

The Falkland Islands Special

on board m/v Ortelius October 29 – November 7, 2018



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



Captain Ernesto Barria

and his international crew of 56

including

Staff Captain: **Remmert-Jan Koster** [The Netherlands]

First Officer: **Yuri Marin** [Russia]

Second Officer: **Mindaugas Oginskas** [Lithuania]

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Third Officer: Andy Mangilit [Philippines]

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Assist. Hotel Manager: **Oleksandr Lyebyedyev** [Ukraine]

Head Chef: **Stefan Zivojinovic** [Serbia]

Sous Chef: **Pio Arevalo** [Philippines]

Ship's Physician: **Rutker Stellke** [Germany]

and

Expedition Leader: **Lynn Woodworth** [Canada]

Assist. Expedition Leader: **Tobias Brehm** [Germany]

Expedition Guide: Martin Berg [Sweden]

Expedition Guide: Celine Clement [France]

Expedition Guide: **Benjamin Giunchi** [Argentina]

Expedition Guide: **Tiphanie May** [UK/The Falkland Islands]

Expedition Guide: **Brian Patteson** [USA]

Expedition Guide: Sandra Petrowitz [Germany]

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Trainee: Marcel Paul [The Netherlands]

Trainee: **Miriam Vermeij** [The Netherlands]

Trainee: **Sebastiaan Koppelle** [The Netherlands]

welcome you on board!

Day 1 – October 29, 2018 Embarkation, Puerto Madryn

GPS position at 1600: 42°45.7'S, 065°01.5'W

Air Temp: 12°C Sea Temp: 13°C Weather: partly cloudy Wind: S 5 Sea state: 4



On a sunny, balmy day we made our way towards the pier in Puerto Madryn. Shuttle buses took us to where our home for the next ten days was waiting for us: Ortelius. After we had our luggage scanned at the mobile X-ray station on the pier, we took time to just bask in the sun, take in the views of the town or keep a lookout for wildlife. There were some whale blows in the distance and birdlife aplenty. Around 16:00, we were invited to board the vessel, and we made our way to the Reception where Hotel Manager Dejan – better known



as DJ – and his Assistant Alex welcomed us. We settled into our cabins and soon started exploring around the ship.

Once we had all guests on board, Expedition Leader Lynn invited us to the Lecture Room on Deck 3 for the mandatory safety briefing which was followed by a safety drill. We got to hear the ship's General Alarm;

after mustering in the Bar we proceeded out onto the top deck in orderly fashion and single file, having donned our orange lifejackets. Those who wanted were allowed a look into the lifeboats while *Ortelius* was sailing away from Puerto Madryn and towards the whale blows that could again be seen in the distance. We enjoyed our time out on deck watching the Southern Right Whales; the waters around Puerto Madryn are one of the best spots for observing those rare baleen whales which were hunted heavily in the past. They put on quite a show for us while we were heading out into the open sea.



Soon it was time to gather in the Lounge/Bar on Deck 6 for our official introduction to the ship by DJ. Afterwards, together with Captain Ernesto Barria we raised a toast to the voyage and got introduced to the Expedition Team members. With *Ortelius* steaming south, we then enjoyed our first dinner on board – very yummy and very welcome after what for most of us had been a long travel day. Some retired to their cabins right after, others stayed out a bit longer to watch the seascapes or went to the Bar for a nightcap.

Day 2 – October 30, 2018 At Sea towards the Falkland Islands

GPS position at 0800: 44°52.3'S, 063°31.6'W

Air Temp: 14°C Sea Temp: 10°C Weather: cloudy Wind: NW 4 Sea state: 3

Many of us were already up and around when Lynn made the first wake-up call of the trip, but for those of us still being rocked in our bunks it was time to be up and see what the sea day would bring. It was a bright sunny morning with a little bit of a breeze so a perfect start to our voyage. Plenty of seabirds were presenting themselves, including the mighty albatrosses.

After breakfast there was time to head out on deck and enjoy the sunshine and the birds that were flying around the ship and gathering in large numbers behind the ship as we sailed south. The most common species was the Giant Petrel, both Southern and Northern, but there were also Blackbrowed Albatrosses, Cape Petrels and Kelp Gulls. Birds habitually follow ships at sea looking for food brought up to the surface by the ship's wake



but also to enjoy the uplift created. We were also able to spot the occasional Fur Seal, Sea Lion, and even some Magellanic Penguins and Dusky Dolphins.

At 10:00, Lynn called us to the Lecture Room for a mandatory briefing regarding the IAATO rules that we need to follow as a member of this organisation. She explained why it is important to follow biosecurity

measures to ensure that the wildlife will not be threatened and how it is our responsibility to protect the areas we visit. Shortly afterwards, a very delicious lunch was served. As the gentle movement of the ship was not for everyone however, some of the seats stayed empty.

There was time for a postlunch snooze and some time on deck before Martin and Brian gave us an introduction into the seabirds that we had



seen already or would be likely to encounter along the way providing background information, but also identification tips for our hunt outside on deck.

Right after, we were able to test ourselves on seabird identification on the outside decks. The wind had picked up a little bit, but the sun was still shining and temperatures were also still comfortable.

Later in the afternoon, Tiphanie invited us to the Lecture Room once again to provide us with an overview over the Falkland Islands. As she lives on the Falklands, it was very interesting to hear the facts about this archipelago together with some personal insights. Her love of the islands is very obvious, and it certainly got us even more excited about our visit.

There was time for afternoon tea before spending some more time on deck or further exploring the ship.

At 18:30, Lynn invited us to the Bar for our daily Recap. At this time of the day we would learn about the plans for the following day and get some more information on things that we have seen previously. Martin explained a few details about the Southern Right Whales that had put on a very nice show around Puerto Madryn. Thereafter, Tobias introduced us to the concept of the nautical mile, knots and the Beaufort scale. Afterwards, we were treated with another very delicious dinner in the Restaurant.



Day 3 – October 31, 2018 At Sea towards the Falkland Islands

GPS position at 0800: 49°06.5'S, 061°53.8'W

Air Temp: 10°C Sea Temp: 5°C Weather: clear Wind: SW 4 Sea state: 4



After a little rocky night Lynn woke us up just before 08:00 again. The wind had calmed down and the weather was sunny with, unfortunately, not that many birds. The mandatory zodiac briefing after breakfast was followed by us collecting our rubber boots and zodiac life jackets. The sunny and calm weather continued so many of us were found at the bow or on the top deck to look out for wildlife.

After lunch Tobias gave a lecture on the geology of the Falkland Islands which made us understand a lot better the formation of the islands and how tectonic plates work. Moreover, it became clear that the



Falklands Islands are not belonging to Argentina nor the United Kingdom at all, but that — based on the geology — South Africa might have the biggest claim on the islands ...

