



Antarctica - Discovery and Learning Voyage

on board **m/v Hondius**

December 2nd – 11th 2019



The MV *Hondius* was built in 2019 in Brodosplit, Croatia, as an expedition vessel for Oceanwide Expeditions. *Hondius* is 107.6 m long, 17.6 m wide and has a maximum draught of 5.3 m and has an exceptionally high Ice class of PC6, a top speed of 15 knots and 3 diesel generators. The *Hondius* sails on LSMGO. The ship is sailing as a 176-passenger vessel with 83 cabins. Our beautiful, modern vessel carries 369 m³ of fresh water and has a water plant producing 70 m³ 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

First Officer:	Romanas Vicas
Staff Officer:	Toni Salo
Second Officer:	Maikel Overbeeke
Third Officer:	Runa Brouwers
Chief Engineer:	Daniel Liliac-Zajontz
Hotel Manager:	Dejan (DJ) Nikolic
Assist. Hotel Manager:	Alex Lyebedyev
Head Chef:	Ralf Barthel
Sous Chef:	Ivan Yuriychuk
Ship's Physician:	Jolijn Arits

And

Expedition Leader:	Adam Turner
Assist. Expedition Leader:	Martin Berg
Assist. Expedition Leader:	Laurence Dyke
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Expedition Guide:	Terri Moore
Expedition Guide:	John Rogers
Expedition Guide:	Bill Smith
Expedition Guide:	Vide Brand
Expedition Guide:	Steve Egan
Expedition Guide:	Celine Clement
Expedition Guide:	David Horkan
Expedition Guide:	Paul Donovan
Workshop Guide:	Sara Torres Ortiz
Workshop Guide:	Ole Larsen
Workshop Guide:	Neill Drake
Workshop Guide:	George Kennedy

We welcome you on board!

Day 1: 2nd December 2019

Embarkation, Ushuaia

GPS position at 0800: 54°48'.6 S, 68°17'.9 W

Wind: E4 Sea State: port Weather: partly cloudy

Air Temp: +8°C Sea Temp: +10°C



Most of us were excited to see *MV Hondius* docked at the wharf from Ushuaia during the day. However, the real energy began when it was time for boarding. We were thrilled to explore the beautiful ship that was to be our home for the next 10 days. We were ready to start our adventure.

It started with the mandatory safety briefing, followed by a briefing to get us familiar with the ship. As this wrapped-up, we cast

off from the wharf and set course to the Beagle Channel and then 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.

Our first taste of the work done by the kitchen and dining room teams was a tasty dinner buffet – a good sign for future dining.

After dinner we were back in the Observation Lounge for a glass of bubbles to toast to the voyage, and continue the process of meeting our fellow passengers. The hubbub of many eager and enthusiastic conversations filled the air.



Day 2: 3rd December 2019

Drake Passage

GPS position at 0800: 56°36'.1 S, 65°02'.2 W

Wind: W4 Sea State: slight Weather: overcast

Air Temp: +6°C Sea Temp: +9°C

During the night the rolling of our berths reminded us where we were. We woke to see a gentle swell. Some were queasy or worse, but most turned out for coffee or breakfast. We soon learned that *Hondius* will be our dancing partner for the voyage. Walking the corridors required that we get in step with her rhythm – swaying, rising and falling in her time – and always keeping one hand free for her.

The morning saw the proper kick-off of the voyage with the introduction of the Expedition Team by Adam, the Expedition Leader. He showed the IAATO briefing on our proper behaviour during landings and how to ensure that our impact on the wildlife and environment is minimized. Then came an overview of zodiac operations and Plan A for the expedition. We learned that, as expeditioners, we must expect that plans can and will change. We were fitted for boots to be used during excursions. The kayakers had their initial briefing, and later the campers too. Anticipation was building all the time.



After lunch we started the series of lectures that helped us learn about our destination. First up was Martin who introduced us to the birds of the Southern Ocean in his talk *Seabirds – Masters of the Sea and Sky*. Before, during and after the talk seabirds were circling the ship including the largest sea bird of all, the Wandering Albatross.

During the afternoon the birds disappeared as the wind blew from the west more strongly and the weather became more boisterous. Meanwhile the atmosphere in the lounge became quieter and more subdued. It was a good time for a nap.

At recap Bill helped us to prepare our senses and consciousness to Look, See, Think and Do. Neil then immediately had us thinking with his presentation about the words and pictures



that we post on social media – and our responsibility to behave with thoughtfulness and integrity.

The dining room was not packed, but it wasn't because of the food, which was great, but because some of us were still not quite ready to eat.

At the evening workshop Ole and Sara explained the basics of animal communication and the acoustics research they will perform, and how we can participate and learn.

The lounge followed the trend of the day by being a bit quiet and sleepy – but still we were happy to be one day closer. Can't wait.

Day 3: 4th December 2019

Drake Passage

GPS position at 0800: 60°56'.7 S, 63°44'.0 W

Wind: NW2 Sea State: slight Weather: overcast

Air Temp: +0°C Sea Temp: +3°C



During the night we passed both the political and biological boundaries of the Antarctic. The political boundary is 60°S as agreed by the Antarctic Treaty System. The biological boundary is the Antarctic Convergence, the region in which the sea temperature lowers

dramatically.

On the decks for our morning stroll we saw that the whitecaps were gone and “The Drake” was now a placid lake. No complaints from us.

