



OCEANWIDE
EXPEDITIONS

North Spitsbergen
Bowhead Whales & Polar Bears in the sea ice – Birding
M/V Hondius
23rd June 2022 – 30th June 2022



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 ship carries 369m³ of fresh water and has a water plant producing 70m³ per day. Hondius is the perfect vessel for a true polar adventure!

Captain Artur Iakovlev

and his international crew of 72

including:

Chief Officer: **Matei Mocanu**

Staff Officer: **Elizbar Kadaria**

Second Officer: **Kirill Buriachek**

Second Officer: **Sven Holzhausen**

Third Officer: **Don Buren**

Chief Engineer: **Florian Cretu**

Hotel Manager: **William Barnes**

Assist. Hotel Manager: **Andrius Juodvirsis**

Head Chef: **Ralf Barthel**

Sous Chefs: **Milos Simeunovic**
Mihai Melinte

Ship's Physician: **Marrigje Hofmeester**

Expedition Leader: **Florence Kuyper**

Assist. Expedition Leaders: **Sara Jenner**
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We welcome you on board!

Day 1: 23rd June 2022 Longyearbyen

GPS position at 8 am: 78°14.0' N, 015°37.4' E

Wind: SE 8 Sea State: Moderate Weather: Cloudy Air Temp: +5°C Sea Temp: +6°C



Our Arctic adventure was due to begin today but extremely high winds meant that Oceanwide Expeditions had to take unprecedented decision to postpone embarkation until tomorrow. This image shows the wind speeds (in knots) as recorded from the bridge of our ship, *M/V Hondius*; gusting up to 56 knots, the conditions made it impossible to embark guests. Our usual operating

limit for zodiacs is 25 knots with gust up to 30 knots. As we could see from shore, the storm was affecting all the operations in Longyearbyen harbor. Prioritizing the safety of our guests, we reluctantly conceded that embarkation would not be possible today.

Day 2: 24th June 2022 Embarkation in Longyearbyen, Isfjord ship cruise and Skansbukta

GPS position at 8 am: 78°16'.7 N, 015°25'.6 E

Wind: SSE 6 Sea State: Slight Weather: Cloudy Air Temp: +2 °C Sea Temp: +4.9 °C

The Expedition Team were on standby for 5:45 am, zodiacs were lowered, and the staff made their way to meet and greet guests whilst *Hondius* remained anchored just offshore. By just after 7 am all guests and their luggage were on board. Despite embarking a day later than planned and an early morning start, everyone was in good spirits and excited to finally begin their Arctic Expedition! The first priority, after boarding, was breakfast and having a little time to settle into cabins and unpack. After this, later in the morning, Expedition Leader, Florence (Flo), and Hotel Manager, William, gave the introductory briefing, then Chief Officer, Matei, commenced the mandatory ship safety briefing.

Assistant Expedition Leader, Sara, gave a presentation regarding AECO (the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators) to inform visitors of correct behaviour towards the environment, people and wildlife of the Arctic. This information was very important of course, but when a guest shouted that they had seen a whale from the Port Side Observation Lounge window, to say everyone was distracted is an understatement! Once the animal, identified as a Minke Whale, disappeared, order was restored! AEL George gave the final briefing regarding zodiac operations and safety which would come in useful later for our afternoon activities, getting ashore to explore.



The location of our afternoon shore landing was *Skansbukta*, named after the nearby mountain *Skansen* (a Norwegian word for 'sloping' which refers to the shape of the wide plateau that tops the mountain). This fantastic location full of interest, from great views of **Svalbard Reindeer** to a wide variety of plant life to fascinating historical features. A twisted, rusting railway, remains of mining operations for Anhydrite, desiccated version of Gypsum, (which ran from 1918 – 1930's by the Dalen Portland Cement Works), and a small wrecked ship were items of significance at this site. Additionally, there was a trapper's hut, built in the early 1900's but well maintained and still in use by locals today. In terms of plant life, **Mountain Avens**, **Arctic Bell Heather**,

Tufted Saxifrage, Drooping Saxifrage, Snow Saxifrage, Ellesmerel, Woolly Lousewort, Hairy Lousewort, Pale Whitlow-grass, Sulphur Butt ercup, Hawkweed-leaved Saxifrage, Northern Golden Saxifrage, Mountain Sorrel were all observed. The towering mountains surrounding the landing area were an impressive sight and host to large numbers of nesting seabird. At the end of the afternoon guests enjoyed returning to *Hondius* via the seabird nesting cliffs. Everyone enjoyed experiencing birds flying close overhead, including **Northern Fulmar**, **Arctic Terns** and **Kittiwake**. Many guests were particularly thrilled to see numerous **Atlantic Puffins**, a much requested and beloved bird! After this we headed back on board for Captain's Cocktails, with a glass of 'bubbly',



meeting our Captain Artur Iakovlev in the Observation Lounge, listening to recaps from some of the Expedition Staff and chatting to each other about our day. What excitement would await us tomorrow we wondered?!

Day 3: 25th June 2022

Magdalenafjord, Gullybukta, Gravnesodden and Waggonwaybreen Glacier

GPS position at 8 am: 79°33.9' N, 010°56.1' E

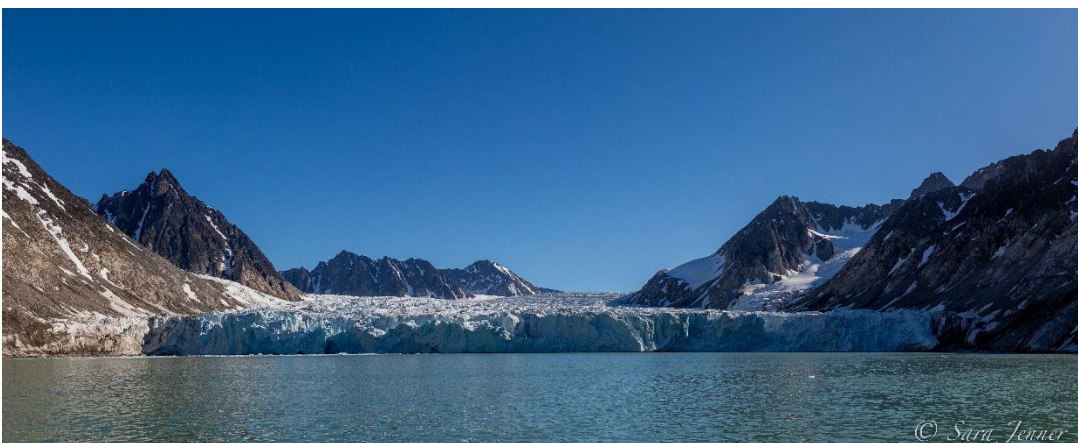
Wind: Light air Sea State: Calm Weather: Sunny Air Temp: +10°C Sea Temp: +7.4°C