In the afternoon the biosecurity protocol was started. To prevent contamination of the islands and introduction of non-native species it is critically important to make sure no seeds or non-endemic or native materials enter the islands via personal clothing, boots, camera bags or backpacks. Therefore, all of us

were asked to vacuum the personal belongings they were planning on taking with them during the landings on the Falklands Islands. Deck by deck we were called up to the bar where we could personally make sure not to introduce any pests to the islands – it was quite the vacuum party up there!

During the vacuuming Peale's dolphins showed up, riding the bow waves in front of the ship. Not long after the blows of whales could be seen on the horizon. As it seemed to be more than just one whale, the Captain decided to make a detour and get us in for a closer whales. look on these Eventually it was possible to confirm these whales were Fin and Sei whales feeding on big patches of krill some of which was nicely visible from the ship.



What more could we potentially have been asking for – it had been a perfect day with good weather, calm seas and a variety of wildlife in the afternoon as we drew closer to the Falklands.



Day 4 - November 1, 2018

Falkland Islands: Carcass Island & Steeple Jason Island

GPS position at 0800: 51°18.3'S, 060°33.3'W

Air Temp: 9°C Weather: clear Wind: NE 4 Sea state: 3



Finally, after two sea days surrounded by birds, dolphins, whales and even krill, we made it to our first landing: Carcass Island. It was supposed to be the afternoon place to visit but due to weather conditions in Steeple Jason, Captain Ernesto and Expedition Leader Lynn decided to swap turns on the sites.

A beautiful morning welcomed us with sunshine, a fantastic 10 degrees centigrade and friendly wind, so as the conditions were perfect we could divide the landing in two groups. One group landed on Dyke beach and



took the 3.1 km hike through the tussock and meadows to reach the settlement where Rod (the owner of the island) lives. On the way there was a lot of birdlife to be observed, and the keen birders got lucky as they had good views of the endemic Cobb's Wren, of Upland Geese with goslings, of Magellanic and Blackish Oystercatchers, Steamer Ducks, the ubiquitous

Tussacbird, Austral Thrushes and Long-tailed Meadowlarks. When this group reached the settlement where the other group had landed directly on the beach, for all of us Rod – with the help of a very nice Chilean family – had prepared an amazing array of really yummy cookies, tea and coffee.









Not only the time and experience of our first activity was good, also the opportunity to rest a bit after eating so much and wander around on the ship decks spotting some birds while *Ortelius* was relocating to our designated afternoon landing spot.

Little by little the wind picked up but after a scouting team had gone out and found the landing site in manageable conditions, the operations started as planned. This time we visited Steeple Jason Island where we landed at a really slippery, rocky spot all the way into the bay on the south side. It took a while to

get us all ashore but it was well worth the effort because after a walk between geese, Caracaras and Gentoo Penguins (and after being greeted by a couple of growling sealions basking on the rocks) we found ourselves right in front of one of the largest colonies of Black-Browed Albatrosses with around 113.000 individuals!







A call from *Ortelius'* bridge warned the Staff Team about the wind gusts picking up even more so we in turn were warned that we should consider starting our way back to the comfort of the ship soon – but not before taking (another) thousand pictures of the colony. Just as foreseen by Captain and Chief Officer, the weather change was here – zodiac after zodiac we could see the swell increasing, and the approach to the vessel was not as easy as the departure, but Staff and Crew brought everybody back on board safe and happy after an amazing day full of memories.



Day 5 – November 2, 2018

Falkland Islands: West Point Island & Saunders Island

GPS position at 0800: 51°20.8'S, 060°40.3'W

Air Temp: 9°C Weather: cloudy Wind: NW 4 Sea state: 3



Another calm, sunny morning saw *Ortelius* approaching West Point Island. Lynn had (again) woken us up quite early, and while we still wondered where the settlement might be that she had mentioned in her recap the night before, the Expedition Team was already busy manning zodiacs and speeding off into the bay on the east side of the island. On our ride, Peale's Dolphins found the rubber boats to be ideal toys to play with, and we were delighted by the shenanigans of our lively entourage escorting us towards the pier. Much to



our surprise, there was even a red carpet waiting for us, and so we stepped onto the wooden pier and made our way towards the shore with flowering gorse and plenty of waterfowl lined up on the beach.

It seemed to be Luxury Day today: a dolphin escort, the red carpet, wildlife in abundance, and now we were to learn that the islanders were even offering a taxi service! So we climbed into the back of the Land Rovers and were shuttled over to the west side of the island, right next to

several colonies of White-browed Albatrosses and Rockhopper Penguins. Siskins were flitting about, the sun was shining, and those who decided to walk had a bit more time to take in the gorgeous views along the way. At the colony, we found ourselves right next to what seemed to be hundreds of Black-browed Albatrosses and an equal number of Rockhopper Penguins. It was marvelous to just sit (or stand, the tussac was rather tall) and watch, listen, observe, and enjoy.







On the way back, some of us got to witness the local FIGAS airplane arrive and take off again; others observed a myriad of birds along the well-marked path. Lunch came in handy to refill our energy depots while *Ortelius* made her way towards Saunders Island. When the ship was in position and we could clearly see the white sandy beach at The Neck, another surprise was waiting for us: There was a Leopard Seal resting on the sand. Unfortunately, it left before we got

ashore but once the zodiacs had landed us on shore, there was a wide variety of other wildlife to be observed: We encountered Oystercatchers and Dolphin Gulls, Caracaras and Vultures – and had reason to rename Saunders Island into Five Penguin Island as we found Magellanic, Gentoo, Rockhopper and King Penguins as well as a single Macaroni Penguin amongst the Rockhoppers. Wherever we looked there was something to see, and time flew past at an astonishing speed. Way too soon we had to head back from where we had spent our time, and we were VERY reluctant to leave. The last meters to the beach seemed to stretch forever in our attempt to make those moments last – what a wonderful day we had spent at the Islands of Plenty!













