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EXPEDITIONS

In Search of Polar Bear

June 10rd - June 17th

M/V Plancius



M/V *Plancius* was named after the Dutch astronomer, cartographer, geologist and vicar Petrus Plancius (1552-1622). *Plancius* was built in 1976 as an oceanographic research vessel for the Royal Dutch Navy and was named *Hr. Ms. Tydeman*. The ship sailed for the Royal Dutch Navy until June 2004 when she was purchased by Oceanwide Expeditions and completely refit in 2007, being converted into a 114-passenger expedition vessel. *Plancius* is 89 m (267 feet) long, 14.5 m (43 feet) wide and has a maximum draft of 5 m, with an Ice Strength rating of 1D, top speed of 12+ knots and three diesel engines generating 1230 hp each.



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Captain Andrei Zybin

and his international crew of 46 including:

Staff Capitan:	Ernesto Barria	[Chile]
First Officer:	Miia Holma	[Finland]
Second Officer:	Yaroslav Pyetukhov	[Ukraine]
Third Officer:	Luis Oroceo	[Philippines]
Chief Engineer:	Daniel Liliac-Zajontz	[Latvia]
Hotel Manager:	Zsuzsanna Varga	[Hungary]
Ass. Hotel Manager:	Oleksandr Lyebyedyev	[Ukraine]
Head Chef:	Khabir Moraes	[India]
Sous Chef:	Ivan Ivanovic	[Serbia]
Ship's Physician:	Nelleke Ernsting	[Netherlands]
Expedition Leader:	Michael Ginzburg	[Germany]
Ass. Expedition Leader:	Florence Kuyper	[Netherlands]
Expedition Guide:	Andrey Volkov	[Russia]
Expedition Guide:	Daniel Hoehne	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Sandra Ophorst	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Stefanie Liller	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Tom van Hoof	[Netherlands]
Expedition Guide:	Claudio Ghiglione	[Italy]

Welcome on board!

Day 1 – June 10, 2019

Embarkation in Longyearbyen

GPS Position at 8:00am: 78°13'N - 015°36'E

Wind: NW3 **Sea State:** In Port **Weather:** P.Cloudy **Air Temp:** +6°C

It was a wonderful sunny day in Longyearbyen when we made our way to the port. The little blue ship Plancius was already waiting for us at the pier. We watched how the luggage was craned on board, then it was time for us to walk up the gangway for the very first time. Hotel manager Zsuzsanna welcomed us and the friendly Philippine crew showed us to our cabins.



We had some time to explore the ship before we all gathered in the Lounge for an introduction to the ship and a safety briefing by first officer Miia. Then the lines were cast off and we were under way, our adventure had begun. The colourful houses of Longyearbyen grew smaller and we sailed out into the Isfjord.



The next program point was the practical part of the lifeboat drill. Equipped with warm clothes and our bright oranges life jackets we first mustered in the lounge and then went out on deck to inspect the lifeboats. Let's hope that we will never have to see them from the inside again.

After the drill we were in for a treat: The Captain's Cocktail. We met our Captain Andrei Zybin and toasted with him and the expedition team to a successful and safe voyage. We had time to enjoy the nature surround the ship before going down for the dinner where we enjoyed the three-course meal served by head chef Khabir.



After dinner one more thing had to be ticked off, we were issued with rubber boots which would accompany us on our adventures and keep us dry and warm. Late in the evening the Midnight sun tempted many on the outside decks. The sun wouldn't set for the next 7 days. With beautiful light and stunning mountains, it was hard to find the way into bed.



Day 2 – June 11, 2019

Adolfbukta and Ekmanfjorden

GPS Position at 8:00am: 78°30.6'N - 016°46.7'E

Wind: calm **Sea State:** calm **Weather:** P.cloudy **Air Temp:** +2°C

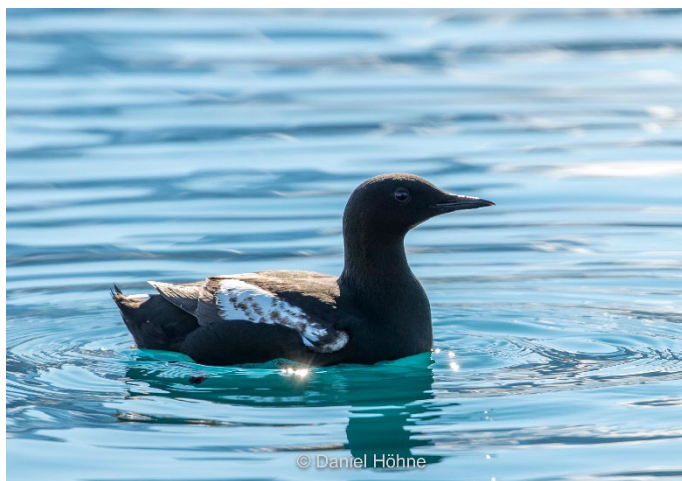
This sunny morning, we arrived early in Billefjorden and the rumours there had been a bear spotted in front of the Nordenskiöld glacier seemed to be true. When we arrived there we got a very early wake-up call and went all to the foredeck to view the amazing sight of a bear on the ice with Belugas swimming by. The bear decided to go for a swim, and we did had to wait for the bear to get back on



land again to not disturb or scare her. When she eventually went back on the ice-flow, we got picked up by the zodiacs and tried to get closer. The bear decided to walk further onto the ice so we went to hang out with the Beluga's for a while instead. When the zodiac drivers turned off their engines, we could hear the wonderful singing and splashing sounds of the Beluga's. After a while the Bear came back to the edge of the ice again and we could get a real good look. He even walked along the coast with us for a while and did some "tricks", like sitting on his behind.

After a wonderful lunch-buffet we sailed towards Ekmanfjorden in the afternoon where we enjoyed the scenic landscapes in the presence of a wide plumage of birds including the Sabine's Gull and illusive Polar bear which disappeared very quickly behind an old moraine. We had some wonderful hot chocolate on the Sun deck which made our first day in the Arctic even more unforgettable.

During recap, Micha told us all about Polar bears and the plans for tomorrow. Andrey help a short presentation about Ivory gulls, the small feathered companion of Polar bears.



