



# Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula

on board

**m/v Hondius**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019**



The MV *Hondius* was built in 2019 in Brodosplit, Croatia, as an expedition vessel for Oceanwide Expeditions. *Hondius* is 107.60m long, 17,60m wide and has a maximum draught of 5.3m and has an exceptionally high Ice class of PC6, a top speed of 15 knots and 3 diesel generators. The *Hondius* sails on LSMGO. Now the ship is sailing as a 176-passenger vessel with 83 cabins. Our beautiful, modern vessel carries 369m<sup>3</sup> of fresh water and has a water plant producing 70m<sup>3</sup> per day. In many ways, the *Hondius* is the perfect vessel for a true polar adventure!

# **Captain Alexey Nazarov**

**and his international crew of 68**

including

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Second Officer:	<b>Warren Villanueva</b>
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Sous Chef:	<b>Ivan Yuriychuk</b>
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And

Expedition Leader:	<b>Troels Jacobsen</b>
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**We welcome you on board!**

# Day 1: 3rd November 2019

## Embarkation, Puerto Madryn

GPS position at 0800: 42°45'.7 S, 65°01'.4 W

Wind: W4 Sea State: port Weather: sunny

Air Temp: +17 °C Sea Temp: +14 °C

Most of us flew into Trelew and made our way to Puerto Madryn a day or so in advance of our adventure. Puerto Madryn provided a lovely spot to chill out, walk the seaside promenade, and build anticipation.

Finally, the late afternoon came and it was time for boarding. The Expedition Staff helped to handle our luggage and see us onto the

beautiful ship that was to be our home for the next 3 weeks: *MV Hondius*. We were ready to start our adventure.

We started with a briefing to get us familiar with the ship, and the mandatory safety briefing that followed. As this wrapped-up we cast off

from the wharf and turned our bow to the open sea. We were given time to head to the outer decks to wave goodbye, and then had a bit of serious business with the donning of life jackets for the lifeboat drill.



sunset - a wonderful harbinger for a successful voyage.

Only a few minutes later we were back in the Observation Lounge for the Captain's Cocktail Party. We took the opportunity to enjoy the lovely nibbles, toast to the voyage and start to meet our fellow passengers. A few were lucky to spot a Southern Right Whale mother and calf off the starboard side.

Meanwhile, everyone was lucky to enjoy a tasty dinner buffet accompanied by a stupendous



## Day 2: 4th November 2019

### At Sea enroute to Falkland Islands

**GPS position at 0800: 44°53'.7 S, 63°28'.4 W**

**Wind: W5 Sea State: slight Weather: clear**

**Air Temp: +15°C Sea Temp: +12°C**

We woke to fairly “lumpy” seas and a brisk wind giving enough motion to upset some of our equilibrium. Some were confined to the berth while our bodies became accustomed to this change from solid ground.



The rest of us – the majority – met in the lounge after breakfast to be introduced to the Expedition Team. It was great to see the wide variety of expertise and experience that they have to share with us. We had a festival of boot fitting down in the zodiac embarkation area – getting closer to being

ready for our first landing, and whetting our appetites for adventure.

Meanwhile our appetite for excellent food continued to be more than satisfied by the quality and variety of the meals – including today’s excellent lunch. As the afternoon

progressed the sea state calmed and more and more of use were able to be part of the action.

Martin was assigned the tricky after lunch lecture slot – always a tough one with an audience of satisfied and sometimes sleepy people. But he wowed us with a superb presentation on *Seabirds – Masters of the Sea and Sky*.

This voyage marks the start of a new Oceanwide programme of on-board workshops. In an afternoon session we were introduced to the workshops for this voyage; Photography and Videography, and Scientific Acoustics.

There was a bit of a frenzy and some high-powered negotiation as we divided ourselves into 4 separate groups for landings and zodiac cruising. Another step closer.

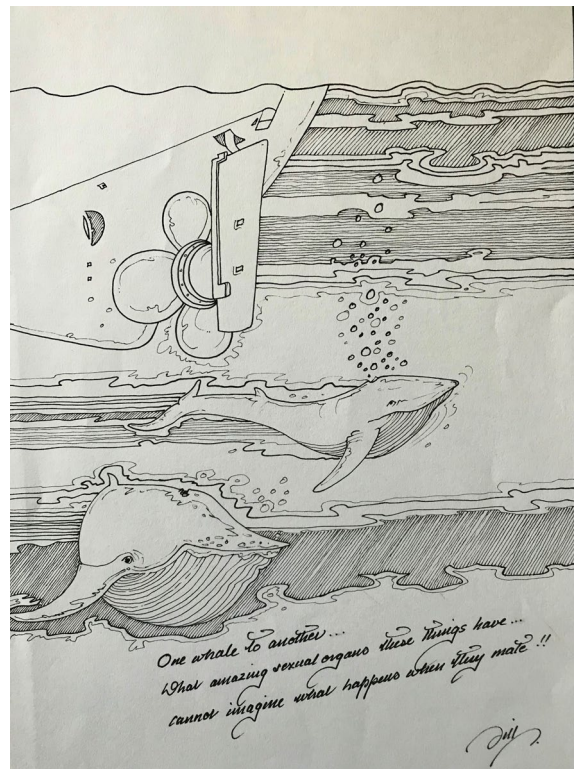
Before dinner we had our first Recap and Briefing. Troels introduced us to windy.com – including a map of the next day's travel and the Falkland Islands showing a bit more yellow/orange and a bit less blue/green than we would have liked. Fingers crossed for a change. Bill help us to prepare our senses and consciousness to Look, See, Think and Do.

Which Neill immediately put into action with some deep thoughts on social media responsibility. We are learning that an expedition has many facets.

Bill has started to contribute his excellent drawing to help celebrate notable activities of our voyage.

Our first plated dinner was again a feast. We are going to need the activity of landings soon or we will all be rolling onto the zodiacs instead of walking.

The evening hours saw 2 special interest groups convene – Chinese photographers and birders followed on their activities of the day. Never a dull moment and a well-earned sleep.



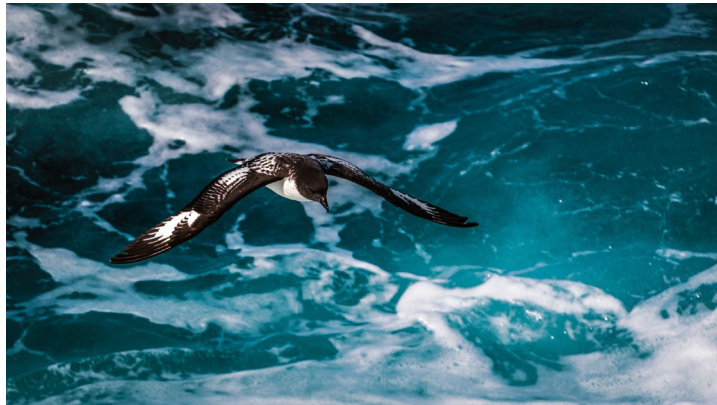
## Day 3: 5th November 2019

### At Sea enroute to Falkland Islands

GPS position at 0800: 48°47'.2 S, 61°49'.4 W

Wind: W5 Sea State: moderate Weather: overcast

Air Temp: +12°C Sea Temp: +10°C



The hardcore birders were again up with the dawn while many of us heard Troels call us at 7:30 for breakfast at 8:00. The day was fine, not too cold and not too windy. The sea state was moderate. Many of us have now gained our sea legs sufficiently to dance with the *Hondius* as we make our way along the passage ways – keeping one hand for

ourselves and one for our partner at all times, of course.

The first business of the morning was the IAATO introduction to behaviour ashore. We learned the “5 metre rule” and other safety, security and environmental behaviours required. After a yummy lunch we put some of the biosecurity measures in practice as we cleaned out boots and outerwear and had them checked and approved by the Expedition Staff. Another step closer.

Falkland Island local Tiphanie touched and entertained us with her very personal description and introduction to her native land. It is clearly the home to 3000 very creative, energetic and busy people. And friendly too we hope.

Ole licked off the bioacoustics workshop with an introduction to sound communication showing us ways to display sounds graphically for visual understanding and analysis. The Recap and Briefing included Troels’ description of Plan A for landings with caveats on conditions to be assessed upon arrival. The Plan A is for Carcass Island in the morning and West Point Island in the afternoon.

I think that I will stop mentioning dinner in this log and you should just insert “Dinner was again delicious and a good chance to share time and experiences with fellow guests and staff”.

The usual suspects were to be found in the lounge after dinner while the evening would down. Only one more sleep.



## Day 4: 6th November 2019

### West Falkland Islands – Carcass Island

**GPS position at 0800: 51°16'.7 S, 60°28'.2 W**

**Wind: WNW3 Sea State: moderate Weather: partly cloudy**

**Air Temp: +6°C Sea Temp: +3°C**

The morning broke to the sight of the white sand beach at the south end of Carcass Island. However, between us and the beach was a windy choppy sea. We had been prepared for a wet landing – but this one was a wet wet landing as the zodiacs were doused with spray on the way in.



Once there, we were split into our pre-arranged groups for birding, walking to the settlement, or exploring the area around the landing. The birders nailed all the target species including Cobbs Wren. While the walkers didn't have time to complete the whole journey, they did explore along the track. Most ended up at the beach and moorland with the Gentoo and Magellanic penguins, many geese with chicks in tow and a variety of other bird species.

As the morning passed the wind continued to build. When the time came to return to *Hondius* it was gusting to 50 knots. Clearly this made zodiac operations extremely difficult. Nonetheless, our spirit of adventure kicked in and all braved the conditions without complaint. Everyone was returned to the ship safely and with some small hint of how conditions can change in these wild places.

This is an expedition so activities must be adapted to fit the changing conditions. In these conditions our planned afternoon at West Point Island was cancelled. No one complained as we had learned from the morning.

Plan B was quickly organized. John gave a presentation on *The History of the Falkland Islands* and then Neill led the next session of the photography workshop.

Troels began his briefing by expressing his thanks to his team. We responded with an enthusiastic round of applause to show our thanks and appreciation. He then outlined the plan for our morning visit to Stanley. The windy weather is expected to continue.



Dinner certainly hit the spot after a busy wild day. Many of us hit the sack early. It was the end of a true expeditionary day full of wildlife in a wild place in wild weather – a truly fitting way to start this adventure.

## Day 5: 7th November 2019

### Stanley, Falkland Islands

**GPS position at 0800: 51°41'.2 S, 57°51'.2 W**

**Wind: SSW6 Sea State: moderate Weather: rain**

**Air Temp: +2°C Sea Temp: +9°C**



A 0600 wakeup call gave us the opportunity see the entrance into Stanley harbor and the long cruise through the channel and outer harbor to the township. Our arrival in Stanley was via a wet dry landing as the short zodiac ride was wet but they getting onto the wharf was easy. We then split into our various groups and did our own thing. Activities included tours, walking around town, visits to the museum and cathedral, shopping, and penguin excursions.