Day 6 - November 3, 2018

Falkland Islands: Volunteer Point & Stanley

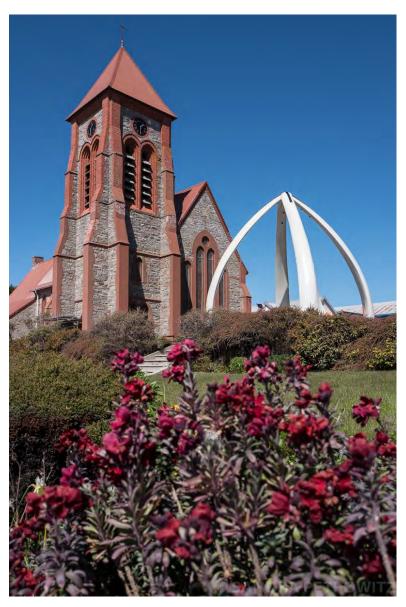
GPS position at 1200: 51°41.2'S, 057°51.1'W

Air Temp: 11°C Weather: clear Wind: N 4 Sea state: 2



After some 12 hours of sailing from the West to the East Falklands we approached Volunteer Point just before breakfast. Our plan for the morning was to land on the Volunteer beach to spend some time at the Falklands' largest King Penguin colony. At first glance, the weather seemed excellent with clear blue sky and bright sunshine but unfortunately, the swell from the open ocean didn't allow us to land. Through the binoculars we could see waves two to three meters high crashing onto the beach where we were supposed to land with our Zodiacs. With no landing possible and no alternative within reach the Captain set course towards our next destination. Despite a little bit of rolling, the cruise to Stanley was very productive in terms of wildlife. Several whales were spotted, bow-riding Peale's Dolphins observed, and to our birdwatchers' delight, both Antarctic Fulmars and a Grey-headed Albatross were seen from deck.





At midday we arrived to Stanley, a beautiful settlement home to some 2500 inhabitants. To our delight the weather stayed fine – blue skies, sunshine, only a bit of wind - and we landed in the harbour with our Zodiacs. Some of us went to the museum and the gift shop, others chose to go out birding or visit any of the nine local pubs. During the afternoon, the wind picked up again, and for this reason the Captain decided to leave Stanley a wee bit earlier than planned to make sure we would be able to go through the Narrows before the anticipated storm hit the Falkland Islands. It turned out to be a good decision; as we came out into the open sea, the wind had picked up significantly. As it was supposed to reach storm force tonight we crossed our fingers that maybe the storm might have passed already by the morning when we would reach our next destination, Bleaker Island.



Day 7 - November 4, 2018

Falkland Islands: Bleaker Island & Sea Lion Island

GPS position at 0800: 52°07.8'S, 058°47.3'W

Air Temp: 7°C Weather: overcast Wind: NNE 7/8 Sea state: 5-6



The ship arrived at Bleaker Island to find very windy and swelly conditions. A 1.4-metre swell was observed making zodiac operations impossible. *Ortelius* travelled down between Bleaker and East Falklands searching for better conditions and awaiting a drop of the wind. Unfortunately, the weather stayed the same and the local forecast gave no glimpse of hope either so the decision was made to move on. *Ortelius* then travelled back around to the outer side of the island and headed south for Sealion Island. In mid-morning Martin gave a lecture on birds of the Falklands followed by an identification session inviting all passengers to bring their photos. As the ship made its way down the coast, some Commerson's Dolphins were observed bow-riding and a White-Headed Petrel was spotted, the latter a rare find in the Falkland Islands. Weather conditions were windy and cold but many of us braved the decks to inspect the coastline and watch the sea birds following the vessel.

Lunch was served and we were delighted that the homemade ice-cream station was back again for those who missed it whilst ashore in Stanley yesterday. After lunch Sea Lion Island appeared in the mist, but unfortunately even though the sun had come out, the swell had not dissipated. 1.3-metre waves still crashed against the bow of the ship and upon talking with the lodge manager on Sea Lion, conditions were found to be unsafe on the landing site as well. The decision was taken to cancel the landing for



safety reasons with hopes of better luck tomorrow at New Island. The ship then sailed along the coast of Sea Lion Island for some time, allowing opportunity to at least from a distance observe the Elephant Seals on the white sandy beaches.

After some time observing the marine life, late in the afternoon *Ortelius* turned NW towards Eagle Passage, passing between East Falklands and the Speedwell Island group, the latter owned by local guide Tiphanie May's parents. Upon sailing along George and Barren Island and later Speedwell, many birds were sighted amongst the smaller islands. As the ship passed Speedwell, the main settlement was sighted with the purple house of the owners showing up brightly against the island. On the starboard side the May's boat *Theo* was observed moored in Flores Harbour.



In the late afternoon Tiphanie herself gave a talk about the daily life of a Falkland Islander with quite an extensive question-and-answer session afterwards discussing some of the more unusual quirks of island life. More bird and marine-life watching were held on the decks until Recap time was called in the Bar. Lynn gave a quick overview of the day's activities and a brief on possible landings. This was followed by Brian who

gave an interesting talk on the wingspan of tubenose birds (petrels and albatrosses) using a marked string stretched across the bar supported by Celine. Finally, Celine gave a fascinating presentation on the presence of contaminants in seabirds and how science had come to find out about this. At this time supper was called and we were treated to a wonderful meal of locally sourced Patagonian Toothfish.



Day 8 – November 5, 2018 Falkland Islands: New Island

GPS position at 0800: 51°43.6'S, 061°16.9'W

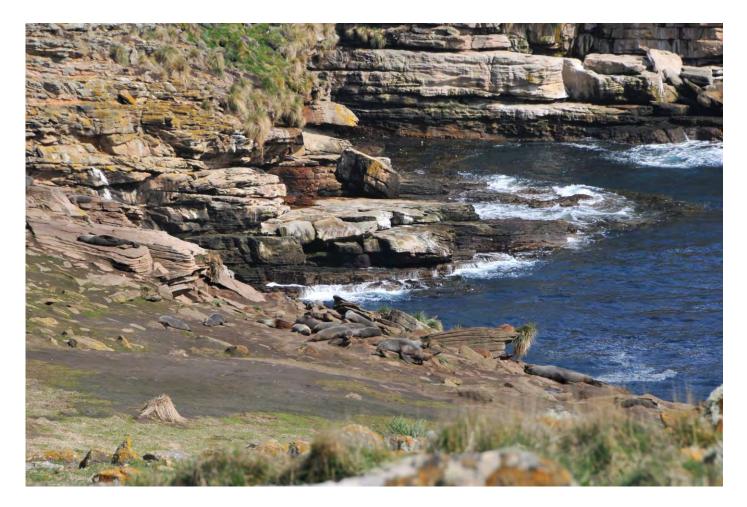
Air Temp: 10°C Weather: clear Wind: WSW 5 Sea state: 3



A 7:15 wake-up call! After a day without landing, everybody was looking forward to hearing Lynn's news about the weather and, of course, also about our first landing of today. News were good indeed; the landing in New Island South settlement was going ahead. New Island is the most westerly island of the group, and it is now a nature reserve managed by the New Island Conservation Trust.

Sun was shining and the wind was stable. The lovely bay with its white sandy beach where we landed was completely sheltered (in contrast to the zodiac ride which at least in the beginning was not) and the sweet light of the morning made for a very special atmosphere. There was a beautiful old shipwreck right next to the landing site with three Night Herons inside taking a sunbath. At the beach we were welcomed by the owner in the Barnard building which dates from 1831. In 2006 it was completely restored and now contains a small museum also serving as visitor centre, and a small shop.