Day 3 – June 12, 2019

Ny London and 14th Julibukta

GPS Position at 8:00am: 79°07.5'N - 011°50.2'E

Wind: SE2 **Sea State:** smooth **Weather:** overcast **Air Temp:** +2°C

This morning we went to the 14th Julibukta in Krossfjord. In 1906 Duke Albert of Monaco started his oceanography expeditions and named some places in this area. The fjord we visited was named in



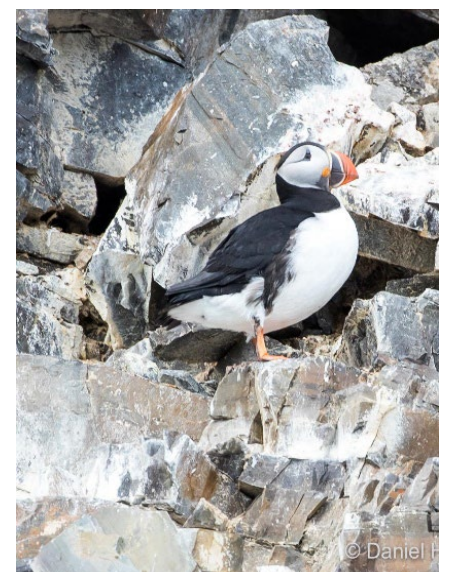
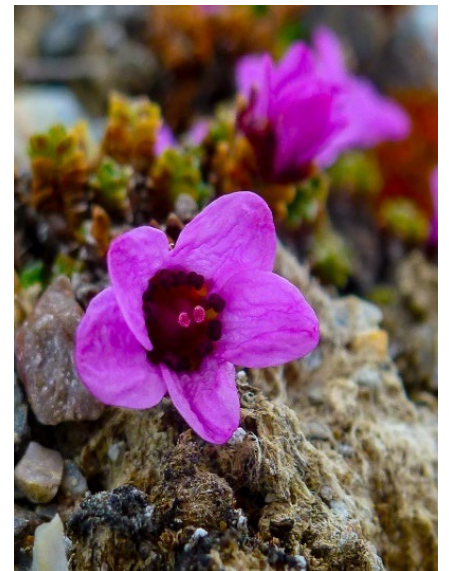
honour of the French National Day. We had a split landing so everybody could enjoy the calm and still weather. We did a zodiac cruise along the bird-cliff and visited the 'hanging gardens the 14th Juli glacier. Under the watchful eye of our expedition staff we could walk along the beach towards the bird cliff (with mostly nesting kittiwakes)

and enjoy the moss, the purple saxifrage, the reindeer and even and even a snow goose. Cruising with the zodiacs along the rocky coast we could see guillemots, Arctic terns and some of us spotted some Puffins. We also saw bearded seal, common Eider ducks and even King Eider.

After a rewarding lunch we landed at Ny-London on Blomstrandhalvøya in Kongsfjord. This used to be a mining camp of the Northern Exploration Company led by Ernest Mansfield. Between 1906-19011 a marble mining operation was started here, but the dreams of easy fortune were shattered just like the marble was, during transport back to the UK. A typical Arctic condition known as permafrost was responsible for the bad quality of the marble. The camp was built in the early 20th century for 70 people and nowadays we can still see the remains of the mining camp. After walking around in the camp, we were split into four hiking groups. We could all see the beautiful surroundings of Ny-London with plenty of wildlife to be spotted such as reindeer, ptarmigan, arctic terns barnacle geese, long tailed ducks, long tailed skuas and some of us even saw an Arctic fox.



After a rewarding day outdoors, under true Arctic conditions, we had a recap where Michael announced that tomorrow, we would go to the ice edge in order to try to find more wildlife and in particular polar bears! In the recap Andrey talked about the ivory gull and Tom explained the geology and rocks in Svalbard.



Day 4 – June 13, 2019

Pack Ice – Day 1

GPS Position at 8:00am: 79°56.2'N - 011°22.8'E

Wind: SW8 **Sea State:** ice **Weather:** overcast **Air Temp:** +1°C

After a night sailing, we woke up this morning close to the pack-ice. The officers on the bridge did an excellent job in keeping Plancius in the wind so we did not wake up too early. While our search for pack-ice bears started wind conditions were reaching up to 35 knots and the ship was moving a



bit. The expedition staff took turns on the bridge scouting for wildlife, while two lectures were given this morning one about Polar-Bears in German by Sandra and one about the 17th century Dutch explorer who first discovered and mapped Spitsbergen, Willem Barents. In the footsteps of Willem Barents, we just made it up to 80N, before

we were halted by the sea-ice. After a tasty lunch we continued our search for polar bears in the pack-ice. Unfortunately, the weather conditions were not favourable, hard winds had pushed the pack-ice together leaving no leads for Plancius to go into the ice. After hearing over the radio other ships in the pack-ice also had hardly any wildlife, we decided to try our luck in Smeerenburgfjord. We had heard rumours that a ship had spotted a bear this morning in the vicinity. Micha discussed the plans for tomorrow during recap and Claudio had a nice presentation about the Arctic explorers Nobile and Amundsen in Ny-Alesund.

Unfortunately, Andrey's recap about another North Pole adventurer Andree was cut short by a message over the PA system that a bear had been spotted in the fjord. Upon arrival we discovered a number of small ships near the shore. And yes there he (or she) was lying relaxed in the snow near the shore, our third polar bear on this trip. Unfortunately, the Governor who also had his ship the Polarsyssel present in the



fjord decided it was getting to crowded around the bear and directed the other vessels away from the bear. This was a clear sign we were at the moment not allowed to lower zodiacs and approach the bear closer. Although it was hard to photograph, most of us did have had a good view of the bear relaxing through their binoculars or the telescope on deck. We had a delayed dinner and after that enjoyed our time in the lounge.



Day 5 – June 14, 2019

Smerenburgfjorden and Magdalenefjorden

GPS Position at 8:00am: 79°36.8'N - 010°47.4'E

Wind: S2-4 **Sea State:** smooth **Weather:** overcast **Air Temp:** +5°C

We woke up in Smeerenburgfjorden with some clouds and a little bit of sun. We sailed through Sorgattet, there were supposed to be nice steep fjords on both sides in this narrow street, but the clouds were very low. We could not see a lot of the nice pointy mountains around us. But we saw



a lot of walrus on the ice, so we went into the zodiacs. We drove around Moseoya island and had plenty of time to make pictures of the walrus from all different angles. We not only saw a lot of walrus but also nice ice formations. We cruised through those pieces of ice.

We went on the ship after this beautiful zodiac cruise, but when everybody was on the ship a polar bear was spotted ashore.