On the shuttle rides, and all around the ship, the Commerson's dolphins came over to check us out. The return voyage back to the open sea gave the sleepyheads the chance to see the landscape they had missed. As we exited the channel and set the heading for South Georgia *Hondius* started to roll a bit. This raised some trepidation with those of us still sensitive to motion – but the Captain soon deployed the stabilizers. They worked very well indeed and we had a smooth and comfortable ride. Once underway, and well fed, Michael Green entertained us with a humorous and informative account of his personal part in the 1982 conflict in his talk *General Gualtieri my part in his downfall*.



George continued our photo/video

education with his *Introduction to film making and some simple techniques for your smartphone masterpiece*.

The Recap and Briefing provided follow-up on the dolphins when Suzie ran through the full list of marine mammals seen on the trip so far. We have a few sea days ahead before we reach South Georgia so Troels showed us what to expect along the way as well – which was delightfully blue and green on windy.com.



As we are back “on holiday” we will get a sleep-in tomorrow – so the lounge was well filled with happy conversation and laughter into the evening.

## Day 6: 8th November 2019

### At Sea enroute to South Georgia

**GPS position at 0800: 52°27'.5 S, 57°51'.2 W**

**Wind: WSW3 Sea State: slight Weather: sunny**

**Air Temp: +9°C Sea Temp: +7°C**

Holiday mode continued with a relaxed start. Troels was even late with the wake-up call! Still, we are here to learn so Sara got a bit technical in her talk about her research into what animals can hear. She showed how these studies are done – and how they help us understand the behavior and world view of animals - in her talk *Practical Psychophysics*. There was then time for photo editing, reading, relaxation, journal writing, and chatting before, during and after lunch. A welcome bit of down time.



While we were slowing down, *Hondius* was speeding up. The Captain ordered the use of both engines to hit our top speed of 15 knots to give us the maximum time in South Georgia.

Time on deck is always good on sea days, but today the number and variety of birds was exceptional, Killer Whales were spotted, and we even had a bit of a blizzard followed soon by bright sunny skies. If you don't like the

weather or the scenery, then just wait a minute

In the afternoon Tiphonie continued our education with her talk on *Invasive Species*. This is a very relevant topic on this voyage as we have all learned that we must be highly vigilant to not transfer any seeds or pathogens from site to site.

Laurence continued the day's theme with his lecture on *High latitude bathymetry: the world beneath the waves*. He explained how the ocean floor is mapped and had us guessing at a number of unusual patterns on the sea bed.

In the Recap and Briefing Troels passed along the good news that the wind and sea conditions for the rest of our passage to South Georgia is expected to stay moderate. He also gave a short overview of his Plan A, starting with an early morning landing at St. Andrews Bay. He said that if we can pull off all of Plan A he will be very happy – and so will we, no doubt. Ben then did a super job of giving us an insight into the Argentine perspective on Las Malvinas – with humor and humanity.

We lost one hour of sleep as the clocks changed overnight, but this didn't seem to make the lounge empty any earlier.



## Day 7: 9th November 2019

### At Sea enroute to South Georgia

**GPS position at 0800: 53°20'.8 S, 43°14'.6 W**

**Wind: WSW5 Sea State: moderate Weather: overcast**

**Air Temp: +0°C Sea Temp: +4°C**

With that lost hour getting up was a bit tougher than usual, but a hearty breakfast plus an extra cup of coffee soon had us humming again.

First up was an excellent and informative talk from John on *The History of South Georgia* giving a taste of the natural and human history of this wildlife paradise including background on the whalers and the current conservation efforts.

Saturday lunch has a bit of tradition behind it as we were served split pea and ham soup ala the Dutch Navy - then a special treat with build-your-own ice cream sundaes.

After lunch we were again called down to the boot room on deck 3 for the mandatory biosecurity check. We brought all our outdoor clothing and gear for a good clean, vacuum, and inspection. None of us wanted to be the one to introduce a pest.

Along the same theme, later that afternoon we joined the expedition team in the observation lounge for a safety and environmental briefing about South Georgia. We all see the effort that the team and the authorities are making to protect this special place and want to do our part.





Throughout the day there were various wildlife sightings. This was especially true as we passed the impressive sea stacks of Shag Rocks. Here there were Humpback Whales and Antarctic Fur Seals feeding while the cormorants that give the rocks their name shared the airspace with numerous other species. The daily briefing broke the news that the landing at St. Andrews Bay will commence at 0530 for half of us. The holiday is over - let the expedition resume! The luckier half (we are all

lucky) get to have breakfast before landing at 8:30. The afternoon would see us visiting Gritviken to visit the museum, the ruins of the whaling station, and Shackleton's grave. This news did send us to bed a bit earlier – to dream of tomorrow.

## Day 8: 10th November 2019

### South Georgia - St. Andrews Bay, Gritviken

**GPS position at 0800: 54°28'2. S, 36°10'.2 W**

**Wind: NNE3 Sea State: slight Weather: clear**

**Air Temp: +2°C Sea Temp: +3°C**



We woke to the sight of the mountains of South Georgia dusted with new snow. The billowing clouds cloaked the mountains and served to emphasize the blue of the sky. The first icebergs of the voyage were scattered in the bay, but we paid them no notice.

We were soon on the wide beach of St Andrews Bay surrounded by King penguins – in the sea, on the beach – countless King penguins. These fashion models of the penguin world strutted by calling “Look at me, look at me” and posing – so we looked and took photos. Then we put down the camera and crouched and waited while they approached us to check out these strange new creatures invading their world.

Sharing the stage were the Elephant seals, Antarctic Fur seals, Giant Petrels, Skuas, and more. It was wildlife overload. The conditions were near perfect for the walk to the overlook. From the hill we looked down on the valley rookery – brown downy chicks filling

the scene with adults scattered in the throng too. With the river and reflecting ponds plus mountainous background, we stood in awe. No matter what language you speak, words failed.

We finally tore ourselves away for lunch. The hubbub in the dining room was the loudest ever.

We moved to Gritviken for the afternoon. Sara of the South Georgia Heritage Trust welcomed us, and introduced the Trust and the excellent work that it does for conservation, education and the elimination of invasive species. Once ashore we were free to explore the whaling station and museum – with guided tours to help us get the most of the experience. There was also time to see the replica of Shackleton’s boat the *James Caird*, do a bit of shopping, and visit Shackleton’s grave for a toast to “The Boss”.



After a huge day dinner was most welcome, as was having our heads on our pillows.

## Day 9: 11th November 2019

### South Georgia – Salisbury Plain, Fortuna Bay

GPS position at 0800: 54°03'.1 S, 37°19'.2 W

Wind: WSW6 Sea State: slight Weather: overcast

Air Temp: +0°C Sea Temp: +3°C

We made our landing at Salisbury Plain as planned – in windy conditions with a bit of “liquid



sunshine” in the air. The reception committee of Fur Seal bulls was not all that happy to see us, and some were downright rude. The Expedition Staff helped to convince them to let us pass – so we made it across the foreshore and walked down the beach to the King Penguin colony. We were a bit closer to the colony than had been the case at St. Andrews Bay, and many curious penguins came over to check us out. Some of us were visited by a downy brown chick which chased and pestered its parent all over the area.

The after-lunch plan for a landing at Prion Island was blown out – so Plan B came into effect. It turned into an excellent alternative as the weather was quite settled in Fortuna Bay. We were able to get both a zodiac cruise and a landing. The cruise included visits to the grounded icebergs in the bay, and a search of nesting Light Mantled Sooty albatross. This search was a moderate success as those of us with good binoculars were able to see the nest. The landing was again a chance to joust with the Fur Seal bulls and the walk along grassy valley toward the glacier. Fortuna Bay is ringed with high rugged peaks, and when skyscape almost matched the landscape the effect was dramatic. Oh, then there was the wildlife and King penguin colony too.

This day was so full that there was not time for a plated dinner, so the buffet was in service and we ate our fill – again. In the briefing that followed we gave ourselves a big round of applause when Troels announced that we had passed the biosecurity inspection with a score of 97% - an exceptional score.

More than that, we were the first and only ship of the four that have visited this season to pass.

With that achievement we toasted ourselves and wondered whether we would have Plan A, B, C or Z tomorrow.



## Day 10: 12th November 2019

### South Georgia – Gold Harbor

**GPS position at 0800: 54°37'.6 S, 35°55'.9 W**

**Wind: NNW3 Sea State: slight Weather: snow**

**Air Temp: +2°C Sea Temp: +4°C**



The sun was shining brightly as we pulled into Gold Harbor at 0530. However, by the time of the landing and zodiac cruise at 0800 true sub-Antarctic conditions prevailed. We endured strong winds with sideways sleet – but was it ever worth it. Gold Harbor's natural beauty was somewhat veiled by the misty conditions – but was still stunning. The wildlife warmed us with abundance, variety and drama. The King Penguins were there in large numbers with the

colony the destination for our walk along the beach. But this time they had to play second fiddle to the Elephant Seals. The younger bulls were in the water as we landed. The females

were scattered in harems guarded by beachmasters. The beachmasters reared and bellowed and there were occasional violent confrontations. Seeing their size and power brought home the struggles they face to be successful. Best of all were the “weaners” or newly weaned pups. They were everywhere – but especially along the stream channel to the beach. Their big sad eyes and friendly approaches seemed to say “Are you my mother?”.

What a delight.

Conditions in Cooper Bay did not allow a zodiac cruise, so the Captain took us on a ship cruise instead. We were able to see the chinstrap and macaroni penguins in the water.

Then we caught up on our learning as Martin gave us a talk on *Life of a Penguin* – which was appropriately interrupted several times as we were called to the windows to see penguins alongside.

Then Celine told us all about *Elephant Seals as oceanographers* – showing how the seals are used to collect data for researchers. It was great to get a better understanding of the creatures who had recently shared their homes with us.



## Day 11: 13th November 2019

### South Georgia – Prion Island, Elsehul

**GPS position at 0800: 54°01'.5 S, 37°14'.1 W**

**Wind: W6 Sea State: slight Weather: overcast**

**Air Temp: +2°C Sea Temp: +3°C**

We were blown out of our first attempt to visit Prion Island. An advantage of the extended 4 day stay at South Georgia for this voyage was that we got a second chance. The zodiac shuttle was slightly bumpy, but well worth it. At the beach we could see that the elephant seals were gone except for a few weaners. Taking their place were the Fur Seal bulls busy fighting over the best positions to establish their harems. The Expedition Staff made a path for us and shepherded us safely to the boardwalk. Along the way we passed the Gentoo penguin colony sitting on newly laid eggs.