On the island we could decide to either opt for the long walk over the hill to the Fur Seals carefully avoiding the burrows of the Petrels, or for the much shorter and easier walk to the rookeries of Rockhopper Penguins and Cormorants. As the weather was treating us kindly we had lots of time ashore, and the last shuttle back was not till 12:20. On the way back to the ship we could already feel the wind picking up, and not everybody stayed completely dry on the ride.

During lunch *Ortelius* repositioned to the north side of New Island but unfortunately the wind had picked up even more. The Captain tried various spots for keeping the ship in position in order to enable another landing but neither of them proved safe so unfortunately the afternoon activity had to be cancelled. So here we were, turning towards South America and heading for Ushuaia! To the great pleasure of many of us, on the outside decks the fantastic birdwatching continued, and there was even a new species sighted for this trip: the Grey-backed Storm-Petrel.







Just before dinner it was Recap time again: Lynn with the plans for the following day, after which Marcel – one of the three trainees – together with the other trainees Miriam and Sebastian explained in a very funny way and showed in many photos what they had done "behind the scenes" and what they had learned from their mentor Jan Belgers in the Oceanwide Development Program on board *Ortelius*.

After dinner still a lot of us went outside to make photos of flying birds in the sunset. A lot of Giant Petrels and Cape Petrels were still around. Some of us were lucky enough to even get nice pictures of the green flash at the exact moment the sun disappeared behind the horizon.



Day 9 – November 6, 2018 At Sea towards Ushuaia

GPS position at 0800: 53°38.0'S, 063°36.0'W

Air Temp: 7°C Weather: partly cloudy Wind: WNW 9 Sea state: 7

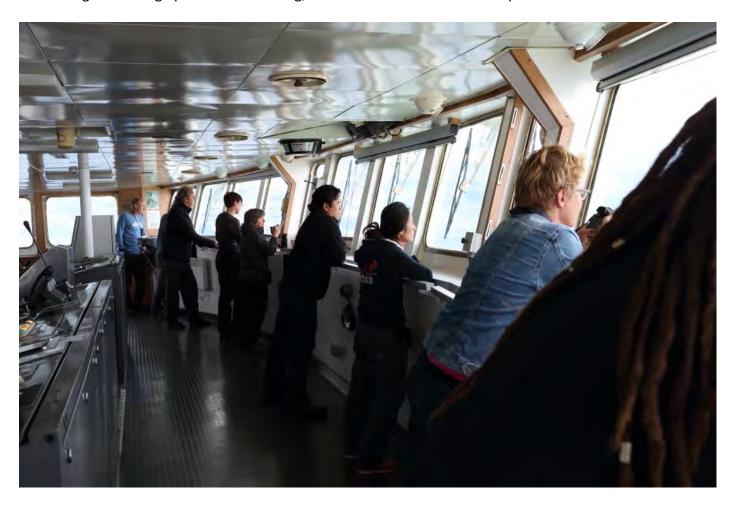


"At sea in the Furious Fifties" clearly was the motto of the day: We had had some strong winds to deal with a couple of days ago in the Falklands, but really the worst of that was not being able to go ashore. We had been able to stay close to the islands there and avoid the biggest seas. We also had had a mostly down-sea tack which also helped. This morning however, we were taking it on the chin, quartering into big open ocean swells, and the wind had increased considerably. The outside decks were closed for our safety.

This is a place of strong winds. Many have heard of the "Roaring Forties", the band of latitude so named by sailors for the winds that blow. We were below that in the "Furious Fifties" nearer to Cape Horn and the Drake Passage, an area of legendary storms and seas. Sometimes one gets lucky and crosses during a lull, but today was not one of those days. We had 40 knots of wind early this morning, later on getting close to 50 knots. The ship was handling it superbly, but as always it was a struggle for us as humans. Many were



hunkered down in cabins and those who were up and about were certainly holding on tightly. The bridge offered a good vantage point for seabirding, but it was one hand for the ship at all times.



The seabirds were going on about their business. Some were following the ship. We had a squadron of Cape Petrels in tow and the obligatory Giant Petrels. Three species of albatross crossed our bow this morning. We had hoped for a big day of pelagic birding outside, but it was more of a day for the birds. We peered out of the windows to get a look, and we enjoyed the comfort of our sturdy ship. As an old friend once remarked "these birds don't have any houses to go to out here". Indeed. Their realm is the sea and the air and today most of them were better off in the air.

Aloft, these sailing birds can travel vast distances on a day such as this. The albatrosses might travel a few hundred miles in a single day. Some are content to follow the ship. Others are just seen in passing. In the Falkland Islands, had encountered we Southern Royal Albatross, a gigantic bird that actually nests in Zealand but disperses eastward to feed in the rich shelf waters off Patagonia during its first couple of years. The Sooty



Shearwaters that nest down here also make a long trek to the North Atlantic for the Austral winter. We might think of ourselves as world travelers, but seabirds have been doing it as a matter of course for a long time.





Fortunately, sea conditions changed as we got nearer to the coast. Proximity to shore means less fetch and slighter seas. As we approached Isla de Los Estados, we got the green light to go out on deck. There was much to see and it was nice to be outdoors again, taking in fresh air and the views.

At 18:15 we gathered for our last Recap and some closing remarks from Captain Ernesto – and a toast to our voyage! From there, it was onward to the Farewell Dinner during which we got to know the galley team whom we cannot thank enough for the fantastic meals we got to enjoy during our cruise. It's been a great trip, and some of us passed the last hour of daylight enjoying the scenery and more birds, including a handful of Blue Petrels from the Antarctic. The wind had not exactly let up, but it was much smoother sailing in here, and we retired to our cabins eager to see the beautiful scenery that awaits us in the morning.



Day 10 – November 7, 2018 Disembarkation in Ushuaia

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

Having spent the night in the sheltered waters of the Beagle Channel, the morning saw us coming into the bay of Ushuaia in beautiful early light. For the last time (at least during this voyage) we woke to Lynn's voice, and for the last time (at least during this voyage) we headed to the Dining Room for breakfast. The Expedition Staff had asked us to put our check-in luggage outside our cabins before coming to breakfast so they could take it to the pier for us, and after the vessel had been cleared by immigration and customs, we were allowed to step outside as well. It was sad to leave *Ortelius* and her crew, and a great many good-byes were said before we finally departed – some to the airport, some into town to spend a bit more time at the end of the world, Fin del Mundo. And quite a few of us had already made plans to return one day to see and explore more of the beauty of the polar and subpolar regions accessible only by ship. Maybe South Georgia? Maybe the High Arctic? We will find out in due time ...



