



# OCEANWIDE

EXPEDITIONS

## Greenland - Scoresbysund - Basecamp M/V Ortelius

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022



M/V *Ortelius* was named after the Dutch cartographer Abraham Ortelius (1527-1598) who published the first modern world atlas, the *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* (Theatre of the World) in 1570. MV *Ortelius* was built in 1989 in Gdynia, Poland, as a research vessel for the Russian Academy of Science and was named *Marina Svetaeva*. In 2011 she was purchased by Oceanwide Expeditions. The vessel was re-flagged and renamed *Ortelius*. Now the ship is sailing as a 108-passenger vessel. *Ortelius* is 91 m long, 17,6 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5,80 m, with an Ice Strength rating of UL1/1A, top speed of 12 knots and one diesel engine generating 3200 kW.



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## Captain Per Andersson (Sweden) and his international crew of 53

*Including*

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**We welcome you onboard!**

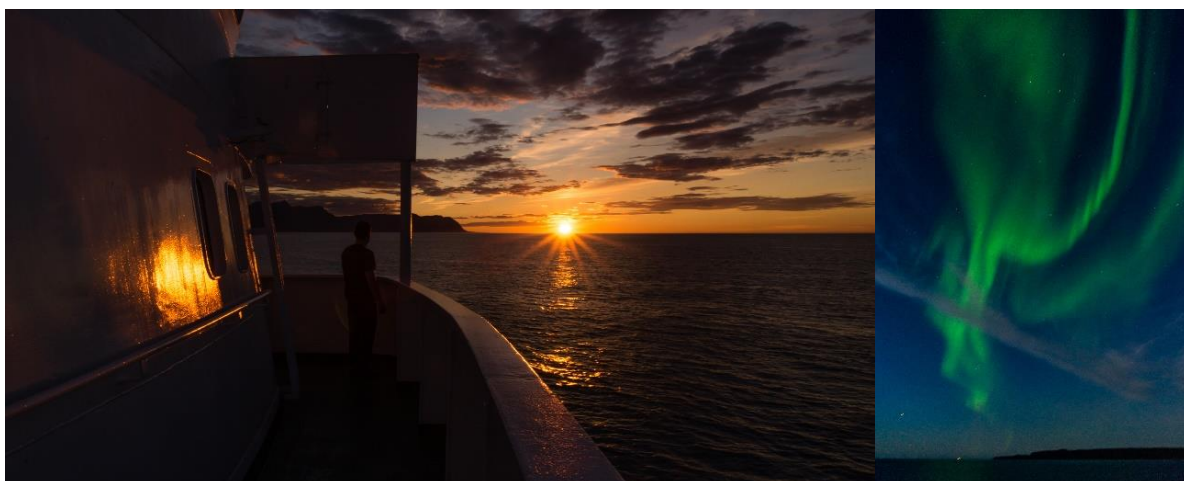
## Day 1 – September 9<sup>th</sup>

### Akureyri: embarkation

**GPS position at 1600:** 65°47.7'N, 018°07.5'E

**Air Temp:** 13°C **Weather:** sunny **Wind:** N-4

Today is the day! Our long-awaited Arctic adventure is about to begin (a few years wait for some of us!). Our story begins in Akureyri, the second largest city of Iceland, where we board M/V Ortelius, the ship that will be our home for the next eight days. What will we see on our voyage? We can only guess at this stage, but the smiles on the faces of the guests as they arrive show the excitement everyone is feeling. It is a beautiful day alongside the pier, whales have been seen in the fjord and at 4 pm guests arrive ready to board for our epic trip. The expedition staff waits on the pier to welcome us and guiding us to the reception for check-in. We now have a little time to settle in and get our bearings on board the vessel whilst the bridge team prepares for the ship to depart from the pier. With everyone onboard, we are called to the lecture room to attend the first of our mandatory briefings - a ship safety briefing from the chief officer Mickael and house rules from the assistant hotel manager Stephen. On completion of the briefings, we take part in an abandon ship drill and gather at our designated muster stations on the sounding of the alarm. Everyone puts on the life jackets; we follow Vladimir and Stephen to the assembly points close to the lifeboats. As we have accomplished the drill, we are ready for departure. We wait for another cruise ship to leave before it is our turn to set sail and head out to our adventure. After Dinner Captain Per introduces himself and welcomes everybody. Our expedition leader Jan welcomes us onboard, and we get to know all the expedition guides and the kayak team. We all enjoy raising a glass of our chosen beverage in celebration of starting the voyage. A delicious dinner buffet awaits us with a variety of dishes prepared by head chef Heinz and his galley team, served by our friendly dining room staff. Then we have some free time to explore the ship and wandering the decks. Some of us are enjoying for a little longer the fresh and very windy air on the outer decks, others have a cup of tea or drink in the bar, meeting our travel companions. The sun sets in beautiful colours from pink to orange and on the other side the moon starts to rise. It appears big and red tonight. Before most of us retreat to our cabins to rest we hear Jan's voice through the speakers. We have northern lights – while crossing the Arctic circle! The lights dance magically on the evening sky. There still is some light on the horizon and we can't stop looking. What an amazing timing and what a wonderful start of our cruise.



## Day 2 – September 10<sup>th</sup>

### Danish Sea – at sea

**GPS position at 0800:** 68°24.0'N, 020°05.9'E

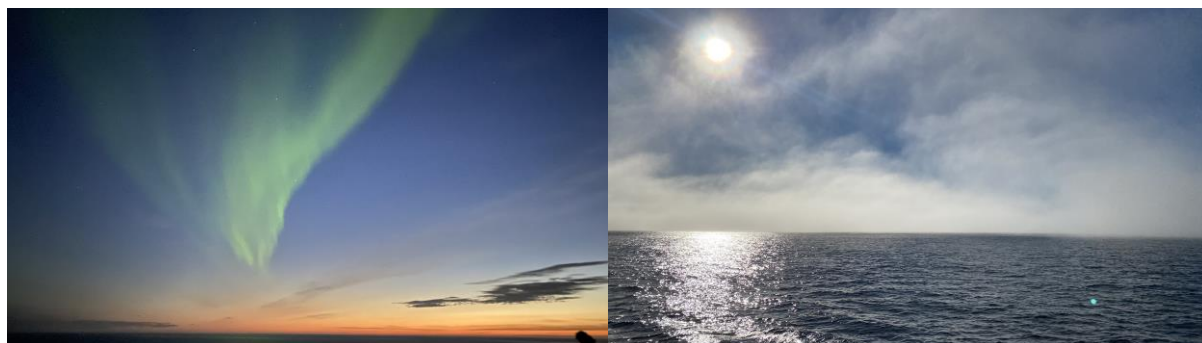
**Air Temp:** 4°C **Weather:** Fog **Wind:** NE-6

We wake up to a wonderful day with sunshine but still a lot of mist. We are crossing the Denmark Strait towards Greenland and the sea is calm. We hope to see whales but the mist is making it really difficult. Right after breakfast we collect the rubber boots that we will keep for the entire trip for our zodiac cruises and landings. Just before we head to the AECO meeting, Jan makes an announcement that we have whale blows in front of us, and we see a Northern bottlenose whale, a fin whale cross right in front of the bow, and a humpback whale fluking up. Further away we detect some more blows as we are passing through a seamount, but they are too far away to identify the species..

Then it is time for all the mandatory meetings: AECO, polar bear safety, and zodiac operations, and for those who would like to kayak, Zet and David gave them a short briefing as well. It takes us the rest of the morning to get through all of them.

After a delicious lunch we have the option to attend two simultaneous photography lectures, one in German by Katja, and one in English by Werner. Later on we attend two simultaneous lectures on whales, one in German by Ursula, and one in English by Pierre. A little later we attend the first recap of the trip where Jan gives us information about the activities for the following day, as well as on how the kayak operations are going to unfold.

Before dinner we are invited to go to the outer Deck because we are approaching our first large iceberg, and as we pass it it starts to roll quite impressively. After dinner we witness another magnificent moonrise, it is still full moon and the moon has a strong orange colour. And just before we go to bed Jan announces that we have Northern lights again, so we all go out to the outer decks where we witness amazing colours and shapes in the dark.