Lunch can wait and a second zodiac cruise was arranged in no time. The polar bear was walking along the shore of Bjornhamna to let her see from her best sight. When she walked into the reserve of Bjornhamna we went back to the ship to respect the rules of the reserve and respect the polar bear.

Lunch, a little bit later than normal, but it was totally worth it. What a morning! During the lunch we sailed to Magdalenefjorden. A spectacular fjord with amazing views. The clouds were gone and we could see the the pointy mountains as well as glaciers squeezing between the peaks around us. We wanted to see the glacier closely, so the zodiacs were lounged into the water again. The huge glacier front of the Waggonwaybreen was impressive, especially with a walrus in front of it. We also drove along the historical whalers' graveyard Gravneset. Whalers are not seaman, so no seaman grave. At the and we drove with the zodiacs to Gullybukta where the walrus had found a nice beach to lay on.

This day could not have been better, but there was even more... There was a BBQ waiting for us with music and dancing afterwards with the scenic view of Magdalenefjorden in the back.





Day 6 – June 15, 2019

Signehamna and Tinayrebukta

GPS Position at 8:00am: 79°16.3'N - 011°34.1'E

Wind: SW3 Sea State: smooth Weather: cloudy Air Temp: +5°C

Early in the morning we arrived in Lilliehöökfjorden close to our mornings landing site at Signehamna. Drawing the curtains back and staring through the portholes the Arctic stared back with fog and light snow in the air. This however did not deter us and as it is with the Arctic, we just



have to take the weather for what it is. The conditions in Signehamna called us off for a long walk, looking for something to see in the black and white landscape. Luckily, we caught a view of a handful of reindeer hanging out waiting for summer and a slight glimpse of the remains of two German weather stations from the Second World War. They were located a bit inland, out of view from the fjord in order to transmit important weather data from the Arctic.

In the afternoon we move deeper into Krossfjorden and zodiacs were dropped into the water in order for us to do a new landing and see the beautiful area in the fjord. We landed in front of the



majestic Tinayrebreen glacier. It was a beautiful sunny day and when the expedition guides arrived at the landing site they spent more time than usual scouting the area because were present a lot of tracks of polar bear... probably a female with two cubs. After the check we spent a few hours looking for tracks, flowers and the huge and unusual glacier with icebergs floating in the water in front of us.

Around 5pm it was time to head back to the ship and as we get up the gangway but just few minutes before doing that, we spotted some whales around the ship. We decided to move on Plancius and go scouting together to see them...after a coffee and a quick rest we spotted again some whales close to the ship and we enjoyed the time.



Then it was the time for our recap time with some info for the next day/s and some good short lectures from Andrey about Salomon Andre Swedish explorer and from Flo about Crossfjord Signehamna and about Clean up Svalbard (for Sarah). We had time to enjoy the nature surround the ship a bit before going down for the dinner where we enjoyed the three-course meal served by head chef Khabir.



Day 7 – June 16, 2019

Skansbukta and Billefjorden

GPS Position at 8:00am: 78°30.2'N - 016°04.6'E

Wind: W5-6 **Sea State:** slight **Weather:** sunny **Air Temp:** +5°C

Our last day of the expedition on the Plancius. We got our wakeup call from our expedition leader Misha in Isfjorden. We sailed further into Isfjorden to get to the beautiful Billefjorden again to spot some more wildlife and enjoy the great view. We got ashore at a beach in Skansbukta. Named after



the neighbouring mountain Skansen, from the Norwegian word of sloping surface, which describes the shape of the wide plateau that tops the mountain.

We walked up the hill to have even a better view of the fjord, but we looked thoroughly for all the nice little flowers. There was plenty of purple Saxifrage, but even if you were lucky you could find an Orchid.

We saw also a lot of nice birds like flocks of Purple Sandpiper, colony of the Northern Fulmar and a first timer the Ringed Plover. At the end of the beach there was a reindeer grazing and came pretty near.

All the hiking up the hill and along the beach made us warm up a bit, so the wilder passengers decided to have a “Polar Plunge”. A refreshing dive in the nice and cold arctic waters of Billefjorden.

After a warm shower we enjoyed the lunch and cruised through Billefjorden in search for the Polar bear. We were already lucky this week with all the wildlife, but also today. A Polar bear showed up along shore, so we could really say goodbye to the bear.

We enjoyed Captain’s Cocktails with our Captain Andrei Zybin and toasted our voyage before watching a beautiful slide show that had been put together by Daniel. It was lovely to watch and made us appreciate what an incredible journey we had been on. Late in the evening we sailed south to end our expedition in



the harbour of Longyearbyen. Many new friends have been made and thousands of gigabytes of

photos have been taken... in the afternoon we had our last zodiac cruise and a beautiful last polar bear encounter... GOD WAY TO FINISH THE TRIP!!!



Day 8 – June 17, 2019

Back to Longyearbyen

GPS Position at 8:00am: 78°13'N - 015°36'E

Wind: SE1 **Sea State:** in port **Weather:** sunny **Air Temp:** +3°C

After a lot of commotion during the night from to the people who were on the 2:30 am flight, we woke far too early, at anchor in Longyearbyen, sad to know that we would be leaving the ship soon. Our last breakfast on board was much appreciated, as we didn't know where our next meal would be coming from. After seven days of pampering we were back at the port of Longyearbyen, and it was time to say goodbye to the crew, the expedition team, but also to new-won friends.

On the dock, we found our luggage and boarded the bus. A last farewell from expedition leader Ali and we dispersed, each of us setting off on our travels and flights, sad to be leaving, but full with impressions of the wonderful landscapes and wildlife of the Arctic.