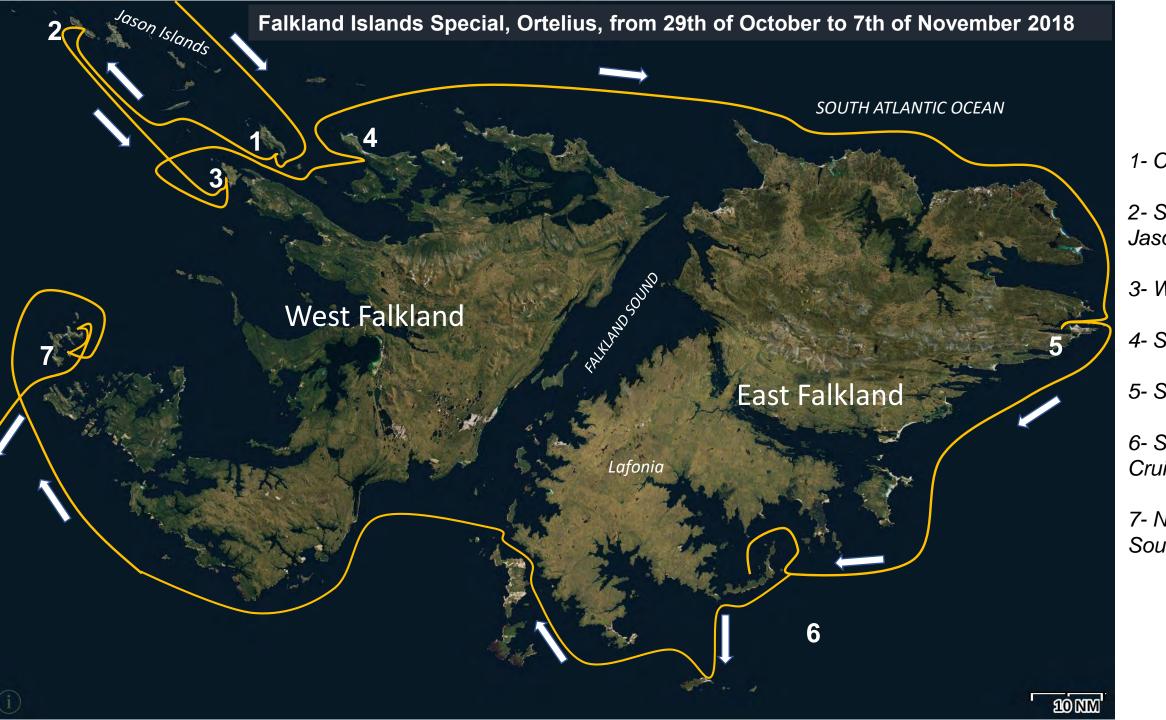
Thank you all for such a wonderful voyage, for your company, good humour and enthusiasm. We hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!



Total Distance Sailed: 1.505 Nautical Miles

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





1- Carcass

2- Steeple Jason

3- West Point

4- Saunders

5- Stanley

6- Ship Cruising

7- New Island South

Birds and marine mammals of the Fa 29th October to 7th November 2018

English	Latin	/_8	
		29.00	
King Penguin	Aptenodytes patagonicus		
Southern Rockhopper Penguin	Eudyptes chrysocome		
Macaroni Penguin	Eudyptes chrysolophus		
White-tufted Grebe	Rollandia rolland rolland		
Silvery Grebe	Podiceps occipitalis		
Black-browed Albatross	Diomedea melanophris	Х	
Southern Giant Petrel	Macronectes giganteus	Х	
Fairy Prion	Pachyptila turtur		
Slender-billed Prion	Pachyptila belcheri		
White-chinned Petrel	Procellaria aequinoctialis		
Sooty Shearwater	Puffinus griseus		
Great Shearwater	Puffinus gravis		
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	Oceanites oceanicus	Х	
Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	Oceanites nereis		
Common Diving-Petrel	Pelecanoides (urinatrix) berard		
Rock Shag	Phalacrocorax magellanicus	Х	
Imperial (Blue Eyed) Shag	Phalacrocorax atriceps	Х	
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax falklandicus	Х	
Black-necked Swan	Cygnus melanochoryphus		
Coscoroba Swan	Coscoroba coscoroba		
Upland Goose	Chloephaga picta		
Kelp Goose	Chloephaga hybrida		
Ruddy-headed Goose	Chloephaga rubidiceps		
Flying Steamer Duck	Tachyeres patachonicus		
Falkland Flightless Steamer Duck	Tachyeres brachypterus		
Crested Duck	Lophonetta specularioides		
Chiloe Wigion	Anas sibilatrix		
Specled Teal	Anas flavirostris		
Yellow-billed pintail	Anas georgica spinicauda		
Silver Teal	Anas versicolor fretensis		
Cinnamon Teal	Anas cyanoptera		
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura		
Red-backed Hawk/Variable Hawk	Buteo polysoma		
Striated Caracara	Phalcoboenus australis		
Crested Caracara	Caracara plancus		
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus cassini		
Magellanic Oystercatcher	Haematopus leucopodus		
Blackish Oystercatcher	Haematopus ater		
Two-banded Plover	Charadrius falklandicus		
Rufous-chested Dotterel	Charadrius modestus		
Magellanic Snipe	Gallinago paraguaiae magellanica		
Sub-Antarctic (Brown) Skua	Catharacta antarctica		
Dolphin Gull	Larus scoresbii		

Kelp Gull	Larus dominicanus
Brown-hooded gull	Larus maculipennis
South American Tern	Sterna hirundacea
Barn Owl	Tyto alba tuidara
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus sanfordi
Blackish Cinclodes (Tussack Bird)	Cinclodes antarcticus antarcticus
Dark-faced ground- tyrant	Muscisaxicola m. macloviana
Falkland Pipit	Anthus correndera grayi
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus
Falkland Grass Wren	Cistothorus platensis falklandica
Cobb's Wren	Troglodytes cobbi
Black-throated Finch/Canary-winged Finch	Melanodera melanodera
Chilean Swallow	Tachycinata leucopyga
Falkland Thrush	Turdus falklandii falklandii
Black-chinned siskin	Carduelis barbata
Long-tailed Meadow Lark	Sturnella loyca falklandica
Marine mammals	
Antarctic Minke Whale	Balaenoptera bonaerensis
Humpback Whale	Megaptera novaeangliae
Blue Whale	Balaenoptera musculus
Fin Whale	Balaenoptera physalus
Sei Whale	Balaenoptera borealis
Southern Bottlenose Whale	Hyperoodon planifrons
Straptoothed Beaked Whale	Mesoplodon layardii
Long Finned Pilot whale	Globicephala melas
Killer Whale	Orcinus orca
Hourglass Dolphin	Lagenorhynchus cruciger
Peale's Dolphin	Lagenorhynchus australis
Commerson's Dolphin	Cephalorhynchus commersonii
Southern Elephant Seal	Mirounga leonin
Southern Sea Lion	Otaria flavescens
South American Fur Seal	Arctocephalus australis
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Manx Shearwater	Puffinus puffinus	Х
Southern Right Whale	Embalaena australis	Х
Dusky Dolphin	Lagenorhynchus obscurus	
White-headed petrel	Pterodroma lessonii	
Magellanic Penguin	Spheniscus magellanicus	Х
Gentoo Penguin	Pygoscalis papua	
Long-finned Pilot Whale	Globicephala melas	
Southern Royal Albatross	Diomedea epomohora	
Wandering Albatross	Diomedea exulans	
Northern Royal Albatross	Diomedea sanfordi	
Grey-headed Albatross	Diomedea chrysostoma	

