



OCEANWIDE
EXPEDITIONS

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA VOYAGE

on board

m/v Ortelius

March 18thth – March 31st 2019



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 Mika Appel and his international crew of 42

including

First Officer:	Mikkel Nielsen	[Denmark]
Second Officer:	Mindaugas Oginskas	[Lithuania]
Third Officer:	Igor Nazarov	[Russia]
Chief Engineer:	Aleksandr Bondarev	[Lithuania]
Hotel Manager:	Sigi Penzenleitner	[Austria]
Assist. Hotel Manager:	Melanie Penzenleitner	[Austria]
Head Chef:	Heinz Hacker	[Austria]
Sous Chef:	Gaurav Bawa	[India]
Ship's Physician:	Moniek Mestrom	[The Netherlands]

and

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Expedition Guide:	Meike Sjoer	[The Netherlands]
Expedition Guide:	Rustyn Mesdag	[United States]
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Expedition Guide:	Bismarck Sommerfelt	[Argentina]
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Dive Guide:	Tanja Bayer	[Germany]
Dive Guide:	Chloe Marechal	[France]
Dive Guide:	Johan Petersson	[Sweden]

...welcomes you on board!

Day 1 – March 18, 2019

Departure

Wind: SW Sea State: Calm Weather: Overcast Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 3°C

Ushuaia - the southernmost city in the world. Here is where we started our adventure... to the 7th continent; the big beautiful, white continent; Antarctica! At 4pm we all started boarding our new home for the next 14 days - our expedition vessel Ortelius. We were welcomed on board by our expedition team and soon checked in by our hotel manager and assistant hotel manager; Sigi and Melanie as well as their hotel team. We were shown to our cabins and had some free time to get unpacked and settled in. We had some time to explore the ship, and find our way around to the important areas; the bar on deck 6, the bridge on deck 7 and our restaurant for the voyage on deck 4. We met and talked with our fellow passengers and began to get excited about our expedition south. At 5pm we were summoned by our expedition leader Michael to a mandatory briefing in the lecture room on deck 3. Michael welcomed us onboard and introduced third officer Igor who showed us the all-important safety video; highlighting what we should do to keep ourselves safe onboard and what to do in an emergency. We ran through the mandatory abandon ship drill before leaving port. This involved mustering in the bar, which doubles as our mustering station, with our lifejackets from our cabins. Once mustered we headed out to the lifeboats to complete the drill.

After the drill we continued to explore the ship and headed out on deck to watch Ortelius depart from the port of Ushuaia.....and so the adventure begins! Before we had our first dinner on board we gathered in the lounge/bar where Michael introduces our Hotel manager Sigi who gives us a virtual tour of the ship and useful information about mealtimes, internet access and daily life on the ship. Soon after this Michael introduced Captain Mika who gave a lovely toast, and combined with a glass of bubbly (or orange juice), we raised a glass to the success of our voyage.

After dinner we spent time on deck watching the Beagle channel pass us by as we head out towards the Drake passage. We headed to bed after a long and exciting day. All in anticipation of our Antarctic adventure.



Day 2 – March 19, 2019

At Sea

Wind: NW **Sea State:** Slight **Weather:** Overcast **Air Temp:** 6°C **Sea Temp:** 3°C

Our first wakeup call comes from Michael, our expedition leader, we awake to rolling seas, and everyone took time to get used to the ship's movement. We began the day with a hearty breakfast from the restaurant team, and for those of us still adjusting to the ship's movements, a lie in bed. We are called to the lecture room to collect our life jackets and Muck-boots – two essential items we will need for our adventures in Antarctica.

With quite a few of us feeling the adverse effects of being on a ship in the Drakes Passage, the rest of the morning is mostly filled with resting in our bunks, or standing on deck with views of the horizon and many incredible birds soaring over and around the ship.

After lunch Rustyn gives a lecture for those feeling up to it in the lounge. He spoke about the Antarctic Treaty System; a lecture on the politics of Antarctica; including the discovery of the continent, sovereignty, and the Antarctic Treaty. The lecture was very informative, but was presented in a unique way to bring this political topic to life.

We have our first recap with the expedition team which gives us a review of the day and what to expect for the following day. We are introduced to the weather maps which will give us our daily weather on our expedition, and we are told what colours to look out for; blue being the colour for calm days, and purple meaning very windy days.

Those of us that are not too sea sick head to the dining room for another delicious Ortelius dinner.



Day 3 – March 20, 2019

At Sea

Wind: W Sea State: Slight Weather: Partially Overcast Air Temp: 5°C Sea Temp: 3°C

As we had expected rough seas later in the day, we had some lectures in the morning; firstly, Daniel talked about photography to find out how to make the most out of your time in this wonderful southern landscape, considering light, exposure and playing with the ways to capture the beautiful wildlife surrounding us. After some coffees when his lecture was done, Meike presented a nice overview about the penguins and all their interesting life and features for adapting to the extreme conditions of the white continent.

Right after lunch, Michael (the dive master) and his team met the divers for some mandatory briefings and valves check.

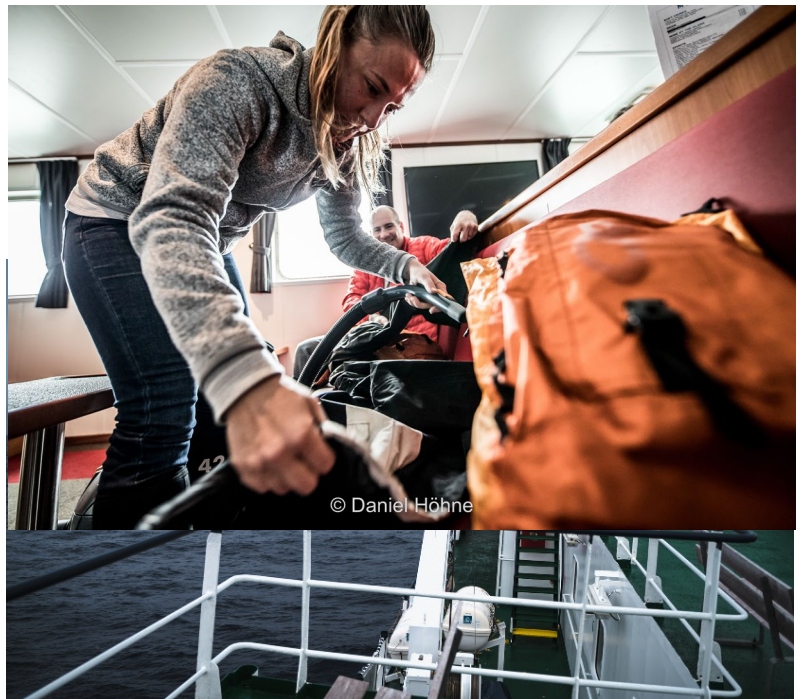
We also start the process of cleaning all our outer gear; this biosecurity measure is in place to reduce any possible contamination from foreign biological material making it on to Antarctica. The process involves vacuuming our outer clothing and cleaning our footwear, poles and tripods.

We made it through these tasks in time for an early lunch. Again, this is to facilitate the rougher weather expected as we head further south into the Drake Passage.

With quite a few of us feeling the adverse effects of being on a ship in the Drakes Passage, the afternoon is mostly filled with resting or being on deck with views of the horizon.

We had our second recap with the expedition team which gives us a review of the day and what to expect for the following day. We are introduced to the weather maps which will give us our daily weather on our expedition, and we are told what colours to look out for; blue being the colour for calm days, and purple meaning very windy days.

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Day 4 –March 21, 2019

Cuverville & Neko Harbour

Wind: S Sea State: Smooth Weather: Overcast Air Temp: 3°C Sea Temp: 3°C

After two days at sea we finally got the chance to see the spectacular mountains covered in snow and some wild-life of Antarctica. The morning was overcast and a slightly windy, but nothing that would stop our plan to disembarking at Cuverville. Breakfast was just a formality for all of us, and the excitement was growing until the Zodiacs were in the water.

It was a superb first landing with the sun shining from time to time and plenty of Gentoo Penguins and Fur Seals walked on the beach. During the morning operation, some passengers got the chance to see a Humpback whale, as well as a Leopard seal eating a penguin. Later, back in our little blue ship got a great lunch and recharged our energy for our second landing of the day while we were crossing the majestic Errera Channel. Entering Andvords bay the ice delayed us for a small while, but on the other hand, everyone experiencing the zodiacs driving through that ice was also something to remember.

Neko Harbour, our first "Continental" landing - was just perfect. Minke Whales were close to the ship while going into the bay and seals everywhere.

Divers used their time under the water again, and the rest of the team got the chance to put their feet ashore.