The top was the highlight. At the viewing platform the sky was filled with seabirds soaring on the wind. The chicks on the ground, especially the Wandering Albatross chicks looked like they wanted to share this action. The older ones spread their wings and flapped and



hopped, trying to get the feel of this crazy thing called flying. We could see that it won't be long before they will take to the air and become masters of the sea and sky.

The ship cruise along the coast over lunch gave us glimpses of the rugged land and glaciers through the mist. It had us wondering about our chance for one last adventure here.

As it happened the swell was building at Elsehul, but the wind moderated and the zodiac cruise was Go. It turned into an absolutely fitting farewell. We saw Macaroni penguins climbing the rocks to their colony, and Gentoos and Kings on the beach and porpoising around us. We saw Elephant and Fur seals on the beach plus swimming around the boats – even a leopard seal made a brief appearance. We saw the cliffs dotted with nesting blackbrowed, grey headed and light mantled sooty albatross – while all the time these same birds circled overhead. The cormorants and pintail ducks were not to be left out. You never knew where to look, but it hardly mattered.

We have had a super experience in South Georgia, and while we are sad to leave, we can look forward to a hearty dinner with friends as we start our sea days. These will be welcome as we need a bit of rest and downtime to get ready for Antarctica!



# Day 12: 14th November 2019

## At Sea enroute Elephant Island

GPS position at 0800: 55°18'.9 S, 40°56'.4 W

Wind: W5 Sea State: moderate Weather: fog

Air Temp: +1°C Sea Temp: +3°C

What a nice long sleep-in – only slightly interrupted by the wakeup call for most of us. Time for a leisurely breakfast and then some photo sorting and editing, or a nice nap.



Suzie then helped us to remember what we had learned about the seals seen so far, and to prepare for the new species on the Peninsula with her talk *Lifestyles of the Fat and Fabulous: Seals of Antarctica*.

The more relaxation and more food – plus a chance to clean the camera gear and review photos with George and Neill.

John told the remarkable survival story of both the Weddell Sea

party with *Endurance*, and the Ross Sea party with *Aurora*, with his talk *The Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition: Shackleton's Heroic Failure*.

Michael then entertained us with everything there is to know about navy jargon, picked up through his years serving in the British Navy.

The briefing showed smooth sailing ahead for the next 2 days as we head for Elephant Island, bypassing the South Orkney Islands due to too much sea ice. In the recap Claudio showed how the biological boundary of the Antarctic, the Antarctic Convergence, gives upwelling of nutrient rich waters to sustain the abundant wildlife; while Steve took a different tack with a bit of literary history through the examination of the poem *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*.

The highlight of the day was the uproariously funny and action-packed auction to support the South Georgia Heritage Trust. Did we laugh! While through the humor we also contributed over 2300 Euro to this great cause, and came away with nice mementos of our visit there.





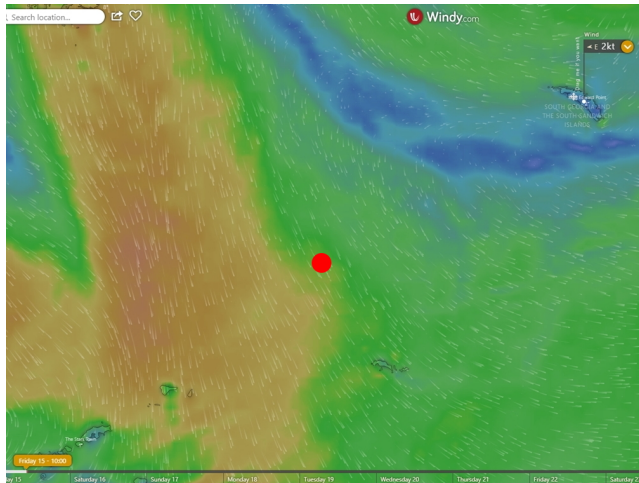
# Day 13: 15th November 2019

## At Sea enroute Elephant Island

GPS position at 0800: 57°18'.0 S, 46°38'.2 W

Wind: N4 Sea State: slight Weather: fog

Air Temp: 0°C Sea Temp: +3°C



As we are headed east we regained the hour of sleep that we had lost heading west. This was timely as many of us were a bit groggy following the consumption of too much grog at the happy hour that accompanied the auction. Luckily for us the seas are remaining very calm, and the wake-up call included our first Fin whale sighting of the day.

We are now accustomed to the routine of lectures on sea days. Today's talks kicked off with Terri exploring the

mysteries hidden beneath the continental ice of Antarctica in *Secrets of the Ice*. Then Steve showed us the man behind the superb images of Shackleton's *Endurance* expedition in *Golden Door of Adventure – Frank Hurley, Explorer Photographer*. In the final slot Bill told us the sad and savage story of *The Development of Whaling and Sealing in the Arctic*. As always there was plenty of time to relax and enjoy the passage, plenty of good conversation among our new friends, and plenty of great food to eat.

Meanwhile, outside the ship, we passed very close by to a large iceberg. It was the remnant of a tabular berg carved and sculpted. Along for the ride was a group of Chinstrap penguins. During the day, the sea conditions got gradually rougher as a squally area passed us going east as we headed west. Even in these rougher conditions *Hondius* gave a smooth ride, and whale sightings continued.



During the Recap and Briefing Troels read the list of 29 nationalities represented among us, John gave a quick look at the life of the sealer and explorer James Weddell, and Celine showed how albatross are being equipped with sensors and telemetry to detect and report on vessels to try to find and apprehend illegal fishing vessels.

We now slip easily into our evening routines of drinks and laughter in the lounge.

# Day 14: 16th November 2019

## Elephant Island

**GPS position at 0800: 61°06'.7 S, 54°21'.0 W**

**Wind: NW3 Sea State: slight Weather: overcast**

**Air Temp: +1°C Sea Temp: +2°C**

The wake-up call informed us that Elephant Island was in view off the bow, and when we looked, we could see that the sea had calmed considerably as we slept. We were also welcomed to Antarctica having crossed the political boundary of 60°S overnight.

Our breakfast was interrupted by the sighting of a pod of Killer Whales busy feeding in front of us. The foredeck was opened and we lined the railings for this long and close-up encounter.

What a great start to the day.

We watched as we approached and cruised along this historic island of rugged beauty, then



waddled into the lounge to hear Head Chef Ralf describe how he and his team are able to work their magic in his talk *Catering on Hondius in the Southern Ocean*.

We dropped anchor in the lee of the island in extremely gentle conditions and scanned the sea for penguins plus Antarctic and Dwarf Minke whales.

Following this very pleasant interlude we rounded to the north of the island to visit Point Wild where the 22 men of Shackleton's party waited 4 months for rescue. The Point is named in honor of Frank Wild, but it is in fact a truly WILD place, and a stunningly dramatic stage for the drama that played out here. Our visit was in conditions almost as spectacular as the place itself - sunshine, light winds and patchy blue sky. The large swell precluded a zodiac cruise but the Captain maneuvered *Hondius* deep into the cove overlooking the low exposed headland formerly occupied by "The Snuggery". We had a fine view. These men called Elephant Island "Hell-of-an-island" – with which we certainly agree, though perhaps not for the same reasons.



To cap off our visit the hotel crew laid on whisky and cider on the foredeck. We basked in the sunshine, serenaded the birthday girls, and let our beaming smiles be the subject of countless photos. Sara and Ole have been busy processing the sound recordings made on South Georgia and shared some results with us – including the silence of the seals and penguins while underwater in contrast to the racket on the beach.



In keeping with the day's events Martin gave a recap on Killer Whales showing how they are grouped into Types – we saw Antarctic Type A, and Claudio introduced us to the SO-Anteco project on which he was a contributor. It gathered seafloor life around the South Orkney Islands with the

goal of creating and expanding marine protected areas.

Then off to again sample to the cuisine explained by Ralf that morning – thinking that the morning seemed a long time ago after such a wonderful day.

## Day 15: 17th November 2019

### Brown Bluff, Antarctic Sound

**GPS position at 0800: 63°30'.8 S, 56°52'.8 W**

**Wind: Var1 Sea State: slight Weather: foggy**

**Air Temp: 0°C Sea Temp: +1°C**

Like a silent arrow through the foggy night *Hondius* carried us to our landing at Brown Bluff. As you could, in theory, walk to the South Pole from here, this is a continental landing – welcome to the Antarctic continent!

The zodiac shuttle ride showed how lucky we were to be able to make the landing. Our good fortune continued. A narrow channel to the shore was open upon arrival. In many cases it would have been too risky to use it as the ice shifting could close it. But, with the tide going

out the ice grounded, and the channel was safe to use. As a result, the shuttle was a fun ride among the floes.

The beach was packed with nesting and walking Adelie and Gentoo penguins. We had to thread our way carefully to avoid disturbing them. They were incubating eggs, or sometime steal stones to make better nests. Some were walking the beach or jumping around in the sea or up and down on the ice. This was the first visit with Adelies on this voyage – they are so fun to watch. They patrolled the beach in groups – first one way then the other – hoping that someone else is daring enough to get into the water first. Great fun and smiles on our dials.



The afternoon was spent heading south into the Weddell Sea for a ship cruise. We kept an eye out for wildlife and ice bergs as this is the furthest south we travel, and our best chance for some rare encounters. Sometimes we were a bit blanked out by the fog, but we were then entertained and informed by Bill in his talk about perspectives of the ocean in art *Paintings of the Sea*. The weather never cleared very well and a snow storm reminded us where we were.

For the recap Suzie showed us the variety of Minke whales in the world and how the ones that visited us fit in, then John told us the harrowing history of Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901-04 who survived the sinking of their ship *Antarctic* which was crushed in the ice not far from our location.

## Day 16: 18th November 2019

### Deception Island

**GPS position at 0800: 62°57'.9 S, 60°39'.2 W**

**Wind: W10 Sea State: very rough Weather: windy sun**

**Air Temp: -2°C Sea Temp: +2°C**

*Hondius* again flew through the night making such good speed through a heavy snowstorm. As a result, the wake-up call was early and announced a change of plans, and a glance out the window showed a winter scene in this Antarctic summer. Our afternoon visit to Deception Island had been changed to a morning visit. We scrambled a quick breakfast while the Expedition Team scrambled a new plan prepared to explain it to us at a briefing. Then, just as we came through Neptune's Bellows, the wind hit like a sledgehammer. The plan changed again and all operations were cancelled. Don't you just love expedition travel.



Meanwhile, it was back to the original plan for the morning – infotainment. Michael showed some great photos and videos to complement his stories in his talk *What lurks below while diving in the depths of Antarctica*. Then Neil and George took the next step for the photo workshop with an introduction to photo and video editing.