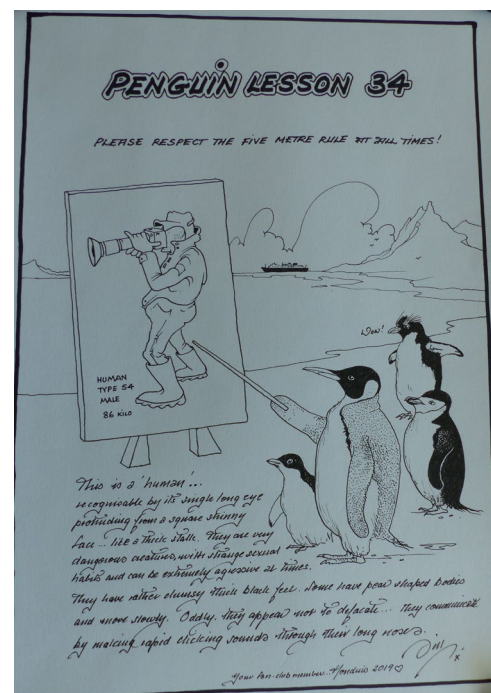
In the morning Celine prepared us to be informed as well as delighted when we meet the most charismatic of the birds in *What to know about Penguins?*

Then all of us did a thorough clean of our equipment with the Expedition Team on hand to inspect the results. We needed to ensure that we didn't carry any invasive species or diseases to this pristine wilderness. It is our responsibility.

After lunch we heard from John about the one of the most amazing stories of survival in the history of Antarctic exploration in his talk on *The Imperial Transantarctic Expedition – Shackleton's Heroic Failure*.

The second workshop of the voyage kicked off with Neill's *What makes a “Good Photograph”?* and George's *Antarctic Videos: Where Attenborough meets Spielberg*. Plus,

Bill had already started to create his drawings that entertained us throughout the trip.



At the Briefing Adam prepared us for the first landing and cruise; John helped us understand how humans came to know the unknown land of the south in *Terra Australis Incognita*; and Martin gave us a bit of scale for the wingspan of the seabirds.

During the day the wind and seas built from the east – opposite from yesterday's – and light rain turned to persistent snow. We were getting further south. The bumpier ride again cut down the numbers for dinner, which was again delicious. The lounge wasn't crowded, but was full of energy.

Only one more sleep.

Day 4: 5th December 2019

Useful Island, Orne Harbour

GPS position at 0800: 64°43'.5 S, 62°57'.5 W

Wind: S5 Sea State: slight Weather: clear

Air Temp: -1°C Sea Temp: +3°C

A glance outside at dawn showed that we had already arrived in the spectacular setting for morning activity. Then, the expedition activities began even before the wake-up call with the announcement of killer whales off the port bow. The day just got better and better from there.



We landed and cruised at Useful Island. The name derives from the whaling days when it was used as a lookout. We climbed to the top to look out ourselves – not to hunt whales of course, but to marvel at the amazing views. The mountains, glaciers, sea, ice and, especially the sky, were dazzling. Before enjoying this view, we had to first pass the sleepy Weddell seal and climb past the nesting Gentoo and Chinstrap penguins. Super fun. The zodiac cruise wound around the coast to see the

magnificently brutal Leopard seal and crabeater seals plus a close-up view of the floating ice sculptures. Extra super fun. Not to mention that the sun shone almost as brightly as our spirits.

We had earned our lunch, but could hardly wait for it to be over so that we could get our afternoon excursion started.

The sun came out and the temperature was positively balmy for the afternoon climb to the top of the ridge at Orne Harbour. We were shedding layers all the way, but loving it. At the top the “Chinnies” were in full song and busy with pebble collection for nest building and other courtship activities. As this was a continental landing, we could have kept walking to the South Pole. We decided to skip that optional activity and take the fast, fun way down by sliding on our bums all the way. The sea sparkled in the sun for the kayakers and zodiac cruisers who saw Weddell seals, penguins, large icebergs and calving glaciers. The kayakers had a successful first run and were able to touch the continent with their hands.



At the recap Vide helped showed us the lifestyles of the largest member of the dolphin family – the killer whales that had started the day.

After a day in calm conditions the dining room was very full of smiling hungry faces, then the cruise down the gorgeous Neumeyer Channel got us all out into the sun again.

The evening was so pleasant as that the camping group was put

ashore to dig their own “graves” (slots in the snow) and spend the night in the natural world. After such an action-packed day some were even tired enough to actually sleep.

Day 5: 6th December 2019

Damoy Point, Port Charcot

GPS position at 0800:64°40'.4 S, 63°29'6. W

Wind: NE1 Sea State: calm Weather: clear

Air Temp: +4°C Sea Temp: +3°C

The announcement in the morning let us know that the air temperature was 4°C (35°F). When we looked out, the sun was shining brightly, there was no wind, and the mountains were reflected in the sea. Who knew that this trip was destined for the Antarctic Riviera! So far in this voyage we have received our expedition merit badges for mountaineering, kayaking and camping. This morning we had the opportunity to add snowshoeing, but to be honest, the walk was just a pleasant stroll and the snowshoes were a fun option. We

crossed a snow hill past the Gentoos to the historic British Antarctic Survey hut at Dorian Bay. In the bay were Weddell seals and Gentoo penguins.

For those lucky enough to be aboard, the first morning zodiac cruise was a real highlight of our incredible trip so far. We had a close encounter with a large pod of killer whales. Wow! What a perfect start to a perfect day. During and after lunch our passage was slowed by heavy ice conditions. The silver lining was that this gave us a chance to see another type of Antarctic conditions, and made for an excellent opportunity to see the deep colours in the icebergs that we passed slowly. It also allowed a few of our fellow passengers to stage impromptu musical performances.



