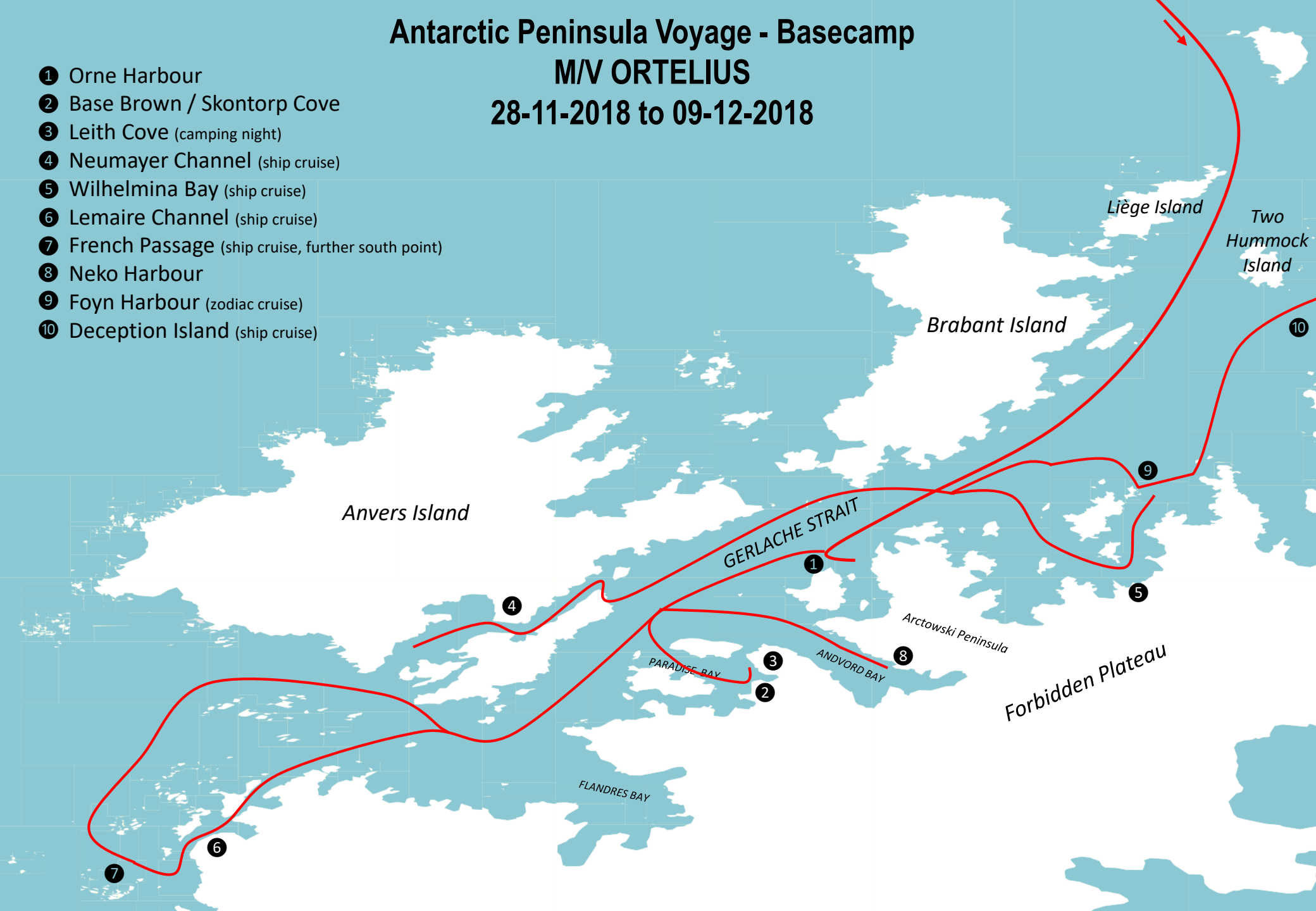


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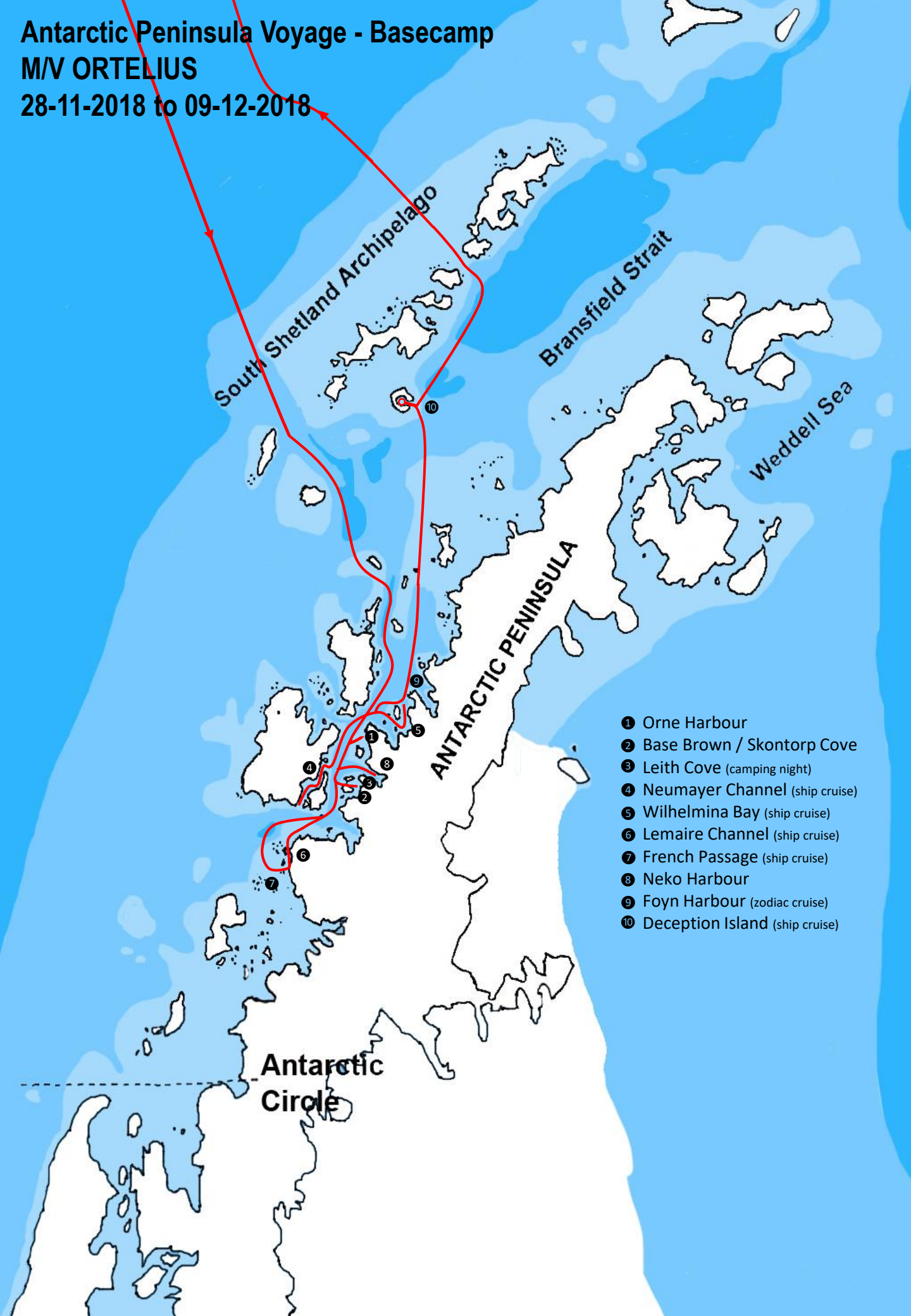
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- 6 Lemaire Channel (ship cruise)
- 7 French Passage (ship cruise, further south point)