After a circuit of Port Foster we headed back out to sea. Immediately the Captain announced that all outer decks were closed. We crowded the windows in the lounge and the Bridge to see the force of the southern ocean. The sea was whitecaps with large swells. The bow crashing through them threw spray all the way up to the Bridge windows. Nonetheless, our progress as expeditioners was shown by the good turnout for lunch.



With no operations possible, the afternoon was filled with more contributions from the Expedition staff. Steve compared and contrasted many aspects of the Arctic and Antarctic polar regions in *Why Don't Polar Bears Eat Penguins?* Then Michael dug into his film archive to show a documentary on the life and work of the men stationed at the British Antarctic Survey base in the Ross Sea in 1959.

The recap covered the HappyWhale.com citizen science website by Suzie. In the

Briefing Troels showed us the prospect of better conditions for the remainder of the trip, and the prospect of snowshoeing among the penguins in the morning followed by a polar plunge. What a nice thought to fill our dinner conversations and dreams.

# Day 17: 19th November 2019

## Cuverville Island, Neko Harbour

**GPS position at 0800: 64°37'.2 S, 62°45'.4 W**

**Wind: SW1 Sea State: calm Weather: snow**

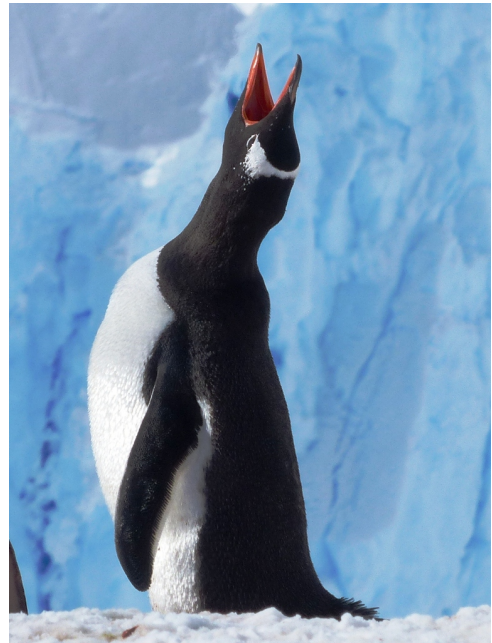
**Air Temp: below 0°C Sea Temp: +2°C**

The wake-up call gave us the usual particulars except the air temperature was missing – the snow and cold overnight had iced over the thermometer! We doubled our usual breakfast portions and added extra layers for our landing and zodiac cruise at Cuverville Island.

And it was cold at times, especially in the zodiacs, but at times the sun came out and the conditions were very pleasant. Nobody comes to Antarctica for the sunshine, but when the sunshine comes to Antarctica the result is simply sublime. Cuverville is one of the most spectacular places on the Peninsula, and we had it in ideal conditions. Pity the poor trip log writer when superlative adjectives simply fail – perhaps otherworldly, magical, ethereal, dramatic, stunning, fantastic, superb... Gentoos, seals, ice, mountains, and more – it had it all. Best of all, it was a big enough to find a little quiet spot, face a view without people, drink in the atmosphere, and just be there. Simply indescribable.

Over lunch we were out on the decks for the passage through the iceberg filled, super scenic, Errera Channel.

The afternoon landing and zodiac cruise was at Neko Harbour. It was in many ways similar to the morning – with the added bonus of huge glacier front spilling down the mountainside the across the bay. Sometimes, when you look through the viewfinder, you know that the picture that you are about to take will never do justice to the place you are standing. But, you take it anyway. You end up with a very nice image that you can show your friends. And, when you see it, you remember just a little bit of what it was like to be standing there with your camera. And you smile to yourself. Neko Harbour was that kind of place today.





To top it off we laughed or shivered depending on whether you were watching the Polar Plunge or plunging in yourself. Hilarious – and really nice that it was topped off with hot chocolate and rum back aboard. With our spirits high we enjoyed a well-earned dinner followed by a few drinks in the lounge while watching our final sunset on the Peninsula.

## Day 18: 20th November 2019

### Paradise Bay, Orne Islands

**GPS position at 0800: 64°53'.3 S, 62°52'8. W**

**Wind: WSW6 Sea State: slight Weather: partly cloudy**

**Air Temp: -7°C Sea Temp: +2°C**

The lesson from today, expeditioners, was that in Antarctica conditions can change very quickly. The sun from yesterday came only in brief patches today, the cold had intensified and the wind was gusty.

We were able to make our landing at the unoccupied Argentine Research Station of Almirante Brown but zodiac cruising was not possible. We explored the area around the station and were able to see the relatively modest quarters that house the occupants during



their summer stay. It was nice to be able to stretch our legs and climb up to an overlook of the Bay.

The challenge of the landing was the drifting brash ice and bergy bits. These forced a shift in our landing site for the first group. The second group's visit was slightly curtailed as a large mass of ice could be clearly seen from the shore to be heading on a course that would put it between us and the ship. Not wanting to spend the night in the empty huts, we moved smartly to board the boats back to our comfortable floating home. A hot coffee tasted especially good.



Claudio Ghiglione - Riftia.eu

The variability of the day carried through the afternoon landing too. The Troels managed to squeeze in one last “short but sweet” venture. This was to visit the Chinstrap penguin colony at the Orne Islands. The “Chinnies” were very active during our visit with comings and goings plus plenty of spypointing and calling. The weather also came and went so we experienced everything between benign sunshine and howling winds depending on the time of the visit. All in all a very Antarctic day, and a fitting one

to be the last before heading into the Drake.

The Briefing was brief – just to say that the weather looked good. John gave a recap covering the activities of Adrien de Gerlache and his shipmates – the first to winter over south of the Antarctic Circle – then Celine showed how penguins can fly after all.

We tried to make the most of the final views of this southern land while the evening slipped away.

## Day 19: 21st November 2019

### Drake Passage enroute Ushuaia

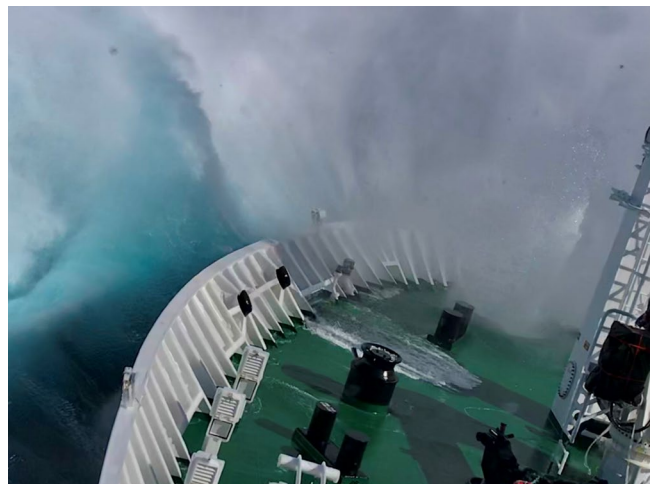
**GPS position at 0800: 61°43'.6 S, 65°42'.7 W**

**Wind: NE1 Sea State: smooth Weather: overcast**

**Air Temp: -2°C Sea Temp: +2°C**

We are by now accustomed to the gentle “rocking of the cradle” lulling us to sleep, or tempting us to a sleep-in on holiday days. But this is the feared and fearsome Drake Passage. So, for us it is much closer to the Drake Lake than the Drake Shake. We are not complaining, and the queue for breakfast is shorter than usual at the start as we trickle in to start the day.

For our holiday education and entertainment, the Expedition Staff has a full programme. It starts with John







telling us something of the political governance of this area, and how it came to be, in his talk *A Place for Peace and Science? - The Antarctic Treaty System*. Ole continued his workshop series with his lecture *Bird hearing in air and under water*.

Claudio's talk on *Climate Change* help us to see the strong evidence for the anthropogenic changes to the earth, and the strong need for action.

Along the way we had time to check the lounge screen for the finalists in the photo competition and vote for our favourites.

As we crossed through the Antarctic Convergence we saw the sea temperature increase and a noticeable change in the number of bird sightings and different species.

After dinner the time came to judge the photos. Our votes had been tallied and the 3 finalists for each category called to the stage. Then the judging panel listen to the shouts and claps for each, consulted

their applause-o-meter, and declared a winner for General, Wildlife and Landscape. Neill then revealed his personal selections as winners of Honourable Mentions. We cheered all participants, as the standard was very high overall, then rushed to the computers to grab our own copy of the entries and the other photos we have shared among ourselves.

The 3 winners are included in today's section of the log, and the 3 Honourable Mentions in tomorrows.



# Day 20: 22nd November 2019

## Drake Passage enroute Ushuaia

GPS position at 0800: 56°29'.7 S, 66°03'.4 W

Wind: WSW6 Sea State: slight Weather: partly cloudy

Air Temp: +5°C Sea Temp: +7°C



The final travel day for any expedition is inevitably a melancholy and bittersweet time. Our expedition was no exception. We are content, thrilled even, with the experiences that we have shared, but also aware that our time of sharing is drawing to a close. Today was a day for double checking onward travel arrangements, circulating to make sure that no farewells with special friends were missed, and wistful

reflection.

Happily, the expedition activities were not yet over. Ben helped to prepared us for the transition in his talk about the waterway that will carry us to Ushuaia – *The Beagle Channel*.

There were also the logistical arrangements for returning those wonderful Muck Boots that have served us so well and that we have tended with such bio-security care. Oh, we had to settle our accounts too!

Throughout the day we spent time on the decks in the balmy weather watching the sea birds, especially in the afternoon as we tracked along the south coast of Staten Island.

Then it was time for the final farewell from the crew of the *Hondius* at the Captain's farewell cocktail party.





We toasted to the success of our voyage and noted especially that this is the maiden voyage of *M.V. Hondius* in the Southern Ocean and to Antarctica. While we are sure that future voyages will be successful too, we know that there can be only one first time – so we feel happy and privileged to have been aboard. We also know that

this first voyage for this new ship is the final voyage south with Oceanwide for our Expedition Leader, Troels. We know that his efforts have played a key role in our enjoyment – starting with Plan A and ending up with doing everything possible. We wish him every success going forward.

Finally, there is nothing left except to laugh together one last time.