We arrived at historic Port Charcot in time for a quick visit to the penguin colony and an overview of the ice filled bay. The stone cairn on the hilltop reminded us that this is where the French explorer Jean Baptists Charcot spent the winter of 1904 frozen into the small cove where we landed. Brrrr. Luckily, we had a BBQ dinner and dancing on the back decks instead! What a great way to get to know the wilder side of our fellow expeditioners, and the ship's crew, in this wild place, with an astounding sunset as the backdrop.



The lounge was very full of smiles and laughs until very late. We can always sleep when we get home.

Day 6: 7th December 2019

Lemaire Channel, Vernadsky Base

GPS position at 0800: 65°08'.1 S, 64°03'.0 W

Wind: E1 Sea State: ice Weather: partly cloudy

Air Temp: 0°C Sea Temp: +2°C

Expedition Leader Adam and Captain Alexey gave us a surprise extra treat with an early morning call to get out on deck for a transit of the Lemaire Channel. The presence of large icebergs and sea ice made this a tricky proposition, but they pushed *Hondius* through, making full use of her ice strengthened capability. Thank you, Captain. Thank you *Hondius*.

The Channel is one of the scenic highlights of the Peninsula so seeing it in the early morning light was special.



The transit to the Ukrainian Vernadsky Station was through the remnant pack ice and icebergs. At the base we were greeted by the twelve staff members – being only the third ship to visit them in the past eight months. We had a chance to see their laboratories and working conditions and tour their common rooms, including the bar, as well as visit the most southerly souvenir shop and post office in the world. Homemade vodka shots, retail therapy and postcards home! Outside the Kelp Gulls, South

Polar Skuas and Gentoo penguins seemed to know that they had competition and needed to put on a show – and did they ever. We gave a big Thank You Very Much to our generous hosts by inviting them aboard for a taste of our hospitality and some of Ralf's excellent fare – a pleasant change for them from preserved food.

The extended visit, and the slowness of travel in the thick ice, meant that no second landing was possible. Instead the Captain grabbed the opportunity to take us back through the Lemaire Channel – from south to north this time. It was even more spectacular in the afternoon sunshine. This cruise continued all afternoon back north through the Gerlache Strait to position us for tomorrow's activities.

We took the opportunity to lounge in the lounge or spend time on the outer decks chatting and watching the vistas slide by.



At recap Laura filled us in on all those rugged rocks we have been photographing, and Sara played some of the killer whales sounds that she had recorded yesterday.

You know by now that dinner was tasty and filling. Every night is a different menu, but the quality is consistently excellent. Yum.

And you know by now that the lounge is a nice place to spend the evening. Each night is a different mix, but the fun is consistently excellent. Sweet.

Day 7: 8th December 2019

Whalers Bay, Walker Bay

GPS position at 0800: 63°04'.0 S, 60°32'.1 W

Wind: SSE3 Sea State: slight Weather: overcast

Air Temp: 0°C Sea Temp: +3°C



This morning began like every other morning in the Antarctic on this voyage – with an exceptional experience. This time it was sailing into the caldera of an active volcano, as we passed through Neptune’s Bellows to enter Deception Island. The zodiac cruisers and kayakers then got a

closer view of the craggy entry of the Bellows as they were able to pass back through them on the way to check the exterior of the island. This rare excursion again shows the amazing luck with the conditions that has followed us throughout our expedition. We saw the Chinstrap colony and some rare flora (Antarctic Pearlwort).

The landing gave a choice of walking to Neptune’s Window on the volcano rim for a view both ways, or an exploration of the historic remains of the whaling station. These ruins give an evocative echo of the work of the men who manned this place through the various chapters of its operation. The bleak landscape all around gave testament to the explosive past.



Then, some of us had a bit of a brain explosion of our own as we decided to take the Polar Plunge from the beach. Admittedly the sand was steaming and the shoreline warm, but the sea was still frigid and we earned our satisfaction and enjoyment, and the admiration of our fellow

expeditioners. Well done us.

The afternoon excursions were at Walker Bay on Livingston Island. We had a cruise along the coast to see the Southern Elephant Seals – some battling in preparation for next breeding season – and to enjoy a warming drink from D.J. On shore we had a closer look at the “Ellies” plus a Weddell seal and the ever-charming penguins. In the rocks at the back of the beach we found lichens, fossils (not Bill), and an old sealers camp. We tried to imagine living there 200 years ago – and going out every day to club fur seals and skin them. Humans have caused huge environmental damage to this place. Sad but true. Our challenge is now to serve as ambassadors for Antarctica to ensure that it never happens again.

At the recap Terri told us more about those lichens, and then Neill had us all on deck for the group photo.

As you might expect, the dining room and the lounge were packed with stories, laughter, and growing wistfulness. It can't be over so soon.



Day 8: 9th December 2019

Drake Passage

GPS position at 0800: 60°55'.9 S, 63°14'.8 W

Wind: E5 Sea State: slight Weather: partly cloudy

Air Temp: -1°C Sea Temp: +3°C

Our sea days in the Drake Passage going south were filled with briefings to prepare us for the trip. This time, going north, we had only to return our boots and the rest of the day was free to learn from the Expedition Team. We built our knowledge to deepen our understanding. First up was Bill with his sad and sobering talk of death and destruction in *The Development of Whaling and Sealing - Arctic to*



Antarctic. Our glaciologist, Laurence, explained the dynamics of the powerful ice rivers that have surrounded us in *Glaciers and Glaciation*.

