



OCEANWIDE
EXPEDITIONS

Around Spitsbergen
In the realm of Polar Bear and Ice
M/V Hondius
07th July 2022 – 16th July 2022



Laura Mony

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. It 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**

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: **Karen Bloemendal**

Expedition Leader: **Eduardo Rubio**

Assist. Expedition Leaders: **Sara Jenner**
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Expedition Guides: **Szymon Niezabitowski**
Hazel Pittwood
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We welcome you on board!

Day 1: 07th July 2022

Longyearbyen

GPS position at 8 am: 78°14.0' N, 015°37.4' E
Wind: SE 4/6; Sea State: Slight; Weather: Clear Sky;
Air Temp: +4°C; Sea Temp: +6.4°C



Our Arctic adventure was due to begin, under a bright blue sky, warm weather for a city so far north, and slight wind. Our first introduction to expedition was at the pier where the expedition team picked us and our luggage up by zodiac. We had to enjoy a short drive

before boarding *MV Hondius*, our house for the next week, anchored in the harbor of *Longyearbyen*. As we got onboard, we were welcomed by the hotel department and Albert, the receptionist, who handed us the keys of our room. As we were discovering the vessel, we naturally made our way to the observation lounge where some coffee and tea were waiting for us, but also where we will have the best view of the surrounding landscape. We knew we will spend as much time as we can in this space looking out the window, making sure we will not miss any sightings of wildlife.

Happily, aboard and reunited with our luggage, Expedition Leader (EL) Eduardo and Chief Officer Matei commenced the mandatory ship safety briefing at 17:15pm, during which guests were shown how-to put-on life jackets and floatation suits, stored in cabins in the event of an emergency situation. As part of the briefing an abandon ship alarm was sounded - we all made our way to our muster stations, either in the Observation Lounge (station B) or Restaurant (station A). Once all guests had arrived wearing their lifejackets correctly, the responsible for each muster station gave us the instruction in case of a real,

but very unlikely,
emergency.

Afterwards, at
18:15pm, guests
received a warm
welcome and
orientation
briefing from our
Hotel Manager
William and EL
Eduardo – an



overview of life on board and how to access important information concerning our daily schedules. This was followed by our first delicious dinner in the restaurant prepared by the Ralf, our onboard chef, and its galley team. Finally, one last mandatory briefing was announced about the rules to follow when you get onshore. The expedition team introduced themselves and we were happy to hear all their background in various area of expertise like biology, geology, history and even geopolitics. It was followed by a little video produced by AECO, the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators, which explained how to preserve this pristine environment. As the day ended, many of us headed to bed to be well rested for our first full day of expedition tomorrow.

Day 2: 08th July 2022

Lilliehookbreen and Fjortende Julibukta

GPS position at 8 am: 79°12.0' N, 011°44.3' E

Wind: SW 3; Sea State: Calm; Weather: Sunny; Air Temp: +7 °C; Sea Temp: +7.6 °C

Our wake-up call from Expedition Leader Eduardo came at 7:30am and, shortly afterwards, we headed to breakfast. During our first meal of the day, the bridge team positioned Hondius in front of the beautiful *Lillehöökreen* glacier so that we could enjoy spectacular views of this area throughout the rest of the morning. Muck boots were also distributed with the Expedition Team helping us to find the perfect fit of this waterproof



footwear as we would be wearing these for every landing ashore. Shortly afterwards everyone attended the last of our mandatory briefings; this one was regarding zodiac operations, which would come in useful for our afternoon activities of going ashore and zodiac cruising at *Fjortende Julibukta* (14th of July Bay). Before that, it was time for a pre-lunch lecture from Expedition Guide Regis who shared his expertise of birds, specifically the auk family (puffins, guillemots, and the little auk). Then we went to our first delicious lunch to give us the energy we needed for our afternoon adventures ashore.

It was truly a day of Arctic summer with the sun shining and clear blue skies as we arrived in

Fjortende Julibukta. The Expedition Team thoroughly scouted all around the area to check there were no polar bears present and, once, they were reassured that the site was

safe to visit, zodiacs began bringing us ashore. Expedition Guides were positioned around the perimeter of the shore, enabling us to walk between them and have a little freedom to explore at our own pace. Features of interest were the stunning glacier at one end of the shore and impressive cliffs home to nesting seabirds at the other end. Species which could be seen here included **Black-legged Kittiwakes**, **Black Guillemot**,



Brünnich's Guillemot and everyone's favourite, the **Atlantic Puffin**. **Snow Bunting** and **Barnacle Geese** were also observed with parent birds feeding and accompanying their cute, newly fledged chicks! Alongside the birds, **Svalbard Reindeer** were seen. Those interested in plant life were rewarded with a wide variety of flowers, these included **Moss Campion**, **Tufted Saxifrage** and **Mountain Sorrel**. After stretching our legs on shore guests returned to the landing site, embarking zodiacs and going for a cruise to get a closer view of the glacier and make a journey along the bird nesting cliffs, at sea level.



