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Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula

2nd November – 22nd November 2022

M/V Hondius



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Day 1 – Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Embarkation – Puerto Madryn, Argentina

GPS 12.00 Position: 42°45'S / 065°01'W

Wind: NE3 Sea State: Port Weather: Clear Air Temp: +10°C Sea Temp: +14°C

Puerto Madryn is a small coastal town wedged between the South Atlantic Ocean and the Patagonian Desert. Traditionally this town was based on fishing and whaling but in recent years the whales have brought revenue into the town in the form of tourists.

From mid-afternoon we started to embark Hondius - our home for the next 3 weeks - excited by the adventure lying before us. Once we were all aboard and settled into our cabins, we stood out on deck in beautiful warm sunshine as the ship slipped away from the dock and out towards the Atlantic Ocean.

Everyone gathered in the lounge for the mandatory safety drill from Chief Officer, Matei, including the abandon ship drill and then we were welcomed by Captain Artur with a glass of fizz

and canapes. Introductions to the ship and our sailing plan then followed from Will (Hotel Manager) and Pippa (Expedition Leader) and the guide team.

As we prepared ourselves to go down for our first dinner the ship was surrounded by **Black-browed Albatross** and the sight of the blows of **Southern Right Whales**. For those who stayed on to look more closely we were treated to some great behaviour including flipper and tail fin slapping. What a start to our cruise!!



Day 2 – Thursday 3rd November 2022

At sea towards the Falkland Islands

12:00 GPS Position: 45°53' S / 062°54' W

Wind: NNE 5 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Clear **Air Temp:** 9.5°C **Sea Temp:** +11.6°C

And so began our first full day aboard Hondius! Early risers were able to see **Fin and Minke Whale** passing by our ship, as well as **Black-browed Albatross** and **Giant Petrels** gliding effortlessly on the wind streams. After breakfast we had our obligatory zodiac safety and IAATO guideline briefings, so everyone was fully informed on how to disembark the ship and enjoy the landings in safety. Charlotte then delighted us with her lecture on the cetaceans that we might be able to see during this voyage. The sea was more than unusually calm during this crossing with tail winds pushing us fast towards the Falklands at a comfortable 12 to 13 knots. The weather was sunny and most people were outside for much of the day, the birders especially searching every single seabird in the hope of finding a rarer variety.....and it worked! A **White-headed Petrel** was spotted from the bridge, seen by a very fortunate few.

After a delightful lunch prepared by our head chef Ralph and his team, the day continued with Andrew's talk on albatross. He went into depth on how to distinguish the different species we might see on our cruise, so that even the laymen amongst us would be able to do so. Everyone then migrated throughout the outer decks to utilise their newfound knowledge and, again, it worked!! The first of the great albatrosses, in the form of **Southern Royal Albatross**, were soon spotted and identified. A rare passerine (a perching, land bird) surprisingly dropped in and landed on the ship - a **White-banded Mockingbird** from the mainland. It remained on Deck 8 for quite some time for everyone to take pictures, before taking off to distant lands.



At 16:30, all guests went to Deck 3 to receive their muck boots, which they keep until the end of the voyage to ensure their feet remain dry during landings. We finished the day with a recap on colossal squids, how to identify whales from afar and an introduction to some of the wildlife of the Falkland Islands. The dinner was again delicious and, with the conversation flowing, many people retired to the lounge for a drink expertly prepared by Rolando and John at the bar.

Day 3 – Friday 4th November 2022

Arrival in the Falkland Islands & Steeple Jason Island

12:00 GPS Position: 50°53' S / 061°24' W

Wind: NW 2 Sea State: Smooth Weather: Foggy Air Temp: +8°C Sea Temp: +9.5°C

The day started with a beautiful sunrise and we enjoyed a tasty breakfast before heading to the outer decks. Many birds such as **Black-browed Albatross**, **Wilson's Storm Petrels** and **Southern Giant Petrels** were seen flying around the ship and we didn't hesitate to take some beautiful pictures of them. The next activity of the day was biosecurity. This requires a deep cleaning of every wearable item to be used during the activities off the vessel, like jackets, trousers, backpacks, etc. So, for a couple of hours the expedition team helped us to ensure there were no seeds or any organic matter which could contaminate the pristine areas we would be visiting.



Because of the speed with which we had made the crossing to the Falkland Islands, the expedition team took the opportunity to plan a bonus landing at Steeple Jason Island. After assessing the landing site situation, according to the tide, swell and wind, the green light was given.....and so the real adventure began!! Excitedly, we entered the zodiacs for the very first time and soon found ourselves going ashore on a rocky landing site.