After lunch Celine showed how two separate areas of scientific study have come together to cooperate on a project to build knowledge for both disciplines in *Elephant Seals as Oceanographers*". The feast of information was wrapped up by Steve in his description of

the similarities and differences of the Arctic and Antarctic in *Why Don't Polar Bears Eat Penguins?*.



Ironically, as we travelled north and crossed both the political and biological boundaries to leave Antarctica, conditions became increasingly Antarctic. The wind built to blow from the east at 30 knots with spray coming over the bow at regular intervals. Our dancing partner had decided that waltzing was over and that it was time for some rock and roll! Thank goodness for those stabilizers.

At recap Laura gave us a more

detailed description of the volcanic activity that created Deception Island, Ole explained how penguins use their two voices to make sounds that are so different from other bird sounds, and Celine used volunteers from the audience to show that despite the fact that penguins do have knees, they waddle because the knees are hidden within their bodies. Given the conditions, the dining room was well populated. Afterward, the lounge was full of admiration for the talents of our fellow expeditioners in the judging of the photo competition.



The 3 winners are included in today's post, and the 3 runners-up in the wildlife category are in tomorrow's post below.

Day 9: 10th December 2019

Drake Passage

GPS position at 0800: 60°56'5. S, 63°14'.4 W

Wind: E6 Sea State: rough Weather: overcast

Air Temp: +1°C Sea Temp: +4°C



Late yesterday evening *Hondius* received word that a Chilean Navy aircraft with 38 people aboard was reported missing. Under the International Law of the Sea we immediately changed course, began the search and prepared for a possible rescue effort. The Crew and Expedition Staff stood watch in the bridge and on the upper deck through the night. The search continued through the morning and into the afternoon

Against this tragic background, expedition activities continued. Michael showed us photos that he had taken under the waves in *What the Divers See*. Then Vide helped us understand the international governance of the south in his talk on *The Antarctic Treaty & Madrid Protocol*.

Later, Ben prepared us for arrival in his home country with his talk about *The Beagle Channel* and the Expedition Team presented a lecture mini-series about human impacts on the Antarctic environment followed by discussion of ways that we can all contribute to the changes that will be required.

At recap Bill gave us an overview of the ship and Celine showed

how sensors are attached to albatross so that illegal fishing can be detected. We had a moment of silence for the people lost in the plane crash.





The final travel day for any expedition is inevitably a melancholy and bittersweet time. Our expedition was no exception – and with the pall cast by the failed search for the missing plane and passengers our mood was subdued. 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, and that our fate is not always in our hands. Today was a day for thinking about home and loved ones, connecting with new special friends aboard, and sombre reflection.

Day 10: 11th December 2019

Disembarkation, Ushuaia

GPS position at 0800: 55°34'5. S, 66°05'8. W

Wind: SSW3 Sea State: slight Weather: partly cloudy

Air Temp: +3°C Sea Temp: +9°C



After the violent seas of the past few days it was striking to look out of this morning and see such peace. We were again made aware of the power and changing moods of nature.

The days was busy with making, changing and checking onward travel arrangements, circulating to make sure that no farewells were missed, and sharing highlights of our voyage.

The Expedition Team took the opportunity of the extra sea day to continue the lecture series with Steve's

talk on *Mysteries of Mysticeti: majestic moustached whales* and Bill's *The Meaning of the Sea in Paintings*. The final formal event was a chance to toast to the voyage over a farewell drink with Captain Alexey Nazarov.

Finally, it was luggage out, double check the passports, handshakes and kisses, then down the gangway to whatever adventure awaits. Go well.



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: 1611 nautical miles

Furthest South: 65°13'.9 S, 064°14'.9 W

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Alexey Nazarov, Expedition Leader Adam Turner, Hotel Manager DJ Nikolic and all the crew and staff, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.