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- 9 Foyn Harbour (zodiac cruise)
- 10 Deception Island (ship cruise)



# Antarctic Peninsula Voyage - Basecamp

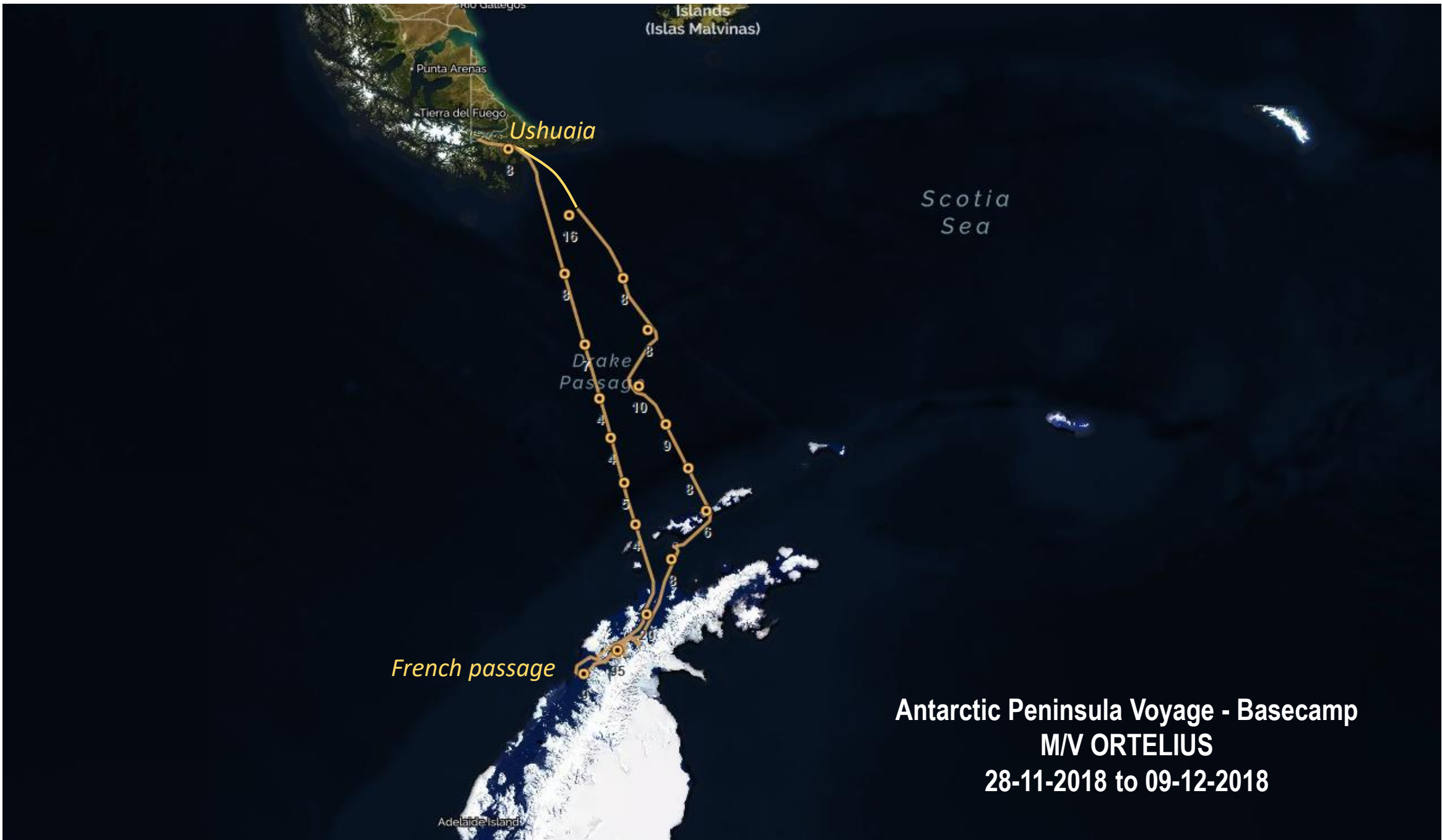
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Ushuaia