It was a great surprise to find a female Elephant Seal wienner, something we did not expected and very rare at this location.

Conditions couldn't be better, no wind and sun shining. At the end of the operation, the glacier crevassed creating a small Tsunami but all were safe and warm back on the ship soon after. Recap was full of energy, passengers happy about everyone's great first day. After dinner some met in the bar while the Ortelius slowly headed further south.



Day 5 – March 22, 2019

Crossing of the Polar Circle and The Gullet

Wind: W Sea State: Smooth Weather: Cloudy Air Temp: 2°C Sea Temp: 1°C

As we woke up this morning by the voice of our Expedition leader Michael, it was already getting daylight. A first glimpse of the rising sun we had on the outside decks of the ship and it was almost no wind. The day began promising. So, most of us went out on deck to get the first fresh breath of the day.

We had a very nice and relaxed breakfast which is called out by our best hotel manager Sigi and we enjoyed coffee and a lot of delicious makings for a good meal. As we were sailing in very calm waters, we came close to our first important event of the day. The crossing of the southern polar circle at $S66^{\circ}33.000$. The excitement in the group began to rise and everybody was preparing mentally to join this very unique event. To be honest there was not much to see around the ship. We sailed in open waters. But to know that not many ships are able to go the long way down to the southern polar circle is a very special moment.

At the time the ship was on position, Michael called us via the PA system to get out on deck 7 which is directly behind the bridge. We passed by the lounge to get out and Sigi and Paulo our very best bartender was waiting there with a nice surprise. A drink to celebrate the crossing. Everybody was outside waiting for the countdown. It was a feeling like new year... 10...09...08... and as we crossed the ship's horn was blown loudly and everybody was cheering and appreciating the moment. What a good start in the day. So, we continued our way south.

Most of us were standing outside the whole day long because it was sunny and absolutely stunning conditions. We came closer to the second main event of the day even we all knew that there was no landing planned... but we saw land and soon after this we passed by some huge fields of sea ice on the way to the entrance of



The Gullet.

Ortelius is for sure not an icebreaker. But Captain Mika and his Crew on the bridge sailed the ship slowly through the sea ice and carefully we made our way through. It was another highlight of this day and we had a lot of Crabeater Seals on the ice floes. Nobody was talking... The silence around the ship was perceptible and magic. The ice was cracking.

Then we entered The Gullet. The Gullet is a narrow channel between the eastern extremity of Adelaide Island and the west coast of Graham Land, Antarctica, separating Hansen Island and Day Island and connecting the heads of Hanusse Bay and Laubeuf Fjord. This area was first explored in 1909 by the French Antarctic Expedition under Jean-Baptiste Charcot who, though uncertain of the existence of the channel, sketched its probable position on the charts of the expedition. The channel was first visited and roughly surveyed in 1936 by the British Graham Land Expedition under John Rymill. It was resurveyed and given this descriptive name in 1948 by members of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey.



So, we faced the second highlight of the day. Not even that we went this far south. More than that we were the only passenger expedition cruise ship this year to pass all the way through The Gullet. What an amazing experience.

The scenery was gorgeous. A black and white temper with deep blue waters and turquoise colored icebergs drifting in the passage. The sun was already setting and immersed the landscape into an even more painterly light. Daniel and Mischa climbed up on the front mast of the ship to get some impressive images from this high viewpoint over Ortelius. Everybody was standing on the ship's bow to enjoy the day. As it was getting evening and dinner was called out, we went back inside the ship, inspired by a great day and ready to dream of more in prospect of what may come the following days. What a day!



Day 6 – March 23, 2019

Dagleish & Horseshoe Island

Wind: NE **Sea State:** Smooth **Weather:** Overcast **Air Temp:** 3°C **Sea Temp:** 2°C

Horseshoe base or 'Base Y' as it was unimaginatively called by the British Antarctic Survey was established in 1955 but operated for only six years. It remains in its original state and serves as a reminder of an Antarctic research base from this era. Inside, there is a collection of items dating from this period and later including unopened food tins, dog chains and the remains of the dog sledges. It would be a bleak place indeed to spend a winter. Out of communication for long periods with the outside world and far from family and friends, on a stormy day Base Y would have felt very lonely. However, on



a crisp winters day when sea ice abounds and blue skies reign supreme, I imagine that same solitude made this a very special place to be.

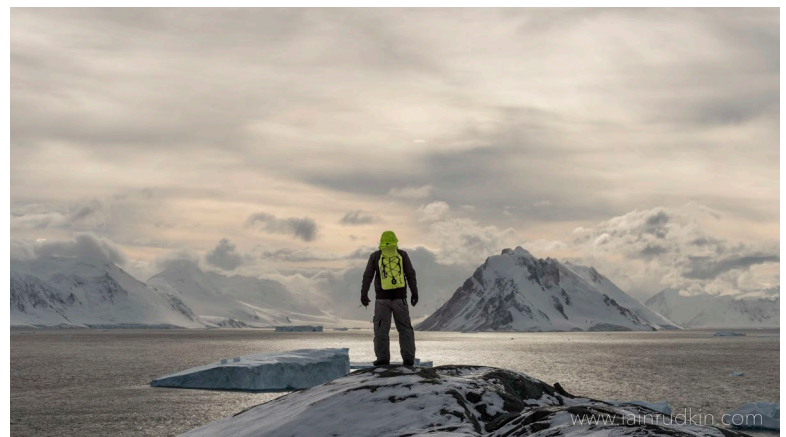
A large contingent of adventurous souls chose to ascend to a high point overlooking the base and Sally Cove. It was a magnificent viewpoint despite its modest height and in the morning light the Bay was lit up magically. As the lenticulars built overhead and windblown snow cascaded off the mountain ridges of the Peninsula to the East, the forecast storm began to make its presence known. A snatched landing at this most unique of places.

Ortelius then set sail out into the relatively open waters of Laubeuf Fjord and the full force of the wind became apparent. The wind had rapidly built to unworkable levels and Bongrain Point our initial planned landing also had a ribbon of impassable ice along its shore. Seeking solace, *Ortelius* ploughed deeper into Dalgleish Bay toward uncharted waters. A scout Zodiac was launched to survey the bathymetry in order to avoid, as the Captain humorously put it, 'puncturing the ship'. A situation I'm sure you'll agree would have been sub-optimal this far south!

With our time ashore already curtailed, the sea state at the gangway became problematic thus hindering progress further. Meanwhile, the wind was picking up shoreside. The afternoon activity looked in doubt. Fortunately, the depth of the bay was sufficient for *Ortelius* to inch in and so close the gap between ship and shore. At the last minute after the landing was cancelled, the gangway swell subsided and a flotilla of wee boats was permitted to set forth from the mothership. The landing site, never before visited by a tourist ship was modest in size but it felt more like the polar desert associated with north eastern Svalbard. The desiccated remains of seals lay on the beach and lichen covered many rocks. Adelie penguins and Weddell seals provided photographic opportunities for those so inclined whilst the clouds raced over the peaks above.

And let's not forget the polar plunge. A once in a lifetime experience! I would be willing to bet that never before has anyone swum at this location and it's unlikely anyone ever will again. The temperature of the water was a cool zero degrees, therefore both psychologically and scientifically freezing. The numbing pain was replaced shortly after the dip by the rush of warmth and a feeling of wellbeing which follows any wild swim. It's probably safe to say that there were prolonged warm showers taken once back on board!

A short but very special landing!



Day 7 – March 24, 2019

Stonington & Marguerite Bay

Wind: NNE **Sea State:** Smooth **Weather:** Cloudy **Air Temp:** 6°C **Sea Temp:** 2°C

Early Sunday morning Captain Mika sailed the Ortelius into towards Stonington Island in Neny Fjord. A dramatic landscape with dark skies and the moon still out welcomed us for the early morning landing.

After an early breakfast starting at 06.45 we all got in the zodiacs to visit Stonington Island. Adelie penguins made their way over to our landing site having a look at the visitors yet to arrive. Arriving at the landing site took a bit of mountaineering getting up on the snow, making it all a true Antarctic experience. At the island we visited the old British and US research stations.

These are some of the oldest on the Peninsula. The researchers came ashore in 1939 and the island was subsequently occupied during the Ronne Antarctic Research expedition in 1947-1948. The latter included Edith Ronne and Jenny Darlington, the first two women to overwinter in Antarctica.

Stonington served largely as a staging post for access to the peninsula via the North East Glacier up to 1975 when it was finally closed down. Walking around this old research base and looking at the remains of the old dog kennels felt like being in a time capsule.