Total distance sailed on our voyage

Nautical miles: 685 nm - Kilometres: 1268 km



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



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- 5 Ny London
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English Name	Deutsch	Latin	10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun	15-Jun	16-Jun
Red-throated Diver	Sterntaucher	<i>Gavia stellata</i>		Y	Y		Y	Y	
Northern Fulmar	Eissturmvogel	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pink-footed Goose	Kurzschnabelganz	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Barnacle Goose	Weisswangengans	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Snow Goose	Schneegans	<i>Anser caerulescens</i>			Y				
Common Eider	Eiderente	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
King Eider	Prachteiderente	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y		
Long-tailed Duck	Eisente	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>		Y	Y			Y	Y
Common Teal	Krickente	<i>Anas crecca</i>					Y		
Sanderling	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>							
Ringed Plover	Sandregenpfeifer	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>							Y
Purple Sandpiper	Meerstrandläufer	<i>Calidris maritima</i>		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Grey Phalarope	Thorshühnchen	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>							
Ruddy Turnstone	Steinwaelzer	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			Y				
Pomarine Skua	Spatelraubmöwe	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>				Y			
Arctic Skua	Schmarotzerraubmöwe	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Long-tailed Skua	Falkenraubmöwe	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>		Y	Y				
Great Skua	Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>		Y	Y	Y		Y	
Great Black-Backed Gull	Mantelmöwe	<i>Larus marinus</i>		Y					
Glaucous Gull	Eismöwe	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kittiwake	Dreizehenmöwe	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ivory Gull	Elfenbeinmöwe	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>		Y					
Sabine's Gull	Sabinenmöwe	<i>Xema sabini</i>		Y					
Arctic Tern	Kustenseeschwalbe	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Little Auk	Krabbentaucher	<i>Alle alle</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Puffin	Papegaitaucher	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Black Guillemot	Gryllteiste	<i>Cephus grylle</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Common Guillemot	Trottellume	<i>Uria aalge</i>			Y				
Brunnich's Guillemot	Dickschnabellume	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ptarmigan	Alpenschneehuhn	<i>Lagopus mutus</i>			Y			Y	Y
Snow Bunting	Schneeammer	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

MAMMALS

English		Latin	10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun	15-Jun	16-Jun
Northern Minke Whale	Zwergwal	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>						Y	
Fin Whale	Finnwal	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>							
Blue Whale	Blauwal	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>							
Walrus	Walross	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>				Y	Y		
Bearded Seal	Bartrobbe	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>		Y	Y				
Harp Seal	Sattelrobbe	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>							
Ringed Seal	Ringelrobbe	<i>Phoca hispida</i>				Y	Y		
Common /Harbour Seal	Seehund	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>							
Polar Bear	Eisbär	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>		Y		Y	Y		
Arctic Fox	Eisfuchs	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>		Y	Y			Y	Y
Reindeer	Rentier	<i>Rangifer tarandus platyrhynchus</i>		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Humpback Whale	Buckelwal	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>		Y				Y	
Beluga Whale	Beluga	<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>		Y					
White Beaked Dolphin	Weisschnauzandelfin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>						Y	

Michael Ginzburg – Expedition Leader



English: Since his first scientific project at the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research (Germany) at age 17, Michael focused his work on polar algae and sea ice. Field work became his passion and even turned into an addiction when he stepped on Svalbard aged 20. Michael instantly fell in love with sea ice, and ever since, he has worked on the evolution and ecology of

diatoms of the Arctic and Antarctic. Michael has studied both marine and polar biology as well as participated in over a dozen scientific expeditions with durations of up to four months.

Having travelled all seven continents, it was only a matter of time before Michael began sharing his passion for nature in photography and publications. Today, Michael is leading expeditions and working as a photojournalist throughout the world. In 2016, Michael accepted a teaching position for photojournalism as well as the position of the editor in chief for The Explorer's Magazine.

Deutsch: Mit gerade mal 17 Jahren bekam Michael die Chance an einem Forschungsprojekt des Alfred Wegener Instituts für Polar- und Meeresforschung (Bremerhaven) mitzuwirken und seitdem hat er seine Arbeit auf Eisalgen und das Meereis konzentriert. Feldarbeit bekam seine grosse Leidenschaft, nachdem er mit 20 jungen Jahren zum ersten Mal Fuß auf Spitzbergen (Svalbard) setzte. Michaels grosse Liebe für das Meereis trieb ihn dazu, Evolution und Ökologie der arktischen und antarktischen Meereisdiatomeen zu studieren und dies tut er nun schon mehr als 12 Jahre. Zwischenzeitlich nahm er an dutzenden wissenschaftlichen Expeditionen teil mit z.T. vier Monaten Länge.

Alle sieben Kontinente bereist, war es nur eine Frage der Zeit, bis Michael seine Leidenschaft für die Natur in Fotografie und Dokumentation teilte. Heute leitet Michael verschiedene Expeditionen und arbeitet als Fotojournalist rund um die Welt. In 2016 akzeptierte er eine Dozentenstelle für Fotojournalismus sowie eine Position als Chefredakteur für das Explorer's Magazine.

Florence KUYPER

Assistant Expedition Leader



Florence is a cosmopolitan with a passion for the polar regions, remote nature, deserts, history and nomadic people around the globe.

After receiving her Masters degree in Educational and Organisational Psychology in the Netherlands, Florence had a European career as a consultant-manager in the field of social affairs.

In 2004 she went for the first time to the big white desert 'Antarctica' and

her passion for this continent has drawn her back 'South' ever since. But Florence can also do extreme heat: she crossed 1,200 km of harsh Mongolian desert on foot, together with a team and her Bactrian camel. Florence lived on a British historical base on the Antarctic Peninsula "Port Lockroy" where she worked as Base Leader. She also works on sailing yachts in the Arctic and Antarctica. Florence has worked as a guide and expedition leader in both polar regions since 2013 and she looks forward to sharing her knowledge and unlimited passion for the polar regions with you.

Deutsch: Florence ist fasziniert von den polaren Regionen, abgelegenen Landschaften und Wüsten, sowie der Kultur und der Geschichte von Nomaden auf der ganzen Erde.

Nach dem Abschluß Ihres Studiums in Psychologie in den Niederlanden arbeitete Sie als Berater für soziale Angelegenheiten in Europa.

In 2004 entdeckte sie zum ersten Mal die große weiße Wüste « Antarktis » und Ihre Leidenschaft für diesen Kontinent ist seitdem nicht mehr erloschen.

Neben der Kälte kann Sie allerdings auch gut mit extremer Hitze umgehen und durchquerte 1200km mongolische Wüste zu Fuß mit Ihrem Team und Ihrem Kamel.

Florence lebte und arbeitete als Leiterin auf der Antarktischen Halbinsel in der britischen historischen Basis « Port Lockroy ». Sie besuchte die Arktis und Antarktis auf Segelschiffen und seit 2013 arbeitet Sie als Expedition Leader und Assistant Expedition Leader in beiden polare Regionen und freut sich Ihre Erfahrung, Wissen und Leidenschaft für diese einzigartige Region mit Gästen und Neugierigen zu teilen.