Scotia  
Sea

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French passage

**Antarctic Peninsula Voyage - Basecamp**  
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Adelaide Island

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## Dr Katja Riedel – Expedition Leader

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**Katja Riedel was born in Germany where she studied chemistry. Her love for cold places began when she overwintered at the German Antarctic base Neumayer. Spending fifteen months surrounded by thousands of emperor penguins whetted her appetite for adventure.**

After she finished her PhD in Atmospheric Chemistry she moved to New Zealand, officially to work as an atmospheric scientist researching greenhouse gases, unofficially to enjoy the great outdoors. For her research she took part in four scientific expeditions to Antarctica; drilling ice cores at Law Dome and Taylor Glacier and measuring ozone at Scott Base. On a private expedition she sailed on a 60-foot yacht to Antarctica and went sea-kayaking and ski touring. Her fondest memories of Antarctica are building a 24-hour sundial and sledging from Hut Point to the Erebus Ice Tongue. She also worked as a research assistant in Greenland, skied over 220 km through Svalbard, ice-skated on Lake Baikal and cuddled reindeer in Kamchatka.

After 17 years Katja left her science career in favour of freedom and travel and became a guide, science educator and photographer. Since 2011 Katja has been working for Oceanwide Expeditions in the Arctic and Antarctic as expedition leader, guide and lecturer.

Life is an adventure for Katja and whenever she can, she travels, hikes, cycles, sea-kayaks and skis to the remote and beautiful places on earth. She speaks fluently English and German.



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## Céline Clément – Assistant Expedition Leader

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Céline is French. She was born in South Western of France, in the vineyard region of Bordeaux. With a passion for travel, nature and marine animals, Celine was initially Research Manager at the Department of Geography of the University of Bergen, Norway, investigating fisheries management issues in the Barents Sea.

Since 1998, various contracts for France's national scientific research center (CNRS) have led this cartographer to participate in more than fifteen scientific missions in the Arctic (Northern Norway, Bear Island, and Svalbard) and in Antarctica. This work was primarily conducted as part of research programs funded by the French Polar Institute (IPEV) and focused on the adaptations of polar seabirds to changes in their environment. She knows all the ins and outs of capturing, bird banding, biometric measurements, blood sampling, and activity recorders.

During the same period, Celine has been a hiking guide in Spitsbergen and has regularly accompanied cruises in the Polar Regions, which has given her a taste for science outreach programs.

She currently works as Scientific Mediator and ensures the coordination and the carrying out of communication events in scientific culture. Member of the Board of APECS France, the national committee of the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists, she contributes to communicating the latest scientific discoveries in the polar world.

*Please feel free to contact her at: [celine.polarguide@gmail.com](mailto:celine.polarguide@gmail.com)*

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## Joselyn Fenstermacher – Expedition Guide

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As an undergraduate, Joselyn studied behavioral ecology and conservation biology, going abroad to Ecuador and Tanzania completing hands-on, research-based semester courses studying the local flora, fauna, and conservation attitudes.

She has worked all over the United States including Alaska and Hawaii, and with all manner of critters including fish, brown bears, desert tortoises, and endangered birds. Over the past many years she has also been working in Antarctica, beginning with several seasons supporting the scientific research at two U.S. science bases (McMurdo and South Pole). More recently she has served as guide and education coordinator on expedition voyages to the Falklands, South Georgia, and the Antarctic Peninsula as well as in the Indian Ocean and around the UK and Scandinavia.