This morning, we were in *Magdalenafjorden* and the next site scheduled for exploration was *Gullybukta*. This shore landing provided us with the opportunity to take a short walk to enjoy incredible views of

Walrus at their haul out site. **Walruses** are quite particular when it comes to their preferred haul out locations; they like sandy shores with plenty of food, mainly mussels and clams, available in the surrounding shallow waters. *Gullybukta* ticks all those boxes for these impressive tusked beasts and we were able to see approximately thirty-five of them! Most were resting on the shore, a big pile of blubber, tusks and flippers, whilst others wallowed in water, and a few were seen swimming together, heading offshore. **Walruses** are often curious and today was no exception, with a few taking interest in our presence, positioning themselves in the water near the landing site, raising their heads to look at what we were doing. Another wildlife



highlight of this site was a **Red-throated Diver** (aka **Red-throated Loon**) which appeared to be sitting on its nest. There were also numerous **Arctic Terns** busily catching small fish and we observed some pair feeding, when a male gives his female partner food, which usually occurs prior to egg-laying. We were careful not to walk too close to any terns on the ground as they may already be incubating eggs.



In the afternoon we went ashore just across the bay in *Gravnesodden* and took a zodiac cruise to the impressive *Waggonwaybreen* glacier. *Gravnesodden* gets its name from the

many whalers' graves located there. These are protected and inaccessible to visitors, but we could still see the memorial stones and crosses marking the final resting place of these seafarers from outside the surrounding railings. Those ashore then enjoyed a walk between a perimeter of Expedition Staff



who were on lookout for bears, ensuring guest protection. The weather was spectacular, more like St. Lucia than Svalbard, with glorious sunshine and a cloudless blue sky. Wandering the rocky beach we spotted the remains of **sea urchins**, presumably eaten by

gulls, and even some **reindeer bones**, before sitting on the shore to relish some quiet time to appreciate our beautiful surroundings. **Snow Bunting**, the most northerly passerine (perching/songbird) species in the world, and **Arctic Skua** were seen and far above us flurries of **Little Auks** flew to and from the cliffs. During the zodiac cruise guests were delighted by wonderful views of **Harbour Seals** (aka **Common Seals**), many of whom were hauled out resting in their curved 'banana' pose! For the birders, **King Eiders** were the highlight of the zodiac cruise. The males have pale blue-green plumage on their heads with a red beak complete with large yellow 'crown' patch – they are real stunners! The fabulous finale, before the zodiacs turned to head back to *Hondius*, was seeing *Waggonwaybreen* glacier.



It was then time for brave/mad folks to undertake the Polar Plunge! The sandy shore at *Gravnesodden* and the sunny, warm conditions made it truly a perfect site for this and many guests decided to do it. After all, how often do you get the chance to take a dip in the Arctic Ocean?! There were smiling, happy faces all round when we arrived back on board: a sure sign that everyone had a great day! What could we do to make the perfect ending to the day? A BBQ for dinner on the outside decks followed by music and dancing of course!

Day 4: 26th June 2022

Smeerenburg, Virgohamna and Ytre Norskoya

GPS position at 08 am: 79°43.9' N, 011°01.7' E

Wind: Light air Sea State: Smooth Weather: Sunny Air Temp: +7.6°C Sea Temp: +4.0°C



As we got woken up at 7:30 am, by Flo, some of our fellow passengers were just coming back from *Smeerenburg*, after spending the night on the island, where they were observing the restoration of a 19's commemorative plaque. During the breakfast, we could see the rest of the expedition staff lowering the zodiacs and getting ready for the morning activities. The plan was a

split landing between visiting *Smeerenburg*, the "blubber town", and a zodiac cruise toward *Virgohamna*. This area was full of history with some remains of the whaling era. Around 1630's, around 200 persons were living on this little piece of land to work for the lucrative, but oh so dangerous, whale's

hunt business. Seven Dutch companies were based there, and you still saw the leftovers of blubber ovens and whale bones on the beach. On the other side of the landing, we spent a nice time admiring **Walrus**' haul on the beach. These giant beasts were playing and hunting in the water and they were surprisingly active for such big mammal that usual likes to sleep on the beach. We even got a



perfect sighting of two **Walrus**, having a good time next to the landing site. We swore that they were

posing for the cameras. We would have spent the whole morning here, but we were called back to the zodiac for a cruise around part of the fjord. First, we went to see the **Harbour Seals**, which were not too active and were spending most of their time being lazy in the water. Following that nice encounter, we went to the remain of the starting settlement of Andre's hot air balloon expedition which started in *Virgohamna*,



in 1897. This expedition went horribly wrong since the beginning, but they had the magical goal to reach the north pole by the air. Like George's explained, later during recap, they were high on oxycodone, pretty much the whole trip, which help with the moral. Sadly, they failed and died on the way. This story showed that their wish to make history was stronger than anything else. It was amazing to see the remains of the beginning of the expedition, and the last time anyone saw Andre's team alive.



The afternoon activity started around 14:30 with a zodiac cruise around *Indre* and *Intre Nordskoya*. The goal was to find a fluffy friend, but, even without a sight of a polar bear, the cruise was amazing. We started to drive toward the bird cliff on the other side of *Indre Nordskoya*. We could see and hear some **little Auk** flying around their nest and see some **Glaucous Gull** lurking at the eggs. In between the different birds populating the region, we admired the

wild landscape of the area. We could feel that we were getting more north as the wind from the Arctic Ocean was blowing in our face. To warm us up, William and the hotel team were waiting on the water to serve us a delicious hot chocolate, topped with some rum and whipped cream. It was exactly what we needed to make us feel better and made us get through the rest of the afternoon.