Black-bellied Storm Petrel	Fregetta tropica	
Blue Petrel	Halobaena caerulea	
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Lynn Woodworth – Expedition Leader



Lynn comes from the mountains and lakes of western Canada, where she first developed her love for remote wilderness and cold water.

She started travelling at 17, and eventually settled in Australia, where she completed two biology degrees, including a PhD in conservation genetics, examining Minimum Viable Population Size in wildlife. While in academia, Lynn lectured in topics ranging from population and quantitative genetics to basic animal structure and function, managed international conferences and research labs, and worked briefly in biological patents. In her spare time, she qualified as an Exotic Wildlife Zookeeper, and has raised and released quite a range of orphaned marsupials, kookaburras and the occasional snake.

Lynn's first trip to the Antarctic happened by accident. In 1996, she was lucky enough to join a Ross Sea voyage after her intended travel plans fell through. Two years later, she began an around the world motorcycle trip by travelling down the coast of South America. In Ushuaia, she left her motorcycle behind to sail to the Antarctic Peninsula. She was hooked on Antarctica, and has been working in the polar regions ever since. She has been to the Ross Sea region, and knows the Antarctic Peninsula, the Falklands and South Georgia as well as some penguins. In the northern summer, she has taken ships to arctic Canada, Iceland, Greenland, Svalbard, Russia and the North Pole. Lynn stopped counting in 2007, at somewhere over 135 voyages, 17 different vessels, and more than two years of her life spent in the Drake Passage. She has held most ship-based roles including lecturer, guide, zodiac driver, Assistant Expedition Leader and Expedition Leader, and has also worked on shore as Operations Manager. She has co-authored two books on Antarctica, Antarctica The Complete Story (published on three continents) and The Blue Continent (released in 17 languages at last count).

Lynn still calls Australia home. She has recently moved from the big smoke of Sydney to just South of Hobart, Tasmania - as close to Antarctica as she can get and still be in Australia.

Tobias Brehm – Assistant Expedition Leader



Tobias spends as much time as possible out in nature to observe and learn from and about Earth and Nature. He likes to share this passion with interested people and has facilities to explain these fascinating mechanisms and phenomena.

With a B.Sc. in Geosciences and a M.Sc. in Economic Geology, Tobias' experience mainly originates from his work as an exploration geologist within the mining and metals industry. He has worked on projects in Australia, Iceland, Greenland and all across Canada with a focus on remote, helicopter-based fieldwork within the Yukon Territory and northern British Columbia; in areas that not many people have a chance to see and enjoy.

When telling about his work and experiences, Tobias realized numerous times that there are many misconceptions in regards to geology and that geologists are generally not trying well enough to reach out to the 'general public'. In addition, many people seem to be 'disconnected' from nature in some ways. This led him to join the Oceanwide Expeditions team in 2014 to share his love and knowledge about Earth and Nature, especially of Polar Regions, with others.

Throughout his geological career, Tobias has travelled all across the world experiencing many different cultures and environments. He has been to Alaska and the "Lower 48" (i.e. Yellowstone National Park), to nearly all of Canada, Australia & Tasmania, Peru, Iceland, to nearly all of Europe and to desert countries like the Sultanate of Oman. However, he feels most comfortable in rugged, mountainous terrain of Polar Regions.

At home, he spends his time climbing mountains and exploring the mystical spheres of caves or abandoned mines.

Tobias verbringt möglichst viel Zeit in der Natur, um die Erde und Natur zu beobachten, von ihnen und etwas über sie zu lernen. Er möchte diese Begeisterung gerne mit anderen teilen und ihnen diese faszinierenden Mechanismen und Phänomene näher bringen.

Durch seinen B.Sc.-Abschluss in den Geowissenschaften und M.Sc.-Abschluss in der Rohstoffgeologie hat Tobias seine Erfahrung hauptsächlich aus seiner Arbeit als Explorationsgeologe in der Bergbau- und Rohstoffindustrie. Er hat an Projekten in Australian, Island, Grönland und ganz Kanada mitgearbeitet. Bei seiner Tätigkeit in Kanada lag der Fokus hauptsächlich auf hubschraubergestützter Geländearbeit in entlegenen Gegenden des Yukons und im nördlichen Teil British Columbias. Nicht viele Menschen bekommen die Gelegenheit, diese zu sehen und zu genießen.

Wenn er von seiner Arbeit und seinen Erfahrungen erzählt, hat Tobias schon zahlreiche Male feststellen müssen, dass es viele Missverständnisse in Bezug auf die Geologie gibt und dass Geologen in der Regel nicht gut genug versuchen, die "normale Bevölkerung" zu erreichen. Zudem scheint es, als wären viele Menschen in gewisser Weise von der Natur "distanziert". Dies führte ihn 2014 zum Oceanwide Expeditions Team, wo er seine Liebe zur und sein Wissen über die Erde und die Natur, vor allem in den Polargebieten, mit anderen teilen kann.

Während seiner geologischen Karriere ist Tobias durch die ganze Welt gereist und konnte zahlreiche verschiedene Kulturen und Gebiete kennen lernen. Er war schon in Alaska und in den "Lower 48" (z.B. Yellowstone Nationalpark), in fast ganz Kanada, Australien & Tasmanien, Peru, Island, in nahezu ganz Europa und dem Sultanat Oman in der Wüste. Am wohlsten fühlt er sich jedoch in den schroffen Gebirgslandschaften der Polarregionen.

Wenn er zu Hause ist, klettert er auf Berge und erkundet die mystischen Sphären von Höhlen oder aufgelassenen Bergwerken.