Andrey Volkov – Expedition Guide



Andrey was born in 1959 in the Soviet Union. After his education in Moscow State University, Geographical Department, Andrey has gained qualifications in biogeography. Since 1979 Andrey took part in field investigations of bird distribution and ecology in Central Siberia, including the High Arctic Islands (Severnaya Zemlya Archipelago, Frantz Josef Land) and Taimyr Peninsula. In 2004 and 2006 Andrey participated in the International Antarctic Expedition.

His most interesting field season: Permanent solo investigation of an Ivory Gull colony during 75 days at small remote Arctic island on Severnaya Zemlya archipelago.

In 1989 Andrey gained a PhD degree for bird investigations in Central Siberia. Since 1992 he works regularly as tour guide in the Arctic and Antarctic for Oceanwide Expeditions.

From 2013-2015 Andrey lived year-round in the White Sea area (Onega Peninsula) and worked as Deputy Director of the Russian National Park "Onezhskoe Pomorie". Currently Andrey is working as scientist for the Russian Biosphere Nature Reserve "Kerzhensky".

Deutsch: Andrey wurde 1959 in der Soviet Union geboren. Er hat einen Abschluss in Biogeographie von der Universität in Moskau. Seit 1979 hat Andrey an Feldarbeiten zur Verteilung und Ökologie von Vögeln in Zentralsibirien, den Hocharktischen Inseln (Severnaya Zemlya Archipelago, Frantz Josef Land) und der Taimyr Halbinsel teilgenommen. Zweimal war er bei internationalen Antarktisexpeditionen dabei.

Seine interessanteste Feldsaison: Alleine während 75 Tagen eine abgelegene Elfenbeinmöven-Kolonie auf der arktischen Insel Severnaya Zemlya zu beobachten. 1998 promovierte Andrey über Vögel in Zentralsibirien. Seit 1992 arbeitet er regelmässig als Führer für Oceanwide Expeditions.

Von 2013 bis 2015 lebte Andrey an der Weissrussischen See und arbeitet als Stellvertretender Direktor des russischen Nationalparks „Onezhskoe Pomorie“. Zur Zeit ist er Wissenschaftler beim russische Biosphären Natur-Reservat „Kerzhensky“.

Daniel Höhne – Expedition Guide



Deutsch: Ein stimmungsgeladenes und gut fotografiertes Bild ist nicht nur immer wieder schön anzusehen. Es ist mehr, gelebte Leidenschaft und Emotion, ein unvergessliches Naturgefühl. Für viele Jahre war es ein leidenschaftliches Hobby, mittlerweile ist es Berufung geworden. Menschen, die sich für Themen rund um die Fotografie und Umwelt interessieren mit hinaus auf Tour zu nehmen und dabei neben foto-grafischen Inhalten auch die Geographie unserer Landschaften zu vermitteln, das ist mein Anliegen.

Wenn wir beginnen zu verstehen, dann lernen wir auch, Natur und natürliche Einflüsse, bzw. natürliche Gegebenheiten nicht als „unsere“, des Menschen Gegner, zu betrachten, sondern im Einklang mit unserer Umwelt zu leben und sie als Teil unseres Lebens zu betrachten.

Inspiziert durch mein Studium der Geographie hatte ich in den letzten Jahren immer wieder die Möglichkeit, unterschiedlichste Projekte im Bereich Fotografie und geographischer Umweltbildung durchzuführen, wozu mittlerweile auch mehrfache bildliche Veröffentlichungen in Magazinen und Zeitungen zählen.

Sich auf die Natur einzulassen, bedeutet für mich Emotion, Leidenschaft, persönliche Entwicklung und Freiheit. Dabei führen mich meine Reisen derzeit in Regionen wie Island, Spitzbergen, Grönland, Antarktis und Deutschland.

English: A well photographed picture is not only pretty to look at. It is more, emotion and passion and a story behind it. In the past it was my hobby to get outside and take nature photos. But today it is my profession and besides working as a fulltime guide I also work for newspapers and magazines.

Taking people outside and showing them what to see and what can be felt outside is one of my greatest passions. In modern times it is even more important and necessary to understand our ecosystems. For that reason, I take people out in the wilderness, to understand why things happen in nature and what our part as human beings is in different environments. We only can protect what we know and love.

I studied Geography and Geology in the south of Germany, Tübingen. Since then I was fascinated by the power and vulnerability of our white and cold ecosystems. I am self-employed and combine nature photography with guiding nature and photographic journeys. My 'hot spots' are Iceland, Svalbard, Greenland, Antarctica and Germany. Most of my time I spend in Iceland exploring and working in unique places where I feel the strength of the old Viking land.

Sandra Ophorst – Expedition Guide



English: Sandra is originally from the middle part of Germany. She worked eight years in a pharmaceutical business as the chief assistant of the director. She always loved to spend time in nature, especially in Northern Norway and Spitsbergen. Already after the first visit north of the polar circle she got bitten by the arctic bug and from that point there was no way back. She decided to quit her previous life and to leave Germany. After a year of preparations, she arrived in September 2016 on Spitsbergen. For almost three years she has worked as a guide on different expedition ships. During the winter/dark period on Spitsbergen you can find her on skis, snowmobiles or travelling around the world.

Deutsch: Sandra ist eine waschechte Rheinländerin, hat jedoch überwiegend in Hamburg gelebt. Sie hat acht Jahre in einem Pharmaunternehmen als Assistentin des Direktors gearbeitet. Sie verbrachte schon immer gerne Ihre Urlaube in der Natur. Vor allem in Norwegen und natürlich insbesondere auf Spitzbergen. Bereits nach dem ersten Besuch nördlich des Polarkreises wurde Sie vom sogenannten arktischen Käfer gebissen und von da an gab es kein Zurück mehr. Sie entschloss sich, Ihr bisheriges Leben in Deutschland aufzugeben und startete die Vorbereitungen für ein Leben als Guide in der hohen Arktis. In 2016 wurde der Traum Wirklichkeit und Sie flog in Ihr neues zu Hause, Longyearbyen. Seit nun fast drei Jahren arbeitet Sie als Guide auf verschiedenen Expeditions-Schiffen in der Arktis. Während der Wintermonate findet man Sie auf Spitzbergen auf Skiern als auch auf Schneemobiltouren oder auf Reisen.