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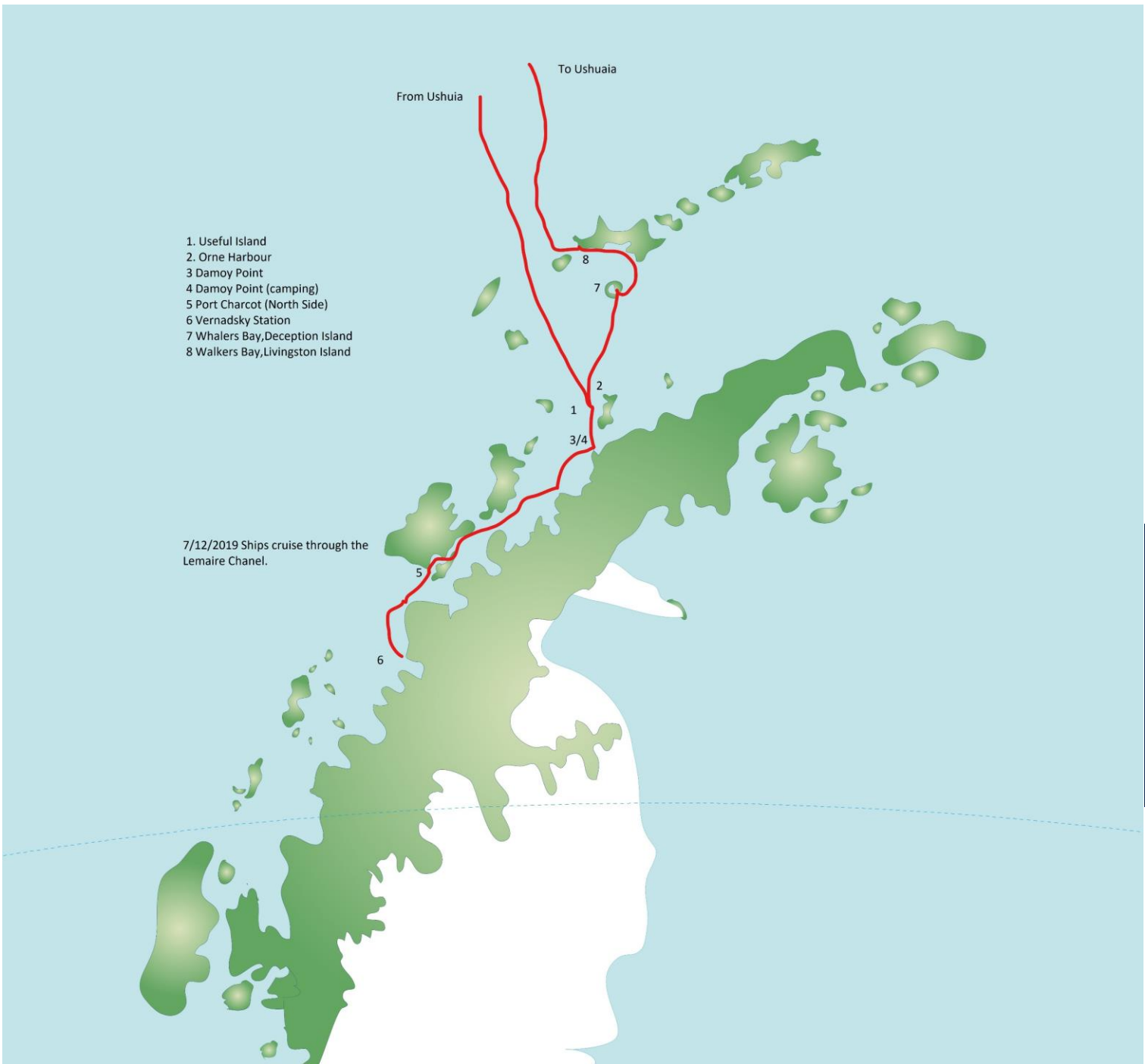
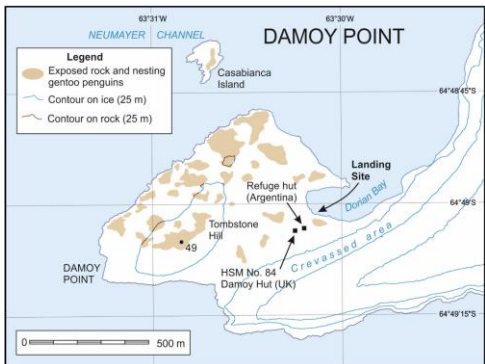
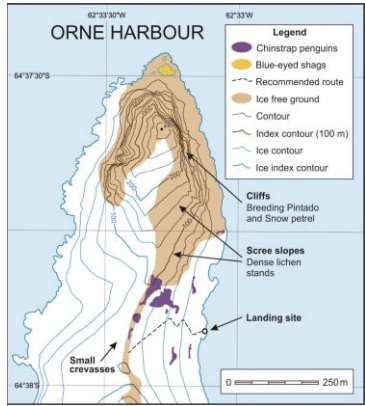
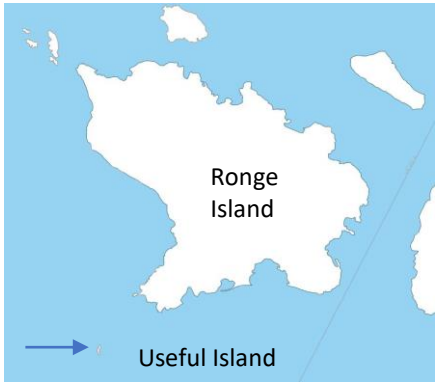
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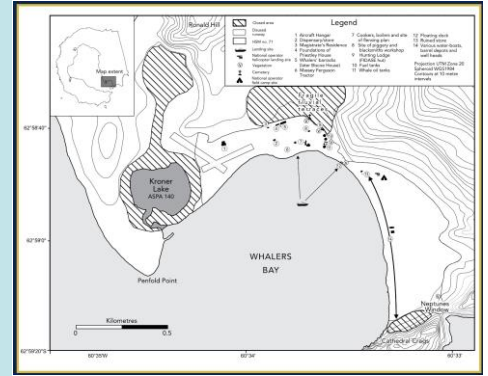
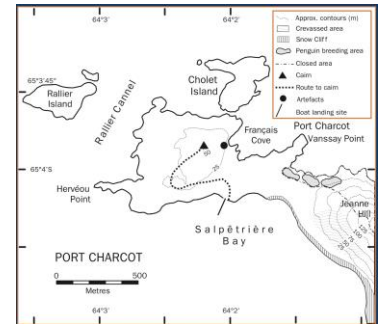
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1. Useful Island
2. Orne Harbour
3. Damoy Point
4. Damoy Point (camping)
5. Port Charcot (North Side)
6. Vernadsky Station
7. Whalers Bay, Deception Island
8. Walkers Bay, Livingston Island

7/12/2019 Ships cruise through the Lemaire Channel.