## Day 3 – September 11<sup>th</sup>

### Vikingebukt & Danmark Ø

**GPS position at 0800:** 70°21.9'N, 025°15.7'E

**Air Temp:** 9°C **Weather:** sunny **Wind:** WSW-2

And the ticking off of our wish list continues. But not as we could have expected, we were not woken up in the middle of the night for Northern lights. Instead, Jan's call wakes us up 15 minutes earlier than planned and the reason is a good one. A polar bear is sighted on a mountain slope at the entrance of Vikingebugt. Everybody hurries out on deck as one never knows how long an animal will stay in sight. But the bear, which appears to be well fed, is leisurely walking along a flat area, a few times even lying down. Then, and to our great surprise, it walks down the steep rocky slope. Which is impressive by itself. Reaching the beach the beauty of the Arctic enters the water and swims away.

For those staying on the look-out it turns out to be quite a challenge to follow the bear's path as only a small part of its head remains visible. Eventually we lose sight and are wondering if it is the same bear we have seen during the last cruise? Did it go in the water to cool off, to change place or because he has smelled a seal somewhere? Or did he leave as we came in? We will never know as during our voyages we can always only open a tiny window into the lives of the animals and the Arctic. Some of us might think how great it would be to spend more time at places to watch how these animals live and behave over time. Most however are happy to continue the journey later in the day.

After breakfast we start our zodiac cruise at the steep slope on the west side of the bay. What at first sight appears to be barren and boring turns out to be a most fascinating journey into the geological past of Greenland. Beautiful basalt columns are exposed in all directions and, facing the surface, even exposing their perfect hexagonal shape. We slowly drive through patches of sea ice forming in the cold exposing their typical pancake shapes. Last but not least we circle icebergs of various shapes and sizes making the cruise a mesmerizing and highly diverse experience.

Once everybody is back on board we lift anchor leaving this beautiful place of geology and glaciology. From far we could soon see a dense fog bank along the coast we were heading to. Plan A was to land on the island of Danmark Ø to visit the remains of winter houses from the Thule people. But the fog is too dense to go on land. Heading west into the Gåsefjord the fog clears and a possible site to go ashore is sighted. Immediately the zodiacs are lowered, the expedition team lands at the beach and our guests jump back into their outdoor clothes. Just to hear some time later that plan B doesn't work out either as the fog had moved back in.

As all alternative landing sites in the area are also fogged in, a plan C is needed. Shortly after the afternoon sweets, Jan presents in great depth historical and modern explanations why and where Northern lights develop. While people in Greenland believed to be caused by deceased Inuit or unborn children playing with a walrus skull, others thought they were signs of something bad going to happen. Today we know that polar lights are caused by solar spot activities on the sun spreading electrical particles into space. When these meet the magnetic field of our planet, they are redirected towards the Northern and Southern pole creating the unique and for long not explainable phenomena. Meanwhile the Ortelius passes Danmark Ø into the Fønfjord framed with high and rugged mountains.



## Day 4 – September 12<sup>th</sup>

### Røde Ø & Røde fjord

**GPS position at 0800:** 70°30.6'N, 027°56.4'E

**Air Temp:** 9°C **Weather:** rainy **Wind:** ESE-1

We spent the night at anchor near Røde Ø, the red island. It got its name from the red sandstone, that makes up the island. This sedimentary rock was deposited roughly 360 to 300 million years ago when the climate in Greenland was warm and arid. This morning, however, nothing was warm or dry. In contrast, it was drizzling when we boarded the Zodiacs for a Zodiac cruise at Røde Ø and the iceberg alley. Not far from the ship we were greeted by the first white-blue giants. Further and further, we made our way into the labyrinth and the shapes of the icebergs got more fantastic by the minute. We saw a giant cave, deep blue stripes, ripple marks, and sometimes completely smooth parts of ice next to sharp fresh fractures. From time to time we heard a deep rumbling noise, telling us of another piece of ice that had broken off a berg.

Eventually we reached Røde Ø where we landed in a little bay. A short climb to the ridgeline led to a spectacular viewpoint over the iceberg cemetery. The narrow gap between the island and the coast acts as a barrier, trapping all icebergs that have been discharged by the Vestfjord glacier. The white and turquoise of the icebergs contrasted nicely with the orange of the polar birch and the yellow of the polar willows. It was hard to leave this special place, but after the landing we cruised through the iceberg alley back to the ship. A clear and deep blue iceberg close to the ship made another stop necessary. The lack of bubbles and the high sediment content suggested that this ice stems from the deepest part of the glacier, where the high pressure makes gas bubbles disappear.



After lunch we went ashore for a walk in the tundra. The long hikers did a very long hike and were rewarded with the sight of several musk oxen. All other groups had to be satisfied with musk ox wool and their droppings. But the views over the iceberg filled bay with a miniature Ortelius made up for it. In the tundra yellow, orange, and brown colours were prevalent, telling us about autumn and the looming of winter. It was drizzling slightly but that didn't stop anybody from enjoying their hikes.

A short Zodiac ride brought us back to the ship. Just in time for recap where Katja talked about icebergs and Charlotte looked in depth into Arctic faeces. Meanwhile we were passing more beautiful icebergs as Ortelius sailed deeper and deeper into Røde fjord where we would spend the night.





## Day 5 – September 13<sup>th</sup>

### Jytte Havn and Rune Island (Ingmikertikajik)

GPS position at 0800: 71°00.9'N, 025°37.0'E

Air Temp: 5°C Weather: rainy Wind: ESE-2



We woke up to the most beautiful view as we were travelling down the fjord to our landing site; Jytte Havn. The mountains were covered in a light dusting of snow and some enormous icebergs dominated the large opening of the fjord. Everyone was out on deck with cameras to eyes trying to capture the spectacular scenery. Once the Expedition Team safely scouted the area the long hikers followed by medium and leisurely all came ashore to begin their walks. The small lakes and pools made beautiful photos with reflections from the mountains gracing us with their presence. A few keen beavers decided to do the Polar Plunge, an experience not to be forgotten as we dived into the icy cold water! After a delicious lunch the ship sailed past yet more huge icebergs, one 900 metres long! We all landed at Rune Island (Ingmikertikajik) and we were pleasantly surprised to be greeted with several Arctic Hare feeding on Purple Saxifrage. Our walk took us past 300 year old winter houses made by the Thule people where they lived for hundreds of years during Winter. The island was absolutely stunning and the evening light gave it a warm, reddish colour. Once back onboard we were informed by Jan the daily plans for tomorrow followed by an announcement of an Arctic dinner; a bbq! It was out on the helideck, the tunes

were pumping, the sausages were sizzling and the wine was flowing! We gorged ourselves on the tasty buffet and couldn't help but get our feet moving on the dance floor. Wow what a day. To add the cherry on the cake Jan woke us up at midnight to inform us of Northern Lights, Aurora Borealis!! And they were the best we had seen them all week with icebergs in the foreground.

## Day 6 – September 14<sup>th</sup> Ittoqqortoormit & Nøke Dal

GPS position at 0800: 70°28.5'N, 021°58.3'E

Air Temp: 6°C Weather: sunny Wind: NNW-1



It was one of these quiet and calm autumn days when the sun is still giving warmth, but at the same time it's clear that this is nearly the end. The morning started for us at 7:15 when Jan, the Expedition Leader woke us up with his wake up call over the PA system. Ortelius was about to drop the anchor in front of Ittoqqortoormit, one of the most desolated settlements on the planet and the only alive village in East Greenland.

Rusty old and lazy sun was hanging low above the horizon looming over the settlement. It looked tired and was sort of trying to say us: "Please, let me go to sleep!" Soon, dear Sun, very soon you will have several months of quietness and sleeping below the horizon. The Northern Lights will take your shift during the Polar Night. Just wait a little longer and give us some more of your light. Not a slightest wind was disturbing the surface of the sea. Nothing could predict the trouble. (And no trouble happened later, it is just a figurative expression.) The Expedition Team had put several "Zodiacs" on the water and when we were ready to go, they started shuttling us to the shore.

Ittoqqortoormiit turned out to be a very small village populated with a little more than 300 people. Most of them were natives, but there were some Danish living there as well. The locals were not so communicative, we only could see them driving fast there and back on their FWD vehicles. We had a chance to visit the museum that was situated in a small building not far from the landing site. Inside there were different items and elements of Inuit clothes and many photographs depicting Inuits, their life and their activities.