# Day 21: 23rd November 2019

## Disembarkation, Ushuaia

GPS position at 0800: °. S, °. W

Wind: W Sea State: x Weather: x

Air Temp: +°C Sea Temp: +°C

First Antarctic trip for Hondius



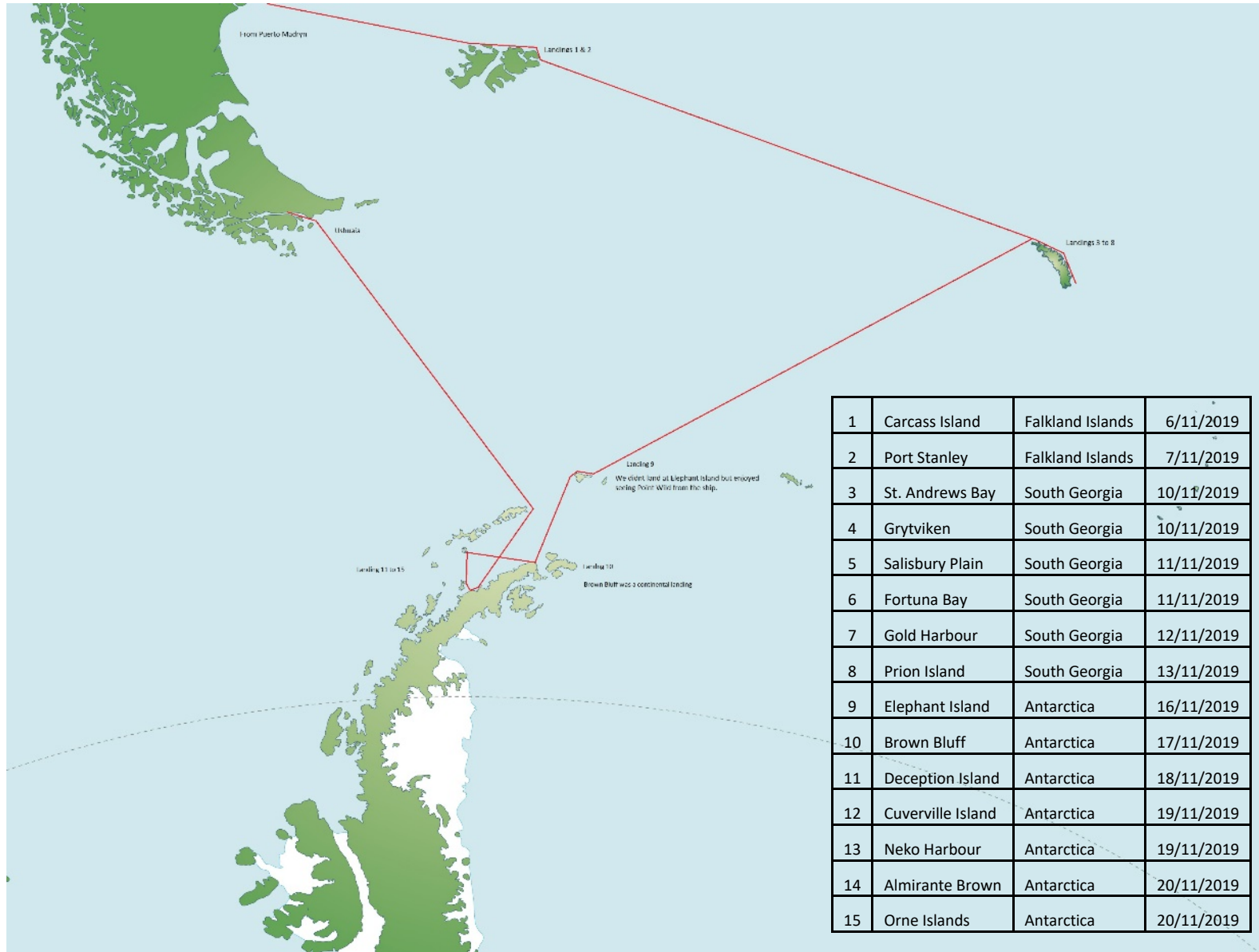
**Thank you all for such a wonderful voyage, for your company, good humour and enthusiasm. We hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!**

**Total distance sailed on our voyage: 4085 nautical miles**

**Furthest South: 64°53'.8 S, 062°52'.8 W**

**On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Alexey Nazarov, Expedition Leader Troels Jacobsen, Hotel Manager Michael Frauendorfer and all the crew and staff, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.**

### Trip Map of HDS21 to Falklands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula.



1	Carcass Island	Falkland Islands	6/11/2019
2	Port Stanley	Falkland Islands	7/11/2019
3	St. Andrews Bay	South Georgia	10/11/2019
4	Grytviken	South Georgia	10/11/2019
5	Salisbury Plain	South Georgia	11/11/2019
6	Fortuna Bay	South Georgia	11/11/2019
7	Gold Harbour	South Georgia	12/11/2019
8	Prion Island	South Georgia	13/11/2019
9	Elephant Island	Antarctica	16/11/2019
10	Brown Bluff	Antarctica	17/11/2019
11	Deception Island	Antarctica	18/11/2019
12	Cuverville Island	Antarctica	19/11/2019
13	Neko Harbour	Antarctica	19/11/2019
14	Almirante Brown	Antarctica	20/11/2019
15	Orne Islands	Antarctica	20/11/2019







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# Troels Jacobsen - Expedition Leader

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Troels studied biology at the University of Southern Denmark, Odense. The studies were emphasised on animal behaviour and marine mammals and ended with a Masters degree in 2001 on neonate Bottlenose dolphin behaviour.

Throughout his life he has had a sincere and keen interest in Nature particularly in the field of marine mammals.

The day after his Masters defence he left for Iceland and worked as a whale watch guide leading more than 500 whale watch trips from Keflavik on the South West coast.

Troels has worked as a freelance expedition leader and guide for Oceanwide Expeditions from 2003 to 2012 on most trips covering Svalbard, Greenland, Iceland, Antarctica and South Georgia as well as the Atlantic Odyssey.

Since 2012 he has been working in the head office of Oceanwide Expeditions as product manager. Prior to his desk job he has occupied himself with various freelance scientific challenges between seasons in the field of marine mammals covering a multitude of aspects from photo identification of dolphins and large whales, marine mammal survey work as well as participating in research on the accidental bi-catch of Harbour porpoises in commercial fishing gear.

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# Laurence Dyke – Assistant Expedition Leader

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Laurence is from Cornwall in the far southwest of the UK and grew up on the coast, never far from the water and boats. Laurence has a background as a geographer with a special focus in glaciology, a choice inspired by seeing a glacier up close for the first time in the Austrian Alps.

For the last 7 years he has worked in science, both in the UK and Denmark, working to understand how and why huge glacier systems have changed in the past. Laurence first visited the Arctic in 2010 whilst undertaking research for his PhD

and was immediately captivated by the wild landscapes of the high latitudes. His subsequent research has taken him on numerous expeditions to remote areas of Greenland, Svalbard, and Arctic Canada.

Laurence is also a passionate advocate for polar science, when time allows, he produces videos and articles about research from Greenland and the wider Arctic. Laurence lectures in glaciology and geography.

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# Martin Berg - Assistant Expedition Leader

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Martin's passion for birds and mammals has taken him all over the world in his search for rare species.

He has always been drawn to adventures and has participated in many expeditions and conservation projects into the Amazon rainforest, the Arctic, Caucasus, and the Himalayas to study poorly known and endangered bird species.

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

Martin holds an Honours degree in Biology from Lund University in Sweden and a Master's degree in Marine Biology from Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre in Canada. He lives in Stockholm, Sweden, but most of his time is currently spent either in the Arctic or Antarctica where he guides and gives lectures in a wide range of topics related to natural history.

Martin is a keen birder and experienced in bird and mammal identification, and while almost constantly focused with his binoculars busy finding seabirds and marine mammals, he always appreciates a good chat about ecology and conservation.

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# Ben Giunchi - Expedition Guide

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

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

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

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# Michael Green - Expedition Guide

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I have always loved the Sea and so joined the Navy as soon as I left School. In the Navy I became a diver and have enjoyed diving and instructing all over the world.

I joined Oceanwide Expeditions three years ago as a dive guide and have led and guided both in the Arctic and the Antarctic. I love both equally. Antarctica is one of the most special places on this planet in my opinion.

I am in my third year of a photography art degree and love seeing your photos they are all fantastic and capture different aspects of what we are going to see.

If you need any help with your camera or your photos just ask. White balance is a favourite as our cameras aren't used to an all-white background.

I look forward to helping you get the most from your holiday so please don't be frightened to ask any questions you may have.

My only tip for your trip is to take the time to look, then see and most importantly think.

The nicest moments are when you can be quiet and relaxed, stop listen to the silence and think where you are. Not many people get to do what you are doing so savor every second.

I look forward to helping you have a safe adventure here in the Antarctic.

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## Suzie Hanlan - Expedition Guide

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Suzie grew up sailing and rowing in Lake Ontario, Canada, in an area known as The Thousand Islands. Exploring nearby islands gave her a taste for freedom and adventure. This developed into a lifelong passion for wilderness and wildlife, inspiring her to attain a Master's of Science in Animal Behavior in Newfoundland, Canada.

Since then, she has spent sixteen summers as a field biologist in the Arctic, studying eiders, whales, seals, walrus and polar bears. For the past decade, she has conducted aerial surveys for marine

mammals in the Arctic and North Atlantic areas.

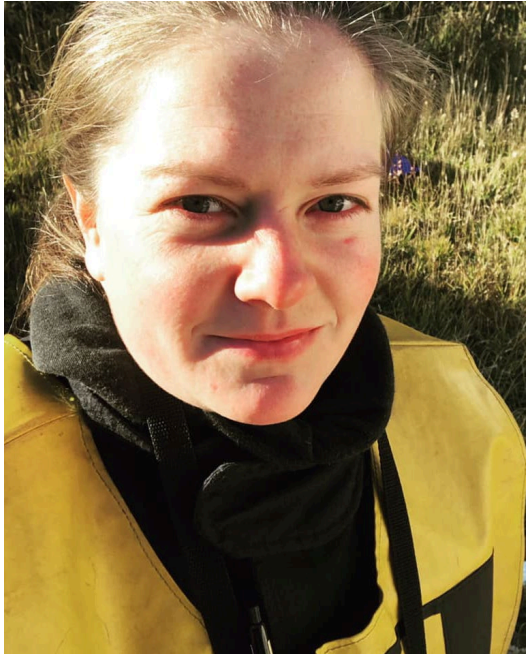
Currently, Suzie bases herself in Alaska where she enjoyed sharing its spectacular nature with visitors by guiding adventurous, multi-sport hiking and camping trips for over a decade. She loves romping with dogs in the mountains and embraces many outdoor activities such as hiking, skiing, biking, kayaking, and dip-netting salmon.