Back on board everyone was gathering in the Observation Lounge for the Captain's Cocktail and canapés when the announcement came that a **Polar Bear** had been seen swimming near the ship! Everyone flooded to the outside decks to get a view of this iconic Arctic animal which had been spotted by AEL Pierre. We watched the bear for a short time, then left it in peace to ensure it could progress to land without being disturbed. After that excitement, we returned to the

Observation Lounge and Captain Artur Iakovlev introduced himself and welcomed everyone on board. We enjoyed socialising together before heading to the Dining Room. Once there, we were about to begin our starters when another bear announcement was made: our swimming **bear** had now made it to shore and was walking along the beach! The dining and hotel staff understood we did not want to miss this sight, so they kindly postponed dinner and we headed back outside. The Expedition Team had set up telescopes and helped guests to see the **Polar Bear** before we all returned to our tables to finish our evening meal. What an exciting end to our fantastic first day!

Day 3: 09th July 2022

Magdalenafjorden and Gullybukta

GPS position at 8 am: 79°33.9' N, 011°04.9' E

Wind: W 4/5; Sea State: Smooth; Weather: Sunny;
Air Temp: +10°C; Sea Temp: +8.4°C



We awoke at *Magdalenafjord* and the view was spectacular. We had changed our original plans to escape the increasing wind and avoid the increased swell that was happening on the northern part of the island. The view of the fjord was majestic and, as we boarded the zodiacs for a cruise of the bay, everyone was in high spirits. The zodiac cruise took us past the cliffs where we witnessed masses of seabirds, **guillemots** and **kittiwakes** aplenty. A flock of



barnacle geese modelled for our many photographers, and we headed towards the face of *Wagonwaybreen*. This majestic glacier was beautiful in the morning light, the blue of the newly exposed surfaces stealing the show. Once everyone had taken in the sights of the glacier front, we

headed back towards the ship but not before making a small detour into a small bay to say hi to a small colony of curious **harbour seals**. These seals seemed just as interested in us as we were with them. As the sun was hiding behind the cloud and the wind was picking up, the outside temperature turned cooler which was a perfect time to head back to the ship for a warm drink.

After lunch, we gathered back at the shell doors to embark on our zodiacs to be dropped off at *Gullybukta*. The exciting landing at the beach was the start of the afternoons adventure. From here, we could see nesting **terns** and **red throated divers**.



We skirted around the coast, so as not to disturb the **terns**, and made our way to the beach. Once at the beach, we could see and smell the reason we had landed here, **walruses** lazing on the beach. Each animal fighting for his place in the huddle, tusks, and tails everywhere. The scene was completed by the glacier in the background that was occasionally carving, the noise echoing down the bay. As the cloud descended it was time to head back to the ship and head out into the waves that were building beyond the



bay. We took the long way to get back on the ship and had the chance to admire the walrus from the water. Three specimens were playing in the water, near the shoreline. They were particularly active for such a big animal, especially that the ones we observed earlier were deeply asleep on the beach.



As every day since the beginning of the trip, we ended it with the daily recap where Eduardo explained tomorrow's plan, George talked about the country that are considered arctic countries and Laura explained why the ice is

blue. The sound level was high in the dining room while everyone was excitedly chatting about today's adventures.

Day 4: 10th July 2022

Day in the pack ice

GPS position at 08 am: 81°18.1' N, 021°46.7' E

Wind: W 5; Sea State: Ice; Weather: Fog; Air Temp: +0°C; Sea Temp: +2.7°C



On Sunday we awoke at our northernmost destination – the pack ice. As we gazed out on the starboard side, we saw enormous flows of ice stretching as far as the eye could see, punctuated by deep black fractures of water and the occasional

flock of birds. It was hard to believe that this landscape extends all the way to the north pole. A constant churning of sea ice, drifting across the world's northern tip to where we floated off Svalbard. Shortly before breakfast, the captain made a course correction to starboard, steering our vessel straight into the ice. As we approached the ice edge, the ship's hull began churning through the landscape, carving out a lead in search of wildlife. We were now in the ice, surrounded on all sides. On this day dedicated to ice and wildlife, our expedition team offered a variety of lectures, sharing their diverse knowledge and expertise with us all. Sara gave us an introduction to Polar bears, exploring, in sometimes gory detail, the incredible lives of these kings and queens of the north. This was followed by a fascinating presentation from Adam, describing the airship expeditions of Norge and Italia. As we sat in the lounge before and after his lecture, we considered what might have happened to Amundsen in his search for the crew of Italia – what terrible incident could have cost the world's greatest explorer his life?

Then, after another delicious lunch, we were treated to a lecture from Szymon, describing the sea ice conditions in the far north and sharing his predictions for the future of this frozen landscape. Shortly after, we were invited to the bow for mulled



wine, relishing in the incredible landscape and gazing up at the ivory gulls flying overhead. Our final lecture was from Hazel who offered a presentation on arctic pinnipeds, examining how best to differentiate them from one another. Then, almost as if planned, Hazel was interrupted as she approached the end of her lecture by a pod of Harp seals, flying through the water on the port side. Everyone rushed to the windows as Hazel took the opportunity to point out some of their unique characteristics.

As the day came to an end, Eduardo gathered us all in the lounge for a daily recap, presenting our plans for the next day in *Seven Islands*. As we departed the pack ice, we moved downstairs to the dining room, once again, enjoying another delicious meal from the galley team. A perfect end to an incredible day in the pack ice.