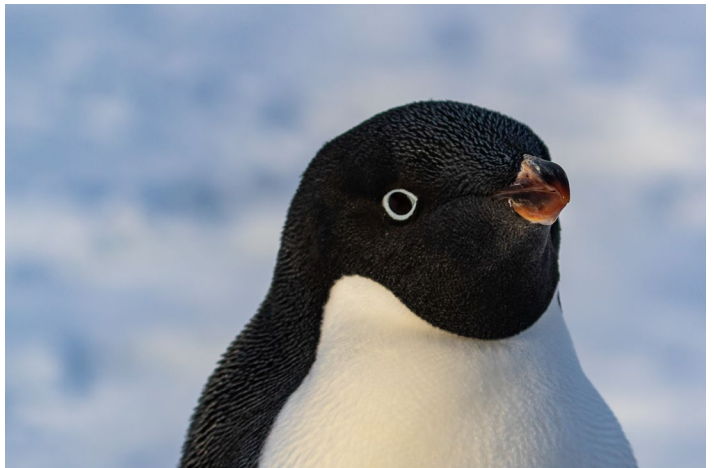
Around 11 o'clock we all left Stonington Island located at 68°11'00''S, 67°00'00''W, the most southern landing spot of our trip. With the Ortelius heading for a more southern destination in Marguerite Bay. A bay that is known for sightings of Emperor penguins on sea ice. Expedition leader Michael decided to take us on an exploration trip in search of whales, seals and the big penguin.

We set sail in a mystical Antarctic atmosphere with poor visibility due to snow and strong winds.

Around 3 o'clock it cleared up and we were greeted by lots of fur seals around the ship and to our delight Humpbacks passing by. The wildlife activity kept going for another hour with flocks of Southern fulmars and Cape petrels. And to our great pleasure two juvenile grey headed Albatrosses, a light mantled albatross and a black browed albatross suddenly appeared around the ship.

It was finally at 68°31'8294 s and 68°07.0786'W the most southern point for this expedition that the Ortelius changed it course and started heading east again. By this time Michael and the expedition Team invited all passengers in the lounge for the daily recap of the events of the day. Ian talked about the different research stations in Peninsula and Meike updated us on the bird species we saw over the last few days.

Dinner was served at 7 o'clock in the dining room, a great moment to share the stories of this Antarctic Sunday.



Day 8 – March 25, 2019

Fish Islands

Wind: NE **Sea State:** Slight **Weather:** Overcast **Air Temp:** 2°C **Sea Temp:** 1°C

It was a nice morning cruising north in our beloved Ortelius. While the scenery was contrasted between dark blue sky and white icebergs, we moved slow in between the ice to find a place to conduct an activity.

It was a surprise for all of us, that a little late the same afternoon we've got the chance to land in a place where none of the Staff ever landed before, the Fish Islands!

It was a very interesting landing. Because the size of the islands and the wildlife on them, we had to split our landing in three different islands in small numbers of guests, and the other half enjoyed a Zodiac cruise for almost one hour until we swop them ashore and everybody got the chance to take advantage of the afternoon.

Even the divers took a free afternoon to join us in this true Antarctic expedition day.

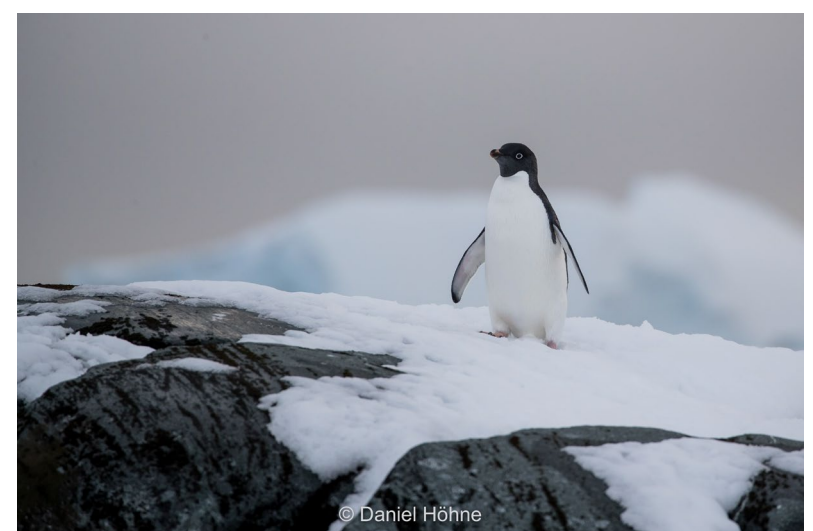
Wildlife was incredible, plenty of Adelie Penguins, Blue Eye Shags, Weddell Seals, Crabeater Seals, and many more birds around us, without forgetting a massive iceberg with a huge arch on it, great for photography. All of this was completed driving through brash ice and giving the guest the experience that most never got before.

You can imagine that as great day, but there was more to come, at the helideck, our professional crew prepared an amazing BBQ for us! Hot wine, beers and soft drink were available, salads, and of course, the best BBQ in Antarctica, while the sun was slowly setting down.

Some of the guest started dancing after the meal with some cool tunes that our team played on speakers.

It was super nice to see how the guest helped to clean up everything and put the tables and benches back where they belong; a great spirit was in the atmosphere.

Later that night the Recap and Briefing was conducted in the Krill'em All Bar, following that we all rest and prepared for the next adventure



Day 9 – March 26, 2019

Planeau & Vernadsky Station

Wind: N **Sea State:** Calm **Weather:** Over-cast
Air Temp: 3°C **Sea Temp:** 1°C

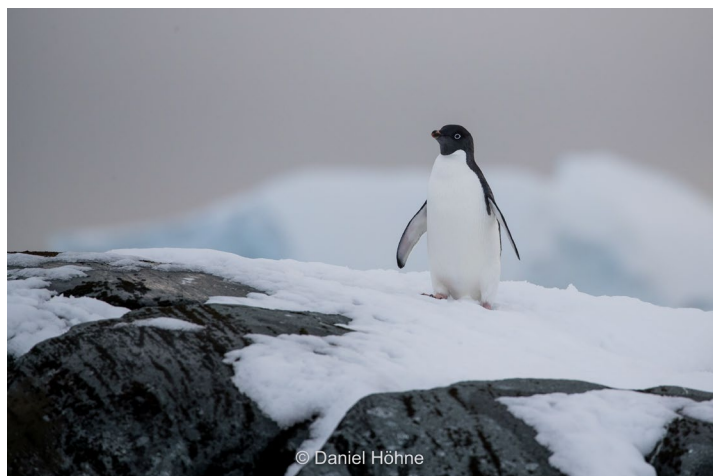
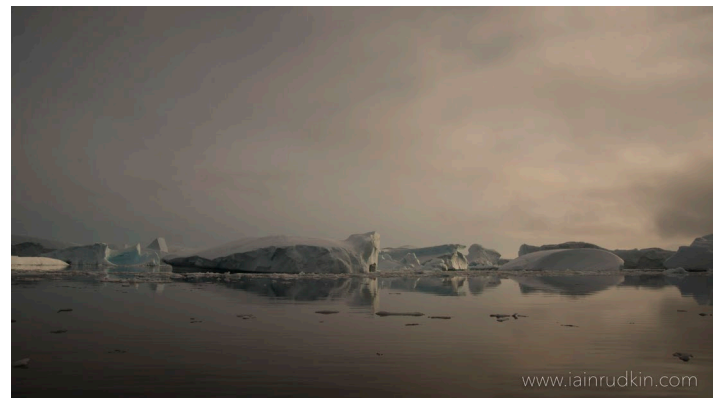
The day began as Ortelius sailed North past Planeau Island into Port Charcot; named after Jean-Baptiste Charcot, captain onboard the first French Antarctic expedition in 1903-05, which overwintered in the bay. The bay is a large iceberg graveyard – a perfect spot for zodiac cruising. We cruise through the broken and misshapen pieces of ice, occasionally frequented with crabeater seals resting on the tops. We all see the reptilian like figures of Leopard seals resting on ice flows, some of us saw them swimming through the water, predated on penguins. We pass towering icebergs, grounded on the bottom of this bay, surrounded by tall, beautiful snow-capped peaks. A truly awe-inspiring place.

Following our zodiac cruise, we have lunch on board Ortelius, as she navigates further South to Vernadsky Station; a Ukrainian Antarctic Research Base.

The base is located in a sheltered bay, and while we navigate the zodiacs through the narrow entrances to this station, the snow begins to pick up, making for wintry scenes. At the station we are greeted by station staff, who give us a tour of the base, and take us to their small souvenir shop. Here we can send postcards home and buy memorabilia made by the station staff here in Antarctica. While some of us visit the station, the others cruise through the islands and pass Wordie House, the original British station hut here. After sending our postcards and buying some Antarctic memorabilia we made our way back to the ship in driving snow and increasing winds. We were glad to get back on board and warm up in time for dinner.