In recent years, she has been building an 'off-the-grid' cabin in the largest national park in the USA, Wrangell-St. Elias, which is part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Suzie is also a certified yoga instructor and enjoys taking her personal practice outdoors in whatever location she finds herself - from the tundra, to the alpine, or to a lovely Oaxacan beach. Suzie is excited to return to Antarctica for another season and looks forward to being part of a team of professionals dedicated to sharing one of the most wondrous places on Earth with you!

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# Tiphanie May - Expedition Guide

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Tiphanie was born and bred in the Falkland Islands and is an 8<sup>th</sup> generation Falkland Islander. She was raised on a group of 3 islands in the south of the Falklands called the Speedwell Island Group which her parents still run as a sheep farm to this day. Being raised on your own island, boats have been a major part of her upbringing and from a young age she operated the family boat “Theo” to travel between their islands and raise crab pots for their small inshore fishing business.

Tiphanie left the Falklands at 16 to attend further education gaining a BSc and MSc in Marine Biology. From university she went back to the Falklands to become a Scientific Observer. This involved 2 years at sea on board various fishing vessels collecting data on fish stocks and assisting with the development of bird friendly fishing methods.

In 2013 Tiphanie gave up full time sea work to experience various government departments allowing her time to fulfil one of her goals of representing the Falklands at the United Nations C24 meeting and later becoming a Commonwealth Youth Parliamentarian for the Falkland Islands. In 2013 Tiphanie also became a member of Falkland Islands Fire and Rescue service which has become one of her greatest passions.

In 2016 Tiphanie decided to settle down to a more mainstream career and became Assistant Manager of the Falkland Islands Fish Company running a 20,000 fish, sea trout farm when she’s not working as a lecture and guide aboard Oceanwide vessels.

Tiphanie holds a level 2 Powerboating Certificate, First Responder in Emergency Care Level 3 and Registered Falkland Island Guide certificate. Tiphanie’s lectures focus on life in the southern ocean varying from marine mammals to the population of Stanley in the Falkland Islands.

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# Terri Moore - Expedition Guide

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Terri is from Alberta Canada, born and raised in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. She has spent 15 years studying the environment and working in the expedition fields. Terri has three passions in life; Environment, Travel, and Adventure. She has worked all over the world and has a zest for life. Trying to combine her three passions as much as possible which leads her to exciting destinations, where she soaks up the culture and spends the rest of the time outdoors exploring in nature.

She has volunteered with many organizations, sailed through cyclones, and summited Himalayan peaks. She also holds a Guinness World Record in skiing. Through her work and extensive travel experience she has a wealth of world knowledge, including working with Polar Bears in the Canadian Arctic, expeditions to Patagonia, South Georgia and Antarctica, as well as guiding in Australia to see Humpback Whales. She is also a guest speaker at schools where she works with the teachers to help educate the students on science and geography related topics.

In addition to studying environmental science, she has also studied marine biology, and is a certified English teacher. Her most recent adventure saw her teamed up with the Canadian Cancer Society where she cycled across Canada to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer. She has worked with companies such as BBC, WWF, and National Geographic.

Terri views the world as a university and lives her life of travel like she is in a classroom constantly learning new things every day. When she isn't with us on our expeditions or traveling the globe, she is back home with her two step-children and partner Jon. She enjoys travel, hiking, skiing, cycling, sailing, stand up paddle boarding and running.



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## John Rogers - Expedition Guide

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History came early to me as my home town, Concord, Massachusetts, is famous as the site of the first battle of the American Revolution and much early American literary culture. I learned to swim in Walden Pond, of Thoreau fame. My love of the outdoors started with family holidays to lakes and mountains.

Following a move to Los Angeles to undertake a Bachelor of Science from the California Institute of Technology, I began a career in computer software development. An unexpected 3 month paid holiday, when my employer went

belly up, was spent hiking and exploring in the Canadian Rockies. With this the travel bug bit hard, and has never let go.

Another travelling holiday brought me across the Pacific to New Zealand in 1980 with the goal of living outside of the USA. A holiday romance with Jill started then and has never ended. Several long unpaid leaves have allowed me to visit every continent – the final one being Antarctica on a ship-based expedition in 2001. With this, the Antarctic bug bit hard, and has never let go. As a member and officer of the New Zealand Antarctic Society; and a resident of Christchurch where Antarcticans are thick on the ground; and through the post-retirement completion of the Postgraduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies at the University of Canterbury; I have been able to pursue and indulge an interest in the amazing stories of Antarctic exploration, past and present.

My approach to the history of the places and people of the Antarctic is based on those stories. I hope that anyone on this voyage with specialized knowledge, or with a family connection, will help me to help others share in this fantastic legacy.

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# Bill Smith - Expedition Guide

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“Super Bill” as described by his colleagues and clients, is a fun-loving outdoor pursuits enthusiast, cartoonist and former Head of Art and Design Education at Ellon Academy Aberdeenshire.

Bill joined Oceanwide Expeditions as a guide when Plancius was built and over the last few years has become addicted to the Polar Regions.

He has 55 years’ experience of Art and Design Education and Design for Industry. Plus 55 years leading and instructing a range of outdoor pursuits.

He has the following qualifications: -

- Royal Yachting Association Advanced Powerboat Instructor
- Royal Yachting Association Senior Sailing Instructor
- Royal Yachting Association Windsurfing Instructor
- British Canoe Union Open Canoe Instructor
- British Association of Ski Patrollers National Patroller
- British Association of Ski Patrollers First Aid Trainer
- Snow Sport Scotland Ski leader
- President of the Assynt Highland Games
- Honorary member of Assynt Crofters Trust
- Member of the Federation Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski

Bill delights in producing humorous cartoon logs of each trip.

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# Claudio Ghiglione - Expedition Guide

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Claudio was born in Italy in 1983. He is a marine ecologist specialised in polar regions, expedition guide and nature photographer.

Interested in science and nature since he was very young, he 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 the Italian National Antarctic Museum (Italy) and the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge

(UK).

For several years he worked as a polar researcher focusing his work mainly on the South Pole (Antarctica); his objective is to analyse and evaluate information used for ecological modelling and possible future scenarios following global warming. During his academic career, he actively takes part in some scientific expeditions both in Arctic and in Antarctica in cooperation with Norway and England.

His passion for travel, mainly to cold and often inhospitable places, and his career as a photographer led him to travel a lot, creating and managing – often in complete autonomy – itineraries and logistics. In 2017 – thanks to his professional experience, the skills acquired over the time and the need to spend more time on the field – he starts working full time as a guide Oceanwide.

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 whom he shares the passion for nature photography.

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# Céline Clément - Assistant Expedition Leader

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Celine was born in the south west of France, in the vineyard region of Bordeaux. She grew up with a passion for travel, the natural world especially ocean wildlife... and wine!

Celine was initially Research Manager at the Department of Geography of the University of Bergen, Norway, investigating fisheries management issues in the Barents Sea. Since 1998, various contracts for France's national scientific research center (CNRS) have led this cartographer to participate in fifteen scientific missions in the Arctic (Northern Norway, Bear Island, and Spitsbergen) and Antarctic Peninsula. This work was primarily conducted as part of research programs funded by the French Polar Institute (IPEV) and focused on the adaptations of polar seabirds to changes in their environment. She knows all the ins and outs of capturing, bird banding, biometric measurements, blood sampling, and activity recorders.

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

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

## Français

Céline est née dans le sud-ouest de la France, dans les vignobles du bordelais. En grandissant elle a développé sa passion pour les voyages, la nature, le monde marin en particulier... et le vin !

Elle a d'abord été chargée d'étude à l'Institut de géographie de Bergen en Norvège sur des questions de gestion des pêches en mer de Barents. Depuis 1998, divers contrats au CNRS ont mené cette ingénieure cartographe à participer à une quinzaine de missions scientifiques en Arctique (Norvège du nord, Ile aux ours, Spitzberg) et en Péninsule antarctique. Ces travaux se sont principalement déroulés dans le cadre de programmes de recherche de l'Institut Polaire Français (IPEV) et axés sur les adaptations des oiseaux marins polaires aux variations de leur environnement. Capture, baguage, mesure biométrique, prise de sang, pose d'enregistreurs d'activité sur différentes espèces n'ont plus de secrets pour elle.

Dans la même période, Céline a été guide de randonnée au Spitzberg et a régulièrement accompagné des croisières dans les régions polaires, ce qui lui a donné le goût de la vulgarisation scientifique.

Elle travaille actuellement comme chargée de médiation scientifique et assure la coordination et la réalisation d'actions de communication et de culture scientifique. Présidente d'APECS France, le comité national français de l'Association of polar Early Career Scientists (association des jeunes chercheurs et éducateurs des régions polaires), elle y contribue à la communication sur les dernières découvertes scientifiques dans le monde polaire (Semaine polaire, Jour de l'Antarctique, colloques).

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## Neill Drake - Photography Guide

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Originally from San Diego, California, Neill Drake has been traveling to Antarctica for the past five seasons hosting Photography workshops for our guests. Each workshop is carefully curated to meet the needs of the individuals on board. He first went as a guest in 2015 and became obsessed with photographing the regions of the Southern Ocean. He found his passion for Photography while deploying around the world during his ten-year service in the United States Coast Guard. He worked as a Machinery Technician onboard a 270' Medium Endurance Cutter and specialized in Search and Rescue as well as cold water

survival. When Neill isn't working with Oceanwide Expeditions, he and his dog have been road-tripping for the last four years from Ushuaia to Alaska in an old VW Bus he bought and built in Brazil.

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# Ole Næsbye Larsen - Workshop Guide

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Since 2018 Ole has been associate Professor Emeritus at the Department of Biology, University of Southern Denmark (SDU) in Odense, Denmark. He received his master's degree (zoology) from Copenhagen University and - after studies of animal behaviour at Oxford University, the Queen's College - his Ph.D. degree (sensory biology) from Odense University in 1980. Shortly after he was employed as associate professor at SDU.

Here he has been based since then, only interrupted by 6-12 months sabbatical stays at overseas universities (University of Queensland, Australia; University of Maryland College Park, USA; Queen's University, Canada; University of California Santa Cruz, USA; Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore India), and by several field projects of 2-4-week duration (in Slovenia, Costa Rica, Mozambique, Colorado, Iceland).

He is specialised in bioacoustics, working on the mechanisms of sound production and hearing in many animal species ranging from water beetles and crickets to parrots and walruses. Lately, he has studied underwater hearing in cormorants in Denmark and puffins in Iceland. Right now, he plans studying the hearing of penguins in air and under water and to compare that to their in-air and underwater soundscapes.

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# Sara Torres Ortiz - Workshop Guide

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Sara Torres Ortiz is a researcher at the University of Southern Denmark where she finished her master studies on Animal Behaviour and Bioacoustics in 2016. She is originally from Spain, where she completed a BSc. in Oceanography at the University of Cadiz.