As we got back to the ship to take a warm shower and go to the usual recap, Flo announced that we were having one last special evening activity. In fact, a **female bear** and **her two cubs** have been spotted a few miles away from our position. Even if we were hungry and tired, we could not miss out on this last cruise. Again, the team dropped zodiacs in the water and quickly we all jumped into one. What a sighting!!! The three **bears** were sleeping, lying down in the cutest position ever. One was on top of his mom, as the other was cuddling her. After an hour of quietly moving toward them, where we saw them stretching, moving, sleeping and having a good time, we headed back to the ship for a well-deserved dinner. Thanks to Ralf and his team, the dinner was warm and delicious even with 2 hours delay. We could not be more grateful for all the hotel department who had to stay up later to



serve us. A quick drink in the bar and we were off to sleep after a long, but oh so fantastic, day in the Arctic.

Day 5: 27th June 2022

A Day in the Sea Ice – Heading West

GPS position at 08 am: 81°25.3' N, 015°16.9' E

Wind: SSW 3 Sea State: Ice Weather: Rainy Air Temp: 0°C Sea Temp: +1.8°C



As we thought we will have a little sleep in, Flo's voice woke us up at 6:15 am, to tell us that a **bear** was spotted on the ice. Oh well, even if we were tired, we were on the ship to see these beautiful creatures and we all got up on the deck to witness an impressive show. The **polar bear** just caught breakfast and was having a feast on a **seal**. Captain Arthur placed the ship in the perfect position to enjoy the sighting. As we spent an hour looking at it, we spotted a few **Ivory Gulls** waiting for a share of the feast. Around 9:00 am, it started moving as he was done with the seal. You could see his full belly, as it was almost touching the sea ice while it was walking... It slowly made his way toward the ship, and we could enjoy the view of the **bear** trying to find the best place to digest.



As we were getting out of the sea ice, which was too thick to keep navigating in it, we started to follow the edge of the sea ice. It was time for Sara's lecture who talked about **polar bears** and the faith of these majestic beast in a changing environment. That made us realized how fragile their survivals were. During the lecture, we got called on the PA system because two **Bowhead whales** had been spotted. What a morning!! **Polar bears**



and, the oh so awaited **Bowhead whale**. It surfaced 1-2 times before diving again.



The afternoon went slowly with the ship sailing along the packed ice looking for **polar bears** and, mostly, the mystical **bowhead whale**. While the expedition team was doing their bridge watches trying to find something interesting to see, Szimon gave a lecture about sea ice and the way it is formed. He also talked about the impact of climate change and how the sea ice is going to be affected. This was followed by Herman, our onboard **Bowhead whale's** specialist. He covered everything to do about this majestic whale, from their ecology to their behaviour and historic hunting to modern day threats. He is very passionate about this species and started the ***Ice Whale Foundation*** to try and conduct research into the important areas for this species to give them further protection. As we were heading to recap, Jon, AB's on watch on the bridge, called because he just saw a whale blow in the horizon. We could not miss

that opportunity. As we were slowly making our way toward the blows, we got the confirmation it was, in fact, the **bowhead whale**!! That sighting got confirmed a 100% as we saw the massive fluke, **TWICE!** That was unexpected and we were all amazed to reach one of the goals of the trip. You could feel that the excitement was real during dinner while everyone was happily chatting about the day that started with a **Polar bear** and finished with a **Bowhead whale**.

Day 6: 28th June 2022

A Day in the Sea Ice – Heading North

GPS position at 08 am: 79°32.8' N, 005°28.5' E

Wind: SSE 2-3 Sea State: Ice Weather: Foggy Air Temp: +2 °C Sea Temp: +3.1°C



Our second day in the ice was another full schedule of lectures, alongside looking out for wildlife of course! After breakfast Expedition Guide Mikhail got the programme off to a fascinating start with his lecture called 'Arctic Awhaleability: The Past, Present and Future of Cetaceans in Arctic', going into detail about the threats whales, dolphins and porpoises face and some of the efforts to protect them. Hazel was scheduled to follow this with her talk on 'Arctic Pinnipeds: Seals and the Walrus' but this was delayed by the sighting of a real seal hauled out resting on the ice! After some debate among the Expedition Team this was identified as an immature **Hooded Seal** and after



enjoying a fantastic view of this flipper-footed creature the talk commenced. Just as it finished **Harp Seals** were seen from the Observation Lounge window swimming past the Starboard side of the ship! Seeing this small group was a delight, so imagine our disbelief when eagle-eyed guides Szymon and Laura spotted a huge gathering of harp seals hauled out on the ice in the distance. At first these were tiny dark dots in the distance, but as the bridge team cautiously and carefully manoeuvred *Hondius* closer a spectacular vision appeared before our eyes after we finished lunch. An estimated 1,500+ seals! This was truly an unforgettable, once in a lifetime sighting. A gathering of this number is, without doubt, a pupping/mating/moulting area. The animals were a variety of ages; some were well-marked with their characteristic dark face and harp marking on their backs, other younger animals were sandy coloured with spots and there were also some pups from this year still with their bright white lanugo fur.

After we bid farewell to the seals some of the students from the Arctic Centre, University of Groningen on board for this trip gave a presentation regarding Arctic Explorers. They did a brilliant job and we were grateful to have the enthusiasm and knowledge of the entire group throughout this voyage. Expedition Guide Regis followed with his lecture about the fabulous world of seabirds and Expedition Leader Flo delivered the daily recap shortly afterwards. After dinner, guest speaker Fionn Ferreira gave an inspiring, captivating talk about his innovative work as a young campaigner and inventor tackling ocean plastics. Just as he finished speaking in the Lecture Room, **White-beaked Dolphins** were seen approaching the ship on the Starboard side! Sightings of these beautifully marked dolphins

continued throughout the evening. As if that wasn't exciting enough to end our day, two adult male **Sperm Whales** were then spotted! We know their gender not only because of their size (males are considerably larger than females) but also because of the location; female sperm whales stay in warmer waters with their calves whilst males migrate further North, and South, to colder water nearer the poles. This sighting was the first time this season we have encountered this species! We all headed to our cabins reflecting upon this spectacular marine mammal filled day.