Shortly before and during dinner we sail north and pass through the Lemaire channel; and area of astounding beauty, with towering peaks diving into the ocean, with just enough room for our skilled Bridge team to navigate through.

The snow outside hampers the visibility, however we all get a view of the peaks, icebergs and whales of the Lemaire.



Day 10 – March 27, 2019

Useful Island & Foyn Harbour

Wind: W **Sea State:** Calm **Weather:** Overcast **Air Temp:** 4°C **Sea Temp:** 1°C

As the team had planned for today, we took our position in front of Useful Island where we were supposed to go cruising, but the weather conditions during the accorded time were not favourable for launching zodiacs in the water and stay over one hour out there. Finally, the wind stopped and still with a tricky swell, the expedition team made a great job to take all of us for a nice cruise around Useful Island. This small rocky piece of land in the middle of the ocean was discovered in the early 1900 during one of the Gerlache expeditions and named like that for the good opportunity the whalers had to spot whales and seals from the very top of the island. As soon as we got there, we found lots of wildlife, like Gentoo penguins climbing the steep ice cliffs. For the surprise of all the zodiac approaching the rocky outcrops there were two Chinstrap penguins posing for the pictures. Around the corner we could see some unique behaviour of a few fur seals when chasing penguins around just for fun and giving a funny show to the floating audience nearby. A few late cruises had the chance to see whales from not too far and that created expectations to all of us, who wanted to have the chance to experience the same encounter, but later in the afternoon we would all had the opportunity to do it.

Once back on board warmed up and well fed, the adventure continued for one of the most spectacular days of the trip, during lunch time the ship repositioned on Foyn Harbour, an old whaling spot in the early decades of the last century where today is possible to find a ship wrecked since 1915 (Gouvernøren), but first the divers had the opportunity to take a look from very close to the rusty metal that hides secrets from more than a century under the cold waters of this continent, while all the zodiacs went scouting for some whales. It didn't take too long until different groups of boats spotted humpbacks in the distance and very slowly and carefully, we approached to a safe distance for them and ourselves. Our drivers decided to turn off the engines in the calm waters of the protected bay with no wind and let the humpies get close themselves to us in a curious act of playing and having fun around the zodiacs, giving to us a magical moment that definitely was one of the highlights of this amazing trip.

After the incredible day we spent out surrounded by wildlife, our time to get back on board arrived. Ziggy and Melanie as always, took care of us and were very considerable on waiting for everybody with some hot chocolate that couldn't be better. As the daily program described, Michael and the Staff Team gave a very informative recap, commenting about the plans for the previous day and providing information about what we saw the whole day, Johan couldn't be more accurate with his explanation about Gouvernøren and the whaling times in the past of Antarctica.

Every amazing day must finish with an amazing meal and good cocktails by Paulo up in the bar, maybe because we felt the trip and the activities were getting to the end, so everybody decided to go for a drink and celebrate an unforgettable day in our life.



Day 11 – March 28, 2019

Pendulum Cove & Deception Island

Wind: N Sea State: Smooth Weather: Overcast Air Temp: 4°C Sea Temp: 1°C

Sailing into the caldera of an active volcano is surely one of the more unusual ways to awake from one's slumber. Those up and about pre-breakfast had the pleasure of ringside seats as *Ortelius* carefully navigated the narrows evocatively named *Neptune's Bel-lows*. Deception Island, a lonely outpost of the South Shetland Islands, is arguably the Peninsula's most interesting site from a human history perspective having taken centre stage for commercial, exploratory and scientific endeavors during the previous century.

Our initial landing at Whalers Bay was thwarted due to high winds and after a period waiting for it to subside, *Ortelius* heaved anchor and nosed deeper into the caldera to a sheltered bay known as Pendulum Cove. This is so named after a series of physical experiments performed here by Captain Henry Foster during the late 1800's using rather unsurprisingly a pendulum. Evidence of his visit has long since gone, but the remains of the Chilean research station destroyed by the eruption in 1967 are still easily visible.

The short Zodiac ride in to a black sandy beach was quickly dispatched and virtually the full complement of ships passengers sallied forth for one last taste of Antarctica. Compared to our journey so far though, Deception Island has a distinctly non-Antarctic feel to it. Perhaps a closer comparison is the volcanic landscape of Iceland, with its icy slopes, dark ash sands and a steaming shoreline. Where most of the Peninsula is precipitous and forbidding with hanging serac barriers buttressing crenelated ridges, the landscape surrounding Pendulum Cove is altogether less threatening. Passengers were invited on a short walk to the decaying remains of the Chilean research station and a longer, waterside amble to explore the heated beaches and occasional fur seals. Both gave ample opportunity to take in this rather strange and quirky landing. Deep within the Antarctic convergence, landing on a sheltered cove surrounded by ice capped hills and finding the water to be warm!

Alas a second landing was once again scotched by that pesky wind and so with the bow of *Ortelius* pointing north, we sadly end our all too brief encounter with this grand continent. But whilst we must return to 'real life' and all its trappings, pray never forget your time spent in this most wondrous of places. Whether you sought cetaceans, the grandeur of this epic scenery or a feeling of isolation at the ends of the earth, I hope you achieved those dreams. And in the years to come these memories can be recalled at will to take you back to those feeding humpbacks, the majesty of the Gullet or the bleakness that was the start of the long Antarctic winter.



Day 12 – March 29, 2019

At Sea

Wind: SE Sea State: Rough Weather: Overcast Air Temp: 3°C Sea Temp: 2°C

It was a rocking and rolling night after we left our last destination and landing spot Deception Island on the 28th of March. Corresponding to this fact the morning began very slow and quiet on the ship. Nobody was around before the breakfast call of Melanie. Michael gave us a good time to sleep in and no wakeup call this morning. Luckily, we handed back our rubber boots and lifejackets yesterday before the waves seized the ship.

While the ship was rolling in The Drake Passage Michael Green gave a lecture about Frank Hurley. One of the outstanding members of Shackleton's Endurance expedition and the photographer. Then we had two more lectures in the afternoon. Iain was talking about climate science in Antarctica

which was a very interesting insight in what actually happens on the white continent and how the data is created in science. After that Tanja, our lovely dive-guide gave us an impression about what happened and what was to see under water. As it is a more or less black and white world above, it is a colorful wonderworld beneath sea level. Then it was time for our daily recap and the forecast for the second day in The Drake Passage didn't look very pleasant. So, most of us disappeared straight away after dinner to get to the cabins for a rest. Some others enjoyed a drink in the bar. Only one day left in The Drake!



Day 13 – March 30, 2019

At Sea

Wind: Sea State: Weather: Air Temp: °C Sea Temp: °C

Waking up to the Drake in all its glory! Rough seas and big swell reminded us all about how small we are were in the big picture. Walking the corridors and stairs was quite a test in skill. The weather gave us sunshine, but the waves and swell seemed never ending. During the day we had a welcome distraction with lectures with a short film about Cape Horn that helped make some time pass. After lunch Daniel gave us a virtual tour of the ship's engine room and interworking's which made many of the passengers sit up with interest and questions. Again, a nice way to have some insight of what all happens behind the scenes on Ortelius.

Later that afternoon passengers enjoyed an entertaining quiz, checking their knowledge and memory about the wildlife and other Antarctica facts. Before every-

one knew it, the day had to passed and the Captain and lead Crew joined us in the lounge for the Captains toast and a few words of thanks from the expedition staff as well as passengers. Daniel had put together a wonderful slideshow, bringing us back to our days on the ice. It's hard to believe that it all when by so fast.



Sunday 31st March, 2019

Disembarkation Ushuaia, Argentina

At 6am we approached the port of Ushuaia ready to disembark for the final time, no zodiac ride ashore and a dry landing. The last two weeks have taken us on a remarkable journey to Antarctica, and allowed us a glimpse of life in this remote and sometimes inhospitable place. We will all have different memories of our trip but whatever the memories, whether it was the sight of icebergs for the first time, whales breaking the surface of the water or penguins waddling along highways, they are memories that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.



Your Expedition Team!

On behalf of everyone on board we thank you for travelling with us and wish you a safe journey home.