Wildlife List - Antarctic peninsula on board M/V HONDIUS - December 2nd to 11th 2019

by Céline and Martin

		Beagle Channel		Useful Island/ Orne Harbour		Damoy Point/ Port Charcot		Vernadski/ Ship cruise		Deception island/ Walker Bay			
		at sea	at sea							at sea	at sea	at sea	
		2-déc.	3-déc.	4-déc.	5-déc.	6-déc.	7-déc.	8-déc.	9-déc.	10-déc.	11-déc.		
Birds													
PENGUINS													
Adélie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>				X		X	X					
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>				X	X		X					
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>				X	X	X	X					
Rockhopper Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysocome</i>												
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	X											
ALBATROSSES													
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>		X						X	X			
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>									X			
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>												
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>		X						X	X	X		
Grey-headed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche chrysostoma</i>								X	X			
Light-mantled sooty Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>									X			
PETRELS													
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>		X										X
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X		X
Southern/Antarctic Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		X	X	X			X		X			
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>			X						X			
Cape Petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>	X	X				X	X	X				X
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>												
White-headed Petrel	<i>Pterodroma lessonii</i>												
Atlantic Petrel	<i>Pterodroma incerta</i>												
Soft-plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>												
Kerguelen Petrel	<i>Lugensa brevirostris</i>												
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>												
Greater shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>												
Sooty shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>			X					X				
Manx shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>												
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>		X							X			
Slender-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila belcheri</i>												
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>												
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>		X	X						X			
STORM-PETRELS													
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	<i>Garradina nereis</i>												
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregatta tropica</i>			X						X			
DIVING-PETRELS													
Common Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides urinatrix</i>								X	X			

Adam Turner - Expedition Leader



Adam was brought up in countryside of Essex, England. He began sailing at the age of 9 and began working on the local river aged 12 before leaving school.

By 16 he had a small fishing boat and was working on boatyards and taking tourists to see the local seal colonies as well as helping out on the local Lifeboat.

Adam then joined HM Forces and was posted to Northern Ireland and in the UK, he also served in Kenya as a boat operator. In 2002 Adam joined the Police and spent several years on a specialist unit working

across the UK with his search dog Charley.

Since being a young lad Adam had dreamt of working in the Antarctic like his Uncle had done in the late 1980's, and in 2014 Adam left the Police to work as Boating Officer for British Antarctic Survey at King Edward Point, South Georgia where he spent just over a year.

Adam studied at Middlesex University and often gives lectures on history, in 2017 he was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and he work full time for Oceanwide.

Adam holds a commercial masters certificate and instructs in several marine disciplines, he enjoys diving, climbing, kayaking and outdoor activities.

Martin Berg - Assistant Expedition Leader



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.

Laurence Dyke – Assistant Expedition Leader



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.

Ben Giunchi - Expedition Guide



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

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

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

Michael Green - Expedition Guide



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.

Biography --- Laura Mony



The ocean had always been part of Laura's life. She started spending time on sailboats when she was a baby and she sailed around the world crossing several oceans when she was between 12 and 14 years old. That trip increased her passion for the ocean because she discovered its vastness and its importance on the earth's dynamic. Laura had the chance to start traveling very young and has been all over the world alone, with a backpack, with family or friends. These trips gave her the opportunity to develop an open mind and an intellectual curiosity about the climate phenomena that govern

our planet.

Born in France, she grew up in the French part of Canada where she did her bachelor's degree in Geological Engineering. During her bachelor's degree, she became fascinated by the polar regions and wanted to continue her studies in that field. That is why, at the end of her degree, she left Canada for Tasmania, Australia, to do her Master in Marine and Antarctic Science. During that degree she deeply studied this fascinating continent with a specialization in geophysics and glaciology. When she is not onboard, she is doing contracts at University Laval as a research associate in Hydrogeology

Terri Moore - Expedition Guide



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.

John Rogers - Expedition Guide



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.

Bill Smith - Expedition Guide



“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.

Vide Brandt - Expedition Guide



Vide was born in Sweden, but have been a resident of Longyearbyen, Svalbard since 2007. He fell in love with the polar regions during his first visit to the Arctic, as a young boy back in year 2000. He works as a field guide all year around and try to spend as much time as possible outdoors in the polar regions. When not part of the Oceanwide Expeditions team he works with terrestrial activities such as snowmobile tours and ice-caving in local glaciers, or at sea with various expeditions and/or with film projects focusing on Polar Bears and Killer Whales. After 11 dark seasons in the far north he decided to seek the light in Antarctica and now works for Oceanwide Expeditions during the winter– A decision he could not be more satisfied with!

Steve Egan - Expedition Guide



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.

Céline Clément - Assistant Expedition Leader



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).

David Horkan - Kayak Guide



David is a professional kayaker and one of Ireland's top paddlers. A guide, coach and athlete he is active at a high level in multiple disciplines. From paddling raging whitewater rivers, surfing walls of Atlantic swell to racing over incredibly long distances.

David started kayaking at the age of 12 and was exposed to a variety of disciplines growing up. Canoe polo,

whitewater and surfing where he honed his skills in his early teens on the West coast of Ireland. After taking a break from the sport for a few years while at university, he returned with a ferocious appetite to seek new challenges and see where the sport could take him.

It now takes up most of his time both business and personal and brings him to far flung places around the world. He has completed 4 Devizes to Westminster races (the world's toughest canoe race), recorded a 240km speed descent of the Shannon the longest river in the British Isles, raced the 111km Hawksbury classic in Australia and is one half of the fastest team to ever kayak around Vancouver Island in Canada.