Day 7: 29th June, 2022

Ingeborfjellet and Calypsobyen

GPS position at 08 am: 77°44.3' N, 014°23.6' E

Wind: SSE 2-3 Sea State: Calm Weather: Mist Air Temp: +5 °C Sea Temp: +6°C



Our day began with a landing at *Ingeborgfjellet*, specifically the area of Camp Millar. Whilst making their way to the landing site to scout for **Polar Bears** the Expedition Team were very excited to spot some **Beluga Whales**! These bright white whales (their name comes from the Russian word for white) were in two separate groups, totalling fourteen animals. This area is highly tidal with rocky outcrops and sandy shallows; the **Belugas** were socialising together near the shore. The scouting team reported this observation back to Expedition colleagues still on board *Hondius* and they were able to announce the sighting so guests could enjoy seeing yet another species of marine mammal! Once guests were ashore, they were able to enjoy walking around this beautiful area of tundra. Arctic summer was in full flow now with lots of flora blooming, including **Svalbard Poppy**. A large herd of **Svalbard Reindeer** were also present and providing interest alongside the historical huts. These were built by the Northern Exploration Company (NEC) in 1910 as part of their project mining for gold. They did find this precious metal but their efforts to cash in on it were unsuccessful and unprofitable. Human habitation may be a thing of the past here, but the area is a fantastic habitat for seabirds with cliffs providing nesting areas for **Little Auk**, **Northern Fulmar**, **Brünnich's Guillemot** and **Black-legged Kittiwake**. As our time at this site was drawing to a close heavy rain was falling, meaning that everyone was keen to board zodiacs to return to the ship for a hot drink. As the first zodiac returned from *Hondius* back to the shore, Expedition Leader Flo (who was in the aforementioned zodiac) spotted a **Polar Bear** heading for the landing

site! An evacuation was ordered immediately. Everybody calmly made their way to the waiting zodiacs and safely journeyed back to our ship whilst the bear diverted its course and began sauntering away up the hillside. Phew!

After lunch we headed to *Calypsobyen*, named after HMS Calypso, a British Navy ship which surveyed the area in 1895. The huts here are used as a Polish research base and have been for over twenty years, occupied only in the summer months. Guests and Guides alike were excited to have the opportunity to talk to some of the researchers and they too were glad of our visit, chatting happily about their work and welcoming us into their huts. The particular focus of the research conducted here are various fields of geoscience, especially permafrost and glaciers. Arctic Terns were nesting in the area around the huts and attacked any passers-by who unknowingly strayed too close. In response we of course carefully retreated. A couple of **Walrus** passed by offshore. For the birders **Ringed Plover** and **Purple Sandpiper** were observed. A wrecked ship from 1918, also used by NEC, (in this case for coal mining operations) was abandoned here on shore, left to be reclaimed by nature. Like their gold mining operations at Camp Millar, NEC's coal mining efforts here also proved unsuccessful and were in operation for only two years from 1918 to 1920.



After a great day exploring ashore it was time for celebration back on board *Hondius*. Guests enjoyed the final recap of their expedition, complete with Captain's cocktails and Photography Guide Georgina's Photo Slideshow. Everyone was thrilled to be able to have the slideshow to keep and show to friends and family back home, treasuring memories of their fantastic trip in the Arctic.

Day 8: 30th June 2022

Longyearbyen - Disembarkation

GPS position at 08 am: 78°14.0' N, 015°38.0' E

Wind: Light Sea State: Foggy Weather: Calm Air Temp: +6°C Sea Temp: +7.2°C

Surely our Arctic adventure was not over already?! Sadly yes, after our final wake-up call at 7:00am by Expedition Leader Eduardo it was time for our last breakfast on board M/V Hondius. Passengers disembarked via the gangway and were reunited with their luggage before boarding the awaiting coaches or strolling into the town. Everyone said goodbye to the friendly Expedition Team and departed, smiling and reflecting upon a wonderful expedition cruise!



Thank you all for travelling with us on this voyage; for your enthusiasm, support and good company. We very much hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!

Total distance sailed on our voyage: 831.1 nautical miles

Furthest North: 81°22.08' N, 014°09.90' E

**On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Artur Iakovlev,
Expedition Leader Florence Kuyper, Hotel Manager William Barnes
and all the crew and staff of M/V Hondius, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.**

- 1. Longyearbyen
- 2. Skansbukta
- 3. Gullybukta
- 4. Gravesnodden
- 5. Smeerenburg
- 6. Ytre Norskoya
- 7. Polar bear family (79° 47'42N / 11°26'34E)
- 8. Pack Ice / Polar bear / Seals / Bowhead whales.
- 9. Ingeborgfjellet
- 10. Calypsobyen
- 11. Longyearbyen



Birds and Mammals of Svalbard

English Name	Latin	German	Dutch	23-jun	24-jun	25-jun	26-jun	27-jun	28-jun	29-jun
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Eistaucher	Ijsduiker							
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Sterntaucher	Roodkeelduiker			X				
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Eissturmvogel	Noordse stormvogel		X	X	X	X	X	X
Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabalis</i>	Saatgans	Taigarietgans							
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Kurzschnebelgans	Kleine rietgans							X
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Weisswangengans	Brandgans		X		X			X
Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	Ringelgans	Rotgans							
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Spießente	Pijstaart							
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Eiderente	Eidereend		X	X	X			X
King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	Prachteiderente	Konings eider			X				X
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Eisente	Ilseend							
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>	Alpenschneehuhn	Alpensneeuwhoen							
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Sandregenpfeifer	Bontbekplevier				X			X
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Meerstrandläufer	Paarse strandloper		X		X			X
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Knutt	Kanoetstrandloper							
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Alpenstrandläufer	Bonte strandloper							
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Steinwälzer	Steenloper							
Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	Thorshühnchen	Rosse franjepoot				X			
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	Odinshühnchen	Grauwe franjepoot							
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Spatelraubmöwe	Middelste jager							
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Schmarotzerraubmöwe	Kleine jager			X		X		X
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Falkenraubmöwe	Kleinste jager							
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Skua	Grote jager				X	X		
Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	Schwalbenmöwe	Vorkstaartmeeuw							
Common/Mew Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Sturmmöwe	Stormmeeuw							
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Eismöwe	Grote Burgemeester		X	X	X	X		X
Iceland gull	<i>Larus glaucooides</i>	Polarmöwe	Kleine burgemeester					X		
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Silbermöwe	Zilvermeeuw							
Lesser black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Heringsmöwe	Kleine mantelmeeuw							
Great black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Mantelmöwe	Grote mantelmeeuw							
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Dreizehenmöwe	Drieteenmeeuw		X	X	X	X	X	X
Ross' Gull	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>	Rosenmöwe	Rossmeeuw							
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	Elfenbeinmöwe	Ivoormeeuw					X		
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Küstenseeschwalbe	Noordse stern		X	X	X	X	X	
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Trottellumme	Zeekoet			X	X			
Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	Dickschnabellumme	Dikbekzeekoet		X	X	X	X	X	X
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	Grylleiste	Zwarte zeekoet		X	X	X	X	X	
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Krabbentaucher	Kleine alk		X	X	X	X	X	X
Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Papageitaucher	Papegaaiduiker		X		X		X	
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Schneeammer	Sneeuwgorst			X	X			X
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		Drieteenstrandloper				X			