Martin Berg – Expedition Guide



Martin's passion for birds mammals brought him all over the globe in his search for rare species. He has always been drawn to and adventures has participated in numerous expeditions into Amazon rainforest, the Arctic, Caucasus, and the Himalayas to study rare and endangered species. He has also spent several seasons

studying seabirds on islands in the North Atlantic Ocean and around New Zealand and as well as conducted at-sea surveys on seabirds and marine mammals in waters around Antarctica.

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

Céline Clément-Chastel – Expedition Guide



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 fifteen scientific missions in the Arctic (Northern Norway, Bear Island, and Spitsbergen) and Antarctic Peninsula. 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.

Benjamin Guinchi – Expedition Guide



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

Having the chance to share some time with people around the world,

he turned into a Tour Leader to expand his knowledge about culture in South America and took a few courses that could take him closer to his dream... Antarctica!!!

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

Tiphanie May – Expedition Guide



Tiphanie May is an 8th generation Falkland Islander living in Stanley. She was raised in the outer islands where her parents still work as farmers today. At 16 she travelled to the UK to continue her studies, eventually gaining her Msc in Marine Biology from Bangor University in Wales. She returned home to work as a Scientific Observer aboard the fishing fleet for 3 years before becoming a freelance Environmental Consultant for oil, fishing and construction industries. Tiphanie's current project is setting up the Falkland's first commercial fish farm where she manages hatchery and cage site operations.

The Falklands requires everyone do their part for the community, so everyone volunteers as a tradition. Tiphanie volunteers for Falkland Islands Fire and Rescue, where her favourite specialty is Breathing Apparatus Wearer and Casualty Care. She is also a serving member on the Diplomacy Program, Media Trust, Waste

Management Board and the local charity shop. When she's not working or volunteering, Tiphanie enjoys the outdoors, playing sport or the occasional drink down in her local pub.

This will be Tiphanie's first trip with Oceanwide and she's very excited to tell everyone about her home.

Brian Patterson - Expedition Guide



Brian Patteson is a charter boat captain and birding guide living at Cape Hatteras, where the Florida Current meets the Labrador Current and becomes the Gulf Stream. Brian operates about 40 pelagic birding trips each year on his own vessel, the *Stormy Petrel II*. Brian has been taking birders offshore to look at seabirds for a quarter century, and these trips have redefined our knowledge of seabird distribution in the Western North Atlantic. He has also run boat-based seabird surveys in the Mid-Atlantic and the Pamlico Sound to gather baseline data for wind energy development. Since 2003, Brian has made a number of trips to the Southern Ocean to study and photograph seabirds as a guide with Victor Emanuel Nature Tours, including several to the Falkland Islands.

Sandra Petrowitz – Expedition Guide



From early on, Sandra has been a dedicated naturalist, traveler and photographer. Fueled by curiosity and a deep passion for being out and about, her extensive journeys have led her (and her camera) across the globe. When visiting the polar regions for the first time she immediately fell for the high latitudes' nature and light. So besides stories and photos, she brought home the polar bug. She has been returning frequently to the Arctic and Antasrctica ever since.

Holding a degree in journalism, Sandra has a background in working as an editor, free-lance journalist and writer for more than 15 years. An avid nature, wildlife and travel photographer, she has a wide interest in all kinds of nature and wildlife observations. Sandra leads specialized

photo trips to the polar regions but also to places like Botswana and Jordan, and has published two books on travel photography. A third is in the making.

Sandra begeisterte sich schon früh für die Natur, fürs Reisen und fürs Fotografieren. Neugier und die Freude am Unterwegssein führten sie (und ihre Kamera) auf ausgedehnte Touren in alle Welt. Bei ihrem ersten Besuch in den Polarregionen verliebte sich Sandra Hals über Kopf in die Natur und das Licht der hohen Breitengrade, und neben Bildern und Geschichten brachte sie das Polarvirus mit nach Hause. Seither kehrt sie regelmäßig in die Arktis und die Antarktis zurück.

Als ausgebildete Journalistin hat Sandra mehr als 15 Jahre Erfahrung in diesem Metier gesammelt – als Redakteurin, freie Journalistin und Texterin. Sie interessiert sich für fast alles, was mit Natur- und Tierbeobachtungen zu tun hat. Die begeisterte Natur-, Tier- und Reisefotografin leitet Fotoreisen in die Polarregionen, aber auch in Länder wie Botswana oder Jordanien. Sie hat zwei Bücher zum Thema Reisefotografie veröffentlicht und arbeitet derzeit am dritten.

Development Program



Jan Belgers
Instructor



Sebastiaan Koppelle Trainee



Miriam Vermeij

Trainee



Marcel Paul Trainee



Captain Ernesto Barria

and his international crew of 56

including

Staff Captain: **Remmert-Jan Koster** [The Netherlands]

First Officer: **Yuri Marin** [Russia]

Second Officer: **Mindaugas Oginskas** [Lithuania]

Third Officer: **Luis Oroceo** [Philippines]

Third Officer: Andy Mangilit [Philippines]

Chief Engineer: Aleksandr Bondarev [Lithuania]

Hotel Manager: **Dejan Nikolic** [Serbia]

Assist. Hotel Manager: **Oleksandr Lyebyedyev** [Ukraine]

Head Chef: **Stefan Zivojinovic** [Serbia]

Sous Chef: **Pio Arevalo** [Philippines]

Ship's Physician: **Rutker Stellke** [Germany]

and

Expedition Leader: **Lynn Woodworth** [Canada]

Assist. Expedition Leader: **Tobias Brehm** [Germany]

Expedition Guide: Martin Berg [Sweden]

Expedition Guide: **Celine Clement** [France]

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welcome you on board!



Embarkation

Monday 29 October 2018

Welcome on board! Your luggage will be delivered to your cabin as soon as possible. After we are all onboard, please check and notify Reception if you are missing anything or have luggage that does not belong to you. While we are embarking please feel free to explore the ship. Please listen for announcements, as the program below is subject to change.

~17.00 Mandatory Safety Briefing in the Lecture Room (Deck 3).

ALL PASSENGERS are required to attend this important safety briefing. Please do not bring your lifejacket to the briefing.

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

- ~18.00 Approximate sailing time. As we leave Puerto Madryn, we recommend that you enjoy the views from the top outside decks, several Right Whales have been spotted breaching recently.

 Please Note: The Bridge will be closed for departure while we navigate into open water.
- 18.30 Soon after sailing we would like to invite you to the **Lounge** (Deck 6) for a **welcome briefing** by Expedition Leader Lynn Woodworth and an introduction to the ship by Hotel Manager Dejan 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!