When back in the U.S. Joselyn spends most of her time in the Big Bend region of far western Texas where she has fallen in love with the Chihuahuan Desert. She works seasonally for the National Park Service as a bio-technician and interpretive Park Ranger, and completed her Master of Science botanical research there on Big Bend flora in 2007. Since then, she has continued investigating a small group of relatively unknown cacti, becoming a recognized regional expert.

Joselyn is passionate about learning more about the world around her, and sharing that passion with others- hoping to inspire a broader appreciation for, and understanding of, the fascinating world we live in.



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## Rosalie M. Steffen – Expedition Guide

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Rosalie grew up traveling, diving and sailing around the world in search of pristine nature and marine creatures, big and small, for several years. Her passion for the outdoors and the polar regions arose while studying marine biology and oceanography along with climate change and geophysics in Wales as well as in New Zealand. Her particular interests lie in the field of glaciology, climatology and marine mammals. Besides having lived on Svalbard for half a year, she has been working as an Expedition Guide in the Arctic and Antarctica for 4 years and enjoys to share her experiences with our guests. She almost loves coffee as much as polar adventures and is more than happy to spent a coffee break with you.

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## Martin Berg – Expedition Guide

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**Martin has had a passion for birds and mammals for as long as he can remember.**

As a biologist, he has participated in numerous expeditions into the Amazon rainforest, the Arctic, Caucasus, and the Himalayas to study rare and endangered bird species. He has also spent several seasons studying seabirds on islands in the North Atlantic Ocean and around New Zealand and as well as conducted at-sea surveys on seabirds and marine mammals in waters around Antarctica.

Although Martin comes from Sweden, most of his time is spent either in the Arctic or Antarctica where he guides and gives lectures in a wide range of topics related to natural history. Martin is a keen birder and experienced in bird and mammal identification, and while almost continuously focused with his binoculars busy finding seabirds and marine mammals, he always welcomes a good chat about ecology and conservation.



# Emily Boe Lee

## Photography Guide



**Emily Boe Lee** is a landscape and outdoor-lifestyle photographer from the United States. Raised with a passion for adventure, Emily's mission is to share the beauty of authentic experiences with the natural world through art. This calling to create meaningful images is the driving force behind her work. Emily has worked with companies based around the world, including Matador Network, Millican, and

Pura Vida. She has travelled extensively throughout North America, especially in Iceland, where she has spent time living. She has lead photography workshops at a number of locations in Iceland, as well as in her home-city of Boston. 2018-19 is Emily's first season in Antarctica, and she's thrilled to be on board! She has experience with photography in extreme conditions and is excited to bring this knowledge to the Ortelius.

Emily is also a certified yoga teacher.

Languages: English (native) and Spanish (intermediate).

Please feel free to contact her at [emilyboelee@gmail.com](mailto:emilyboelee@gmail.com)

Emily's portfolio can be found at [www.emilyboelee.com](http://www.emilyboelee.com)

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## CLAUDIO GHIGLIONE – Expedition Guide

PhD in Earth, Environmental and Polar Sciences, expedition guide and wildlife photographer

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Claudio was born in Italy in 1983. Always interested in science and nature since he was really young. His first passion was, as for a lot of other children, the dinosaurs. If he has to consider himself only as a student, he thinks he wasn't a good one because he didn't like to spend entire days inside buildings only reading books.

However, he has always needed to discover new things because he is really curious and, for this reason, he likes to learn always new things. Everyone comes into the world with the need of discovery but just few people have this passion when they become adults. As Indiana Jones said in one of his films, "you'll never be a good archaeologist if you don't go to the field". Funny expression but he is firmly believed that the same applies to every biologist or any other job related to science or nature can do the difference.

After high school his tendency for the scientific subjects led him to take a **degree in Environmental Sciences** and then also a **master degree in Marine Sciences**. After these degrees, he worked several years on different University scientific projects and in March 2017 he defended and deposited his **PhD thesis in Earth, Environmental and Polar Sciences** run in collaboration among the University of Siena (Italy), the Italian National Antarctic Museum (Italy) and the British Antarctic Survey (United Kingdom) with a specialization in polar benthic ecology. He took part in different Arctic and Antarctic expeditions as a researcher, expedition guide and as a photo guide too because, in addition to his scientific skills, he is also a professional wildlife and travel photojournalist.

This is a just brief biography about him... If you want to know more, just ask him or visit [www.riftia.eu](http://www.riftia.eu)



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## Benjamin Guinchi – Expedition Guide

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

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

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

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## **Fran Potheary**

### **Expedition and Kayaking guide**

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**Though originally from the flatlands of east England, I have lived in the Highlands of Scotland for the past 28 years where I started my career in outdoor guiding and instruction.**

I love the wild and remote places of the world – including my backyard – and am happiest walking, kayaking, climbing, biking and skiing in these places. I have a Diploma in Outdoor Education and a M.Sc. in Managing Sustainable Mountain Development. In 2013 after 10 years working in recreation management for the Cairngorms National Park, I joined the British Antarctic Survey first as a General Assistant and then as a Field Guide, which included a winter season at Rothera on Adelaide Island. After a brief spell working for the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust I started with Oceanwide Expeditions and now split my time between kayak guiding in Antarctica and working in the Alps as trekking guide during the summer. This season also sees a return to Rothera for a short field season ‘on the ice’ putting fuel, equipment and provisions in place for a large collaborative US/UK science programme next year.