MAMMALS

English	Latin	German	Dutch	23-jun	24-jun	25-jun	26-jun	27-jun	28-jun	29-jun
Walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	Walross	Walrus			X	X			X
Bearded seal	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>	Bartrobbe	Baardrob							
Ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>	Ringelrobbe	Ringelrob							
Harp seal	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>	Sattelrobbe	Zadelrob				X	X	X	
Hooded seal	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>	Klappmütze	Klappmuts						X	
Common/Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Seehund	Gewone zeehond			X	X			
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Zwergwal	Dwergvinvis		X				X	
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Seiwal	Noordse vinvis							
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blauwal	Blauwe vinvis							
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Finnwal	Gewone vinvis						X	
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Buckelwal	Bultrug							
Sperm Whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Pottwal	Potvis						X	
Northern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>	Entenwal (Dögling)	Butskop							
Orca (Killer Whale)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Schwertwal (Orca)	Orka							
White-beaked Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>	Weisschnauzendelphin	Witsnuitdolfijn						X	
Beluga	<i>Dezhnapterus leucas</i>	Weisswal	Beloega				X	X		X
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Eisbär	Ijsbeer				X	X		X
Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	Polarfuchs	Poolvos				X			X
Spitsbergen Reindeer	<i>Rangifer tarandus platyrhynchus</i>	Svalbard Rentier	Rendier							X

Florence Kuyper - Expedition Leader



Florence is a cosmopolitan with a passion for the polar regions, remote nature, deserts, history and nomadic people around the globe. After receiving her Masters degree in Educational and Organisational Psychology in the Netherlands, Florence had a European career as a consultant-manager in the field of social affairs.

In 2004 she went for the first time to the big white desert 'Antarctica' and her passion for this continent has drawn her back 'South' ever since.

But Florence can also do extreme heat: she crossed 1,200 km of harsh Mongolian desert on foot, together with a team and her Bactrian camel. Florence lived on a British historical base on the Antarctic Peninsula "Port Lockroy" where she worked as Base Leader. She also works on sailing yachts in the Arctic and Antarctica. Florence has worked as a guide and expedition leader in both polar regions since 2012 and she looks forward to sharing her knowledge and unlimited passion for the polar regions with you.

Sara Jenner – Assistant Expedition Leader



For as long as Sara could remember she has had a passion for travel and searching for the wildest and most remote places on earth.

Back in the UK when she was only 10, she remembers trading in her favourite pink bicycle for the money to start her travel fund. Every birthday and Christmas she added a little more in the kitty and finally, at 18 she realised her dream of diving at the Great Barrier Reef! At that point the travel addiction was born. Ever since Sara has been travelling the globe in search of wild and remote places and has spent many

months volunteering on wildlife conservation projects in a bid to help some of our most iconic and endangered species.

Sara's love of wildlife and the great outdoors has taken her to all seven continents and she has travelled extensively in the polar regions including the Antarctic Peninsula, Falklands, South Georgia, Spitsbergen, Greenland, Iceland, Baffin Island and Canadian High Arctic. Returning to the UK, Sara used this knowledge to work in the travel industry as a polar specialist for several years, until the travel bug hit again, when she decided to swap life on the land for a life at sea and joined the Oceanwide Expedition Team in 2016.

During 2020-2021 she worked extensively on a leopard seal identification project and took the opportunity to fulfil a lifetime dream of visiting South Georgia in winter by working on the M/V Pharos, which is deployed by the South Georgia Government as a fishery patrol vessel.

Sara is a keen wildlife photographer and when she is not wrapped up warm in the polar regions she enjoys working as a photographic guide in Botswana, on the beautiful Chobe River and Okavango Delta, so really has a life of two halves.

George Kennedy – Assistant Expedition Leader



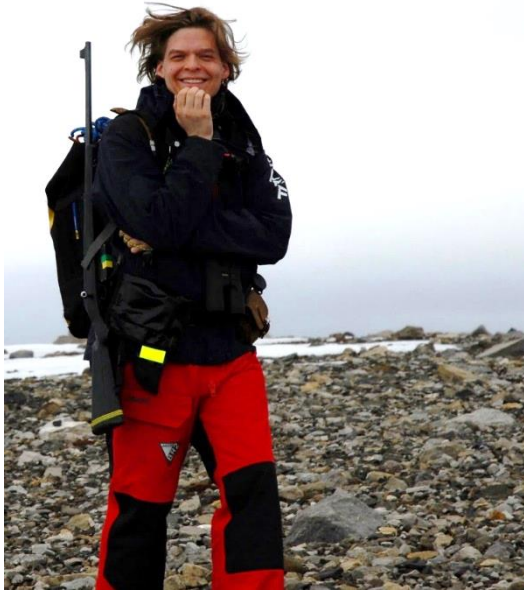
George is a social scientist with a keen interest in polar geopolitics and Arctic cultural identities. He has completed a Masters of Anthropology at Monash University and a Graduate Diploma in Antarctic Governance and Policy at the University of Tasmania. Most recently, George has worked at the Australian Antarctic Division, collaborating across the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to develop sustainable tourism policies in the region.