Day 5: 11th July 2022

Seven Islands- Phippsøya and Parryøya

GPS position at 08 am: 80°39.0' N, 020°452.9' E

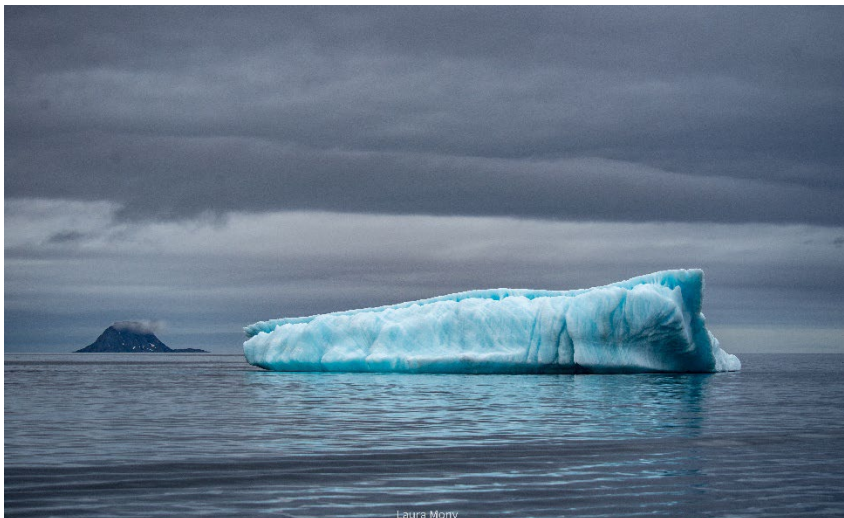
Wind: E 2; Sea State: Calm; Weather: Partially Cloudy;

Air Temp: +9°C; Sea Temp: +5.5°C



We started the day in the calm bay in front of *Phippsøya*. This beautiful location at the far north of Svalbard was noticeably cooler than the west side and the landscape much more barren and rugged. The morning

consisted of a zodiac cruise to see the hut at *Phippsøya*, the most northerly building in Svalbard. This wooden hut stood lonely in the majestic geology that surrounded it, a reminder of just how hostile a place this is. We enjoyed the calm water of the bay which had beautiful blue colors, as we followed the hanging beaches around the coast in search for wildlife. After a few sightings of **Arctic skua** and our old friends the **kittiwakes**, we



came across something we hadn't yet seen on the trip, an **arctic fox**. This amazing little creature blended into its surroundings so well, it was hard to keep an eye on it. Its winter coat starting to shed, showed the brown summer coat in

patches. Continuing our tour of the island, we encountered a small colony of **Walrus**, the young played around the adults and occasionally ventured for a swim. A spectacular sight to see these animals so at ease in their surroundings. Our last point of call was a lonely iceberg, the resplendent blue shining in the foreground as the grey overcast background looked foreboding. A beautiful ending to a wonderful morning's cruise.



The afternoon saw us leave the ship after a hearty lunch and we headed towards *Parryoya*, this island named after the explorer William Edward Parry and his 1827 attempt at getting to the North pole. It was a wonderful sight to behold. The zodiacs entered the sheltered bay and arrived at

a beach surrounded by rugged mountainous rock formations. Some snow was left on the island giving it the Arctic feeling it deserved. The two hiking groups made their way up one of the embankments and hiked up to a viewpoint that really showed off this remarkable location. The hike wasn't easy but was well worth it. The frost shattered rocks



underfoot made for difficult footing and the way down was an interesting march across the remaining snowfield. Although there was not much wildlife in this northern barren landscape, the views more than made up for it. As the wind started to pick up, we headed back to the ship for a well-deserved warm drink.

The daily recap held by Eduardo and his team started at 18:15 with an overview of tomorrow's plan. This was followed by Carina who presented the life of the **walrus** of Svalbard and Sara who talked about the **Arctic Fox**, our exciting sightings of the day. After dinner, we were invited into the lecture room to watch a beautiful movie about migratory birds. This documentary was a footage of bird on their migratory routes, mixed with a soothing soundtrack.

Day 6: 12th July 2022

Alkefjellet, Torellnesset and *Bråsvellbreen*

GPS position at 08 am: 79°35.0' N, 018°35.5' E

Wind: S 5; Sea State: Slight; Weather: Rainy; Air Temp: +3 °C; Sea Temp: +6.5 °C

Our wake-up call from Expedition Leader Eduardo came at 7:30am and shortly afterwards, we headed to breakfast. Then, it was time for our morning zodiac cruise in a truly awe-inspiring location: the towering cliffs of *Alkefjellet* with cascades of meltwater along a vertical cliff and thousands of seabirds.