Also there was a church. A very small and very clean and cozy building. Inside there was a woman spinning the Muskox wool and selling mittens and hats she had knitted before our arrival. We were enjoying the sunny day walking up and down the streets of the settlement and big black ravens were watching us sitting on every streetlight. Ortelius was anchored a few cables away from the shore, so we could hear the noise of its engine meddling into the sounds of the village. And in the background we could see large icebergs drifting away out of Scoresbysund.

Very closed to the landing site by the river there was a pack of Husky dogs tied up. These were the working dogs so we had got the instructions not to feed and not to pet them. Well, in any case it would have been a challenging thing to do, because the dogs were stinky and aggressive, so none of us would dare to approach them. Nevertheless at 11:30 it was feeding time, so one of the locals came up with dog food and gave it to Huskies. At the same time it was nearly a time for us to have lunch so by midday we all left Ittoqqortoormiit and got shuttled back aboard Ortelius.

In the afternoon after a couple of hours of navigation Ortelius dropped the anchor at Kap Steward. That was the area of our afternoon activity. We got shuttled to the shore where we got divided into several groups. The idea was to walk inland into the tundra to enjoy the nature and also to try to spot some wildlife, e.g. Muskoxen. The long hikers were the ones who succeeded to be the first ones who had spotted those huge animals. The other hikers got informed over the radio and after half an hour of walking through the soft tundra joined the observation. The Muskoxen were pretty far, but we could not approach closer, because this time of year these animals are very nervous and can be aggressive and dangerous. Though it was possible to see them in details with binoculars. Some time later we had to make our way towards the landing side. That was a bit exhausting to be honest, because walking on soft carpet of tundra is very energy consuming, but it was totally worth it!

When back onboard we had a daily recap in the bar followed by dinner, but that was not the end of the day, because when it got dark we got another chance to see the Northern Lights. Wonderful day!



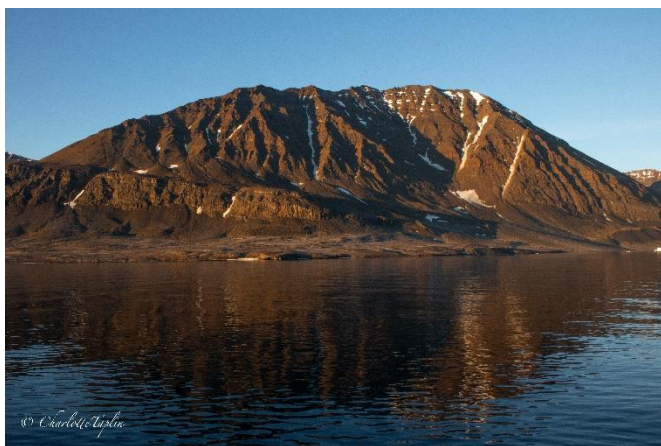
## Day 7 – September 15<sup>th</sup>

### Romer Fjord & Kangertiva Fjord

**GPS position at 0800:** 69°44.4'N, 023°42.6'E

**Air Temp:** 4°C **Weather:** sunny **Wind:** S-1

This morning Jan our fantastic Expedition Leader woke us up earlier than usual because his Eagle eyes spotted a Polar Bear! At 0715 sleepy eyed we clambered to the decks to see not one, but two bears onshore! The scenery was spectacular with the red 1000 metre mountains



reflecting beautifully on the glassy ocean. We were all extremely eager, so we shovelled down some breakfast and got ready to go and see this unexplored fjord! The first bear awed us with his presence as he sat and looked at us in the beaming sunlight. The newly forming sea ice was glistening in the sunlight, at the same time we noticed the second Polar Bear sleeping on a peninsula. We watched from zodiacs as

the bear occasionally looked up at us. We spent the rest of the morning watching groups of Harp Seals spyhopping, thermal springs bellowing from the ground and Narwhal skeletons that were littered on the shore; evidence that Inuit people had been hunting here some time ago.



After a delicious lunch the ship sailed to Kangertiva Fjord to visit the glacier. Ginormous icebergs surrounded us, our guide careful drove us around them and keeping a distance we watched the finest pieces of natures' art plummeting up from the water. As we had been driving into the fjord another Polar Bear had been spotted 50 metres from the ship swimming in the water. We cruised over to where the bear landed and

looked in amazement as the bear climbed the steep mountain to the plateau. The afternoon felt chilly but there was a beautiful feeling of pure satisfaction of the week we just had. This place feels so fragile and gave us a sense of vulnerability, somewhere not to be forgotten!

By 1800 it was time to head back to the ship, we snapped our last few photos of the 500<sup>th</sup> iceberg we had seen, then clambered onboard to get a very needed hot cup of tea. Shortly to follow was recap with Jan's daily plans, Annina's interesting talk on lichens and of course another tasty dinner from Heinz's team!

## Day 8 – September 16<sup>th</sup>

### Danmark Strait

**GPS position at 0800:** 65°47.7'N, 018°07.5'E

**Air Temp:** 13°C **Weather:** sunny **Wind:** N-4

Jan wakes us up half an hour later today as we are crossing the Danmark Strait on our way from Greenland to Iceland, back to where it all began. We have a pleasant breakfast and after that we bring our faithful gum boots back to the lecture room.

It is then time to attend a series of lectures. The first one is presented by our expedition leader Jan and is titled The Human History of Greenland. Katja does a simultaneous interpretation from English into German. At 11am Annina gives a lecture in English on Life at the Ice Edge – Sea Ice Ecology. At the same time Ursula gives a lecture on polar bears in German. The lectures are suddenly interrupted by an announcement by Katja as we have spotted a minke whale, a large pod of white-beaked dolphins, and eventually we have several pods of pilot whales escorting Ortelius for quite a while, which postponed the end of the lectures.

After lunch we pass very close to the northernmost rock belonging to Iceland, named Kolbeinsey. This piece of rock gives Iceland the right to claim large territorial waters.

We then attend the same series of lectures by Ursula and Annina but in inversed languages. Most passengers decide to spend the time after the lectures looking at the Icelandic coastline appearing before our eyes and having some drinks at the bar.

At 18.15 we then all gather to the bar to have the Captain's farewell cocktail where we celebrate a very successful expedition. Werner then shows us the slideshow he has prepared and we are all very emotional at the sight of the beautiful pictures and memories we have collected during this unforgettable trip.

## Day 9 – September 17<sup>th</sup> Akureyri: Disembarkation

**GPS position at 0800:** 65°47.7'N, 018°07.5'E

**Air Temp:** 13°C **Weather:** sunny **Wind:** N-4 **Sea:** smooth

Unfortunately, every trip comes to an end, and we arrive in Akureyri in the early morning hours. During our last breakfast, the crew and expedition staff are taking care of our luggage. We disembark and all that remains is to say our goodbyes to our newly made friends, fellow travellers and all the welcoming faces of the Ortelius we have come to know so well. The Ortelius lays up alongside the jetty, so we take some last photos before saying goodbye to the expedition staff. Some of us may have some days left Iceland others may have to get back to work when coming back home. Regardless, we all take home many great memories, thousands of photographs and new friends made. The Arctic is an incredible and unique part of our planet, and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to observe and soak up this pristine and fragile environment!