In his practice as an anthropologist, George has worked predominantly with community development organisations in Latin America. His work has focussed on identifying collaborative solutions to support environmental conservation and sustainable tourism in Patagonia and the Amazon basin.

Prior to his work in anthropology, George served as a paramedic in Australia, still occasionally throwing on the uniform to work with Ambulance Victoria in Melbourne.

Second only to expedition cruising, George's great passion is motorcycle travel. He has ridden from Mongolia to India, around Australia, and most recently from Patagonia to Mexico on his Kawasaki KLR650.

Szymon Niezabitowski - Expedition Guide



Szymon was born in Cracow, Poland. He studied Biology and Geography in Cracow where he received his graduate degree in “Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences”. His final thesis was about Volcanic Soils on Iceland.

After he finished his studies, he joined Polish Academy of Sciences and worked for the Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals, where he was a guide and researcher on exotic animals.

Szymon began guiding in the Arctic in 2016 on Spitsbergen and since then has also led Orca whale trips in North Norway.

From the earliest years of his life he is a passionate naturalist with a special interest in the geography and the wildlife of the higher latitudes.

Miriam Vermeij – Expedition Guide



During her youth she travelled a lot with her parents and sister in Europe. Miriam developed an interest in nature at a young age and lots of time was spent outdoor, exploring local insects and plants. Following her interests, she followed an environmental science study and got a degree with a specialisation on soil pollution. Nowadays she is a self-employed environmental planning officer.

From 1999 the travelling outside Europe started and after a trip to South America, the Falklands and Antarctica in 2006 she got the passion for the poles. The first contact with the Arctic was in 2011 and after another trip in 2013 she came back as field assistant on the Dutch polar expedition (SEES) in 2015 and to the Dutch polar station in Ny Alesund in 2016. Since 2017 she has been guiding in the Arctic, followed by the Antarctic in 2018.

In Holland Miriam is a nature guide since 2003. First in the local forest and since 2008 also in one of the largest national parks in Holland: De Biesbosch. There she is guiding school kids and adult groups on walking and boating trips. She is also part of the board that manages the local forest.

Hazel Pittwood - Expedition Guide



Hazel grew up in the county of Dorset on the South coast of the UK. A childhood spent pond dipping, bug hunting and exploring the countryside and coast nurtured her love of the natural world.

She has worked in practical conservation and community engagement roles for a variety of habitats, including heathland and coastal nature reserves. Hazel also has experience surveying rare protected species and is a trained wildlife rescue volunteer and marine mammal medic

Whilst she is broadly learned about the natural world, Hazel has specialised in marine mammals and seabirds since 2014. At that time she began volunteering as a marine mammal and seabird surveyor, collecting sightings data regarding these animals for UK based conservation charities. In 2017 she worked on a passenger ship travelling between the UK and Spain across the Bay of Biscay for six months, delivering talks and leading wildlife watching sessions out on deck.

Hazel has been working as a guide and lecturer on cruise ships for over three years. This role has taken her to Norway and Svalbard, Iceland, Alaska, Canada, the Faroe Islands, the Canary Islands, the Caribbean and Central America. She is a World Cetacean Alliance certified responsible whale watching guide, championing the highest standards of wildlife experiences.

The polar regions host an incredible diversity of seabird and marine mammal species and Hazel looks forward enhancing your encounters with these incredible animals with her knowledge, skills and enthusiasm.

Laura Mony – Expedition Guide



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 guiding, she explores the world with her camera, or she is discovering the backcountry of Quebec with her skis. She likes to discover remote area and meet with local populations.

Guillermina Browne – Expedition Guide



Guillermina was born and raised in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego. Guillermina has always had a passion for the outdoors. In her free-time she likes to go cycling, trekking, snowboarding and slack-lining.

She has been teaching winter sports in both Argentina and in Europe.

Her love of the snow and ice made her career goal to specialize in winter activities in Argentina and Europe. Guillermina has now set her sights on the Great White Continent – Antarctica!

She is excited to bring her experience as an expedition guide and zodiac driver in the Beagle Channel to Oceanwide Expeditions guests Antarctica and Arctica.

In addition to her guiding, Guillermina has a strong love of marine wildlife and is looking advance her knowledge of the marine life of the polar regions.

Georgina Strange - Expedition Guide



Georgina is a professional nature photographer and general wildlife enthusiast from the Falkland Islands. Her rather unique upbringing on a very small and remote island nature reserve has instilled a deep passion for wild places, and you'll most likely find her out on a cliff edge in a storm, revelling in the gales of wind that frequent the Falklands!

Georgina studied in England for sixth-form college, followed by an adventure to Australia for her university degree in Photography.

After managing her family's conservation trust on New Island in the Falklands for many years, regularly working with the many visiting expedition ships shoreside, Georgina swapped a land-based life for an ocean-based one and started as expedition photographer to South Georgia and the Antarctic in 2017, and to the Arctic in 2019, often switching roles to work as the on-board ornithologist to share her love of the winged creatures of the world, too!

During her off-ship season, Georgina runs her own wildlife photography tours at home to fulfil her passion for making captivating images of nature. Whenever possible, she most enjoys balancing out the time spent guiding in cold and windy places for quality time in the hotter and sunnier climes of the world!

Georgina's photography has made it to Outdoor Photographer of the Year, Bird Photographer of the Year, Wild Art Photographer and the finals of the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year, as well as several well-known nature photography magazines and smaller competitions. Always happy to share knowledge and techniques, maybe you will go home with some competition-worthy images of your special trip, too!

Mikhail Barabanov – Expedition Guide



Born in St Petersburg, Russia, but raised in Luxemburg, Mikhail now lives in Switzerland, where he delights in camping all over the local mountainscape.

He spent quite some time in the academic world, obtaining master's degrees in Marine Mammal Science and in Ecology and Nature Conservation. After working for several field seasons as a scientist in distant places on marine mammals and birds, he was keen to pursue a way to combine his passion for travelling, outreach and the higher latitudes.

His deep interest for the polar regions was formed on a visit to Antarctica with Oceanwide in 2018 as part of a university course. At the time, he was stunned by the pristineness and the vibrance of life found in the Southern Ocean and wanted to find a way to return in a professional capacity. As he prefers the world's colder regions, Oceanwide provided the opportunity to immerse himself in the polar world.