Although it was raining a little, the waters were fairly calm which gave us pleasant cruising conditions. As the Expedition Team drove us towards the cliffs, in the zodiacs, we marvelled at the sight before us. 60,000 pairs of **Brünnich's Guillemot** (aka **Thick-billed Murre**) arrive at *Alkefjellet* to breed every Spring and Summer. They reunite with their partner, whom they have been separate from during the non-breeding period of Autumn and Winter, spending this time far out at sea, mate and a few days later the female lays a single egg. The pair incubate the egg over a period of 26-39 days and then once it hatches take turns to feed the chick until it fledges. Seeing around 120,000 birds perched on the ledges of rock, flying to and from their nests, with yet more resting/feeding out on the water, was truly



unbelievable! Alongside the unforgettable sight of the **guillemots**, there were other birds too such as **Black-legged Kittiwakes**, **Glaucous Gulls**, **Black Guillemots** and **Barnacle Geese**. The fantastic furry finale to our morning was the sight of two **Arctic Foxes**! We had



brilliant views of them running along the mountainside, quickly darting from rock to rock with ease. These little animals are hard to spot, but seabird colonies are a good place to look for them as there is so much prey available in this area. What a fantastic morning of wildlife and scenery!

Back on board it was time for lunch, a delicious buffet from Head Chef Ralf and his galley team, prior to our afternoon activity. We were scheduled to go ashore at *Torrelneset*, a site where large numbers of **Atlantic Walrus** often haul out to rest. However, upon scouting from the bridge, Expedition Leader Eduardo spotted a **Polar Bear** resting on some snow! The bear was located very close to where we had planned to go ashore and, whenever, one is seen in the vicinity, it means we cannot go on to land as a matter of safety. The Expedition Team hurried into action to try and launch Plan B; a zodiac cruise to take guests to see the **bear** from the water. Unfortunately, it quickly became apparent that the strong winds were gusting at levels which would make zodiac cruising impossible. By that time the **bear** had also gotten up and started walking into the distance, so Plan B was dropped. Plan C then! We all remained on board and Expedition Guide Carina gave a fantastic lecture about whales and dolphins whilst we waited a little while to see what our bear would do next. During the lecture, some Expedition Guides remained on watch from the bridge and Hazel spotted something in the distance: **THREE more Polar Bears!** A mother and two large cubs! An announcement was made, and telescopes positioned so guests could view them. Even though they were quite distant, everyone was happy to

have seen four **bears** in this one day. Then, the Captain and Bridge Officers repositioned *M/V Hondius*. We were now heading for an alternative site, *Russbukta*, to attempt to go ashore there later in the afternoon. When we arrived at *Russbukta* the winds were still too strong and large rolling breaker waves were crashing on to shore meaning we couldn't go out today despite everyone's best efforts.



Regardless of this, everyone was cheerful and had enjoyed their day on board as they headed to the Daily Recap followed by dinner. After dinner, we ship cruised beside the incredible *Bråsvellbreen* ice cap, the second biggest in the arctic. Waterfalls cascaded down along the length of the spectacular wall of ice and some **Walrus** were seen swimming along. This was a great end to our day, and we headed to bed wondering what excitement tomorrow might bring.

Day 7: 13th July 2022

Sundneset and Russebukta

GPS position at 08 am: 78°17.1' N, 021°07.0' E

Wind: W 4; Sea State: Calm; Weather: Overcast; Temp: +6 °C; Sea Temp: +6°C

We were awoken earlier than expected this morning with good news – a **polar bear** had been spotted walking alongside the vessel. Even though it was 6:15 am, we jumped out of bed, quickly dressed and flew to the outside decks so we might get a glimpse of the 'king of the Arctic' as it trekked along the shoreline. This beautiful, healthy **bear** was



walking with purpose, very near to Hondius. However, after an hour, it retreated inland towards the mountains of *Edgoya*.



As the **bear** disappeared into the mist, we continued our journey west, moving towards our landing site, *Sundneset*.

As we enjoyed a delicious breakfast in the dining room, the Expedition team scouted the landing site, searching for more signs of polar bears.

The team knew well that this area was known for **bears**, so everybody was on the lookout. That was not for nothing as Laura from the expedition team spotted a



mother with a cub resting on the raised beach, in the far distance. Whilst this meant we could enjoy another beautiful bear sitting, it meant that the landing had to be canceled. However, the expedition team quickly sprang into action, jumping

to plan B, a zodiac cruise along the shoreline. During our cruise we enjoyed birds in the water, **Northern Fulmar** flying overhead, and **reindeers** slowly walking across the

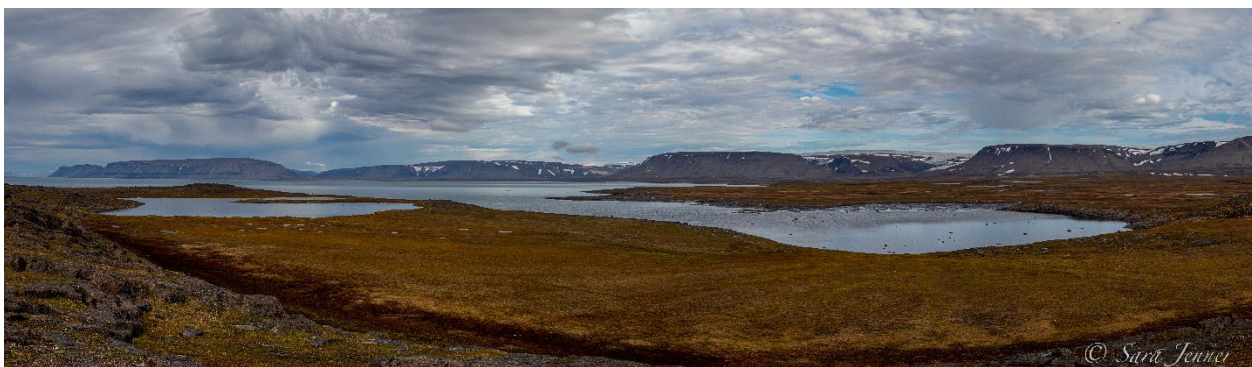
to plan B, a zodiac cruise along the shoreline. During our cruise we enjoyed birds in the water, **Northern Fulmar** flying overhead, and **reindeers** slowly walking across the