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## Tamsin Gay – Mountaineering Guide

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Tamsin Gay is a mountaineering instructor and guide. She has worked all over the world taking parties on major summits, rock climbs, ski journeys and ice climbs in challenging and remote locations. She is an aspirant IFMGA mountain guide, the highest qualification in the world for leading people in the mountains. Something of a vagrant, she lives largely in her van in laybys across Europe but she is originally from Edinburgh in Scotland, U.K. Personal mountaineering achievements include:

- Beyond Good and Evil, ED3 Aguille des Pelerins
- Colton-Brooks, ED1 Les Droites
- First ascent of Dam du Flam WI6, Norway
- Comici route, VII/E3 Cime Grande Italy
- Ski ascent/descent of Mt Elbrus as part of the first GB team to do so
- Approximately 40 Alpine 4000m summits

Her greatest successes, however, are goals she has attained with clients where she continually finds motivation in the many layers of satisfaction that comes from helping others realise their ambitions in the mountains. Examples being:

- Mera Peak (twice) and Island Peak, Nepal
- Killimanjaro via the Western Breach, Tanzania, Africa
- Mt Blanc, France
- Matterhorn, Switzerland
- Grand Paradiso, Italy
- Multiple WI5 ice routes, Norway
- Endless Scottish winter routes
- Traverse of the Cuillin Ridge (8 times,) Isle of Skye, Scotland

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## Kenneth Grant – Mountaineering guide

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**Originally from Fort William in the West Highlands of Scotland, Kenny grew up skiing and climbing in the local hills of Ben Nevis and Glencoe.**

Twenty five years (and lots of trips to places such as North America, Canada, Norway and the Alps) later, he remains as passionate about wildplaces as ever. As a mountain sports all rounder, Kenny has climbed high standard rock climbs throughout the world, made first ascents of frozen cascades in Norway and Ben Nevis, and climbed Alpine North Faces such as: The Eiger, the Grande Jorasses(3 times), North Face of the Dru and Les Droites. He also enjoys trying to keep up (and usually failing!) with his 8 year old son Fraser while mountain biking.

An IFMGA Mountain Guide, Kenny divides his year between Chamonix in the French Alps and Scotland. Winters are spent in the European Alps and Norway ski guiding and ice climbing while summers are usually mountaineering in the Mont Blanc Massif.

When at home in Scotland, Kenny is a member of Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team, and has enjoyed/endured many night time ascents of Ben Nevis!



# Tanja Bayer - Ship's Physician



Tanja is from Germany. There she works as a GP and also specialized in orthopedic surgery and diving medicine.

Her first job in remote areas was 1989 in Western Australia. She worked for 3 months for the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Port Headland.

She loved the work „outside“ the clinic, like she says: „Bushmedicine“.

2009 she travelled for the first time to the antarctic peninsula. She was asked to write an article about diving in Antarctica for a German diving magazine and just 2 weeks later she was there.

And she got the „bug“ and figured out how she could manage to spend as much time as possible in Antarctica.

She applied as a ship's doctor and started 2010 on different vessels.

2015 she became „bipolar“ and started to work for Oceanwide Expeditions. Now she spends 12-14 weeks a year in the polar regions. Working as a Expedition Doctor, Diveguide and Dive Supervisor for Film Projects.

She loves water, oceans, ice, waves and everything that lives in it.

In Germany she also runs a diving school since nearly 20 years and takes groups on dive trips all around the world. On Ortelius and Plancius she also worked as a dive guide earlier in this arctic season.

If some time is left, she teaches diving centers and ship crews in her special course: „First aid in remote areas“. Teaching and safety checks during a cruise and helping to prevent accidents, so they just do not happen:-)))!

**This is my wish and of course a fantastic trip and experience you will never forget!**



# Captain Ernesto Barria

and his international crew of 58

including

Staff Captain:	<b>Remmert-Jan Koster</b>	[The Netherlands]
First Officer:	<b>Yuri Marin</b>	[Russia]
Second Officer:	<b>Mindaugas Oginskas</b>	[Lithuania]
Third Officer:	<b>Luis Oroceo</b>	[Philippines]
Third Officer:	<b>Andy Mangilit</b>	[Philippines]
Chief Engineer:	<b>Aleksandr Bondarev</b>	[Lithuania]
Hotel Manager:	<b>Dejan Nikolic</b>	[Serbia]
Assist. Hotel Manager:	<b>Oleksandr Lyebyedyev</b>	[Ukraine]
Head Chef:	<b>Khabir Moraes</b>	[India]
Sous Chef:	<b>Stefan Zivojinovic</b>	[Serbia]
Ship's Physician:	<b>Tanja Bayer</b>	[Germany]

and

Expedition Leader:	<b>Katja Riedel</b>	[Germany/New Zealand]
Assist. Expedition Leader:	<b>Celine-Clément Chastel</b>	[France]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Joselyn Fenstermacher</b>	[USA]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Rosalie Steffen</b>	[Germany]
Snowshoe Guide	<b>Martin Berg</b>	[Sweden]
Kayak Guide:	<b>Fran Potheary</b>	[UK]
Mountain Leader:	<b>Tamsin Gay</b>	[Scotland]
Mountain Guide:	<b>Kenny Grant</b>	[Scotland]
Camping Guide:	<b>Benjamin Giunchi</b>	[Argentina]
Camping Guide:	<b>Claudio Ghiglione</b>	[Italy]
Photo Guide:	<b>Emily Boe Lee</b>	[Netherlands]

welcome you on board!