No stranger to adverse weather and difficult living conditions, Mikhail is always looking to find places and moments that exude true calm and serenity. As an avid photographer and videographer, he is always seen carrying his gear around from place to place, trying to improve his craft and capture wildlife in their natural behaviour.

Usually in high spirits, he works as a guide on a variety of expeditions, on which he can be found always ready to help and looking to increase his savoir-faire in all things ocean and wildlife.

Julia Angermeier - Expedition Guide



Julia was born Germany in a small village outside of Frankfurt and she has always had a love of the outdoors. She started her career as an Intensive Care Nurse, a profession she continues today in her off time.

The majority of her time, however, is now spent in Puerto Natales (Chile) where she works as a trekking guide in Torres Del Paine, one of the most beautiful parts of the world. Julia's passion is connecting people with nature, and showing them the beauty around them. Getting people away from

computers and social media and giving them a life changing experience.

Julia looks forward to sharing these amazing adventures with her guests on every trip.

Regis Perdriat - Expedition Guide



Regis has always been passionate about nature and wildlife conservation.

After a master's degree in Ecology, he first specialized in seabird rehabilitation after oil spills for BirdLife France. Then he joined the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, studying endangered species.

In Brittany he worked seven years for the Sept-Iles National Nature Reserve, driving zodiac, counting seabirds and seals in this wild and protected archipelago.

His polar experiences go as far back as 2007, when he spent 15 months working as a field researcher studying the seabirds and marine mammals of the remote Kerguelen Islands, a French subantarctic territory.

In love with those isolated environments he carried out several fieldwork missions in subantarctic islands. He finally joined the management team of French Southern and Antarctic Lands and became Head of the Southern Lands National Nature Reserve.

He now proposes his experience as a freelance biologist for scientific expeditions and share his passion for birds as often as he can. His last expeditions took him to North-East Greenland, Central Asia or Antarctic Peninsula.

Looking for him? Try outside, you should find him and his binoculars searching for birds or whales.

Júlia Baldursdóttir – Expedition Guide



Born in Iceland into a family of nature loving, tree hugging explorers, Júlia developed a love for the arctic nature and for travelling at a very young age. Age 15 she moved to Berlin where she studied linguistics and later psychology.

Initially a side job in 2013, tour guiding quickly grew into a passion for Júlia and soon became a full time job, both on land and on sea. In 2016 she enrolled in a Tour Guiding Program at the University of Iceland and became a nationally certified Tour Guide. For almost a decade, she has travelled in arctic

regions, especially in Greenland and in Iceland.

It is probably no surprise that when she is not on a vessel, Júlia spends most of her free time exploring the world on her own. In spite of (or, perhaps, because of) the months spent in the colder region of the world every year, when travelling for pleasure, Júlia is particularly drawn to the sunny Caribbean, though of course her other big passion, salsa dancing, doubtlessly plays a large role in that as well.

Herman Sips - Expedition Guide



Herman was born in the Netherlands where he was educated as a marine biologist at the State University of Groningen. He travelled through the Arctic several times, especially in 2015 when Herman sailed with his sailing yacht Cachalot (a 36 ft cutter-ketch) from the Netherlands all the way north to the edge of the pack-ice. Passing the Lofoten, Bear Island, Spitsbergen, Jan Mayen, Iceland and the Faroe Islands, Herman then encountered many different whale and dolphin species. "It's with whales like birds and fishes: they appear in all kinds of shapes and sizes".

During his sailing trip Herman was especially intrigued by the rare and mysterious Bowhead whale, to which the Dutch has some special historic relationship.

Therefore, back home, Herman started the Icewhale Foundation dedicated to the investigation and protection of the endangered Spitsbergen-Greenland population of Bowhead whales. Only second to the Blue whale, the Bowhead whale is the largest species on earth. However, curiously enough, most people have never heard about this peculiar animal. Even to science there is still a lot to discover about its behavior and its hidden life in the almost inaccessible dynamic ice zone of the Arctic.

One of the challenging aims of our expedition is to search for Bowhead whales along the edge of the pack ice. With all our eyes, binoculars and telephoto lenses combined, we may succeed in discovering them. Let's do it together and learn about the mysterious Bowhead whale!

Marrigje Hofmeester – Ship's doctor



Marrigje grew up in a small town in the Southern part of the Netherlands. She always had interest in health care and during high school actually wanted to be a veterinarian. She decided, however, that working with people was more her cup of tea.

During her medical studies she already had interest in looking outside the small countryside of the Netherlands; she volunteered in Gambia and did internships in Nepal and Surinam.

Since 3.5 years she is working as a general practitioner and currently works in a small town called Boxmeer. She has special expertise in migrant healthcare and next to her GP work she educates and coaches medical students.

Besides loving her work she has a passion for travelling and scuba-diving. Her favourite parts of the world are Central Asia and Africa. However, when she went on her honeymoon to South-America and Antarctica she fell in love with this beautiful continent. She knew immediately that she wanted to go back. "The feeling you get when you see the first iceberg is an unforgettable experience".

Marrigje also has a 1.5 y/o daughter which makes it harder for her to be away for a few weeks, but being surrounded by the beautiful Antarctic scenery compensates it all.



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North Spitsbergen Bowhead Whales & Polar Bears in the Sea Ice – Birding *Welcome aboard M/V Hondius!*

23rd June 2022
Day 1 – Embarkation, Longyearbyen

Please make yourselves at home in your cabins and check you have received all your luggage!

Tea/coffee is available in the lounge located on Deck 5.
PLEASE LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

17:45+/-

Ship safety briefing, in the Observation Lounge on Deck 5. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY**.

After the briefing the emergency alarm will be sounded, and you will need to go back to your cabin and get your life jacket.

All guests accommodated on Deck 3 (Cabins 301-337) will go to **MUSTER STATION A which is the Restaurant on Deck 4**
All guests accommodated on decks 4, 6, and 7 (Cabins 401-414, 601-619, 701-714) will go to **MUSTER STATION B which is the Observation Lounge on Deck 5**.

18:45+/-

The Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader will do a welcome briefing, to orientate you to life on board and the plan for the forthcoming days. This will take place in the Observation Lounge on Deck 5.

Please listen for announcements for exact timings as they will be determined by our departure time.