beautiful landscapes. Meanwhile, the rain, fog and the rugged landscapes of the mountains brought a unique atmosphere to the area. What a spectacle!



After our zodiac cruise, we hauled anchor and headed further south towards *Kapp Lee*. During our transit, George gave a lecture on sovereignty in the Arctic, untangling the complex world of polar geopolitics. However, upon our arrival we found 35knotts of wind, making any zodiac operations impossible. Instead, the decision was made to continue further south to another destination, *Russebukta*. During our transit, the expedition team kept an eye on the western shore of *Edgoya*, hoping to find more wildlife. Meanwhile, Laura

entertained us with a lecture on Svalbard's geology, stretching back nearly 4 billion years.



By 4pm, we had reached our destination. As we clambered ashore at *Russebukta*, we were met by flocks of **pink-footed geese**, herds of **reindeer** and enormous patches of **Svalbard Poppies** – the national flower of Svalbard. After a hike across the tundra, we

returned to *Hondius* for a short recap and a scrumptious dinner after our afternoon excursion. The highlight of our meal, of course, was the salted caramel tart prepared by the incredible galley team, this delicious desert serving as a cherry on the cake of another incredible day circumnavigating Svalbard.



Day 8: 14th July 2022

Samarinbreen and Burgerbukta

GPS position at 08 am: 76°58.1' N, 015°48.8' E

Wind: SE 5; Sea State: Slight; Weather: Foggy; Air Temp: +5°C; Sea Temp: +6.6°C

As we approached *Hornsund*, on our way to *Samarinbreen*, the wind started to pick up. The gusts reaching up to 48 knots, and the cool breeze blowing over the glaciers gave the air a chilly arctic feel. A large fog bank lay in our direction of





travel, we slowed down and entered the fogs icy embrace. The bay with *Samarinbreen* lay ahead and as the fog lifted, we could see the glacier in all its beauty. As we launched the zodiacs ready for our departure for our morning activity, blue sky appeared above us, and the last tendrils of fog clung to the mountains. The entire glacier front was spectacular, the blue ice visible in all its glory against the grey backdrop and the low clouds made for a very atmospheric and scenic zodiac cruise.

After lunch, we braved the cold once more and headed out on the zodiacs. Our plan A had to be amended due to wind, so our hike was changed to another beautiful zodiac cruise. The bay at *Burgerbukta* is a wonderful glacial valley, with some spectacular geology. In the same area, you have an overview of more than 100 000 of years of geological history. This was a condensate of Svalbard geology. The cloud hung low over the



mountains and the bay was littered with perfect hues of blue iceberg and growlers. We were greeted by **bearded seals** and **Ivory gulls**. At the far end, was the glacier front. On the way to the glacier, we could see waterfalls cascading over the high cliffs and even a pressure waterfall coming straight out of



the base of the mountain itself. The deposition of oxide of iron on the cliffs gave the rocks a vibrant orange color surrounded by some black metamorphic rocks. Seating in our tiny zodiacs, we were feeling the enormous scale of the mountains surrounding the fjord.



As the afternoon wore on, the temperature dropped, and the wind picked up. After all we had seen it was the ideal time to head back to the ship and prepare for the evenings BBQ amongst this special and spectacular scenery. Thankful for another day around Svalbard, we enjoyed some music on the outside decks.

Day 9: 15th July 2022

Skansbukta and Colesbukta

GPS position at 08 am: 78°25.8' N, 015°53.7' E

Wind: ESE 5; Sea State: Slight; Weather: Overcast.

Air Temp: +8°C; Sea Temp: +9.1°C

Our last day of the trip started with an overcast sky, some light wind, and warm summer temperatures, for the region. Eduardo woke us up with a nice symphony from the



Travelling bird movie, before announcing that we were on our way to *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. We slowly made our way to the restaurant for the breakfast, while the ship was anchoring in the bay. As we were boarding zodiacs, the sun start shining in between the clouds. Before landing we went to visit the bird cliff where we saw some puffins nesting. It was

one last amazing sighting of these colorful birds. Then, we got on the beach of this