Total Distance Sailed: 2273 NM



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EXPEDITIONS

Antarctic Peninsula (OTL 33-19)
M/v Ortelius 18th of march - 31th of march

Species list: Common birds and Marine Mammals from Beagle Channel to Antarctic Peninsula

		Ushuaia	at-Sea	at-Sea	Antarctica	Antarctica	Antarctica	Antarctica	Antarctica	Antarctica	Antarctica	Antarctica	Antarctica	at sea	at sea	Ushuaia
English	Latin	18-mrt	19-mrt	20-mrt	21-mrt	22-mrt	23-mrt	24-mrt	25-mrt	26-mrt	27-mrt	28-mrt	29-mrt	30-mrt	31-mrt	
PENGUINS																
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>															
Adelie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>					X	X	X	X	X						
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>				X				X	X	X	X				
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>										X	X				
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>															
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>															
ALBATROSS																
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>												X	X		
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>															
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>												X			
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	X	X						X				X	X		
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>		X	X					X							
Light Mantled Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>			X					X							
PETRELS																
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>	X														
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Antarctic Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X							
Cape Petrel (Pintado)	<i>Daption capensis</i>		X	X		X			X		X	X	X	X		
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>															
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>					X		X								
Soft Plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>															
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>		X										X			
Grey Petrel	<i>Proclaria cinerea</i>		X										X			
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>												X	X		
Westland Petrel	<i>Procellaria westlandica</i>			X												
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>															
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>															
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>															
Slender-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila belcheri</i>			X												
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachvotila turtur</i>															
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>		X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>															
Diving-petrel	<i>Pelecanoides sp.</i>															
SHAGS																
Rock Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax magellanicus</i>															
Imperial (Blue Eyed) Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>											X				
Antarctic Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis</i>					X	X	X	X	X	X					
SHEATHBILLS																

Pale-faced Shearwater	<i>Chionis alba</i>															
SKUAS																
Chilean Skua	<i>Catharacta chilensis</i>						X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
South Polar Skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>				X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Sub-Antarctic (Brown) Skua	<i>Catharacta antarctica</i>															
GULLS AND TERNS																
Dolphin Gull	<i>Larus scoresbii</i>				X											
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>				X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Brown-hooded Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus maculipennis</i>															
South American Tern	<i>Sterna hirundinacea</i>															
Antarctic Tern	<i>Sterna vittata</i>	X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna</i>						X				X					
MAMMALS																
English	Latin															
BALEEN WHALES		18-mrt	19-mrt	20-mrt	21-mrt	22-mrt	23-mrt	24-mrt	25-mrt	26-mrt	27-mrt	28-mrt	29-mrt	30-mrt		
Antarctic Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera bonaerensis</i>				X	X		X	X							
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>				X	X		X	X	X	X					
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>															
Sei Whale	<i>balaenoptera borealis</i>															
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>															
TOOTHED WHALES &																
Long Finned Pilot whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>															
Cuviers's Beaked Whale	<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>															
Killer Whale/Orca	<i>Orcinus orca</i>															
Hourglass Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i>															
Dusky Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i>															
Peale's Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>															
SEALS																
Leopard Seal	<i>Hydrurga leptonyx</i>				X	X				X						
Crabeater Seal	<i>Lobodon carcinophagus</i>				X	X	X		X	X						
Weddell Seal	<i>Leptonychotes weddelli</i>					X	X		X	X	X					
Southern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga leonin</i>				X					X						
Antarctic Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus gazella</i>	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				

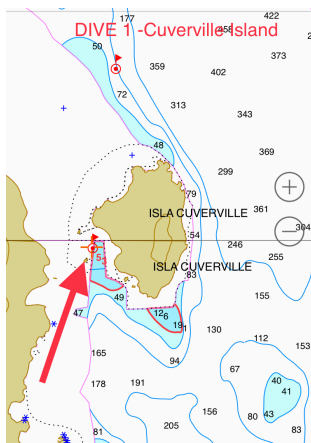
Ortelius 33 Dive Log March 18th to March 31st 2019



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Dive Guide Johan Petersson, Diveguide Tanja Bayer
Divers: Alan Kindrex, Britta Siegers, Coco Yan Ken, Du Jinen, He
Jiasnhua, Inkeri Hyytia, Lin Kai, Luo Xiaojie, Marina Vitozhenz,
Mikhail Alexandrov, Oliver Zhan, Penny Vermeulen, Roger Bollinger,
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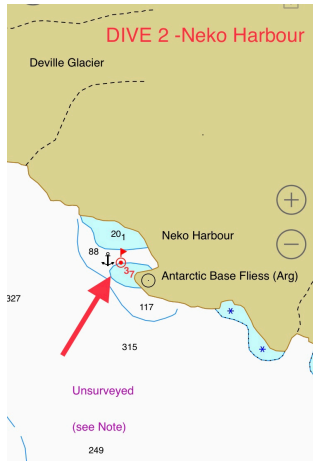


We enjoyed a fairly smooth passage across the Drake and used the time to do our mandatory Dive Briefing and to get our kit ready and loaded onto the Zodiacs the night before arriving Cuverville Island. The ship had been surrounded by seabirds most of the way across. After crossing the Bransfield Strait and sailing along the Gerlach Strait we arrived in the Errera Channel in front of Cuverville Island.



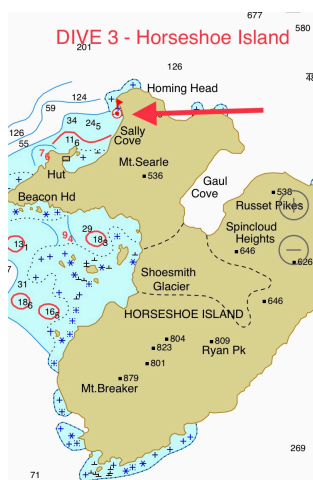
DIVE 1: Cuverville Island Thursday 21st March 2019 64° 41.287' S - 062° 38.012' W

Wow! Humpbacks, Seals, Penguins, Leopard Seals and Ice. What a perfect start to the day. After all the divers were placed with their gear in the 4 zodiacs, we went between the icebergs in front of the landing site to the southwest corner of the small island. Even before entering the water a humpback just beside our zodiacs and a leopard seal playing around with a penguin were spotted. So we started our Check Dive in the shallow part surrounded by 2 leopard seals. Some divers were lucky enough to see the leopard seal also under water. After the dive the wind picked up, so we decided to go back to the ship.



DIVE 2: Neko Harbour Thursday 21st March 2019
6° 50.725' S - 062° 31.983' W

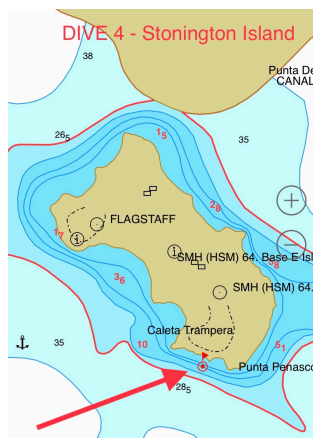
During lunchtime we sailed through the Errera Channel and turned into Andvord Bay. Sailing slowly forward, because of some ice around, we saw that a landing is possible. So some divers decided to take the chance for a continental landing and quit the dive. The divers found calm and shallow spot just around the corner of the landing site. They found some kelp around with a lot of hidden seastars and sea urchins. If you had a good look at the rocks there were also some rockcod fish to see. After the dive the divers also had the chance to land on the continent. What a great way to end the first day of diving!



DIVE 3: Horseshoe Island Saturday 23rd March 2019
67° 47.794' S - 067° 15.602' W

After a full day sailing south and the spectacular cruise through „The Gullet“, we arrived in the evening in front of the British Station „Rothera“. In the morning the captain brought our ship in front of the northern bay Sally Cove at Horseshoe Island. To get some shelter from the wind, the divers went to the northeastern end of the bay. Just in front of a group of fur seals and some Adelie Pinguins. Starting in the shallow part and slowly going deeper over the rocks, we found a lot of limpets, seastars and bridle stars on the rocks. Small fish were sitting well camouflaged between small rocks. Afterwards the divers went ashore and visited the historic British Base „Y“ surrounded by some Adelie Pinguins, fur seals and a sleeping Weddell Seal.

In the afternoon we planned an exploration dive at Bongrain Point at the southern entrance of Dalgliesh Bay. This bay is on the western side of Pourquoi Pas Island. Due to heavy winds, we entered the bay, but did not have soundings for the sheltered area. So a Zodiac with an echo sounder went out to get the soundings for the ship. In front of Moider Glacier we found a calmer spot for the ship. But visibility was bad because of the glacier. So we decided to call the dive and the divers had the chance to join the Polar Plunge.