19:30

Buffet dinner in the Restaurant on Deck 4.



North Spitsbergen
Bowhead Whales & Polar Bears in the Sea Ice – Birding
24th June 2022
Day 2 – Tempelfjorden and Skansbukta

- 06:00 Embarkation
- 06:30 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 09:30 The Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader will do a welcome briefing, to orientate you to life on board and the plan for the forthcoming days. This will take place in the Observation Lounge on Deck 5.
- Ship safety briefing. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY**. After the briefing the emergency alarm will be sounded, and you will need to go back to your cabin and get your life jacket.
- All guests accommodated on Deck 3 (Cabins 301-337) will go to **MUSTER STATION A which is the Restaurant on Deck 4**.
- All guests accommodated on decks 4, 6, and 7 (Cabins 401-414, 601-619, 701-714) will go to **MUSTER STATION B which is the Observation Lounge on Deck 5**.
- 11:00 A **MANDATORY** AECO, Zodiac and Polar Bear Safety briefing will take place in the Lounge. Attendance will be checked.
- There will be a short briefing about these afternoons landing at Skansbukta.
- 12:15 Muck Boot Distribution. Please listen for announcements, as you will be called deck by deck to Deck 3. Please bring your thick socks to find the best-sized boots for you.
- During the morning we will be sailing in Tempelfjorden so we encourage you to spend time on the outside decks looking for wildlife and enjoying the views.
- 13:00-14:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.
- 15:00 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Skansbukta.
- 15:15 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Skansbukta.
- 18:45 Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for Captains Cocktail and daily recap.
- 19:30 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.



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EXPEDITIONS

North Spitsbergen Bowhead Whales & Polar Bears in the Sea Ice – Birding 25th June 2022 *Day 3 – Magdalenafjord, Gullybukta, Gravnesodden and Waggonwaybreen Glacier*

07:30 Wake- up call.

08:00- 09:00 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

09:15 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Gullybukta

09:30 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Gullybukta

Groups will swap during the morning.

12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

13:30 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Gravnesodden.

13:45 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise in Magdalenafjord, visiting the Waggonwaybreen Glacier.

Groups will swap during the afternoon.

If you would like to participate in the polar plunge, please wear your swimwear under your expedition clothing. We provide the towels, please do not bring the ones from your cabin. The swim will be at the end of the afternoon and will be available to both colour groups.

18:45 Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for Daily Recap.

19:00 Dinner will be served.



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EXPEDITIONS

North Spitsbergen Bowhead Whales & Polar Bears in the Sea Ice – Birding 26th June 2022 *Day 4 – Smeerenburg, Virgohamna and Ytre Norskoya*

- 07:00 Wake- up call.
- 07:30- 08:30 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 09:00 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Smeerenburg
- 09:15 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Virgohamna

Groups will swap during the morning.

12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

- 14:30 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Indre Norskoya.
- 14:45 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Indre Norskoya.
- 18:15 Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for Daily Recap.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served.



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EXPEDITIONS

North Spitsbergen **Bowhead Whales & Polar Bears in the Sea Ice – Birding** **27th June 2022** ***Day 5 – Heading North, Pack Ice***

07:30 Wake- up call.

08:00-09:00 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

We hope to reach the ice edge in the morning so please join the expedition team on the outside decks and help look for wildlife.

10:00 Sara invites you to the lounge for her lecture about Polar Bears.

12:30-13:30 A buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

14:00 Szymon welcomes you to his lecture about Sea Ice in the lounge.

16:00 Herman invites you to the lounge for his lecture titled 'An Introduction to the Mysterious Bowhead Whale'.

18:15 Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for Daily Recap.

19:00 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

21:00 Please join our guest lecturer Erik Verheul to learn more about the restoration projects he has done in the Arctic, including the most recent one in Smeerenburg yesterday, this will take place in the lecture room.



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North Spitsbergen Bowhead Whales & Polar Bears in the Sea Ice – Birding 28th June 2022 *Day 6 – Heading West into the Pack Ice*

- 07:45 Wake- up call.
- 08:00-09:00 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 09:30 Mikhail invites you to the lounge for his lecture titled ‘Arctic Awhaleability: The past, present and future of cetaceans in the Arctic’.
- 11:15 Hazel would like to invite you to the lounge for her presentation on Pinnipeds (Seals and Walrus) of the Arctic.
- 12:30-13:30 A buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 14:00 The students from the Arctic Centre, University of Groningen, would like to invite you to their presentation titled ‘A crash course on Arctic Explorers’.
- 16:00 Regis invites you to join him for his presentation ‘The fabulous world of seabirds - adaptation, threats, conservation’.
- 18:15 Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for Daily Recap.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.
- 21:00 Our guest speaker, Fionn Ferreira invites you to the lecture room for his presentation, ‘Fulmars, microplastics and the power of today’s youth’.



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EXPEDITIONS

North Spitsbergen Bowhead Whales & Polar Bears in the Sea Ice – Birding 29th June 2022 *Day 7 – Ingeborgfjellet and Calypsobyen*

- 07:15 Wake- up call.
- 07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 08:30 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Ingeborgfjellet
- 08:45 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Ingeborgfjellet
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.
- 14:30 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Calypsobyen.
- 14:45 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Calypsobyen.
- 19:00 Join the expedition team in the lounge for the Captains Farewell Cocktail and a viewing of the voyage slideshow.
- 19:30 Dinner is served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

During the afternoon/evening you can settle your accounts with the Hotel Department, they will announce when they are ready to process payments. We will collect your rubber boots before dinner, please listen for announcements.



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EXPEDITIONS

North Spitsbergen **Bowhead Whales & Polar Bears in the Sea Ice – Birding** **30th June 2022** ***Day 8 – Longyearbyen***

07:15 Wake-up call

Please leave your large luggage in the corridor outside your room for the staff to collect before going to breakfast. Crew and staff will bring it to the pier, where you will need to personally identify it and bring it your bus.

07:30-08:30 A breakfast buffet is served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

08:30-09:15 Please be ready at the shell doors for a zodiac transfer to the pier.

09:00-09:30 Buses will be departing from the quayside to Longyearbyen city centre.

Thank you all for a wonderful voyage, for your company, good humour, and enthusiasm. We hope to see you again in the future and share more adventures with you.