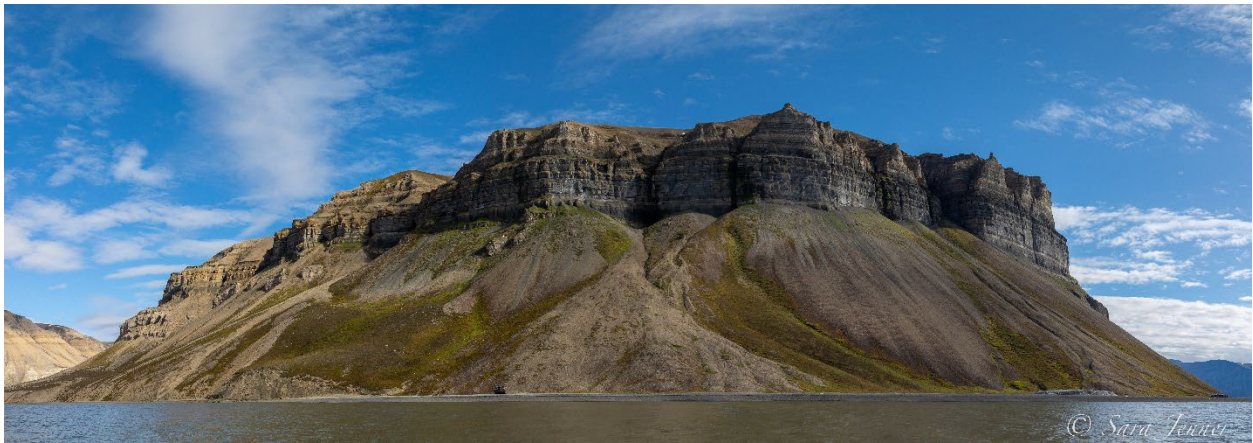
fantastic location full of interest, from a wide variety of plant life to fascinating historical features. A twisted, rusting railway, remains of mining operations for Anhydrite, desiccated version of Gypsum, (which ran from 1918 – 1930's by the Dalen Portland Cement

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. Later in the morning, we were gifted with a bright blue-sky, right-on time for the polar plunge. The bravest of the group got ready and jumped in the cold water of the Arctic Ocean. Surprisingly, due to the warm temperatures of the past weeks, the water was less cold than expected.



However, it was not warm enough to swim around and we quickly got out of the water,

got dressed, boarded the zodiacs, and headed back to the ship. What a fantastic last morning!



In the afternoon, we did a last landing in *Coles Bay*, an old Russian mining settlement that was active between 1913 and 1961. At the time, it was the biggest active mine with up to 1000 people living on shore. After a thoughtfully scout to make sure they were no bear on the site, we started a guided walk, divided into two groups. As we were heading up the slope to enjoy a view of the bay, we admired the old, rusted buildings that were part of the factory and the mining settlement. In

between, we observed some small but oh so colorful flower like the **purple saxifrage**, **polar willow** or the **tufted saxifrage**. Some **Purple sandpipers** were flying around, and,

at the back, we had the chance to see some **reindeers** feeding on the lichen. Again, even with the sky being overcast, it felt like a proper summer day with some warm temperature. As we were slowly making our way back to the landing site, we were saying goodbye to Svalbard, the Arctic and an amazing trip in the polar regions.



The day was not over, as we had to pack, clean, and get ready for the last night onboard. First, we got called to bring back our boots and then Eduardo invited us for the last recap of the trip. It was a special one with a word from Captain Arthur, Expedition Leader Eduardo and Hotel Manager William. To

finish on a happy note, Mikhail had prepared a slideshow with the memories of the trip. Wow, it felt like forever ago, the moment we got onboard *Hondius*. We made the trip around the island, and we were coming back with our head full of memories and our memory cards full of photos. After a well-deserved dinner and a last drink at the bar, we all headed to bed to be ready for tomorrow's disembarkation.

Day 10: 16th July 2022

Longyearbyen - Disembarkation

GPS position at 08 am: 78°14.0' N, 015°37.6' E

Wind: SE 5 Sea State: Slight Weather: Clear Sky Air Temp: +8°C Sea Temp: +6°C

Surely our Arctic adventure was not over already?! Sadly yes, after our final wake-up call at 6:30am by EL 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: 1177.3 nm
Northern most position: 81°18.1' N**

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. Lilliehookbreen
- 3. 14th Julybukta
- 4. Waggonwaybreen
- 5. Gullybukta
- 6. ICE
- 7. Isflakbukta
- 8. Sandvika
- 9. Alkefjellet
- 10. Torellneset
- 11. Brasvellbreen
- 12. Sudneset
- 13. Russebukta
- 14. Samarinvagen
- 15. Burgerbukta
- 16. Skansbukta
- 17. Colesbukta



Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	X	X		X		X		X	X
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>		X	X		X	X	X		X
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>									

MAMMALS

English	Latin	7-jul	8-jul	9-jul	10-jul	11-jul	12-jul	13-jul	14-jul	15-jul
Walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>			X		X	X	X		
Bearded seal	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>								X	
Ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>				X					
Harp seal	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>				X					
Hooded seal	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>									
Common /Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>			X					X	x
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>								X	
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>									
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>					X				
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>				X					
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>									
Sperm Whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>									
Northern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>									
Orca (Killer Whale)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>									
White-beaked Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>									
Beluga	<i>Dephinapterus leucas</i>									
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>		X				X	X		
Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>					X	X			
Spitsbergen Reindeer	<i>Rangifer tarandus platyrhynchus</i>		X				X	X		X

Eduardo Rubio - Expedition Leader



I describe myself as an astronomer by profession with a passion for sharing nature with others.