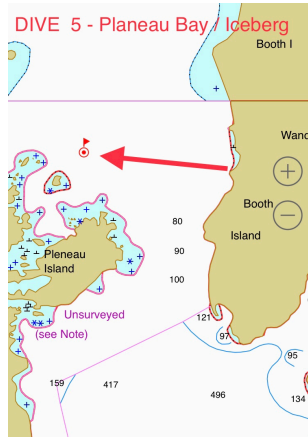


DIVE 4: Stonington Island Sunday 24th March 2019
68° 11.304' S - 066° 59.656' W

Arriving early in the morning at Stonington Island, we could already see the Historic Base „E“ Stonington (UK). Divers were ready at 8:00 a.m. and we went out to the southern corner, hiding from the wind. Many happy faces showed up after the dive. This wall is full of anemones, sea stars, sea urchins, sea cucumbers, nudibranches, worms and really big tunicates! „So many colours, I cannot believe it at this place on earth!“ It is going to take some time to edit the pictures that were taken on this dive. After the dive some divers went ashore or did a circumnavigation of Stonington Island with the Zodiac.

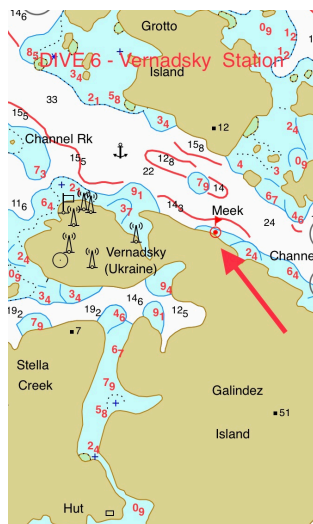
After this early dive we planned to cover a lot of nautical miles and arrive at Vernadsky Station in the afternoon of the 25th March. In the night captain had to slow down the ship due to strong winds and quite a big swell. So we decided to do a short landing and zodiac cruise at the Fish Islands.

DIVE 5: Planeau Bay, Tuesday 26th March 2019
65° 05.515' S - 064 03.193' W



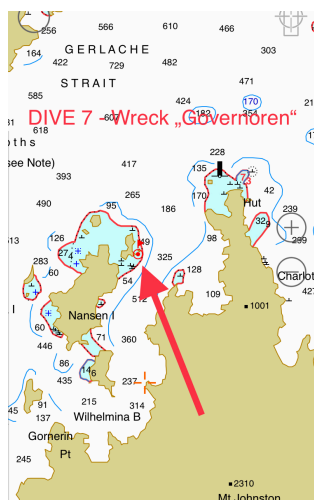
This morning we woke up surrounded by icebergs between Booth Island and Planeau Island. A perfect place to look for an iceberg for the divers. After surrounding 2 icebergs decision was made for a nice approx. 6m high iceberg. Visibility was perfect and the shadows of the 80% iceberg underwater were stunning. The divers surrounded the iceberg from both sides and had a lot of fun with the patterns of the iceberg and the funny buoyancy. The melting iceberg makes the diver sink and if you like to have an overview and move a little bit away, the saltwater lifts you up! A crabbeater also came along. After the dive we had a look at a huge Leopard Seal on an ice flow and took some pictures on the ice. Cruising back to the ship we enjoyed the icebergs and 2 humpback whales. In a second wave the snorkelers had some fun on a berry bit.

DIVE 6: Vernadsky Station - Meek Channel, Tuesday 26th March 2019
65° 14.720' S - 064° 14.936' W



Starting in front of one of the buildings of the research station, a beautiful wall went down to about 25m. The rocks were covered with algae and kelp and many different nudibranchs, seastars, tunicates, sea cucumbers and limpets were seen. What a great dive spot to work on for the marine biologists of the Vernadsky Station. This is definitely one of the best dives in Antarctica. After 40 min. we climbed back into the Zodiacs, just to get off and on an icebergs a few minutes later. There was also a short visit to the Ukraine Station before we had to go back very quick, because the wind and the swell had increased.

DIVE 7: Governoron Wreck Foyne Harbour, Wednesday 27th March 2019
64° 32.656' S - 061° 58.942' W



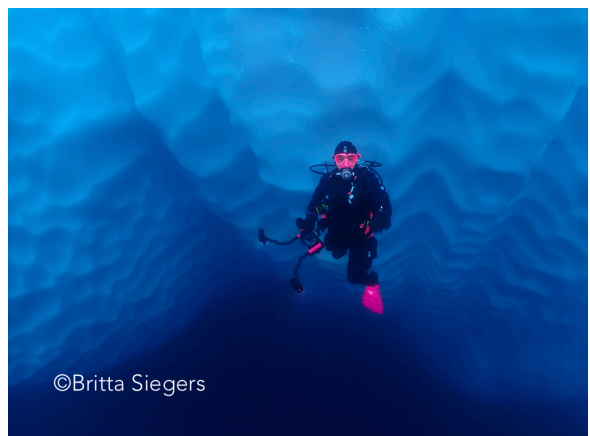
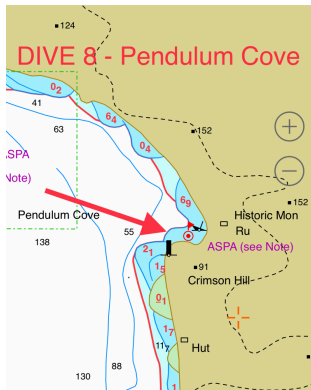
On our approach to Foyne Harbour we saw a lot of feeding and logging around this area. Interesting coincidence that the wreck we dived on this afternoon was a whaling factory ship. The ship was transporting whale oil when it caught on fire. To quench the fire and save the cargo the ship was wrecked in Foyne in November 1915. 1/3 of the wreck is above sea level so it is easy to find. We had a tour around the metal structure then made a dive to see what is left under the water. The underwater scenery was amazing with lots of the structure being intact. But also the yellow sponges, huge seastars and nudibranchs have taken over the ship as an artificial reef. We came back to the surface and went on a zodiac cruise around the bay. We saw the Lifeboats, Barrels and finished with Humpback Whales just beside the Zodiac.

DIVE 8 Pendulum Cove, Thursday 28th March 2019

62° 56.214' S - 060° 35.936' W

At 7:00 a.m. the captain sailed us safely through Neptunes Bellows into the Caldera of Deception Island. Our first stop was in front of the buildings of the old whaling station and the British Research Station. Bi

But the wind was blowing with more than 30 knots. So captain decided to reposition to Pendulum Cove, where we had a little more shelter. The dive was on the eastern end of the beach. Visibility was 2-3m, but the divers were happy about the small stuff, mainly krill, they saw and enjoyed the last 30 min. of diving in Antarctica!



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Antarctic Peninsula,
Polar Circle and Deep South

18th March – 31st March 2019

Furthest Point South:
S68° 15.300
W068° 54.300

Antarctic Circle



Gerlache Strait
21st March 2019

1. Cuverville Island (Landing)
2. Neko Harbour (Continental Landing)

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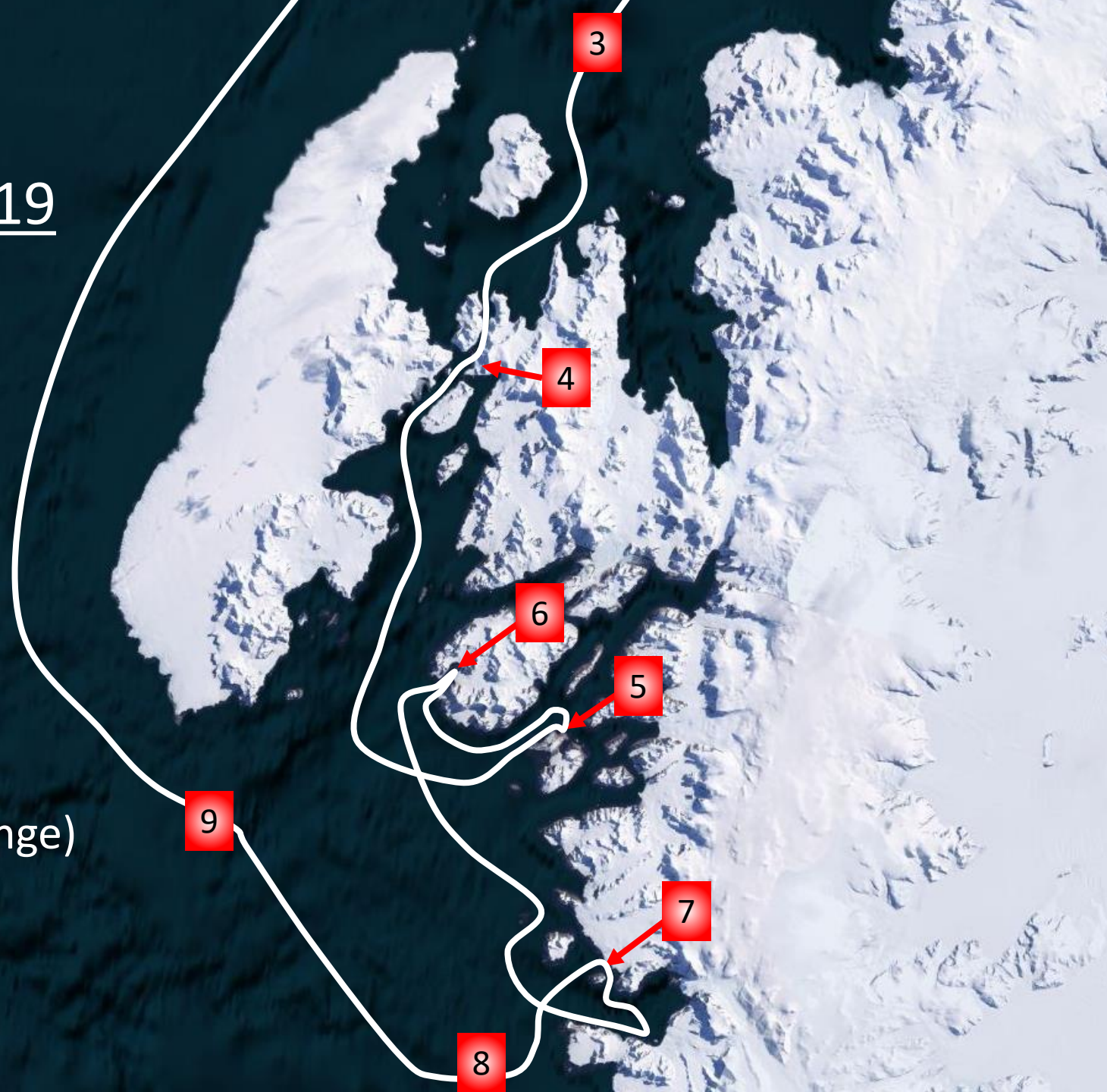
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Marguerite Bay