On Route to the Falklands

Tuesday 30 October 2018

0745	Wakeup call
0800	Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
1000	Please join Lynn in the Lecture Room on Deck 3 for the MANDATORY talk on how to behave when ashore in the Falklands.
1230	Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
1430	Please join Martin and Brian in the Lecture Room on Deck 3 for a talk about the Seabirds of the Southern Ocean . They will discuss the ecology of southern seabirds and introduce you to some common species we hope to see.
1630	Please join Tiphanie in the Lecture Room on Deck 3 for an Introduction to the Falkland Islands . She will give a brief overview of the Falkland Islands covering economy, population and general information.
1830	Recap: This is our daily opportunity to revisit the events of the day and look forward to tomorrow's plans. Lynn and the Expedition Team will meet you in the Lounge .
1900	Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal!

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

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On Route to the Falklands

Wednesday 31 October 2018

0745	Wakeup call
0800	Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
0930	Please join Lynn in the Lecture Room on Deck 3 for the MANDATORY talk on our Zodiac Operations.
1100	We will begin distributing Muck Boots and lifejackets. Please listen for announcements , as we will call you down to the Lecture Room in small groups by Deck. If you have your own boots, you need to visit to collect a Zodiac lifejacket. Bring your thick socks!
1230	Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
1430	Join Tobias in the Lecture Room on Deck 3 for his talk on The Geology of the Falkland Islands . These amazing rocks are more than just things for birds to stand on, come along and find out more.
1600	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. We will also have a Virkon bath available at this time. Please listen for your turn, we will again be calling you by deck.
1830	Recap: This is our daily opportunity to revisit the events of the day and look forward to tomorrow's plans. Lynn and the Expedition Team will meet you in the Lounge .
1900	Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal!

Today we are again in open waters, please always hold on with one hand and be very careful in the stairwells.

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Carcass Island & Steeple Jason

Thursday 1 November 2018

0645	Wakeup call
0700	Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
0830	After breakfast we aim to take you ashore at Carcass Island . Depending on conditions, there may be two choices on offer: a 3.1km hike through tussock and meadows from the sandy beaches in the east, or a shorter 1km stroll through the settlement. Both options have the chance to see Magellanic Penguins and Striated Caracara and will end up at the settlement where we are invited in for tea and cakes !
1230	Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
1400	James Robinson is a member of the ORCA scientific observer team and invites you to his lecture including an overview of the ORCA project and their scientific work about Sei Whales.
1600	We hope to bring you ashore at the uninhabited Steeple Jason , known for its large colonies of Black-browed Albatross. Please note that the rocks at the landing site can be very slippery!
2000	Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal!
~2115	Recap: This is our daily opportunity to revisit the events of the day and look forward to tomorrow's plans. Lynn and the Expedition Team will meet you in the Lounge .

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West Point & Saunders

Friday 2 November 2018

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Volunteer Point & Stanley

Saturday 3 November 2018

0715	Wakeup call
0730	Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
0845	We would like to head ashore at Volunteer Point this morning. This site is home to Magellanic, Gentoo and King Penguins. Please take care to not surround the King Penguins: we will approach them from one side only.
1230	Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
1500	Landing in the city of Stanley . We will be landing on a jetty, so it will be a dry landing. However, it can be very windy in Stanley Harbour and there may be sea spray on the zodiac ride!
	You can find the full details of opening times, currency and internet etc on the notice boards. Feel free to make the visitor centre your first stop, if you have any further questions.
	Return shuttles to the ship start at 17.00 and the last shuttle will be at 18.00hrs .
1845	Plans for the next day: Lynn will inform you about the plans for the following day in the Lounge .
1930	Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal!

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Bleaker Island & Sea Lion Island

Sunday 4 November 2018

0715	Wakeup call
0730	Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
1000	Feel free to join Martin in the lecture room for a talk on Birds of the Falkland Islands . He will talk about the land birds present on the islands and how to identify the 20 most common species.
1230	Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
1600	In the afternoon, Tiphanie invites to her talk about the Life of a Falkland Islander . She will talk about the daily life on the islands, about the available food, and other challenges and pleasures the local population has.
1830	Recap: This is our daily opportunity to revisit the events of the day and look forward to tomorrow's plans. Lynn 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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New Island Settlement & Ship Harbour Monday 5 November 2018

0715	Wakeup call
0730	Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
0845	We'd like to take you ashore at the brightly-coloured settlement on the southern section of New Island overlooking Coffin Harbour, landing close to a shelter used by American sealers in 1814 when they were marooned for the winter. A gentle 1km stroll will lead us across the island to find Black-browed Albatross and Rockhopper Penguins.
1230	Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
1445	In the afternoon, we hope to bring you ashore once again on New Island – this time at Ship Harbour . This landing site offers numerous wildlife.
1830	Recap: This is our daily opportunity to revisit the events of the day and look forward to tomorrow's plans. Lynn 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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At Sea Towards Ushuaia

Tuesday 6 November 2018

0800	Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
1000	Martin will be in the Lecture Room talking about Krill – the engine that powers the Southern Ocean.
±1130	Later this morning we will collect your boots and lifejackets . Please stand by for announcements , we will call you down by deck.
1230	Lunch is served in the Dining Room.
1400	We'd like to invite you to join fellow passenger James Robinson, who is a member of the ORCA scientific observer team, in the Lecture Room for a Round-up of the Marine Mammals of the Falklands, looking at what we have seen over the last days.
±1500	Time for settling accounts with DJ and Alex at Reception. We will call you by deck number, please wait till your deck is called to avoid queues. You can pay with Cash Euro, USD, Visa or MasterCard. Please listen for announcements.
1815	Please join with Lynn and the expedition staff in the Bar for a quick briefing about plans for disembarkation tomorrow and afterwards a farewell toast from your Captain .
1900	Farewell Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Enjoy your meal!

Today we are in the open ocean, please always hold on with at least one hand and be very careful in the stairwells.

sunrise 0518 sunset 2047



Disembarkation

Wednesday 7 November 2018

We will be arriving in Ushuaia sometime this morning. The Bridge, forward Bow Deck and rear Stern Deck will be closed as the officers and crew will be working to bring us to dock. Once we dock, please **DO NOT go down the gangway** until an announcement has been made that we have been cleared to disembark by the local authorities.

Please ensure your luggage is outside your cabin by the time Lynn invites you to breakfast at 07:30. We will move your main luggage to the pier, and after the busses have arrived we will call you to come down the gangway. You must ensure your own luggage is moved to the airport bus or the truck to the luggage storage place if you wish to use either of these services.

0730 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.

We expect the busses to arrive and to begin **Disembarkation**.

Please listen and wait for announcements, and it will be a great help to all the crew if you do not wait in the Lobby, which will be a very busy place. The Bar will offer good views of Ushuaia, and long-awaited cell/mobile phone coverage.

The Captain, Crew, Staff and all of Oceanwide thank you for joining us on this incredible voyage and wish you all the best in your travels.

We hope to see you again, North or South!

"Fair winds and following seas"