After studying physics, I got my PhD in Astronomy from the University of Amsterdam in 2010. After a postdoctoral position I became a lecturer of physics and Astronomy as well as a guide in expedition cruise ships. In 2018 I decided to become a full-time guide for Oceanwide Expeditions in the Antarctic and in the Arctic.

My interests vary from history of exploration to the intricacies of astronomy. During the trips I have undertaken, I offer lectures about polar explorers, the science carried out in Antarctica (astronomy in particular), about our Universe, and the mysteries of our ocean's depths, to mention some. At sea, besides being an engaged guide and lecturer, I love to show constellations to people, pointing out their names and their lore. In every trip I made, I always aim to raise the enthusiasm of guests towards science, and their awareness towards the unique and fragile planet where we live. Born in Guatemala (1978), I speak English, Spanish and German.

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.

Pierre Gallego – Assistant Expedition Leader



Pierre is a veterinarian specialised in marine mammal medicine. He has been working in the field of marine biology for 18 years, and has been organising marine mammal research internships around the world since 2004. He represents the Government of Luxembourg at the International Whaling Commission and CCAMLR, and works with numerous international NGOs to promote marine mammal conservation and to fight cetacean captivity.

He is currently carrying out his PhD with the Oceanology Lab of the University of Liege, Belgium. His PhD thesis deals with pollutants and stable isotopes in humpback whales off Ecuador and Mozambique. He is a keen birdwatcher and enjoys photography. The ocean is his passion, and water is his element!

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.

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.

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.

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.

Carina Gsottbauer – Expedition Guide



Carina was born and raised in Austria, where she studied ecology and zoology in Salzburg. While volunteering on the Dutch and German coasts, she decided that she wanted to spend her life near the sea. She then studied marine biology in Northern Ireland before she started wandering the world.

In the coming years she worked as a dog sled guide in Arctic Norway and on Svalbard, guided whale watching tours in Iceland, and backpacked through South and Middle America for a year. Her first experience of work on an expedition vessel in Antarctica in 2019

solidified her wish to continue working in the polar regions.

Since then, she has gained more polar skills and vessel experience, and finally made expedition guiding her full-time job. Her main goal is to learn as much as possible about marine life in order to share her knowledge and enthusiasm. She is especially fond of marine invertebrates such as molluscs and crabs, and she can often be found rockpooling when she finds a spare minute on shore.

Currently, she calls gorgeous Berlin, Germany home, but she takes every opportunity to spend time on or near the ocean. Beachcombing, reading, and photography are her favourite pastimes and she enjoys the challenge of mastering new skills and knowledge.

Adam Burke - Expedition Guide



Adam has always had a love of the outdoors and adventure, from an early age he dreamt of visiting exotic places and immersing himself in other cultures.

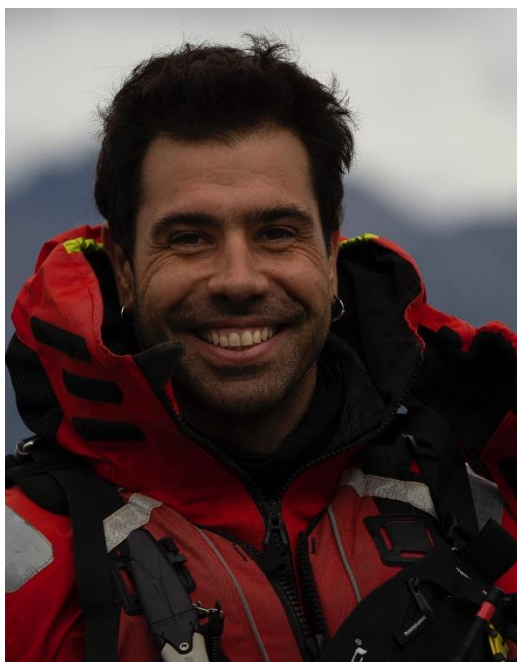
This love of the outdoors led him to work teaching adventurous activities and for over fifteen years this pursuit has given him the opportunity to live and work all over the globe. He has taught sailing in Australia, paddle sports on Europe's rivers and led expeditions in Africa.

After spending five years teaching white water safety & rescue and boat handling techniques to the fire brigade, he moved on to providing marine science support in Antarctica. He has spent over five years living between the Antarctic continent and the island of South Georgia, including overwintering twice.

Whilst providing science support he spent his time in Antarctica managing boating operations and helming RIBs for diving operations. This covered understanding environmental changes and its effects, wildlife monitoring and counting as well as water sampling for a long-term data collection.

Adam enjoys travelling with his partner who shares the same values and love of the outdoors. This has taken them from deserts to rain forests and ultramarathons in the mountains.

Ben Giunchi - Expedition Guide



Ben comes from the countryside of Argentina, known as “The Pampas”. Since a very young age he developed a love of nature and after a few years traveling around his home country he discovered his passion for Patagonia and the mountains. This provoked a fascination for glaciers and wildlife and he soon became a guide around El Calafate and El Chaltén.