Stefanie Liller, Expedition Guide



Steffi Liller was born in Offenbach, Germany in 1978. After completing her apprenticeship as a biology lab technician at the Paul-Ehrlich-Institute in Langen, Germany, she earned a degree in Biology and Meteorology at the Universities of Darmstadt and Freiburg in Germany. Alongside her studies and her love of nature, Stefanie developed an interest in and a passion for skydiving. This eventually changed from being a hobby to her profession. While working at drop-zones and indoor skydiving facilities throughout central Europe, Stefanie enjoyed sharing her passion

for the sport with other people. A large part of her career was spent as a coach. It was always very important to her to make her own skills available to people curious and interested, and to look after their safety and lasting enjoyment in the sport. Starting in 2011 she managed several indoor skydiving facilities in Germany and Austria. In addition to her professional career, Stefanie is an avid world-traveller by foot or public transport. While exploring various landscapes and communities on all seven continents, she enjoys sharing her experiences and unique moments with others. Since 2017 Stefanie has been working as an independent coach in skydiving and indoor skydiving and guide or lector on several vessels in remote areas. Stefanie has chosen Vienna, Austria as her home base, and lives there in between trips.

Steffi wurde in Offenbach/Main 1978 geboren. Nach erfolgreicher Ausbildung zur Biologielaborantin am Paul-Ehrlich-Institut in Langen absolvierte sie das Studium der Biologie und Meteorologie in Darmstadt und Freiburg. Neben dem Studium und ihrer Liebe zur Natur entwickelte sie darüber hinaus eine weitere, sportliche Leidenschaft und zwar fürs Fallschirmspringen, das im Laufe der Zeit vom Hobby auch zum beruflichen Lebensmittelpunkt wurde.

Stefanie Liller arbeitete auf Fallschirmsprungplätzen und Indoor-Skydiving-Anlagen in ganz Mitteleuropa und erfreute sich besonders daran, anderen Menschen ihre Faszination für diesen Sport näherbringen zu können. So verbrachte sie einen Großteil ihrer Karriere als Coach und legte stets besonderen Wert darauf ihre eigene Leidenschaft, Neugierigen und Interessierten zugänglich zu machen. Ab 2011 war sie im Management verschiedener Indoor-Skydiving-Anlagen in Deutschland und Österreich tätig.

Neben dem beruflichen Werdegang war und ist Stefanie Liller stets begeisterte Weltreisende geblieben. Auf allen sieben Kontinenten erkundete sie Landschaften und Gebiete, meistens zu Fuß oder mit den öffentlichen Verkehrsmitteln, und erfreut sich daran, ihre Erfahrungen und einzigartigen Momente mit Interessierten zu teilen.

Seit 2017 arbeitet sie selbstständig als Coach auf Sprungplätzen und Indoor Skydiving Anlagen, sowie Lektor und Guide auf verschiedenen Schiffen in abgeschiedenen Regionen. Als Wahlheimat und Basis zwischen den Trips ist sie in Wien ansässig.

Tom van Hoof – Expedition Guide



Tom fell in love with the Arctic when he was attending a climatology masterclass as student at the University Centre of Svalbard in 2001. During his PhD research at Utrecht University he organised and carried out several lake coring expeditions in the USA and Scandinavia. During his PhD Tom published a number of key scientific publications on the role of CO₂ on climate change during the past millennium. After living a year in the desert of Tucson, Arizona (USA), where he was working as a Postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Arizona, Tom returned to the Arctic when he started working for the Dutch Geological Survey in 2005. As a biostratigrapher (fossil-lover) he returned to Spitsbergen for a number of expeditions, collecting rocks and guiding fellow geologists. Tom's academic background in geology/paleoclimatology is a broad one, ranging from climate change during the past

1000 years to ecology of coal forming swamp ecosystems 300 million years ago. He loves to be outside especially in the Arctic wilderness. In 2018 Tom left the Dutch Geological Survey and started his own geological consultancy business.

Deutsch: Tom hat sich in die Arktis verliebt als er 2001 einen Master-Kurs für Studenten der Klimatologie am Universitätszentrum von Svalbard besuchte. Während seiner Doktorantenzeit an der Universität Utrecht hat er einige Sedimentkernbohrungen in Seen Skandinaviens und der USA organisiert und durchgeführt. Während seiner Promotion veröffentlichte er eine Reihe von wissenschaftlichen Artikeln über die Rolle von CO₂ in Zusammenhang mit dem Klimawandel des letzten Jahrhunderts. Nach einem Jahr in Tucson, Arizona (USA), wo er nach seiner Promotion als wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter an der Universität von Arizona tätig war, kehrte Tom in die Arktis zurück, wo er 2005 begann für den holländischen Geologischen Dienst zu arbeiten. Als Paläontologe (Fossilienliebhaber) kam er für eine Reihe von Expeditionen nach Spitzbergen zurück, um Gestein zu sammeln und andere Geologen zu führen. Toms akademisches Hintergrundwissen Geologie und Paläoklimatologie ist breit angelegt und reicht von Klimaveränderungen in den letzten 1000 Jahren bis zur Ökologie Kohle bildender Sumpfsysteme vor 300 Millionen Jahren. Er ist gerne draußen unterwegs, besonders in der arktischen Wildnis. 2018 hat Tom den Holländischen Geologischen Dienst verlassen und sein eigenes Unternehmen im Bereich Geologie gegründet.

CLAUDIO GHIGLIONE

Marine ecologist, expedition guide and wildlife photographer
Meerebiologe, Naturführer und Tierfotograf



English: Claudio graduated first in *Marine Environmental Sciences* (BA) and then in *Marine Science* (MA). In March 2017 he obtained a *PhD in Earth, Environmental and Polar Sciences* run in cooperation with Italy and UK.

For several years he worked as a polar researcher focusing his work mainly on the South Pole.

During his academic career, he actively takes part in some scientific expeditions both in Arctic and in Antarctica in cooperation with Norway and England. Specialised in nature, scientific and travel photography, Claudio uses his photos as a means of telling stories to draw attention mainly to his main subjects, namely animals, nature and environment. In the 2019 he published his first book 'Polar Lights' with which he wants to share his passion for nature and polar areas.