# DAILY PROGRAM

## Embarkation

Wednesday 28 November 2018

**Welcome on board!** Your luggage will have been delivered to your cabin. After we are all onboard, please check and notify Reception if you are missing anything or have luggage that does not belong to you. While we are embarking please feel free to explore the ship. The Lounge is located on Deck 6.

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

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

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

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

Afterwards there will be **Captain's Cocktails** with Captain Ernesto Barria. You will also meet the rest of the Expedition Team.

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

*Tonight we will enter the Drake Passage, please ensure your belongings are secure and will not roll, slide or fall when the ship starts to move with the swell.*





# DAILY PROGRAM

## Drake Passage

Thursday 29 November 2018

0745 Wakeup call

0800 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.

Please join the guides in the **Lecture Room** (Deck 3) for introductory briefings on various activities (*the briefings are mandatory for those interested in doing the selected options*)

0930 - 1030 **Kayaking**

1045 - 1100 **Snowshoeing**

1115 - 1200 **Mountaineering** Please bring the boots that you plan on using!

1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

After lunch we continue with the activity briefings in the Lecture Room (Deck 6)

1430 - 1530 **Camping**

1600 **Tips and Tricks to Polar Photography.** Join **Emily** in the **Lecture Room** (Deck 3) for some. This is suitable for people with all kinds of cameras.

1830 **Recap:** This is our daily opportunity to revisit the events of the day and look forward to tomorrow's plans. Katja and the Expedition Team will meet you in the **Lounge**.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal!

~2100 Rosalie would like to invite you to the Lecture room (Deck 3) for her talk on **The Southern Ocean**.

*Today we are in open waters, please always hold on with at least one hand, secure your belongings and be very careful in the stairwells.*



# DAILY PROGRAM

## Drake Passage Friday 30 November 2018

- 0745 Wakeup call
- 0800 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 0930 Weather permitting we would like to hand out the **Rubber Boots and Zodiac Life Jackets**. To ensure a smooth operation we will call you by Deck number to the Lecture Room. Please listen out for announcements. Bring your thick socks!
- ~1045 Please come to the Lecture Room and join Katja for the **mandatory IAATO and Zodiac safety briefing**. Everybody who wants to go ashore in Antarctica will have to come to this briefing!
- ~1145 **Biosecurity vacuuming time!** We will call you by deck to the Lounge to vacuum your outer clothes and the bags that you will be taking ashore. Please listen out for your turn and don't forget to sign the IAATO biosecurity declaration.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1330 The vacuuming continues.
- 1700 Martin would like to invite you to the lecture room for his presentation on **Seabirds – Masters of the sea and sky: How seabirds survive on the open ocean**.
- 1830 **Recap:** This is our daily opportunity to revisit the events of the day and look forward to tomorrow's plans. Katja and the Expedition Team will meet you in the Lounge.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal!

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**DAILY PROGRAM**

# Antarctic - Basecamp

## Orne Harbour & Cuverville Island

Saturday 1 December 2018

- 0715 Wakeup call
- 0730 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 0815 **Kayakers** meet with Fran on the Zodiac deck (Deck 5).  
0815 **Mountaineers** meet Tamsin & Kenny at gangway (Deck 4).

**This morning we would like to offer a Zodiac cruise in Orne Harbour. This bay has steep mountains and glaciers on all sides and is a wonderful place for a Zodiac cruise. Apart from stunning scenery, this place is also known as one of the few places in the Gerlache Strait which has a colony of Chinstrap Penguins. Please dress warmly!**

- 0930 Please come to the gangway to go zodiac cruising
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

**After lunch we plan to go ashore at Cuverville Island. Here we can offer time with Gentoo penguins, a snowshoe hike up a slope and a walk along the shoreline.**

- 1330 **Kayakers** meet with Fran at the heli hanger (Deck 6)  
1345 **Mountaineers** meet Tamsin & Kenny at the heli hanger (Deck6)  
1415 **Everyone else going ashore** please come to the gangway.
- 1830 Please come to the Lounge for the daily **Recap**.
- 1900 **Dinner Buffet** is available in the Dining Room. Please campers first.
- 2030 **Camping Group 1 – Kerr Point, Ronge Island**  
Please be ready at the gangway to depart for your night ashore. Remember to pack warm clothes and don't forget: The bathrooms onboard are more comfortable than the one onshore!!

Sunrise: 0255

Sunset: 2259





## DAILY PROGRAM

# Antarctic Basecamp Neko Harbour, Base Brown & Scontorp Cove Sunday 2 December 2018

0715 Wake-up call.

0730 **Breakfast** buffet is available for one hour in the Restaurant.

We hope to visit **Neko Harbour**, a small indentation in **Andvord Bay** on the Antarctic continent. Often brash ice from the very active glaciers barres our way. If the ice is too heavy, please stand by, and listen for announcements about plan B. If we land, please stay off the beach and move to higher ground if you hear a large calving.