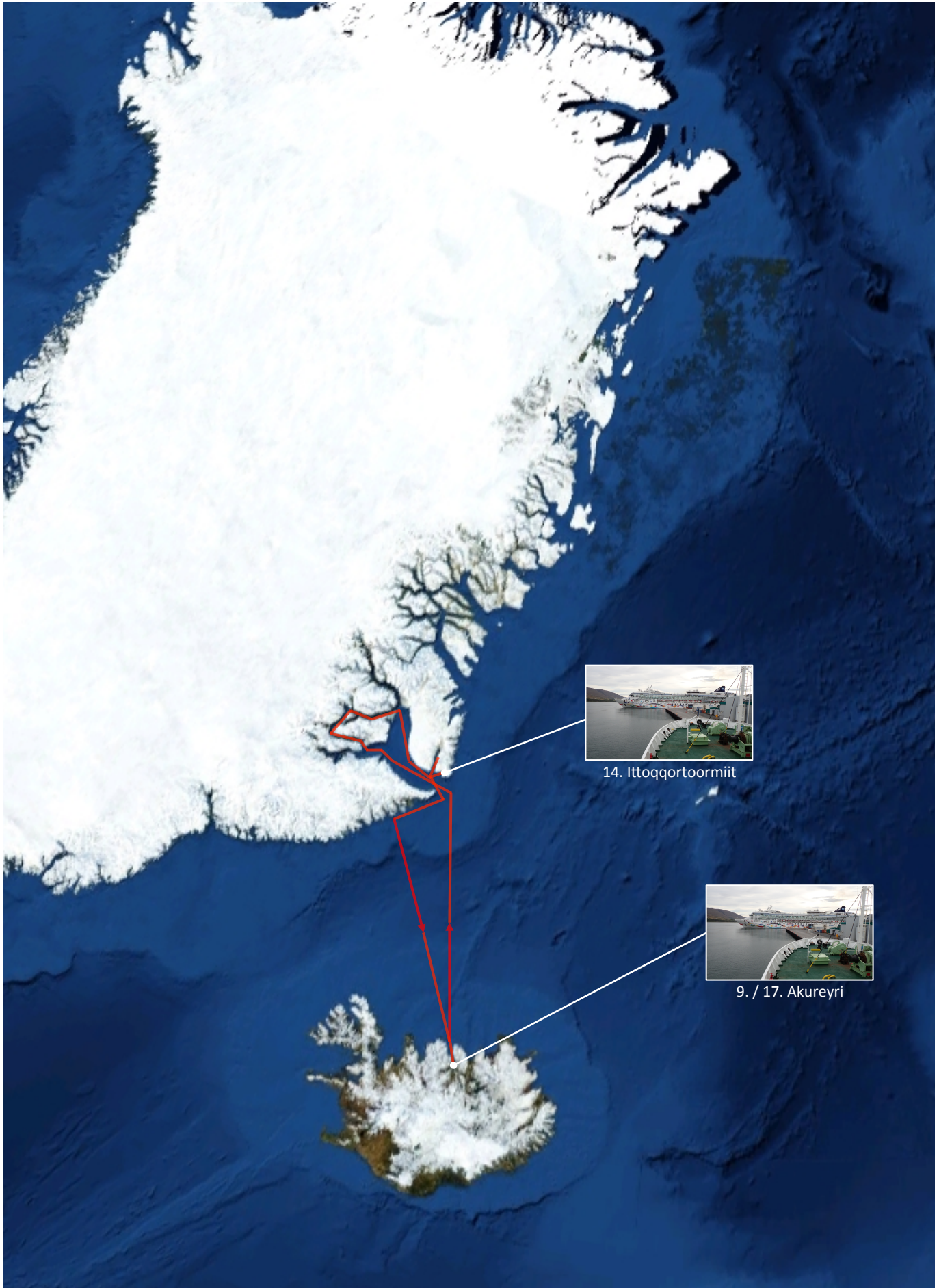


*Thank you all for joining us on this remarkable adventure;  
for your great company, good humour, interest, and enthusiasm.  
We hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!*

**Total distance sailed on our voyage: 1136,9 nautical miles  
The Northernmost point reached was N 71°17.1 and E 025° 02.4**

**On behalf of  
Oceanwide Expeditions,  
Captain Per Andersson,  
Expedition Leader Jan Belgers,  
Hotel Manager Stephen Bell  
and all the crew and staff,  
it has been a pleasure travelling with you!**





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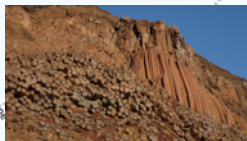
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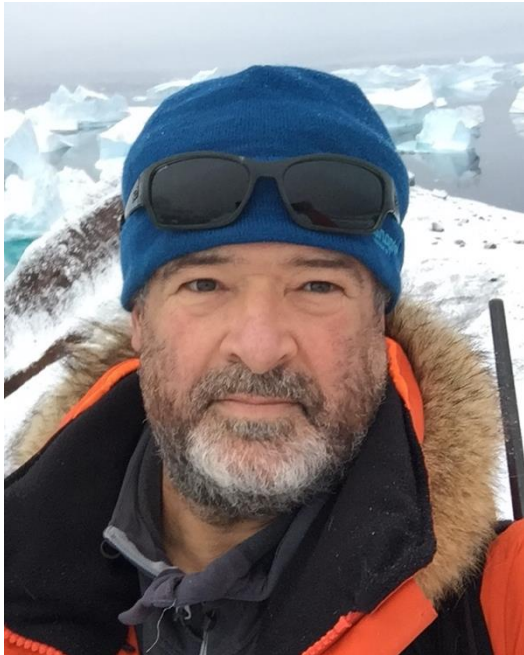




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# Jan Belgers - Expedition Leader

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Jan Belgers, from the Netherlands, has been working as a professional outdoor guide and expedition leader in the Polar regions for many years now. Travelling and guiding in wildernesses all over the world are his passion. His work as a guide brought him from the high mountain ranges of the Himalayas and Andes to the extreme latitudes of Spitsbergen and Antarctica.

His first experience with the Polar Regions was in 1990 when he joined a scientific expedition from Iceland to Kapp Farvell in Greenland for the "World Ocean Circulation Experiment" (WOCE). In 1992 he joined the "Winter Weddell Gyre Study" (WWGS) with the German scientific icebreaker Polarstern into the remote Weddell Sea, in the Antarctic and wintered there. During these expeditions Jan got bitten by the Polar Bug and therefore he has been returning to the Polar regions frequently, joining in more than 180 Polar expeditions.

Jan's professional background is marine ecology, but he quitted science a long time ago. Since 1998 he works full-time as a professional guide and expedition leader

for Oceanwide Expeditions, in the high northern and southern latitudes.

Jan is a keen nature and outdoor enthusiast and feels at home on the sea, due to his background in marine biology. He lectures on natural history, biology and polar history and is a polar literature fanatic.

## Deutsch

Jan Belgers wurde 1965 in Holland geboren und lebt in Rotterdam. Er hat für viele Jahre als professioneller Outdoor Guide und Expeditionsleiter gearbeitet. Reisen und Leiten in der Wildnis durch die ganze Welt sind seine Leidenschaften.

Seine Arbeit als Reiseleiter hat ihn von den hohen Gebirge der Himalayas und der Anden zu den extremen Breitenkreise von Spitsbergen und der Antarktis gebracht.

Seine ersten Schritte in den Polarregionen machte er 1992 als Student, als er in eine internationale Winterexpedition zum Weddell Meer in der Antarktis machte.

Seitdem hat er an mehreren wissenschaftlichen Expeditionen nach zurückgelegenen Plätze der nördlichen und südlichen Ozeane teilgenommen. Jan fühlt sich auf dem Meer zu Hause Dank seinem Hintergrundes in Meeresbiologie, und ist einer der Expeditionsleiter auf unserem Segelschiff, die Noorderlicht. Er hält Vorträge über Geschichte, Biologie und Polargeschichte und ist ein Fanatiker von Polarliteratur.

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# Katja Riedel – Assistant Expedition Leader

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Katja Riedel grew up in Germany where she studied and completed a Phd in Atmospheric Chemistry. For her research she overwintered 1997 at the German Antarctic Base Neumayer where she was responsible for the Atmospheric Observatory.

Since then she has been on several scientific expeditions to Antarctica, for example measuring ozone at Scott Base, drilling ice cores at Law Dome and taking samples of 120,000 years old ice on Taylor Glacier in the Dry Valleys.

She completed a course in Antarctic studies and worked for more than 12 years as a research scientist in Wellington, New Zealand. Her research interests were greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and in ice cores. Since 2011 she works as a guide and lecturer on expedition cruises in the Arctic and Antarctic.

The Polar Regions have always fascinated Katja. On private adventures she skied over 220 km through Svalbard, sailed in a small yacht to Antarctica, kayaked icy waters and worked as a science assistance in Western Greenland. Her fondest memories of Antarctica are building a 24h sundial and sledging from Hut Point to the Erebus Ice Tongue. Most recently she skated 250 km across the frozen Lake Baikal in Siberia. Life is an adventure for Katja and whenever she can she travels, hikes, cycles, sea-kayaks and skis to the remote and beautiful places on earth.