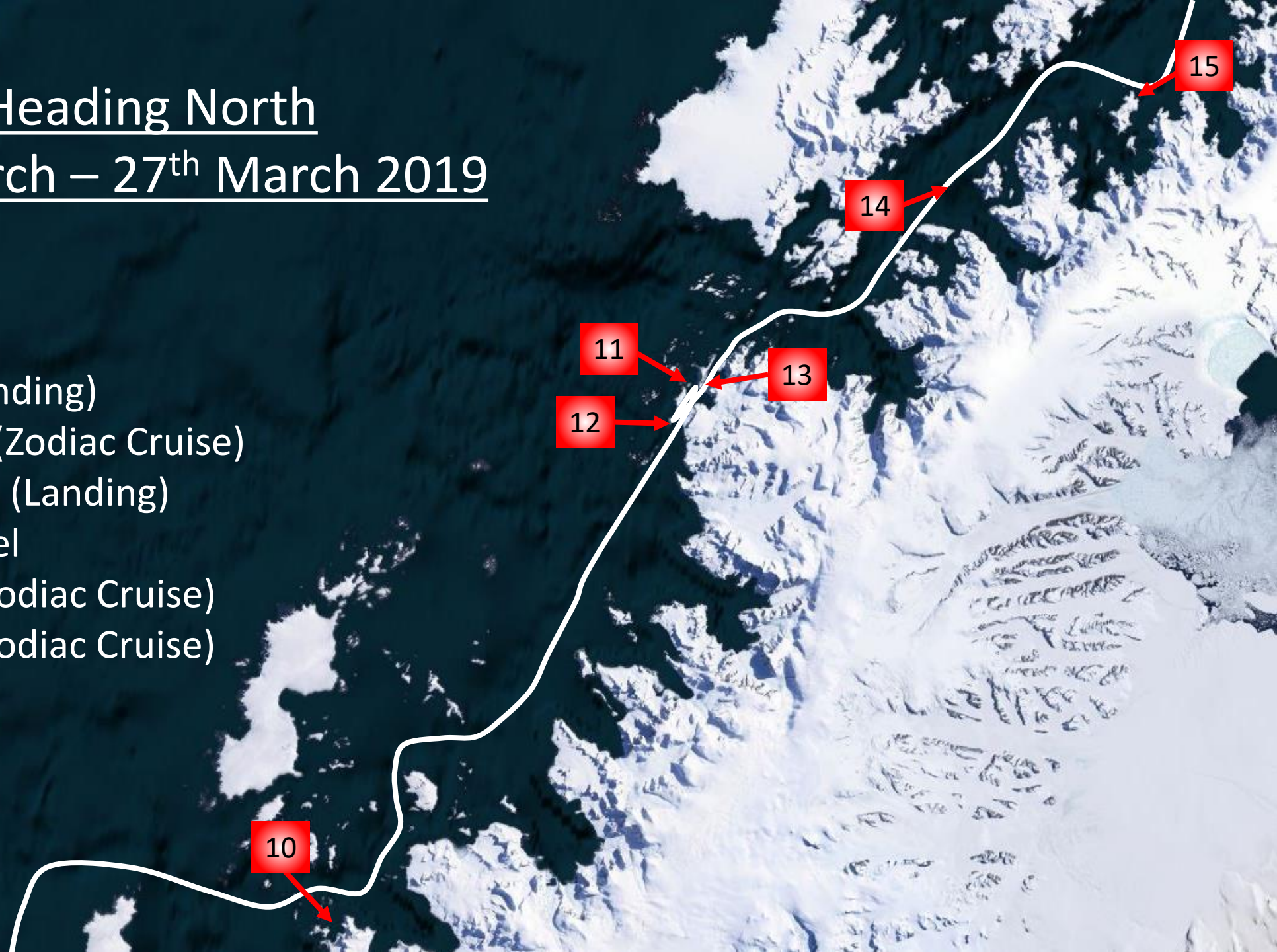
22nd March – 24th March 2019

- 3. Crystal Sound
- 4. The Gullet
- 5. Horseshoe Island (Landing)
- 6. Dagleish Bay (landing and Polar Plunge)
- 7. Stonington Island (Landing)
- 8. Furthest Point South
- 9. Dion Islands



Heading North
25th march – 27th March 2019

- 10. Fish Islands (Landing)
- 11. Pleneau Island (Zodiac Cruise)
- 12. Vernadsky Base (Landing)
- 13. Lemaire Channel
- 14. Useful Island (Zodiac Cruise)
- 15. Foyn Harbour (Zodiac Cruise)



South Shetland Islands
28th March 2019

16. Pendulum Cove (Landing)



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Embarkation

Monday 18th March 2019

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.

~17.15 **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.

18.30 We would like to invite you to the **Bar** on Deck 6 for an **Introduction to the Ship** by Hotel Manager Sigi and a **Welcome Briefing** by Expedition Leader Michael.

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

~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.

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



Drake Crossing

Tuesday 19th March 2019

- 07:45 Wake up call.
- 08:00 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 10:00 Please listen for announcements as we call passengers deck by deck to receive **Lifejackets and Boots in the Lecture Room (Deck 3)**
- 12:30 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 14:00 **Rustyn** will deliver an entertaining introduction to Antarctica in the **Bar** on the **Antarctic Treaty and IAATO** to whet our appetite for what is to come!
- 16:00 Please come to the **Lecture Room (Deck 3)** and join Michael for the **Mandatory IAATO and Zodiac safety briefing.**
- 18:00 **Recap:** This is our daily opportunity to revisit the events of the day and look forward to tomorrow's plans. Michael and the Expedition Team will meet you in the Lounge.
- 18.30 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

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Drake Crossing

Wednesday 20th March 2019

- 07:45 Wake up call.
- 08:00 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 10:00 **Daniel** will deliver a lecture on **Photography** so join him in the **Bar** to find out how to make the most out of your time in this wonderful southern landscape.
- 11:30 **Meike** will deliver a lecture in the **Bar** about **Penguins of the Antarctic** so please join her to find out more about these curious wee creatures!
- 13:00 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 14:30 **Divers:** Please join Michael and his team for a **Mandatory Dive Briefing** in the **Lecture Room**.
Bring your Demand Valves.
- 14:30 **Biosecurity vacuuming time!** We will call you by deck to the **Bar** 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.
- 18:00 Please join Michael and the Expedition Team in the lounge for our daily **Recap**.
- 18.30 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

If the weather is calm enough, we may change the schedule so we can give the Mandatory IAATO and Zodiac Briefings.