Sara works on many different research projects involving animal behaviour and bioacoustics, both in the field and in the lab. When she first began her work in Denmark in 2013 she assisted with training groups of grey seals, cormorants, and parrots that participated in hearing and/or cognition tasks. During her time with Montpellier

University in 2016 she collaborated as a co-investigator and assistant in researching the sensory abilities of whales in the field in Spain and Iceland. Additionally, Sara has worked with bottlenose dolphins at Dolphin Adventure in Mexico, both in a training and in a research capacity. Through an ongoing project she is studying the behaviour and communication of wild harbour porpoises using drones.

Currently, Sara is pursuing both a bachelors in psychology with National University long distance education (UNED) and a PhD with the Max Planck institute in Loro Parque working with cognitive abilities in parrots and dolphins.

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# Steve Egan - Expedition Guide

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Growing up among dramatic landscapes of World Heritage Cradle Mountain in Tasmania well fostered Steve's innate passion for pure, untouched wilderness. His particular interest is in Earth's more extreme environments & the subtle & spectacular adaptations of wildlife that carve out their existence in such places.

Desire to discover further shores, led to extended expeditions throughout the Himalaya & Tibet, South American Andes & Galapagos, Morocco's Atlas Mountains, traversing New Zealand's Southern Alps & a European journey from Sicily to Arctic Norway. After a rewarding year teaching English in Indonesia & exploring her islands, Steve returned to Australia to complete formal studies in wildlife ecology, turning love of shared nature experiences into his profession, based in Tasmania's unique wilderness.

Further interest in Aboriginal cultures & tropical ecosystems drew Steve to several years leading overland adventures in Australia's rugged Kimberley & Kakadu National Parks, & as naturalist on coastal expeditions, exploring crocodile infested mangroves & lush ancient rainforests from Borneo to Madagascar & colourful coral reefs as far afield as Aldabra Atoll & Papua New Guinea.

With one eye firmly fixed on the horizon & returning to his native Southern Ocean, Steve's extensive exploration of Tasmania's offshore islands naturally grew into his passion for the wild circumpolar oases of Sub-Antarctic Islands & the spectacular beauty of Antarctica. Finding a mirror image of exotic destinations in the Northern Hemisphere, he's explored Arctic's Russian Far East, Alaska, Northwest Passage, Greenland & the many island jewels that link them - as an enthusiastic naturalist on various expeditions.



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# Karen Bloemendal - Ship's Physician

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Karen was born in the center of the Netherlands and has lived in Amsterdam since 2005 when she moved to study medicine.

She went to the University of Amsterdam for her medical training. After that she worked in the Emergency department for 5 years.

Although super interesting, and she learned a lot as a doctor and as a person, she decided that life is more than the inside of the hospital and started the specialization to become a general

practitioner (GP).

The three years specialization was finished in march 2019 and since then she works as a GP in Amsterdam. It's a super fulfilling and challenging job, and it's easy to combine with (medical) adventures abroad.

She is a big fan of mountains, hiking, rough nature and all the adventures that come with it. In the Netherlands it's hard to find nature, so when she heard about the possibility to work as a ship physician in the Arctic and Antarctica, she took the opportunity with both hands.

The first time she went to Antarctica in 2017 she was overwhelmed and fell in love with the remoteness of the area. It is so special and not comparable to anything else. Hopefully a lot more trips will follow. In her free time she enjoys speedskating (on ice), race-cycling, gardening and kitesurfing.



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**Sunday 3 November**

**Boarding and departure from Puerto Madryn**

### WELCOME ABOARD!

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

**\*\* Tea and coffee are always available in the lounge bar on deck 5 \*\***

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| ±17.15 | Welcome briefing in the observation lounge (deck 5).<br>Expedition leader Troels and hotel manager Michael will introduce you to the life on board the Hondius.                                  |
| ±18.00 | Departure of the Hondius. Please stay off the bridge during this time.<br><br>This will be followed by a <b>mandatory</b> 'Safety at Sea' briefing for ALL passengers. Presence will be checked. |
| 19.00  | Captains welcome cocktail in the observation lounge.   |
| 19.30  | Dinner is served in the dining room (deck 4).  |

After dinner, feel free to relax in the lounge, enjoy the scenery and discover the ship.

***Please note that tonight we will be sailing into the open sea. Take your seasickness medication before you really feel the movements of the vessel. Make sure that all your belongings are put away safely and that doors and drawers in your cabin are tightly closed. Walk slowly on the ship, always use one hand for yourself and one for the ship and beware of your fingers because of doors jamming!***



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### **Day 2, November 4: at sea towards the Falkland Islands**

07.30	Wake-up call
08.00 – 09.00	Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
10.00	Introduction of staff in the observation lounge.
10.30	We are handing out of the rubber boots and inflatable lifejackets. You will be called deck by deck to the boot room on deck 3. Bring thick socks with you to find the good size of boots!
12.30	Lunch
14.30	Join Martin in the observation lounge for his lecture <i>Seabirds – Masters of the Sea and Sky</i> .
16.30	Meet our workshop photographers and scientists for an introduction to photography, videography and scientific acoustics workshops.
18.30	Join the expedition staff in the observation lounge for our daily recap! This is a daily event where go through what we have seen during the day and plans for tomorrow.
19.00	Dinner

Remember: walk slowly on the ship, never rush. Keep one hand for yourself but at least one hand for the ship. Shut all doors firmly!



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### Day 3, November 5: On approach to the Falkland Islands

- 07.30 Wake-up call
- 08.00 – 09.00 Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
- 10.00 Please join the expedition team in the observation lounge for safety and environmental guidelines. We will also go through our zodiac operations. ***Please be aware that this briefing is a compulsory.***
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 Join us in the boot room on deck 3 for the **mandatory bio security check**. Please bring all your outdoor clothing and gear with you for inspection. We will call you deck by deck, so stand by for announcements. ***Please be aware that this event is a compulsory for everyone onboard.***
- 16.00 Join our Falkland Island local Tiphonie for an introduction to the Falkland Islands.
- 17.15 Ole will start off the bioacoustics workshop with an introduction to sound communication.
- 18.30 Recap in the observation lounge: farewell to those passengers that are leaving the ship in Aberdeen and information on tomorrow's plans in the bar.
- 19.00 Dinner

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### Day 4, November 6: Carcass Island & West Point Island

- 07.00 Wake-up call
- 07.30 – 08.30 Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
- 08:30 We intend to do our first landing at Carcass Island. **Red** and **Yellow** group; please be ready at the gangway at 8.30. **Blue** and **Green** group; please be ready at the gangway at 08.45. *Last Zodiac to the ship is 12.30.*
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.30 We hope to land at West Point Island. **Blue** and **Green** group: please be ready at the gangway at 14:30. **Red** and **Yellow** group; please be ready at the gangway at 14:45. *Last Zodiac to the ship is 18:15.*
- 18:45 Recap in the observation lounge.
- 19.00 Dinner



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### Day 5, November 7: Port Stanley

- ~0630 We will pass through the narrow strait of Port Williams, which potentially will offer a scenic view with a rich wildlife.
- 0700 Wake-up call
- 0730 – 0830 Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
- 0830 This morning we hope to visit Port Stanley. Please be aware that we need to go into the Zodiacs to reach the port, so dress warm and waterproof(!). Gumboots are not necessary, but recommended. **Blue** and **Green** group: please be ready at the gangway at 0830. **Red** and **Yellow** group; please be ready at the gangway at 0845.
- 1100 First Zodiacs going back to the ship.
- 1230 Last Zodiac is leaving port.
- 1230 Lunch
- 1500 Michael welcomes you to the lounge for this lecture “**General Gualtieri my part in his downfall**” where he gives an account of his bemusing part in the 1982 Falkland conflict.
- 1630 Join George in the lounge for an **introduction to film making and some simple techniques for your smartphone masterpiece.**
- 18:30 The expedition team welcomes you to the observation lounge for the daily recap.
- 19.00 Dinner

This afternoon we once again enter the open ocean. Make sure that your belongs are safely secured, and remember; *always one hand for the ship.*



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### Day 6, November 8: Leaving the Falkland Islands behind

0730	Wake-up call
0800 – 0900	Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
1000	Sara welcomes you to the lounge for an introduction to the animal acoustic research she conducts here onboard the ship.
1230	Lunch
1500	Join Tiphanie in the lounge for her lecture about invasive species. A highly relevant topic on this voyage.
1630	Laurence welcomes you to the lounge for this lecture “ <i>High latitude bathymetry: the world beneath the waves</i> ”.
18:30	The expedition team welcomes you to the observation lounge for the daily recap.
19.00	Dinner



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### Day 7, November 9: Approaching South Georgia

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| 0730        | Wake-up call   |
| 0800 – 0900 | Breakfast buffet in the dining room.   |
| 1000        | John welcomes you to the lounge for an introduction to the natural and human history of South Georgia.   |
| 1230        | Lunch  |
| 1400        | Join us in the boot room on deck 3 for the <b>mandatory biosecurity check</b> . Please bring all your outdoor clothing and gear with you for inspection. We will call you deck by deck, so stand by for announcements. <b><i>Please be aware that this event is compulsory for everyone onboard.</i></b> |
| 1630        | Please join the expedition team in the observation lounge for safety and environmental briefing about South Georgia. <b><i>Please be aware that this briefing is compulsory.</i></b>   |
| 18:30       | The expedition team welcomes you to the observation lounge for the daily recap.  |
| 19.00       | Dinner   |





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### Day 8, November 10: St. Andrews Bay & Grytviken

- 0445 Wake-up call
- 0500 Pastries and snacks available in the lounge.
- 0530 Group Red & Yellow please be ready at the Gangway
- 0830 Red & Yellow group return to the ship  
0830 Blue & Green please be ready at the Gangway
- 0730 – 0930 Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
- 1130 Last Zodiac leaving shore
- 1200 Join us in the boot room on deck 3 for the **mandatory biosecurity check**. Please bring all your outdoor clothing and gear with you for inspection. We will call you deck by deck, so stand by for announcements. ***Please be aware that this event is compulsory for everyone onboard.***
- 1230 Lunch
- Upon arrival at Grytviken we will have lecture in the lounge about the rat and mice eradication on South Georgia.
- ~1530 Green & Blue group please be ready at the gangway.
- ~1545 Red & Yellow group please be ready at the gangway.
- 1830 Last Zodiac leaving the shore.
- 19.00 Dinner



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### Day 9, November 11: Salisbury Plain & Prion Island

0630	Wake-up call
0700-0800	Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
0800	Blue & Green please be ready at the gangway for landing on Salisbury Plain.
0830	Red & Yellow group please be ready at the gangway for a Zodiac cruise.
1000	Blue & Green please be ready at the beach for Zodiac.
1000	Red & Yellow group will land at Salisbury Plain.
1200	Last Zodiac to the ship.
1230	Lunch
1400	Red Group: Please be ready at the gangway for landing on Prion Island. Yellow Group: Please be ready at the gangway for Zodiac cruise.
1500	Red & Yellow group will switch.
1630	Blue Group: Please be ready at the gangway for landing on Prion Island. Green Group: Please be ready at the gangway for Zodiac cruise.
1730	Blue & Green group will switch
1900-2100	Buffet dinner will be served in the dining room.