When not traveling Katja lives in New Zealand and works as a freelance guide, science communicator and photographer. She speaks fluently English and German.

## Deutsch

Katja Riedel wuchs in Deutschland auf, studierte Chemie in Wuppertal und promovierte am Alfred-Wegener-Institut für Polar- und Meerforschung in Bremerhaven. Für ihre Dissertation in Atmosphärenchemie überwinterte sie 15 Monate auf der Neumayer Station in der Antarktis. Seitdem hat sie an mehreren wissenschaftlichen Expeditionen in die Antarktis teilgenommen, um Eiskerne zu bohren oder Ozonkonzentrationen zu messen. Mehr als 12 Jahre hat sie in Neuseeland als Atmosphären-Wissenschaftlerin gearbeitet. Ihre Forschungsschwerpunkte waren Treibhausgase in der Atmosphäre und in Eiskernen. Seit 2011 arbeitet sie als Naturführerin und Dozentin auf Expeditionsschiffen in der Arktis und Antarktis. Die Polarregionen haben Katja schon immer fasziniert und auf privaten Reisen hat sie Spitzbergen auf Skiern erkundet, ist mit einem Segelboot in die Antarktis gesegelt, hat dort Kajak- und Skitouren unternommen und als Wissenschaftsassistentin in Westgrönland gearbeitet. Erst kürzlich war sie 250km mit Schlittschuhen auf dem gefrorenen Baikalsee in Sibirien unterwegs. Für Katja ist das Leben ein Abenteuer und wann immer sie kann reist, wandert oder kajakt sie zu den schönsten und abgelegensten Winkeln der Welt. Seit 2001 lebt Katja in Neuseeland und wenn sie nicht auf Schiffen unterwegs ist, arbeitet sie als selbständige Naturführerin, Wissenschaftsjournalistin und Fotografin in Wellington. Sie spricht fließend Deutsch und Englisch.

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# Pierre Gallego – Expedition Guide

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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!

## Deutsch

Pierre ist Tierarzt und hat sich auf Meeressäuger spezialisiert. Er arbeitet im Gebiet der Meeresbiologie seit 18 Jahre und organisiert Ausbildungen über Meeressäuger rundum die Welt seit 2004. Er vertritt die Regierung Luxemburgs an der Walfangkommission und CCAMLR, und arbeitet mit mehreren internationalen Umweltschutzorganisationen um die Erhaltung von Meeressäuger zu promovieren und deren Gefangenschaft zu bekämpfen.

Er macht gerade eine Doktorarbeit am Ozeanologie Lab der Universität Lüttich in Belgien. Seine Doktorarbeit beschäftigt sich mit stabile Isotopen und Schadstoffen in Buckelwalen aus Mosambik und Ecuador.

Er ist ein eifriger Vogelbeobachter und hat viel Spass an Photographie. Das Meer ist seine Leidenschaft, und Wasser ist sein Element.

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# Charlotte Taplin – Expedition Guide

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Charlotte grew up by the Coast in Cornwall, United Kingdom. From a very young age she has always been fascinated by wildlife and the ocean.

She studied Wildlife Conservation in University and since then has spent the last 7 years travelling through South America, Africa and Australasia. In 2013 Charlotte started working on research and dive vessels including a dive liveaboard boat which visited remote regions of the outer Great Barrier Reef. This was where her passion for boats began and since then she has travelled the world on ice breaker explorer vessels. Charlotte's interest with cetaceans started in Australia in 2015 where she spent the next 3 years studying Humpback Whales, Minke Whales, Sperm Whales and Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins.

After driving overland from South Africa to Jordan in 2015 she moved to Mozambique where she started her own backpacker hostel and worked as a Researcher studying Whale Sharks and Manta Rays. Her hobbies include scuba diving, surfing, free-diving hiking. Being

surrounded by the ocean is Charlotte's favourite place to be and it is her dream to visit the Antarctic. She is so excited for the future ahead with Oceanwide Expeditions.

## Deutsch

Charlotte wuchs an der Küste in Cornwall, Vereinigtes Königreich, auf. Von klein auf war sie von der Tierwelt und dem Meer fasziniert.

Sie hat an der Universität Wildlife Conservation studiert und seitdem die letzten 7 Jahre damit verbracht, durch Südamerika, Afrika und Australasien zu reisen. Im Jahr 2013 begann Charlotte auf Forschungs- und Tauchschiffen zu arbeiten, unter anderem auf einem Tauchsafari-Boot, das entlegene Regionen des äußeren Great Barrier Reefs besuchte. Hier begann ihre Leidenschaft für Boote, und seitdem ist sie auf Eisbrecher-Forschungsschiffen um die Welt gereist. Charlottes Interesse an Walen begann 2015 in Australien, wo sie die nächsten drei Jahre damit verbrachte, Buckelwale, Zwergwale, Pottwale und Indopazifische Tümmeler zu studieren.

Nachdem sie 2015 über Land von Südafrika nach Jordanien gefahren war, zog sie nach Mosambik, wo sie ihr eigenes Backpacker-Hostel eröffnete und als Forscherin arbeitete, um Walhaie und Mantarochen zu studieren. Zu ihren Hobbys gehören Tauchen, Surfen, Freitauchen und Wandern. Am liebsten ist Charlotte am Meer, und es ist ihr Traum, die Antarktis zu besuchen. Sie freut sich sehr auf die Zukunft mit Oceanwide Expeditions.

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# Ursula Tschertter - Expedition Guide

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I grew up far from the oceans in landlocked Switzerland when in the 70s, when exploitative whaling was still happening, the dream of my childhood evolved; to meet whales in their natural environment. It came true in 1993 and changed my life radically. I gave up my original profession as a teacher for Craft and Art and spent the next 20 summers in Eastern Canada studying whales. As the director of the Swiss-Canadian ORES Foundation I combined scientific research and education for international audiences leaving deep imprints in many peoples' lives.

I am a true minke whale enthusiast. I thousands of hours I observed these mind-blowing whales and studied their habitat use, hunting and breathing ecology using photo-identification. At 50 years I obtained my Master in Marine Mammal Science at the University of St Andrews (Scotland). I nourished my urge to learn more from the oceans and whales in various research projects in Australia, New Zealand or South Africa. In 2008 I started to work as an expedition guide and lecturer in Antarctica and later in the Arctic. When at home I produce life-sized

foldable animals, which I carry to schools and ships. Visit my lectures to meet some of them.

Just as strong as my urge to learn and explore is my need to share my knowledge and fascination with others to raise environmental awareness. Please join or approach me at any time, as I love to answer questions and to be on deck on the lookout for wildlife.

## Deutsch

Ich bin weit weg von den Ozeanen in der Schweiz aufgewachsen, als in den 70er Jahren der Hoch-Zeit des Walfanges, der Traum von meiner Kindheit entstand; Wale in ihrer natürlichen Umgebung zu sehen. Dieser wurde 1993 wahr und veränderte mein Leben radikal. Ich gab meinen ursprünglichen Beruf als Lehrerin für Handwerk und Kunst auf und verbrachte die nächsten 20 Sommer in Ostkanada, um Wale zu studieren. Als Direktor der schweizerisch-kanadischen ORES Foundation kombinierte ich wissenschaftliche Forschung und Bildung für internationales Publikum und hinterließ tiefe Spuren im Leben vieler Menschen.

Ich bin ein echter Zwergwal-Enthusiast. Ich beobachtete tausenden von Stunden diese geistesreichen Wale und untersuchte ihre Lebensraumnutzung, Jagd und Atemökologie mittels Foto Identifikation. Mit 50 Jahren erwarb ich meinen Master in Marine Mammal Science an der University of St Andrews (Schottland). Ich nährte meinen Drang, in verschiedenen Forschungsprojekten in Australien, Neuseeland oder Südafrika mehr von den Ozeanen und Walen zu lernen. 2008 begann ich als Expeditionsführer und Dozent in der Antarktis und später in der Arktis zu arbeiten. Zu Hause produziere ich lebensgroße faltbare Tiere, die ich zu Schulen und Schiffen mitbringe. Besuchen Sie meine Vorträge, um einige von ihnen zu treffen.