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Cuverville Island and Neko Harbour

Thursday 21st March 2019

- 06:45 Wake up call.
- 07:00 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 08:00 Please come to the **Lecture Room (Deck 3)** and join Michael for the **Mandatory IAATO and Zodiac Safety Briefing**. Everyone must attend before we can begin our activities.
- 09:00 This morning, we are aiming to land on **Cuverville Island** in the Errera Channel. This island has a large Gentoo penguin colony, scenic views and a good chance to see humpback whales in the bay.
- 12:30 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 14:00 During the afternoon we hope to do a landing on the Antarctic continent in **Neko Harbour**. There are spectacular views over a large calving glacier front, plenty of icebergs and another chance to see Gentoo penguins.
- 18:30 Please join Michael and the Expedition Team in the lounge for our daily **Recap**.
- 19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

Remember to take great care on deck as they may be icy and slippery due to the colder temperatures overnight.



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EXPEDITIONS

The Antarctic Circle and The Gullet

Friday 22nd March 2019

Sunrise: 07:20

- 07:45 Wake up call.
- 08:00 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 10:00 **Iain** will give a talk in the **Bar** about climbing **Mt Vinson** - Antarctica's highest peak. Come along to see what the view is like from the summit.
- 11:30 **Michael** will deliver a lecture in the **Bar** about **Ernest Shackleton**. Join him to find out more about one of the most well-known names from the heroic age of exploration.
- 13:00 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 14:00 Around 14:00, we will cross the **Antarctic Circle**! Please listen out for announcements and then dress warm, step outside and savour the experience!
- PM This afternoon, we will hopefully enter **The Gullet**! The exact time will depend on what ice conditions we have but this is always a good place to spot whales and seals and generally soak up the Antarctic!
- 18:30 Please join Michael and the Expedition Team in the lounge for our daily **Recap**.
- 19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

Sunset: 19:30

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EXPEDITIONS

Horseshoe Island and Bongrain Point

Saturday 23rd March 2019

Sunrise: 07:40

- 07:15 Wake up call.
- 07:30 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 09:00 This morning we hope to land on **Horseshoe Island** which is the site of an old British base from the 1950's. Inside, it has been preserved as a museum and you can get a feel for what life would have been like to overwinter here back then.
- 12:30 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 14:00 This afternoon we will visit **Bongrain Point** where there is a good chance of seeing adelic penguins and elephant seals.
- If the weather is kind to us, we would like to offer you the chance to do a polar plunge at Bongrain Point. If this is the case, we will provide towels so you only need to provide the swimwear of your choice!**
- 18:30 Please join Michael and the Expedition Team in the lounge for our daily **Recap**.
- 19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

Sunset: 19:30

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EXPEDITIONS

Stonington Island and Marguerite bay
Sunday 24th March 2019

Sunrise: 07:35

- 06:30 Wake up call.
- 06:45 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 08:00 This morning we will visit **Stonington Island** where there are old British and US research stations. These are some of the oldest on the Peninsula and also where the first two women overwintered in Antarctica back in 1947.
- 12:30 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- PM This afternoon we are going to explore **Marguerite Bay** and search for whales, seals and penguins. There may be an opportunity to Zodiac Cruise if conditions allow so please listen out for announcements.
- 18:30 Please join Michael and the Expedition Team in the lounge for our daily **Recap**.
- 19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

Sunset: 19:25

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EXPEDITIONS

Fish Islands

Monday 25th March 2019

Sunrise: 07:30

- 07:45 Wake up call.
- 08:00 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 09:30 **Iain** will give a talk on what it is like to **Overwinter in the Antarctic**. Join him in the **Bar** to hear his tales.
- 11:00 **Pippa** will present a lecture in the **Bar** all about the **Seals of the Southern Ocean** that we have seen or may yet see.
- 12:30 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 14:00 This afternoon, we plan to be around the Fish Islands for either a landing or a Zodiac cruise. The islands are located between Crystal Sound to the south and Grandidier Channel to the north, sheltered to the east of Renaud Island and there is a good chance of seeing Adelie penguins and the Antarctic shag.
- 18:30 Please join Michael and the Expedition Team in the lounge for our daily **Recap**.
- 19:00 Surprise **Dinner** - location subject to weather conditions!

Sunset: 19:25

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EXPEDITIONS

Pleaneau Island and Vernadsky Base

Tuesday 26th March 2019

Sunrise: 07:30

07:15 Wake up call.

07:30 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.

09:00 This morning we plan to Zodiac cruise through an area known as the **Iceberg Graveyard** - large grounded bergs and a good chance to see Leopard seals!

12:30 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

14:00 This afternoon, we plan to land at **Vernadsky Station** - a Ukrainian base where you have the chance to spend money, stamp passports and send postcards.

- **No cards are accepted so please bring Euros or Dollars.**
- **Due to numbers allowed inside the station, this will be a split landing with a chance to cruise the Argentine Islands as well as visit Wordie House.**

18:30 Please join Michael and the Expedition Team in the lounge for our daily **Recap**.

19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

Sunset: 19:25

Remember to take great care on deck as they may be icy and slippery due to the colder temperatures overnight.



OCEANWIDE

EXPEDITIONS

Useful Island and Foyn Harbour

Wednesday 27th March 2019

Sunrise: 07:30

- 06:45 Wake up call.
- 07:00 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 08:00 Expedition morning at **Useful Island**. Here we plan to go ashore at a chinstrap colony, with fantastic views into the Gerlache Strait. There is also a good chance to see all the seals and humpback whales.
- 12:30 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 14:00 We hope to offer a Zodiac cruise at **Foyn Harbour** and around **Enterprise Island**. On this island there are several historical artefacts to be seen including the wreck of an old whaling ship, and there is another chance to see humpback whales.
- 18:30 Please join Michael and the Expedition Team in the lounge for our daily **Recap**.
- 19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

Sunset: 19:00

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EXPEDITIONS

Deception Island

Thursday 28th March 2019

Sunrise: 07:20

- 06:45 Wake up call.
- 07:00 We hope to be sailing through **Neptune's Bellows** at this time. Dress up warm and enjoy this pre-breakfast spectacle!
- 07:30 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 09:00 This morning we plan to be in a volcano! **Deception Island** is a donut shaped ring with a bite out of one side, where ships can sail through a gap called Neptune's Bellows. We plan to land at **Whalers Bay** - the most significant land based whaling station in the Antarctic Peninsula active from 1906-31.
- 12:30 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 14:00 This afternoon we will hopefully complete a second landing within the volcano's caldera. This will be weather dependant so please listen out for announcements around lunchtime.
- 18:00 Please join Michael and the Expedition Team in the lounge for our daily **Recap**.
- 18:30 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

Sunset: 19:15

Today, we will be sailing in the Southern Ocean in poor weather. Please ensure your belongings are secure and will not roll, slide or fall when the ship starts to move with the swell.



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EXPEDITIONS

Drake Crossing
Friday 29th March 2019

- 07:45 Wake up call.
- 08:00 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 10:00 This morning, **Michael** will give a lecture in the **Bar** on **Frank Hurley** and the photography he performed at the turn of the century.
- 12:30 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 14:00 This afternoon, **Iain** will give a talk in the **Bar** on some of the **Science** currently going on in Antarctica and what it's like to support it.
- 16:00 This afternoon, **Tanja** will give a presentation in the **Bar** about working with the **Emperor Penguins at Cape Washington**.
- 18:00 Please join Michael and the Expedition Team in the lounge for our daily **Recap**.
- 18.30 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

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EXPEDITIONS

Drake Crossing
Saturday 30th March 2019

- 07:45 Wake up call.
- 08:00 **Breakfast** buffet will be served in the Dining Room for one hour.
- 10:00 Around Cape Horn! An old but incredibly well put together wee film about sailing around Cape Horn in the early 1900's.
- 12:30 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 14:00 Join **Daniel** in the **Bar** for a look at **Ortelius' Hidden Places**, with special guests **Aleksander** and **Sigi**!
- 16:00 We will have a fun quiz all about Antarctica and some of the sights we've seen on our journey. Please join **Pippa** and **Meike** in the **Bar** for an afternoon of light entertainment!
- 17:45 Please meet the Michael and the Expedition Team in the **Bar** for a quick briefing about plans for disembarkation tomorrow and afterwards a **Farewell Toast** from our **Captain**.
- 18.30 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!

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EXPEDITIONS

Disembarkation

Monday 31st March 2019

We will be arriving to Ushuaia at around 07:00 in the morning. The Bridge, forward Bow Deck and rear Stern Deck will be closed during docking. 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 before breakfast at 0730. We will move your main luggage to the pier, and after the buses have arrived, we will call you to come down the gangway.

Identify your own luggage and bring it to the correct bus or the luggage truck.

You can have your luggage stored for the day. 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 gas station and approximately 350 m to the left as you leave the pier. ***You will need to pick up your luggage before 1400.***

0700 Wake-up call. Good morning!

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

Please place your large luggage outside your cabin when Sigi invites you to breakfast, and return your key card holders 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.

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"