Deutsch: Claudio hat einen Abschluss in Marinen Umweltwissenschaften und Meereswissenschaften. Im März 2017 schloss er seine Doktorarbeit in Erd-, Umwelt und Polarwissenschaften ab. Mehrere Jahre arbeitete er als Polarforscher mit Schwerpunkt Südpol. Während seiner akademischen Karriere nahm er an mehreren wissenschaftlichen Expeditionen teil, die in Kooperation mit Norwegen und England durchgeführt wurden. Als Fotograf hat sich Claudio auf Natur-, Wissenschaft- und Reisefotografie spezialisiert. Er benutzt seine Bilder, um Geschichten zu erzählen und das Augenmerk auf Tiere, Natur und Umwelt zu lenken. 2019 veröffentlichte er sein erstes Buch 'Polar Lights'. Er hofft damit, seine Leidenschaft für die Natur und Polarregionen mit andern teilen zu können.

Nelleke Ernsting, Schiffsarzt



Nelleke is a GP in Amsterdam, locum to do a lot of other nice things in between. Like crossing the Atlantic Ocean as a ships' doctor, giving courses for Greenpeace in different places of the world and last but not least traveling.

Before she became a GP she was a military doctor, where she learned practicing medicine in not standard circumstances. She did the Diploma in Mountain Medicine (UK) to learn even more.

She loves to be in the mountains in her spare time, nice hikes or alpine routes, as remote as possible. That's why she also loves to be a ships' doctor to remote places. Besides this she plays waterpolo and she is running once in a while, she don't mind to combine the last one with the mountains.

Deutsch: Nelleke ist Allgemeinmedizinerin in Amsterdam, und macht noch viele faszinierende Dinge zwischen Ihren Einsätzen. Sie überquerte den atlantischen Ozean als Schiffsdoktor, gibt Kurse für Greenpeace an verschiedenen Stellen auf der Welt und natürlich liebt Sie das Reisen.

Ihre Karriere startete Sie beim Militär, wo sie lernte praktisch unter allen Umständen zu arbeiten und bildete sich weiter in Alpiner Medizin in Großbritannien um noch mehr zu lernen.

Sie liebt es Ihre Freizeit in den Bergen zu verbringen, egal ob beim wandern oder auf Klettersteigen, hauptsache fernab der Zivilisation. Ebenso spielt Sie Wasserpolo und geht gerne laufen, letzteres verbindet Sie auch gerne mit Ihrer großen Leidenschaft den Bergen.



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EXPEDITIONS

Captain Andrei Zybin

and his international crew

of 46

Including:

Hotel Manager:	Zsuzsanna Varga	[Hungary]
Assist. Hotel Manager:	Oleksandr Lyebyedyev	[Ukraine]
Head Chef:	Khabir Moraes	[India]
Sous Chef:	Ivan Ivanovic	[Serbia]
Ship's Physician:	Nellke Ernsting	[Netherlands]
Expedition Leader:	Michael Ginzburg	[Germany]
Asst Expedition Leader:	Florence Kuijper	[Netherlands]
Expedition Guide:	Andrey Volkov	[Russia]
Expedition Guide:	Daniel Hoehne	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Sandra Ophorst	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Stefanie Liller	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Tom van Hoof	[Netherlands]
Expedition Guide:	Claudio Ghiglione	[Italy]

Welcome you on board!



DAILY PROGRAM

In Search of Polar Bears!

10th June 2019

Welcome on board!

Your luggage should already be in your cabin. Please check that you are not missing any luggage and if there is luggage in your cabin that does NOT belong to you or your cabin mate please tell a member of staff or crew.

Feel free to explore the ship. Tea and coffee are always available in the Lounge on Deck 5

~1700 We would like to invite you to the **Lounge** (Deck 5) for a welcome from Expedition Leader **Michael Ginzburg** and an introduction to the ship by Hotel Manager **Zsuzsanna Varga**.

This will be followed by **Mandatory Safety and Lifeboat Briefing** in the Lounge. **ALL** passengers **must** attend this very important safety briefing.

~1800 Plancius will leave the pier of Longyearbyen. Enjoy the views from the outside decks.

Lifeboat Drill.

After departure we will complete the **Lifeboat Drill**. Please listen for alarms and announcements and make your way to the Muster Station, the Lounge with your warm clothes, Lifejacket and Key Card. This is on Deck 5.

The Bridge and Bridge wings will be closed this evening.

~1900 **Captains Cocktails!** Captain **Andrei Zybin** invites you to join him for a welcome drink in the Lounge. You will also meet the Expedition Team and hear more about our voyage around Svalbard.

1930 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room located on Deck 3 (behind reception). Bon appétit!



DAILY PROGRAM

In Search of Polar Bears!

11th June 2019 - Isfjord

- 0700 Wakeup call from your Expedition Leader Michael. Good Morning!
- 0730 The breakfast buffet is available in the Restaurant for 1 hour.
- 0830 Please join Michael in the lounge for **mandatory** briefings. This will outline our Zodiac operations on Plancius and Polar Bear safety on shore.

Expedition Morning in Billefjord

- ~0945 **Billefjord.** This fjord has some interesting geology and birdlife on the islets at the entrance of the fjord. The scenery is spectacular. We will sail in early morning to enjoy all that and also look for big mammals in the sea or on land. Please join us and be prepared for any activity in case we can go off the ship for nice observations

If we encounter marine mammals, please **keep noise levels down** (speak quietly; close doors gently) for the best opportunities to remain with the wildlife.

- 12.30 Buffet Lunch is served in the dining room

~1400 Expedition Afternoon in Ekmanfjord

During the afternoon we will sail into Ekmanfjord where we know there is still some fast ice and there may be some seals. We will continue our search for other wildlife. Any activities will depend on the ice conditions, the wildlife and the weather so please standby for announcements.

- 1830 Re-cap. Please join the Expedition staff in the Lounge for our Re-cap. Michael will outline our plans for the coming days and there will be some stories from staff!
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!



DAILY PROGRAM

In Search of Polar Bears!