Genauso stark wie mein Drang zu lernen und zu erforschen ist mein Bedürfnis, mein Wissen und meine Faszination mit anderen zu teilen, um das Umweltbewusstsein zu schärfen. Bitte kommen sie zu mir bei Fragen oder Schließen sie sich an, ich liebe es Fragen zu beantworten und an Deck auf der Suche nach Wildtieren zu sein.

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# Alexander Romanovkiy – Expedition Guide

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Alexander Romanovskiy comes from Saint-Petersburg, the Northern capital of Russia. He was born in 1981. After having graduated from the boarding school Alexander entered Saint-Petersburg State University, where he spent 5 years studying physical geography, ecology, regional geography and international tourism. Afterwards he was working on his PhD thesis in Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, doing geocological researches.

In the year of 2011 however, Alexander decided to pause his scientific career and start doing something completely different, which means working in tourism and traveling the world. He spent 2 seasons working as a trekking guide in Fann mountains (Tajikistan), 1 season on Novolazarevskaya Antarctic scientific station (Queen Maud Land, Antarctica) working as a member of a guesthouse crew.

Since February of 2012 most part of the year he spends on Svalbard. For five seasons in a row Alexander has been living and working as a guide in a ghost town of

Pyramiden. In 2016 a new page in Alexander's guiding career was opened: he started working as a naturalist guide on cruise ships in polar regions of the world – Svalbard and Antarctica.

3 to 4 months a year Alexander dedicates to his main passion – traveling the world. No public transport, no hotels, only hitch-hiking and staying overnight with locals or sleeping in a tent. This way he has already visited almost all Soviet republics, Middle East (Iran, Turkey), Asia (China), South America (Argentina, Chile, Paraguay), and it is hopefully far not the end! The world is big, friendly and interesting to explore!

## Deutsch

Alexander Romanovskiy stammt aus Sankt-Petersburg, der nördlichen Hauptstadt Russlands. Er wurde 1981 geboren. Nach dem Abschluss des Internats besuchte Alexander die Staatliche Universität Sankt Petersburg, wo er fünf Jahre lang physische Geographie, Ökologie, regionale Geographie und internationalen Tourismus studierte. Danach arbeitete er an seiner Doktorarbeit an der Staatlichen Pädagogischen Universität Herzen in Russland, wo er geoökologische Forschungen betrieb. Im Jahr 2011 beschloss Alexander jedoch, seine wissenschaftliche Karriere zu unterbrechen und etwas völlig anderes zu machen, nämlich im Tourismus zu arbeiten und die Welt zu bereisen. Er verbrachte zwei Jahre als Trekking-Führer in den Fann-Bergen (Tadschikistan) und eine Saison auf der antarktischen Forschungsstation Novolazarevskaya (Queen Maud Land, Antarktis), wo er als Mitglied eines Gästehaus-Teams arbeitete. Seit Februar 2012 verbringt er den größten Teil des Jahres auf Svalbard. Seit fünf Saisons in Folge lebt und arbeitet Alexander als Fremdenführer in der Geisterstadt Pyramiden. Im Jahr 2016 wurde eine neue Seite in Alexanders Reiseleiterkarriere aufgeschlagen: Er begann als Naturführer auf Kreuzfahrtschiffen in den Polarregionen der Welt - Spitzbergen und der Antarktis - zu arbeiten. 3 bis 4 Monate im Jahr widmet Alexander sich seiner größten Leidenschaft - dem Reisen um die Welt. Keine öffentlichen Verkehrsmittel, keine Hotels, nur trampen und bei Einheimischen übernachten oder im Zelt schlafen. Auf diese Weise hat er bereits fast alle Sowjetrepubliken, den Nahen Osten (Iran, Türkei), Asien (China) und Südamerika (Argentinien, Chile, Paraguay) besucht, und das ist hoffentlich noch lange nicht das Ende! Die Welt ist groß, freundlich und interessant zu erkunden!



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# Annina Scholl – Expedition guide

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Annina is a biologist with a passion for remote destinations and marine life – especially plankton, one of the most essential groups of creatures on our planet.

After dreaming of everything alive and wild during her childhood, she studied biology at the TU Darmstadt, where she graduated with a PhD in cell biology. More specifically, she studied how genetic material, DNA, is packed and organized within the cell nucleus.

During her bachelor and master studies however, Annina decided to deepen her understanding and knowledge in marine biology when she worked at the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI) in Bremerhaven, Germany in the research group “Antarctic krill”. Her master thesis focused on how the annual light conditions in Antarctica influence the metabolism of Antarctic krill, which is the very centre of the food web.

In 2018 her dream of the polar regions became true when she started working as an expedition guide. Since then, Annina has worked in some of the wildest and remotest environments on earth - from the high Arctic down to Antarctica. While it is easy to infect guests with the polar bug in these unique places, it is important to Annina that this happens in a passionate but respectful manner. It is a privilege to visit, and it is our responsibility to protect these environments and all its inhabitants.

In her free time, Annina enjoys spending time outdoors especially hiking, horseback riding and photography.

## Deutsch

Annina ist Biologin mit einer Schwäche für abgelegene Reiseziele und alles Leben im Meer – insbesondere interessiert sie sich für Plankton, eine der essentiellsten Gruppen von Lebewesen auf unserem Planeten.

Den Kindheitsträumen von allem Wilden und Lebendigen folgte ein Biologiestudium an der TU Darmstadt, das sie mit einer Promotion in Zellbiologie, über die Organisation und Struktur unseres Erbgutes im Zellkern, abschloss.

Während ihres Bachelor- und Masterstudiums entschied sich Annina dafür ihr Fachwissen in Meeresbiologie zu vertiefen. Sie arbeitete am Alfred-Wegener-Institut, Helmholtz-Zentrum für Polar- und Meeresforschung, in der Forschungsgruppe “Antarktischer Krill”, wo sie auch ihre Master-Arbeit absolvierte. Fokus dieser Arbeit war, wie sich die Lichtbedingungen während des Jahres auf den Stoffwechsel von Antarktischem Krill, dem Zentrum des antarktischen Nahrungsnetzes, auswirken.

Annina’s Traum die Polarregionen zu erkunden erfüllte sich 2018, als sie anfangs als Expeditionsguide in einigen der abgelegensten und wildesten Regionen der Erde zu arbeiten – von Arktis bis Antarktis. Seither genießt sie es an diesen wunderbaren Orten Gäste mit dem “Polar-Virus” anzustecken, allerdings sollte das mit Leidenschaft aber auch Respekt geschehen. Diese Regionen zu erleben ist ein Privileg und es ist unsere Verantwortung sie und alle seine Bewohner zu schützen.

Ihre Freizeit verbringt Annina am liebsten draußen, beim Wandern, Reiten und der Fotografie.

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# Werner Kruse – Expedition Guide

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Werner Kruse is a well-seasoned traveller and an experienced filmmaker, photographer and expedition guide. He has worked on numerous international productions and produced travel documentaries, including wildlife and expedition documentaries in Africa. His film, *The Boy from the Wild*, premiered at the Royal Geographic Society in London as well as the Wildlife Conservation Film Festival in New York City. Currently the film is available on Amazon Prime Video.

After completing his studies, he travelled extensively, making documentaries all over the world. He explored places such as Petra, Machu Picchu, Great Barrier Reef and Rapa Nui, Spitsbergen, Iceland as well as his favourites, the Hawaiian and Tahitian Islands. He is currently based in Cape Town, South Africa, working on TV shows, documentaries, commercials and corporate productions. He frequently travels abroad for various video and photographic assignments.

Werner is extremely passionate about conservation, particularly wildlife and the ocean and supports various environmental causes. His work depicting Gentoo penguins in Antarctica was featured by National Geographic, and his annual return to Antarctica remains a highlight for him. His travels have taken him to 112 countries, enabling him to capture a richly diverse spectrum of images.

## Deutsch

Werner Kruse ist ein erfahrener Reisender und erfahrener Filmemacher, Fotograf und Expeditionsleiter. Er hat an zahlreichen internationalen Produktionen mitgewirkt und Reisedokumentationen gedreht, darunter Wildlife- und Expeditionsdokumentationen in Afrika. Sein Film *Der Junge aus der Wildnis* wurde bei der Royal Geographic Society in London und beim Wildlife Conservation Film Festival in New York City uraufgeführt. Derzeit ist der Film auf Amazon Prime Video verfügbar.