A Canoeing Ireland instructor in Whitewater, Paddle Surf and Sea kayaking and an International Sea Kayak Guides Association Advanced guide. David is also a Leave No Trace trainer and workers in Environmental and marine education with primary school children in Ireland.

He has been lucky enough to kayak in amazing places around the world including – Patagonia, Canada, USA, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Antarctic and most of Europe.

Paul Donovan - Kayak Guide



Paul was born and brought up in the valleys of South Wales. He began kayaking and climbing at the age of 14, thanks to opportunities within school.

By the age of 19, Paul was managing and delivering an outdoor programme for Sport Wales, which was the catalyst to carving out a career in adventure activity delivery.

Paul studied Sports Science at Cardiff Institute of Higher education before taking up a lecturing post to train future adventure activity instructors.

Paul is a qualified Teacher, Lecturer and Outdoor Activity Coach. He has over 35 years experience dealing with public, private and voluntary sector organisations, providing safe and rewarding experiences and opportunities at the highest level, to enhance personal and social development of individuals and groups both in the UK and throughout the rest of the world.

Paul's expertise and competencies as a paddler and mountaineer has enabled him to explore the rivers, seas and mountains on the seven continents of the world. He continues to lead and guide expeditions worldwide.

Paul runs his own business providing Outdoor Activity Coaching, Technical Consultancy and Worldwide Trekking, Mountaineering and Kayaking opportunities.

In addition, he has been a Freelance Inspector for the Adventurous Activities Licensing Service (AALS). Currently he is a Freelance Inspector for Adventuremark and Learning Outside the Classroom, a Quality Assurance Officer and Internal Verifier for Canoe Wales, Project Manager for AdventureSmart.UK and Chair of the Wales Adventure Tourism Organisation (WATO) and the Outdoor Alliance in Wales.

Sara Torres Ortiz - Expedition Guide



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.

Ole Næsbye Larsen - Workshop Guide



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.

Neill Drake - Photography Guide



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.

George Kennedy - Videography Guide



George is an Australian filmmaker and photographer whose work with USAID, IFAW and Sustainability International has focussed on conservation, environmental protection, and humanitarian emergencies. Most recently, George has covered the Venezuelan refugee crisis, Chilean wildfire response and the environmental protection movement in Patagonia.

Prior to working in film, George worked as a paramedic in both rural and metropolitan Australia. When in Australia, he still occasionally throws on the uniform to work with Ambulance Victoria in Melbourne.

Aside from photography, George's great passion is motorcycle travel. He has ridden through Asia from Mongolia to India, around Australia, and most recently from Patagonia to the United States on his trusty Kawasaki KLR650.

George has also recently fallen in love with the forgotten art of 35mm film photography. If you'd like to get a little nostalgic, he has his collection of film cameras onboard and would love to help you capture a unique perspective of Antarctica.



WELCOME ABOARD!

Boarding and departure from Ushuaia

Saturday 23 November

*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).
Expedition leader Adam and hotel manager DJ will introduce you to the life on board the Hondius. |
| ±18.00 | Departure of the Hondius. Please stay off the bridge during this time.

This will be followed by a mandatory '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!



Into the Drake Passage!

Tuesday 3th December

- 07.45 Wake-up call
- 08.00–09.00 Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
- 09.00 The expedition team welcomes you to the lounge for a staff introduction followed by a mandatory IAATO briefing covering safety and wildlife regulations in Antarctica. Attendance is compulsory and will be checked.
- 11.00 Paul and David welcomes the kayakers to the lecture room for a mandatory briefing about kayaking in Antarctica.
- 11.00 We are handing out the rubber boots. You will be called deck-by-deck to the boot room on Deck 3. Bring your thick socks to find the best sized boots for you! If you have pre-ordered rental gear you can also collect this from Deck 3 at this time.
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.30 Join Martin in the observation lounge for his lecture: *Seabirds – Masters of the Sea and Sky*.
- 16.30 Ben welcomes you to the lecture room for an introduction to camping in Antarctica. Please note that this is a mandatory briefing those of you who signed up for camping.
- 18.30 Join the expedition staff in the observation lounge for our daily recap! This is a daily event where we go through what we have seen during the day and our plans for tomorrow.
- 19.00 Dinner
- 20.30 Our animal acoustics team welcomes you to the lecture room for an introduction to the acoustics workshop we will have onboard.

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!



Approaching Antarctica

Wednesday 4th December

- 07:45 Wake-up call
- 08:00–09:00 Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
- 09:30 Celine welcomes you to the Lounge for her lecture: *‘What to know about Penguins?’*
- 11.00 Biosecurity. Join us 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 and attendance will be checked.***
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14.00 John welcomes you to the lounge for his lecture about Sir Ernest Shackleton and his Imperial Transantarctic Expedition.
- 16.00 Neil and George welcome you to the lounge for an introduction to photography and videography in Antarctica.
- 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

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Useful Islands & Orne Harbour

Thursday 5th December

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| 06.45 | Wake-up call |
| 07.00 – 08.00 | Breakfast buffet is served in the dining room. |
| 07.45 | Kayakers meet up in the lecture room. |
| 08.30 | This morning we hope to land and Zodiac cruise at Useful Islands. We ask Blue and Red to be ready at 0830 for a landing, and Green and Yellow and group to be ready for a Zodiac cruise at 0845. |
| 12.30 | Lunch |
| 13.15 | Kayakers meet up in the lecture room. |
| 14.30 | During the afternoon we intend to land and Zodiac cruise at Orne Harbour. We ask Green and Yellow group to be ready at 1430 for a landing, and Blue and Red group to be ready for a Zodiac cruise at 1445. |
| 18.30 | Join the expedition staff in the observation lounge for our daily recap! |
| 19.00 | Dinner |
| ~20.30 | Tonight, we will hope to go camping, conditions allowing. Please stand by for announcements. |

This morning we expect temperatures below zero, so please take extra care on the outer deck; they might be slippery!