0815 **Kayakers Group** meet with Fran at Zodiac (Deck 5)

0815 **Mountaineers** meet Tamsin and Kenny at the gangway (Deck 4)

~0900 **Everyone else going ashore** please come to the gangway.

1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

After lunch we plan to go ashore at **Base Brown** for a continental landing! The first 4 Zodiacs will land, while the others will first Zodiac cruise in **Skontorp Cove** with spectacular glacier views, Antarctic Cormorants and occasional seals. We will then swap.

1330 **Kayakers** meet Fran at the heli hanger (Deck 6).

1345 **Mountaineers** meet Tamsin and Kenny at the at the gangway (Deck 4).

~1415 **Everyone else going ashore and zodiac cruising** please come to the gangway.

1830 Join Katja and the Expedition team in the Lounge for the daily **Recap**.

1900 Buffet Dinner is available in the Dining Room. Campers first please.

2015 **Camping Group 2 – Leith Cove.**

Please be ready for your night ashore! Remember to pack your warm clothes and don't forget, **the bathrooms onboard are more comfortable than the one onshore!!**

Sunrise: 0245

Sunset: 2315



# Antarctic Basecamp

## Port Lockroy & Jouglia Pointy and Damoy Point & Dorian Bay

Monday 3 December 2018

0715 Wake-up call

0730 Breakfast buffet is available for one hour in the dining room.

For the morning landing we will split in two groups: The first 4 Zodiacs will first visit **Port Lockroy on Goudier Island**. The next 4 Zodiacs will first go to **Jouglia Point** where we can see a whale skeleton, Gentoo penguins and amazing scenery. Then the groups will swap. Port Lockroy was used as an anchorage by whalers and established as Base A by the British government in 1944 as part of a secret wartime initiative called "Operation Taberin" to monitor German ship movements. Take **credit cards or money** if you want to buy souvenirs or postcards!

0845 **Kayakers** meet with Fran at the heli hanger.

0915 **Mountaineers** meet Tamsin and Kenny at the gangway.

0915 Please join us in the Lounge for a **Briefing on Port Lockroy** by one of the staff from the base, who will outline the history and management of Goudier Island and the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust.

~0945 **Everyone else going ashore** please come to the gangway.

1230 Lunch is served in the Dining Room.

We plan to go ashore at **Damoy Point and Dorian Bay** which was used as a transit station for British Antarctic Survey staff and stores being flown south to Rothera Station. Here we can go for a snowshoe hike and watch gentoo penguins. Emily will also run a photo workshop.

1300 **Mountaineers** meet Tamsin and Kenny at the gangway.

1330 **Kayakers** meet with Fran at the heli hanger

~1430 **Everyone else going ashore** please come to the gangway.

1830 Join Katja and the Expedition team in the Lounge for the daily **Recap**.

1900 Dinner buffet is available in the Dining Room. Campers first please.

2015 **Camping Group 3 – Dorian Bay**

Ready for your night ashore? Please pack warm clothes and don't forget, the bathrooms onboard are more comfortable than the one onshore!!

Sunrise: 02:43, Sunset: 23:23



# Antarctic - Basecamp

## Danco Island & Pleneau Island

Tuesday 4 December 2018

0645 Wakeup call

0700 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.

This morning we hope to go ashore at **Danco Island**. Here we can offer time with Gentoo penguins and a snowshoe hike to the top of the island.

We hope to offer the **Polar Plunge** at the end of the landing! Please wear your swimming gear under everything, but **DO NOT BRING YOUR TOWEL FROM YOUR CABIN**. We will provide towels.

0759 **Mountaineers** please come to the gangway, you will meet your guides ashore.

0800 **Kayakers** meet with Fran - ready to go - on the zodiac deck (Deck 5).

0800 **Everyone else going ashore** please come to the gangway.

1200 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

### Expedition Afternoon

All activities and timings this afternoon will depend on the ice conditions.

We are heading South (!) and hope to transit the Lemaire Channel. At its southern end lies Pléneau Island. Here we would like to offer a Zodiac cruise amongst icebergs. Please dress warmly!

**Kayakers and Mountaineers please listen out for announcements.**

~1615 Please come to the gangway for a Zodiac cruise amongst ice bergs. Dress warmly!

1845 Please come to the Lounge for a short **Precap**.

1900 Dress warmly, bring you dancing boots and crazy hats and come to the heli deck (Deck 6) for a special **Antarctic Dinner**.

2015 **Camping Group 4 – Pleneau Island**

Please be ready to depart for your night ashore. Remember to pack warm clothes and don't forget: The bathrooms onboard are more comfortable than the one onshore!!





## DAILY PROGRAM

# Antarctic Basecamp

## Neko Harbour

Wednesday 5 December 2018

0645 Wake-up call.

0700 **Breakfast** buffet is available for one hour in the Restaurant.

We hope to visit **Neko Harbour**, a small indentation in **Andvord Bay** on the Antarctic continent. Often brash ice from the very active glaciers barres our way. Please stay off the beach and move to higher ground if you hear a large calving.

We hope to offer the **Polar Plunge** at the end of the landing! Please wear your swimming gear under everything, but **DO NOT BRING YOUR TOWEL FROM YOUR CABIN**. We will provide towels.