Nach Abschluss seines Studiums reiste er ausgiebig und drehte Dokumentarfilme in der ganzen Welt. Er erkundete Orte wie Petra, Machu Picchu, das Great Barrier Reef und Rapa Nui, Spitzbergen, Island sowie seine Lieblingsinseln Hawaii und Tahiti. Derzeit lebt er in Kapstadt, Südafrika, und arbeitet an Fernsehsendungen, Dokumentarfilmen, Werbespots und Unternehmensproduktionen. Er reist häufig für verschiedene Video- und Fotoaufträge ins Ausland.

Werner setzt sich leidenschaftlich für den Naturschutz ein, insbesondere für die Tierwelt und das Meer, und unterstützt verschiedene Umweltprojekte. Seine Arbeit über Eselspinguine in der Antarktis wurde von National Geographic vorgestellt, und seine jährliche Rückkehr in die Antarktis bleibt für ihn ein Höhepunkt. Seine Reisen haben ihn in 112 Länder geführt, was ihm ermöglicht hat, ein reichhaltiges Spektrum an Bildern einzufangen.

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# Zet Freiburghaus – Kayak Leader

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Zet is a former successful member of the Swedish national kayak team who after his active career has travelled around the world.

Just last year he hiked and rode a horse in the Tien Shen mountains of Kyrgyzstan and explored big parts of Ethiopia, where he saw the Ethiopian wolf and were standing on the rim on an active volcano.

His sharp eyes and great experience in nature implies he rarely misses an animal.

Zet has a Master of Science in Biology from Lund University.

Today he works as a guide with the whole world as his office. Zet is new to the Oceanwide crew and very excited to share his enthusiasm and energy on board our vessels this season.

## Deutsch

Zet ist ein ehemaliges erfolgreiches Mitglied der schwedischen Kajak-Nationalmannschaft, das nach seiner aktiven Karriere die ganze Welt bereist hat.

Erst letztes Jahr wanderte und ritt er auf einem Pferd im Tien Shen-Gebirge in Kirgisistan und erkundete große Teile Äthiopiens, wo er den äthiopischen Wolf sah und auf dem Rand eines aktiven Vulkans stand.

Dank seiner scharfen Augen und seiner großen Erfahrung in der Natur entgeht ihm nur selten ein Tier.

Zet hat einen Master of Science in Biologie von der Universität Lund.

Heute arbeitet er als Reiseleiter und hat die ganze Welt als sein Büro. Zet ist neu in der Oceanwide-Crew und freut sich darauf, seine Begeisterung und Energie in dieser Saison an Bord unserer Schiffe zu teilen.

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# David Horkan – Kayak Guide

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Coming from the rugged West Coast of Ireland David has been involved in kayaking and water sports for most of his life. Kayaking since the age of 12 he honed his skills in the coast and rivers in his home county. Over the past ten years David has made kayaking and the outdoors his life both business and pleasure.

He has run his own kayaking business in Ireland since 2013 and in 2015 guided in Patagonia. He has since guided in Antarctica, Iceland and the Faroe Islands and coached at events in Canada, USA and UK.

As well as professional guiding David is an accomplished expedition and competitive paddler with circumnavigations of Vancouver Island and Ireland under his belt. He has a passion for long distance kayaking and crossed the Irish Sea from Ireland to Wales at night - 100km, raced the 201km Devizes to Westminster kayak race on four occasions and completed many other races around the world.

When not kayaking, David is never far from the water and exploring new places. Kitesurfing, cycling, SUP surfing are just a few of his other passions. He has worked in Environmental and Marine education for over 7 years and has a degree in Business and a diploma in Earth and Ocean science.

## Deutsch

David kommt von der zerklüfteten Westküste Irlands und hat den größten Teil seines Lebens mit Kajak und Wassersport verbracht. Er fährt seit seinem 12. Lebensjahr Kajak und verfeinerte seine Fähigkeiten an der Küste und auf den Flüssen seiner Heimatgrafschaft. In den letzten zehn Jahren hat David das Kajakfahren und die Natur zu seinem Leben gemacht, sowohl beruflich als auch privat.

Seit 2013 betreibt er sein eigenes Kajakgeschäft in Irland und 2015 war er als Guide in Patagonien unterwegs. Seitdem hat er in der Antarktis, in Island und auf den Färöer-Inseln geführt und bei Veranstaltungen in Kanada, den USA und Großbritannien gecoacht.

Neben seiner Tätigkeit als Guide ist David auch ein erfahrener Expeditions- und Wettkampfpaddler, der bereits die Insel Vancouver und Irland umrundet hat. Er hat eine Leidenschaft für Langstreckenkajak und überquerte die Irische See von Irland nach Wales bei Nacht - 100 km, fuhr viermal das 201 km lange Kajakrennen von Devizes nach Westminster und nahm an vielen anderen Rennen auf der ganzen Welt teil.

Wenn er nicht gerade Kajak fährt, ist David immer in der Nähe des Wassers und erkundet neue Orte. Kitesurfen, Radfahren und SUP-Surfen sind nur einige seiner anderen Leidenschaften. Er arbeitet seit über 7 Jahren in der Umwelt- und Meeresspädogik und hat einen Abschluss in Wirtschaft und ein Diplom in Erd- und Meereswissenschaften.

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# Georgios Tsianos – Ship's doctor

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Georgios Tsianos is based in the Scottish Highlands and practices medicine in remote and rural areas. He has worked and trained in various medical specialties gaining experience in South Africa, USA, Scotland, England and Greece. He is certified in expedition and travel medicine. He partners with expedition groups around the world as their expedition doctor in a variety of environmental settings.

Georgios is an honorary core lecturer in extreme environment physiology for the Master's degree course in Military Fitness and Wellbeing at the University of Thessaly in Greece. In his additional role as medical advisor and field studies research expedition leader he collaborates and conducts research at the FAME laboratory. Concomitantly he gives keynote inspirational talks in a wide range of sectors including the entrepreneurial, medical, business, scientific, educational and sporting, as well as after dinner talks for public and private functions.

Originally an internationally competitive marathon swimmer for the Greek national swim team, nowadays Georgios is actively involved in ultra-endurance sporting challenges. Amongst others he has climbed Mt Everest, swam the English Channel, run the ultra Marathon des Sables in the Sahara, and swam non-stop across the Aegean Sea in Greece covering a distance of 101km.

## Deutsch

Georgios Tsianos lebt in den schottischen Highlands und praktiziert als Arzt in abgelegenen und ländlichen Gebieten. Er hat in verschiedenen medizinischen Fachbereichen gearbeitet und sich weitergebildet und dabei Erfahrungen in Südafrika, den USA, Schottland, England und Griechenland gesammelt. Er ist zertifiziert in Expeditions- und Reisemedizin. Er arbeitet mit Expeditionsgruppen auf der ganzen Welt als deren Expeditionsarzt in einer Vielzahl von Umweltbedingungen zusammen.

Georgios ist ehrenamtlicher Hauptdozent für Physiologie in extremen Umgebungen für den Masterstudiengang Military Fitness and Wellbeing an der Universität von Thessalien in Griechenland. In seiner zusätzlichen Funktion als medizinischer Berater und Leiter von Forschungsexpeditionen arbeitet er mit dem FAME-Labor zusammen und führt dort Forschungsarbeiten durch. Gleichzeitig hält er inspirierende Vorträge in einer Vielzahl von Sektoren, darunter Unternehmen, Medizin, Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft, Bildung und Sport, sowie Vorträge nach dem Essen bei öffentlichen und privaten Veranstaltungen.

Ursprünglich war Georgios ein international erfolgreicher Marathonschwimmer für die griechische Schwimernationalmannschaft, heute ist er aktiv an sportlichen Herausforderungen im Ultra-Ausdauerbereich beteiligt. Unter anderem hat er den Mount Everest bestiegen, den Ärmelkanal durchschwommen, ist den Ultra-Marathon des Sables in der Sahara gelaufen und hat die Ägäis in Griechenland über eine Strecke von 101 km nonstop durchschwommen.