Damoy Point & Port Charcot

Friday 6th December

- 07.15 Wake-up call
- 07.30 – 08.30 Breakfast buffet is served in the dining room.
- 08.00 Kayakers meet up in the lecture room.
- 08.30 This morning we hope to land and Zodiac cruise at Damoy Point. We ask **Green** and **Yellow** group to be ready at 0830 for a landing, and **Blue** and **Red** group to be ready for a Zodiac cruise at around 0845.
- 13.00 Lunch
- 13.45 Kayakers meet up in the lecture room.
- 14.30 During the afternoon we intend to land and Zodiac cruise at Port Charcot. We ask **Blue** and **Red** group to be ready at 1430 for a landing, and **Green** and **Yellow** group to be ready for a Zodiac cruise at 1445.
- 18.30 Join the expedition staff in the observation lounge for our daily recap!
- 19.00 We welcome you for a special Antarctic dinner. Bring warm clothes.

Please take extra care on the outer deck; they might be icy!



Vernadsky Station & The Yalour Islands

Saturday 7th December

- 06:00 This morning we hope to cruise through the famous Lemaire Channel, ice conditions allowing. Join us on the outer decks for fantastic scenery!
- 07:30 – 08:30 Breakfast buffet is served in the Dining Room.
- 08:00 Kayakers meet up in the Lecture Room.
- 08:45 This morning we hope to visit both Vernadsky Station and Wordie House. We ask **Blue** and **Red** group to be ready at 08:45 for a landing at Vernadsky Station, and **Green** and **Yellow** group to be ready for a Zodiac cruising and landing at Wordie House shortly after.
- 13:00 Lunch
- 13:45 Kayakers meet up in the Lecture Room.
- 14:30 During the afternoon we intend to land and Zodiac cruise at the Yalour Islands. We ask **Green** and **Yellow** group to be ready at 14:30 for a landing, and **Blue** and **Red** group to be ready for a Zodiac cruise at 14:45.
- 18:30 Join the expedition staff in the observation lounge for our daily recap!
- 19:00 Dinner.

Please take extra care on the outer decks; they might be icy!



Deception Island & Walker Bay

Sunday 8th December

- 07:15 This morning we will cruise through the entrance to Deception Island, a narrow Neptune's Bellows. We will wake you up shortly before the passage.
- 07:30–08:30 Breakfast buffet is served in the Dining Room.
- 09:00 Kayakers meet up in the Lecture Room.
- 09:00 This morning we hope to visit Whalers Bay, located in the middle of an active volcano, and famous for its rich history. We ask **Green** and **Yellow** group to be ready at 09:00 for a landing, and **Blue** and **Red** to be ready for a Zodiac cruise at 09:15.
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:45 Kayakers meet up in the Lecture Room.
- 15:30 During the afternoon we intend to land and Zodiac cruise around Walkers Bay, known for its Elephant Seals. We ask **Blue** and **Red** group to be ready at 15:30 for a landing, and **Green** and **Yellow** group to be ready for a Zodiac cruise at 15:45.
- 18:30 Join the expedition staff in the observation lounge for our daily recap!
- 19:00 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.



The Drake Passage

Monday 9th December

No wake-up call. Sleep in!

- 08:00–09:00 Breakfast buffet in the dining room.
- 09:00 Bill welcomes you to the lounge for his lecture titled “Development of Whaling and Sealing -Arctic to Antarctic”.
- 11:00 Join our glaciologist Laurence in the lounge for his lecture “Glaciers and Glaciation”.
- 12:00 This morning we will gather your rubber boots on Deck 3. 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.
- 12:30 Lunch.
- 14:30 Celine welcomes you the lounge for her lecture “Elephant seals as oceanographers”.
- 16:30 Join Steve in the lounge for his lecture “Why Don’t Polar Bears Eat Penguins?”
- 18:30 Join the expedition staff in the observation lounge for our daily recap!
- 19:00 Dinner.
- 21:00 Join Neill and George in the lounge for our photo competition!

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!



The Drake Passage

Tuesday 10th December

No wake-up call. Sleep in!

- 08:00–09:00 Breakfast buffet in the Dining Room.
- 09:30 Michael welcomes you to the lounge for his lecture entitled ‘*What the Divers See*’, showcasing life under the waves in Antarctica.
- 11:00 Join Vide in the lounge for his lecture about the Antarctic Treaty & The Madrid protocol.
- 12:30 Lunch
- During the afternoon we ask you to settle your accounts at the reception.
Please stand by for announcements.*
- 14:00 Ben welcomes you to the Lounge for his lecture about the Beagle Channel.
- 16:00 Join the Expedition Team in the Observation Lounge for a lecture mini-series about human impacts on the Antarctic environment.
- 18:00 Join us in the Lounge for a farewell drink with Captain Alexey Nazarov!
- 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!



Ushuaia

Wednesday 11th December

0700 Wake-up call.

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 temporary storage facility.

0730-0830 Breakfast buffet will be served in the dining room.

0830 Disembarkation. There will be buses waiting at the dock for those that requested a transfer to the airport.

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