Please remember to darken your windows before  
sundown to avoid bird strikes!



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### Day 10, November 12: Gold Harbour & Cooper Bay

0630	Wake-up call
0700-0800	Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
0800	Blue & Green please be ready at the gangway for landing on Gold Harbour.
0830	Red & Yellow group please be ready at the gangway for a Zodiac cruise.
1000	Blue & Green please be ready at the beach for Zodiac cruise.
1000	Red & Yellow group will land at Gold Harbour.
1200	Last Zodiac to the ship.
1230	Lunch
1500	During the afternoon we hope to Zodiac cruise in Cooper Bay. The main attraction here is a colony of Macaroni Penguins. Blue & Green group please be ready at the gangway at 1500.
1645	Red & Yellow group please be ready at the gangway at 1645.
1845	Welcome to the lounge for a quick recap about tomorrow's plan.
1900	Dinner will be served in the dining room.

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sundown to avoid bird strikes!



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### Day 11, November 13: Prion Island & Elsehul

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| 0630      | Wake-up call  |
| 0700-0800 | Breakfast buffet in the dining room.  |
| 0800      | Red group please be ready for a landing on Prion Island.  |
| 0915      | Yellow group please be ready for a landing on Prion Island.   |
| 1030      | Blue group please be ready for a landing on Prion Island.   |
| 1145      | Green group please be ready for a landing on Prion Island.  |
| 1230      | Lunch   |
| 1500      | During the afternoon we hope to land at Elsehul. The main attractions here is a colony of Macaroni Penguins as well as nesting Grey-headed Albatrosses and Black-browed Albatrosses.<br><br>Blue & Green group please be ready at 1500. |
| 1645      | Red & Yellow group please be ready at 1645.   |
| 1845      | Welcome to the lounge for a quick recap about tomorrow's plan.  |
| 1900      | Dinner will be served in the dining room.   |

This evening we will be out on the open ocean again. Make sure to secure your belongings and remember; always one hand for the ship!



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### **Day 12, November 14: Leaving South Georgia behind**

- 0730                      Wake-up call
- 0800–0900                Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
- 1030                      Suzie welcomes you to the lounge for her lecture “*Fat and Fabulous: Seals of Antarctica*”.
- 1230                      Lunch in the dining room.
- 1330                      Join Neill and George for a camera cleaning party and South Georgia photography review in the lecture room.
- 1500                      Join John in the lounge for his lecture “*Shackleton’s Heroic Failure*”.
- 1630                      Michael invites you to the lounge where he will tell you everything there is to know about navy jargon, picked up through years serving in the British Navy.
- 1830                      Welcome to the lounge for the daily recap.
- 1900                      Dinner will be served in the dining room.
- 2100                      This evening the expedition team welcomes you to the lounge for a charity auction for the South Georgia Heritage Trust. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to bid on items not available anywhere else, and contribute to the conservation of South Georgia wildlife.

There will be a time change tonight, ship time will go one hour back (an extra hour in bed!).

We are once again in the open ocean. Please ensure that your belongings are safely secured, and remember; always keep one hand for the ship.



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### Day 13, November 15: The Southern Ocean

- 0730 Wake-up call
- 0800-0900 Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
- 1030 Terry welcomes you to the lounge for “**Secrets of the Ice**”, a lecture about mysteries hidden beneath the continental ice of Antarctica.
- 1230 Lunch
- 1500 Join Steve in the lounge for his lecture “**Golden Door of Adventure – Frank Hurley, Explorer Photographer**”. We all know about Sir Ernest Shackleton, but what about his exceptional photographer?
- 1630 Bill invites you to the lounge for his lecture “**Development of Whaling and Sealing -Arctic to Antarctic**”.
- 1830 Welcome to the lounge for the daily recap.
- 1900 Dinner will be served in the dining room.

Today we expect some more wind and higher waves. Make sure to secure your belongings and remember; always one hand for the ship!



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### Day 14, November 16: Elephant Island

- 0730 Wake-up call
- 0800-0900 Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
- 0930 Our Head Chef Ralf welcomes you to the lounge for his talk “*Catering on Hondius on the Southern Ocean*”.
- ~1000 This morning we will arrive to Elephant Island. The time of arrival will depend on which speed we are able to make during the night.
- 1000-1230 During morning we will have bio security station available on deck 3. Please check all your outer clothing and equipment for any type of organic material.
- 1230 Lunch
- ~1330 This afternoon we hope to Zodiac cruise around Cape Wild on Elephant Island. Stand by for announcements. If conditions allow, we will ask the **red** & **yellow** group to be ready at ~1330 and **green** & **blue** group ~1530.
- 1830 Welcome to the lounge for the daily recap.
- 1900 Dinner will be served in the dining room.
- 2100 Join George in the library for photo techniques before we arrive to Antarctica.



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### Day 15, November 17: The Antarctic Sound & Weddell Sea

- 0700 Wake-up call
- 0730-0830 Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
- 0830 This afternoon we hope to land at Brown Bluff. If conditions allow, we will ask the **Red & Yellow** group to be ready at 0830 for a continental landing, and **Green & Blue** group to stand by at 0850 for a Zodiac cruise.
- 1030 **Green & Blue** group will go ashore & **Red & Yellow** group will go for a Zodiac cruise.
- 1230 Lunch
- 1400 During the afternoon we hope to enter the frozen Weddell Sea. Weather and ice conditions will dictate our activities. Please stand by for announcements while we look for wildlife great and small.
- 1830 Join us in the lounge for our daily recap.
- 1900 Dinner





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### **Day 16, November 18: The South Shetland Islands – Deception Island**

0730	Wake-up call
0800-0900	Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
1000	Join Michael for his lecture “ <i>What lurks below while diving in the depths of Antarctica</i> ”.
1130	Join Neil and George in the lecture room for photo and video review and lightroom editing.
1230	Lunch
~1430	This afternoon we hope to land on Deception Island, an active volcano. Landing activities will be dependent on weather conditions at our planned landing sites. Please stand by for further announcements.
1830	Join us in the lounge for our daily recap.
1900	Dinner

Today there will be strong winds so please take extra care on the outer decks, especially when opening and closing outer doors. Please also remember, keep one hand for the ship at all times.



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### Day 17, November 19: Cuverville Island & Neko Harbour

- ~0500 In the early morning we will ship cruise along the famous Gerlache Strait, known for its rich wildlife and stunning views.
- 0700 Wake-up call.
- 0730-0830 Breakfast buffet will be served in the dining room.
- 0830 This morning we hope to land and Zodiac cruise around Cuverville Island, known for its large rookery of Gentoo Penguins. We ask **Blue** and **Green** group to be ready at 0830 for a landing, and **Red** and **Yellow** group to be ready for a Zodiac cruise 0900.
- 1030 Groups will swap on the beach.
- 1230 Lunch
- 1400 During the afternoon we intend to land at Neko Harbour. We ask **Red** and **Yellow** group to be ready at 1430 for a landing, and **Blue** and **Green** group to be ready for a Zodiac cruise 1445.
- 1600 **Blue** and **Green** group will go ashore and **Yellow** and **Red** group will go Zodiac cruising.
- Please remember to bring your bathing gear, we will supply towels. You will all get the chance to go Polar Plunging at the end of the landing or Zodiac cruise.
- 1845 Join us in the lounge for our daily recap.
- 1900 Dinner



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### Day 17, November 19: Paradise Harbour & The Orne Islands

- 0630 Wake-up call.
- 0700-0800 Breakfast buffet will be served in the dining room.
- 0800 This morning we hope to land at Almirante Brown Station and Zodiac cruise around Paradise Bay. We ask **Blue** and **Green** group to be ready at 0800 for a landing, and **Red** and **Yellow** group to be ready for a Zodiac cruise 0830.
- ~0945 Groups will swap on the beach.
- 1230 Lunch
- ~1400 Expedition afternoon in The Orne Islands. Exact plans will depend on ice conditions during the transit to our afternoon destination. Please stand by for announcements.
- 1830 Join us in the lounge for our daily recap.
- 1900 Dinner

This evening we will enter the Drake Passage, please secure your belongings, take sea sickness medication if necessary, and remember, always keep one hand for the ship.



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### Day 18, November 21: The Drake Passage

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| 0730      | Wake-up call  |
| 0800-0900 | Breakfast buffet will be served in the dining room.   |
| 1030      | John welcomes you to the lounge for his lecture “ <b>The Antarctic Treaty System background, history, structure, operations and current issues</b> ”. |
| 1230      | Lunch   |
| 1430      | Join Ole for his lecture “ <b>Bird hearing in air and under water</b> ”.  |
| 1600      | This afternoon Claudio welcomes you to the lounge for his lecture about <b>Climate Change</b> .   |
| 1830      | Join us in the lounge for our daily recap.  |
| 1900      | Dinner  |



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### Day 20, November 22: The Drake Passage

No wake-up call today. Sleep in!

0800-0900 Breakfast buffet will be served in the dining room.

0930 This morning we will gather your rubber boots. Stand by for announcements, we will call you deck by deck. Please make sure that your boots are clean and dry when you return them.

1100 Ben welcomes you to the lounge for his lecture about the **Beagle Channel**.

1230 Lunch

*During the afternoon we ask you to settle your accounts at the reception.  
Please stand by for announcements.*

1400 This afternoon we will approach the southern tip of Tierra Del Fuego. Stand by for announcements.

1800 Join us in the lounge for a farewell drink with Captain Alexey Nazarov!

1900 Dinner



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### **Day 21, November 23: Ushuaia**

0630                      Wake-up call.

*Please make sure you leave your check-in luggage outside the cabin before breakfast. We will place it on the dock for you. However, we ask you to bring your own luggage from the dock onto the buss.*

0700-0800              Breakfast buffet will be served in the dining room.

**Please leave your large check in luggage in the corridor outside your cabin when you go for breakfast. Crew and staff will bring it to the pier where you need to personally identify it and bring it to the bus going to the airport or luggage transport to the temporary storage facility.**

*There will be busses waiting at the dock for those of you that requested transfer from the dock to the airport.*

0800                      Time has come to disembark the ship.

We hope that you had a wonderful trip, and thank you for travelling with us. We hope to see you again someday!