0745 **Kayakers Group** meet with Fran at the heli hanger (deck 6).

0745 **Mountaineers** meet Tamsin and Kenny at the gangway (Deck 4).

~0800 **Everyone else going ashore** please come to the gangway.

1200 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

After lunch we will make our way into the Gerlache Strait where we often encounter whales. Keep a look out and enjoy our sail towards Deception Island. Depending on conditions and wildlife sightings we might offer a lecture. Please listen for announcements.

1830 Join Katja and the Expedition team in the Lounge for the daily **Recap**.

1900 Dinner is available in the Dining Room.



**DAILY PROGRAM**

# Antarctic Basecamp

## Deception Island

Thursday 6 December 2018

0420 We will enter **Neptune's Bellows**. This narrow passage is the entrance to Port Foster, the inner part of **Deception Island**. This is one of the few places on the planet where you can sail into a caldera. If you are an early riser you can enjoy the passage from the outer decks.

0430 Wakeup call

0440 Snack before the landing: There will be pastries available at the bar.

We hope to take you ashore at **Whalers Bay** on Deception Island. Here you can walk between the buildings of an old whaling station, enjoy the black lava beaches with probably some penguins, or join the guided walk to **Neptune's Window**. At the end of the landing you have the chance for another **Polar Plunge**. (DO NOT BRING THE TOWELS FROM YOUR CABIN. We will provide towels.)

0500 **Kayakers Group** meet with Fran at the Zodiac deck (Deck 5).

0500 **Mountaineers** meet Tamsin and Kenny at the gangway (Deck 4).

~0515 **Everyone else going ashore** please come to the gangway.

0900 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.

**Neptune's Bellows** for late risers. Obviously, we have to go out the same way! 😊

After we leave Deception Island, we will probably have shelter for another 4 hours, after which we will enter the Drake Passage. Make sure your cabin and you are ready for it!

1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

1500 Depending on sea conditions we might offer a lecture by Fran: **Dogs and the British Antarctic Survey**. Learn more about how the British Antarctic Survey used dogs from 1944 to 1994. Wuff!

1830 **Recap** - Join Katja and the Expedition Team in the Lounge.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal!

We will be sailing in the open ocean for the next days. Please take appropriate precautions: secure belongings, close drawers, take medication. And remember:  
**KEEP ONE HAND FREE FOR HOLDING ONTO THE SHIP AT ALL TIMES!**



# Antarctic-Basecamp At Sea to Ushuaia

Friday 7 December 2018

No wakeup call this morning!

0800 **Breakfast** is served in the Restaurant for one hour.

1030 Depending on sea-conditions we might offer a lecture in the lounge. Please listen for announcements.

1230 **Lunch** is served in the Restaurant.

1530 Depending on sea-conditions we might offer a lecture in the lounge. Please listen for announcements.

1830 Join Katja and the Expedition team in the Lounge for the daily **Recap**.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant. Bon appétit.

**Please be very careful when moving around the ship, always keep at least one hand free to hold on. Be especially careful around doors, in the staircase and in the bathroom.**





**DAILY PROGRAM**

**Antarctic-Basecamp  
At Sea to Ushuaia**  
Saturday 8 December 2018

**No wakeup call this morning!**

0800 **Breakfast** is served in the Restaurant for one hour.

1030 Depending on sea-conditions we might offer a lecture in the lounge.  
**Please Listen for Announcements = PLA**

1230 **Lunch** is served in the Restaurant.

1430 Depending on sea-conditions we might offer a lecture in the lounge. PLA

When sea conditions allow in the afternoon DJ and Alex will call you to reception to settle your **on-board accounts**. PLA

At some stage we will ask you to return your **clean rubber boots** to the boot room. This is depending on sea conditions, PLA.

1800 Join Katja and the expedition team in the Lounge for a **final briefing** and a farewell toast from your Captain.

1900 **The last Supper** is served in the Restaurant. Bon appétit.

**After dinner:** Payments will recommence at reception. PLA

**Please be very careful when moving around the ship, always keep at least one hand free to hold on. Be especially careful around doors, in the staircase and in the bathroom.**

**Although we will be alongside you are not permitted to disembark until we have been cleared by the port authorities. Please wait for announcements!**

0700 Wakeup Call.

0730 Breakfast is served in the Dining Room for one hour.

**Please place your large luggage outside your cabin when DJ invites you to breakfast, and return your key cards to reception when you go to breakfast.**

0830 All passengers must depart the ship. Buses to the airport will be on the pier. Everybody must identify their own luggage and make sure it goes to the right location.

- You can have your luggage stored. Please take it to the truck on the pier and it will be taken to 'Il Gatto' at ***Avenida Maipú 1210***. This building has a green roof and is located past the service station and approximately 350 m to the left as you leave the pier. ***You will need to pick up your luggage before 1400.***
- You are free to leave the pier on foot with your luggage; taxis can be found opposite the entrance to the pier.

**On behalf of Captain Ernesto Barria, Katja, and all the staff and crew onboard *M.V. Ortelius*, we wish you all the best for your future journeys, and hope to see you again!**

*Fair Winds and Following Seas*