12th June 2019

- 0700 Wakeup call from your Expedition Leader Michael. Good Morning!
- 0730 The breakfast buffet is available in the Restaurant for 1 hour.
- 0845 **14 Julibukta.** For the morning we will explore the beautiful fjord of 14 Julibukta which has the 14 Julibreen at the end of it. We would like to take our German speaking guest ashore first and we you will walk below the high cliffs and seabird colonies. The next boats will go on a Zodiac cruise to some low cliffs to see some of the nesting seabirds and then navigate to the glacier front.
The groups will then swap so that all of you can explore this beautiful place from land and sea.
- 1230 Buffet Lunch is served in the dining room
- ~1400 **Ny London.** At this time we would like to start taking you ashore at Ny London. This was the site of a marble mine in 1911 and we can still see some of the industrial history of the island. There are sometimes reindeer in the area and Arctic fox have sometimes been seen. For the afternoon we will offer you 4 groups:
- Long Hike Group** – the aim is to reach a viewpoint on the upper slopes of the island. The terrain is steep and rocky in places. *Long hikers please come to the gangway first*
- Medium Hike Group** – we will follow the long hiking group to a lower view point. The pace will be a little slower and there will be more time to stop for photographs.
- Medium Hike Photography Group** – we will spend some time along the coastline before following a similar direction to the hiking groups but there will be plenty of time for photos and also advice from the guides.
- Leisurely walk** – we will enjoy the lower coastal area with plenty of time for birdwatching over easy terrain.
Long hikers please come to the gangway first.
- 1830 Re-cap. Please join the Expedition staff in the Lounge for our Re-cap. Michael will outline our plans for the coming days and there will be some stories from staff!
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!



DAILY PROGRAM

In Search of Polar Bears!

13th June 2019

All activities today are ice- and wildlife-dependent.

0730 Wakeup call from your Expedition Leader Michael. Good Morning!

0800 The breakfast buffet is available in the Restaurant for 1 hour.

Expedition Morning!

North of Svalbard we will encounter the pack ice, a spectacular Arctic Wonderland. Please join us on deck – it is a brilliant experience itself to manoeuvre close to the edge of the pack ice.

10.00 Vortrag auf Deutsch in die Lounge; „Eisbären“ bei Sandra.

11.15 Lecture in English in the Lounge; „Willem Barentsz discovery“ by Florence

If we encounter marine mammals, please **keep noise levels down** (speak quietly; close doors gently, be careful with tripods on the decks) for the best opportunities to remain with the wildlife.

1230 Buffet Lunch is served in the dining room

Expedition Afternoon!

We will remain in and around the pack ice as we continue our search for Arctic wildlife. But we will also spot seabirds, maybe even the Ivory gull and some seals.

15.00 Vortrag auf Deutsch in die Lounge: „Robben“ bei Steffi

16.15 Lecture in English in the Lounge : „Polar bear“ by Sandra

1830 Re-cap. Please join the Expedition staff in the Lounge for our Re-cap. Michael will outline our plans for the coming day and there will be some stories from staff!

1900 A very special **Arctic Dinner** is waiting for you on the backdeck. Please dress up warmly and don't forget to put on your dancing shoes. You reach the backdeck through the door in the back of the Restaurant. Bon appétit!



DAILY PROGRAM

In Search of Polar Bears!

14th June 2019

- 0715 Wakeup call from your Expedition Leader Michael. Good Morning!
- 0730 The breakfast buffet is available in the Restaurant for 1 hour.
- 0830 **Smeerenburg**, on Amsterdamøya. This morning we hope to take you ashore at Smeerenburg, a Dutch whaling settlement from the 17th century where we will be able to see the remains of old blubber ovens. If we see walrus, hauled out on shore, we would like to land here as follows:
830 All German speakers can go to the gangway to go ashore
945 All English speakers assemble at the gangway to go ashore at Smeerenburg
- 1230 Buffet Lunch is served in the dining room
- 1400 **Magdalenafjord**. We plan to spend the afternoon in this very scenic fjord which has a number of glaciers feeding down into it and is surrounded by steep pointed mountains.
We will **zodiac cruise** to view one of the stunning glaciers in Magdalenafjord, the Waggonwaybreen.
- 1830 Re-cap. Please join the Expedition staff in the Lounge for our Re-cap. Michael will outline our plans for the coming days and there will be some stories from staff!
- 1900 A very special **Arctic Dinner** is waiting for you on the backdeck. Please dress up warmly and don't forget to put on your dancing shoes. You reach the backdeck through the door in the back of the Restaurant. Bon appétit!



DAILY PROGRAM

In Search of Polar Bears!

15th June 2019

- 0715 Wakeup call from your Expedition Leader Michael. Good Morning!
- 0730 The breakfast buffet is available in the Restaurant for 1 hour.
- 0845 **Signehamna.** We hope to go ashore in the small fjord of Signehamna, which is a side arm off the Lilliehöökfjord. Here there are some remains from a German marine weather station but the attraction of this area is the Arctic scenery. We will offer our usual hiking options exploring the local area.
- 1230 Buffet Lunch is served in the dining room
- 1415 **Ossian Sars.** During lunch we will sail towards this very scenic island that has been declared a nature reserve. Depending on the conditions we will try to land and walk to a birdcliff and see foxes, reindeer and lots of birds.
- 1830 **Re-cap.** Please join the Expedition staff in the Lounge for our Re-cap. Michael will outline our plans for the coming days and there will be some stories from staff!
- 1900 Dinner is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!



DAILY PROGRAM

In Search of Polar Bears!

16th June 2019

0715 Wakeup call from your Expedition Leader Michael. Good Morning!

0730 The breakfast buffet is available in the Restaurant for 1 hour.

~0900 This morning we would like to land at **Skansbukta** which was the site of an old gypsum mine. You can still see the train tracks and the mine entrance. The surrounding scenery is spectacular and there are sometimes reindeer and foxes in the area. We will do a perimeter landing at this site so please stay within the boundary of the guides and enjoy your time on shore. Also, weather permitting, we would like to offer the possibility to do a polar plunge in the ice cold waters of Billefjord. For those interested, please bring your swimming gear and from our side we will bring the towels.

1200 Buffet Lunch is available in the dining room.

~1330 Our final afternoon will be fully dedicated to the search of the polar bear in the scenic fjords of **Isfjord**. Be prepared for a last minute zodiac cruise!

1800 Captain's Cocktails. We will meet with our Captain to toast the success of the voyage and Michael will outline the procedure for disembarkation.

1830 **Farewell Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit!



DAILY PROGRAM

In Search of Polar Bears!

17th June 2019

This is for those of you leaving on Flight SK4497 to Oslo at 02.25

Please leave your large check in luggage outside your room **before 10pm.**

There will be some soft drinks and chocolate bars in the Lounge for to take to the airport as facilities may be limited at this time.

At Midnight please make your way to the gangway and identify your luggage on the pier. The gangway is on Deck 4.

Take your luggage to the bus which will be waiting to take you to the airport at 00:20.

On arrival take your luggage from the bus and check in for your flight.

On behalf of Oceanwide and all the crew and staff on board Plancius we thank you for travelling with us and wish you all a safe journey home.