Spending time with people from all across the globe whilst working as a tour leader in Argentina, encouraged him to expand his knowledge of the culture and nature of other parts of South America. This newfound knowledge, and a few technical courses in relevant aspects of wilderness guiding, took 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 with me... WELCOME TO YOUR ADVENTURE!



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7th July 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

17:15+/-

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**.

18:15+/-

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.

19:00

Buffet dinner in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

20:30

We would like to invite you to the Observation Lounge for Staff Introductions and the AECO safety briefing. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY** and will be checked.

“It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves” -Edmund Hillary



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8th July 2022
Day 2 – Lilliehookbreen and 14. Julibukta

07:30 Wake- up call

08:00-9:00 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

During the course of the morning, we will sail towards Lilliehookbreen so we encourage you to spend time on the outside decks looking for wildlife and enjoying the views of the magnificent glacier.

09:30 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!

10:15 A **mandatory** Zodiac briefing will take place in the Observation Lounge on Deck 5. Attendance will be checked. This will be followed by a briefing for the afternoon's landing at 14. Julibukta.

11:30 Regis would like to invite you to the lounge for a presentation about Auks (Puffins, Guillemots and Little Auks).

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

14:00 Please can you be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at 14. Julibukta.

18:15 Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for Captains Cocktail and daily recap.

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

We ourselves see in all rivers and oceans. It is the image of the ungraspable phantom of life; and this is the key to it all Herman Melville – Moby Dick.



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9th July 2022

Day 3 – Magdalenafjord, Waggonwaybreen and Gullybukta.

- 07:30 Wake- up call
- 08:00-09:00 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 09:30 Please can you be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a Zodiac cruise of Waggonwaybreen.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.
- 14:30 Please can you be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Gullybukta.
- 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.

“Love is life’s snow. It falls deepest and softest into the gashes left by the fight whiter and purer than snow itself.” Fridtjof Nansen - Farthest North.



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10th July 2022
Day 4 – Pack Ice

07:00 Wake- up call.

07:30-08:30 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.

09:30 Sara invites you to the lounge for her lecture about ‘The King of the Arctic - Polar Bears’

11:45 Adam welcomes you to the lecture room for a presentation about Airships in the Arctic- The Norge and the Italia.

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

14:00 Laura welcomes you to the lecture room for her presentation about ‘Sea Ice and the effects of Climate Change’.

16:00 Hazel invites you to the lounge for her presentation about Pinnipeds of the Arctic (Seals and Walrus).

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.

“You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to loose sight of the shore” -Christoph Columbus



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11th July 2022
Day 5 – Seven Islands- Phippsøya and Parryøya

- 07:00 Wake- up call.
- 07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 09:00 Please be ready at the shell doors for a zodiac cruise of Phippsøya.
- 12:00-13:00 A buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 13:45 Please be ready at the shell doors for a landing at Sandvika, Parryøya.
- 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.

*Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world. -
Albert Einstein*



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12th July 2022
Day 6 – Alkefjellet, Torellneset and Bråsvellbreen

07:00 Wake- up call.

07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

08:30 Please be ready at the shell doors for a zodiac cruise of Alkefjellet.

12:00-13:00 A buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

14:30 Please be ready at the shell doors for a landing at Torellneset.

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.

After dinner we will do a ships' cruise of Bråsvellbreen.

Victory awaits him who has everything in order – luck, people call it. - Roald Amundsen.



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13th July 2022
Day 7 – Sundneset and Kapp Lee

- 07:00 Wake- up call.
- 07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 08:45 Please be ready at the shell doors for a landing at Sundneset.
- 12:00-13:00 A buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 14:00 Please be ready at the shell doors for a landing at Kapp Lee.
- 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.

“Half the confusion in the world comes from not knowing how little we need” -Richard Byrd.



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14th July 2022
Day 8 – Samarinbreen and Burgerbukta

- 07:30 Wake- up call.
- 08:00-09:00 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 09:00 Please be ready at the shell doors for a Zodiac cruise at Samarinbreen.
- 12:00-13:00 A buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 13:45 Please be ready at the shell doors for a Zodiac cruise at Burgerbukta.
- 17:45 Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for Daily Recap.
- 18:30 Dinner will be served

“I demolish my bridges behind me, then there is no choice but forward” Fridtjof Nansen.



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15th July 2022
Day 9 – Skansbukta and Colesbukta

07:30 Wake- up call.

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

09:30 Please be ready at the shell doors for a landing at Skansbukta.

If you would like to participate in the polar plunge, please wear your swim wear 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 landing.

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

15:15 Please be ready at the shell doors for a landing at Colesbukta.

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.

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.

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16th July 2022
Day 10 – Longyearbyen

- 07:00 Wake-up call
- 07:15 Please leave your large luggage in the corridor outside your room for the staff to collect. 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.
- 09:00 Please be ready for disembarkation, but please listen for announcements before approaching the gangway.

Buses will be departing from the quayside to the town.

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.

As for me, I am tormented with an everlasting itch for things remote, I love to sail to sail on forbidden seas and land on barbarous coasts – Herman Melville, Moby Dick