**Greenland -  
Scoresbysund  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Akureyri - Embarkation**

## **WELCOME ABOARD!**

*Your luggage will be delivered to your cabin. Please make sure you have received all pieces. If you have any extra luggage in your cabin – please notify a crew member.*

**\*\* Tea and coffee are always available in the bar on deck 6 \*\***

- ±1730      **Departure** from Akureyri.  
The bridge will be closed during these operations.
- ±1800      **Welcome & safety briefing** - Please join us in the **lecture room** (deck 3, forward) for a welcome to the voyage, followed by an introduction to the ship by hotel manager Stephen and a **mandatory** safety briefing and lifeboat drill.
- 1900        **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4)
- 2030        **Captain's Welcome and Expedition Introduction** – Please join Captain Per and expeditionleader Jan in the bar (deck 6) for an overview of our expedition

*We will sail into open sea this evening and the ship may move – please secure your belongings and be careful when moving around the ship.*

- 0745      **Wakeup call** – Good Morning
- 0800      **Breakfast** is served in the dining room (deck 4).
- 0900      **Rubber boots distribution** – we will call you by deck number to receive your rubber boots from the lecture room (deck 3). Bring your socks.
- 1000      **Mandatory AECO, Polar Bear and Zodiac briefing**  
**For English speakers:** Please join Jan in the bar (deck 6)  
**For German speakers:** Please join Katja in the lecture room (deck 3)
- 1230      **Lunch** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 1400      **Kayak briefing** in the lecture room (deck 3). This is **mandatory** if you want to go kayaking during the voyage.
- 1500      **Lectures:** Introduction to Photography  
For English speakers: join Werner in the bar (deck 6)  
For German speakers: join Katja in the lecture room (deck 3)
- 1700      **Lectures:** Whales  
For English speakers: join Pierre in the bar: Humpback whales  
For German speakers: join Ursula in the lecture room: introduction to whales
- 1830      **Daily Recap** - Please join the expedition team in the **bar** (deck 6) for our daily recap and briefing for tomorrow's activities.
- 1900      **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).

- +/-0635     **Sunrise**
- 0715        **Wakeup call**
- 0730        **Breakfast**
- 0930        **Zodiac cruise and kayaking** in Vikingebugt. This beautiful fjord is filled with bergy-bits and icebergs from the large Bredegletscher, which ends in the fjord. In the steep rockface of the surrounding mountains we can find spectacular columnar basalt formations.  
Please dress warmly for the zodiac cruise!  
**Kayakers:** Assemble at 09.00 on the helideck, at deck 6 at the back of the ship, to collect your gear.
- 1230        **Lunch**
- +/-1430     **Landing** at Danmark Ø  
Active hikers at the gangway: 14.30  
Medium and leisurely at the gangway: 14.40  
For those who wish, we would like to offer the possibility of a polar plunge at the end of the landing. Please wear your swimming gear under your normal clothing. We will provide towels.  
**Kayakers:** Assemble at 14.00 on the helideck, at deck 6 at the back of the ship, to collect your gear.
- 1730        Last zodiac back
- 1830        **Daily Recap** in the bar
- 1900        **Dinner** is served
- +/-2040     **Sunset**





**Greenland - Scoresbysund**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**Røde Ø – Rode Fjord**

- +/-0650     **Sunrise**
- 0715        **Wakeup call**
- 0730        **Breakfast**
- 0900        **Zodiac cruise and landing at Røde Ø**  
In the morning, we plan a zodiac cruise at the iceberg cemetery near Røde Ø and land on the island to see the ice from an elevation.  
**Kayakers:** You have your gear already, please assemble at 09.00 on the helideck, at deck 6 at the back of the ship.
- 1230        **Lunch**
- +/-1430     **Landing at Milne Land, in Røde Fjord**  
1430/ TBA: active hikers to the gangway  
1440/ TBA: all others  
On the tundra often Muskoxen can be seen.
- 1700        Last zodiac back
- 1830        **Daily Recap**
- 1900        **Dinner**
- +/-2045     **Sunset**



**Greenland - Scoresbysund**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**Jyttehavn - Sydkap**

- +/-0644     **Sunrise**
- 0715        **Wakeup call**
- 0730        **Breakfast**
- 0930        **Landing** near Jyttehavn  
              0930/ TBA: fast hikers to the gangway  
              0940/ TBA: all others  
**Kayakers:** Assemble at 09.00 on the helideck, at deck 6 at the back of the ship, to collect your gear.
- 1230        **Lunch**
- +/-1430     **Landing** at Sydkap  
              1430/ TBA: fast hikers to the gangway  
              1440/ TBA: all others  
**Kayakers:** Assemble at 14.00 on the helideck, at deck 6 at the back of the ship, to collect your gear.
- 1730        Last zodiac back
- 1830        **Daily Recap**
- 1900        **Arctic Dinner!**
- +/-2030     **Sunset**

TBA: To be announced



**Greenland - Scoresbysund**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**Ittoqqortoormiit - Hurry Inlet**

- +/-0635     **Sunrise**
- 0715        **Wakeup call**
- 0730        **Breakfast**
- 0900        **Landing** at Ittoqqortoormiit

We land at the settlement by zodiac, so rubber boots are needed.  
From 11.00 on there will be zodiac shuttles back to the ship every half hour. Last zodiac will be at 12.00

- 1230        **Lunch**

- +/-1530     **Landing** in at Nøkkedal in Hurry Inlet
  - 1530/ TBA: fast hikers to the gangway
  - 1540/ TBA: all others

Nøkkedal is a wide valley with a glacier in the background. We will walk there through a beautiful, 'ice age" like landscape. Sometimes Muskoxen can be seen in the area.

- 1800        Last zodiac back
- 1830        **Daily Recap**
- 1900        **Dinner** is served
- +/-2010     **Sunset**



**Greenland - Scoresbysund**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**Turner Sund – Rømer fjord**

+/-0640      **Sunrise**

0715          **Wakeup call**

0730          **Breakfast**

On our last day in Greenland, we are going to explore the less visited fjords Turner Sound and Rømer Fjord, on the outside of Scoresby Sund. This wild and rugged coast sometimes offers surprises, such as Narwhal and Polar Bears.

1230          **Lunch**

We continue our exploration in the afternoon, and decide on short term what activities, landing or zodiac cruise will be carried out.

In the beginning of the evening, we will start our crossing of the Danmark Strait towards Akureyri. Make sure your cameras and other equipment is stored away safely so it does not fall down in case of more movement of the ship. The crossing will take us a full day and we expect to arrive in Akureyri on early Saturday morning, September 17.

1830          **Daily Recap**

1900          **Dinner is served**

+/-2005      **Sunset**

- 0745      **Wakeup call** – Good Morning
- 0800      **Breakfast**
- 0930      **Lecture in English** by Jan about the **Human history of Greenland** in the lecture theatre. (Translated into German by Katja)
- 1100      Lecture in English by Annina: **Life at the ice edge – sea ice ecology** (in the bar)  
Lecture in German by Ursula: **Polar bears** (in the lecture room)
- 1230      **Lunch**
- 1500      Lecture in English by Katja: **Polar bears** (in the bar)  
Lecture in German by Annina: **Life at the ice edge – sea ice ecology** (in the lecture room)
- 1815      **Farewell meeting** - Please join the captain and the expedition team in the **bar**
- 1900      **Dinner** is served

From Rømer fjord to Akureyri in Iceland is about 275 nm, or 510 km. Today we will be in the open sea for the whole day, crossing Danmark Strait. We expect to arrive in Akureyri in the early morning of Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September.



**Greenland - Scoresbysund**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**Arrival Akureyri**

0700      **Wakeup Call**

0715      Please leave your **luggage** outside your room before 0715 for collection and transfer to the pier.

0730      **Breakfast**

0845      **Disembarkation** – Time to say goodbye! Please make your way to the gangway to disembark Ortelius.

For those of you that booked the bus to Reykjavik, the bus will park on the pier near the ship around 09.00.

***Please leave your cabin keycards holder at the reception.***

***Do not forget to pick up your luggage from the pier and take it with you.***

*On behalf of the captain and crew we thank you for sailing with us and hope you have enjoyed your voyage with us aboard Ortelius.*

***Safe travels home and we hope to sail with you again!***