We were greeted by a large **Gentoo Penguin** colony where they were taking care of their eggs - we stayed at a correct, safe distance so we didn't disturb them. They are such fascinating, funny and cute animals, aren't they? However, we had something much bigger waiting for us at the end of the trail.....the **Black-browed Albatross** colony. This massive and incredible nesting colony holds 250,000 breeding pairs and is famous for being the largest in the world. We could see these magnificent animals to the horizon - so many birds sitting on nests, flying over our heads or floating on the sea nearby. We were also able to approach the colony to get up close and personal as they sat, quite unconcerned, whilst we snapped away and watched in amazement. A truly memorable experience.

Inevitably we had to head back to Hondius for a short recap and dinner. But as we were eating, George, our AEL, announced that an **Orca** had been spotted close to the ship; so dinner was abandoned as we rushed the outer decks to see this incredible apex predator of the ocean. It was a huge male which looked like it was eating, possibly from a recent kill. It seemed at ease with the ship nearby, at one stage swimming directly under the bow. As it cruised further away the setting sun lit it up in a most spectacular way – a veritable golden Orca.



Day 4 – Saturday 5th November 2022

Location: Carcass and Saunders Islands - Falkland Islands

12:00 GPS Position: 51° 19' S / 060° 15' W

Wind: W3 Sea State: Calm Weather: Sunny Air Temp: +17°C Sea Temp : 11°C

We were again greeted by the dawn of another beautiful day in the Falklands and, after an earlier breakfast with the sun streaming through the windows, we made our morning landing on Carcass Island. A short zodiac transfer from the ship we landed on the sandy shores of Dyke Bay, to be greeted by the songs of the endemic **Cobb's Wren**, much sought after by birders. All of us made the short stroll across to Leopard Beach and took in the sights of the nesting **Gentoo** and **Magellanic Penguins**. While some of us enjoyed the beach life and relaxed with penguins on the shore, the rest of us stretched our legs on a longer walk around the bay back towards the settlement.

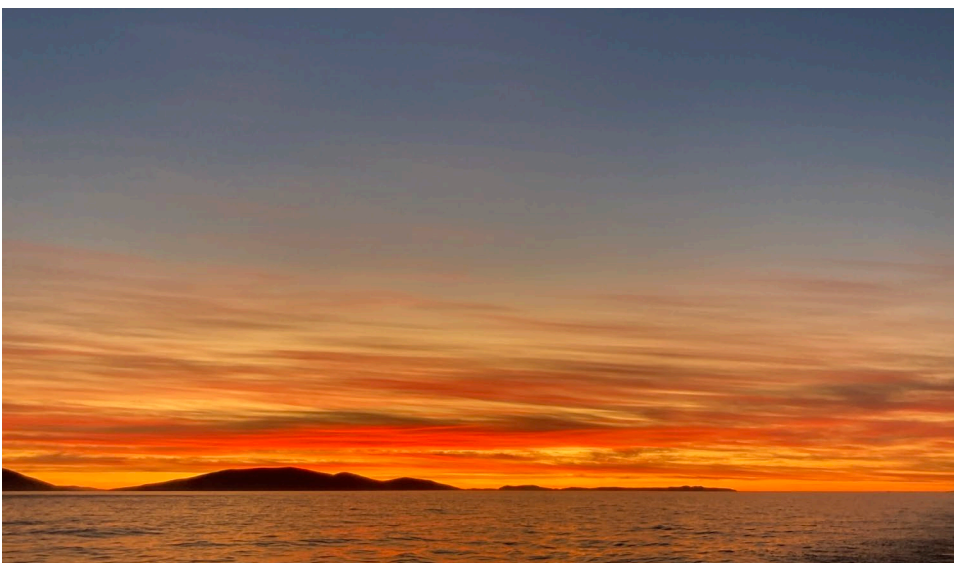
Carcass Island, owned and run by Rob McGill, was alive with small birds many of which we spotted during the morning. In addition to the endemic **Cobb's Wren**, some of the birds included the **Variable Hawk**, **Striated Caracaras**, **White-Bridled Finches** and **Tussac birds**. But perhaps the highlight of the morning for us was the tea and cakes laid on back at the settlement! We were treated to vast array of biscuits, cakes and sweet treats, served in the beautiful setting of the lodge and surrounding gardens. None of us went hungry and it was lovely to be greeted at the settlement by the owner Rob and his great team.



After a quick lunch (although maybe not needed after all the cakes!), we disembarked in the early afternoon to the neighbouring Saunders Island. The island is home to huge numbers of penguins, including all the four main species found in the Falklands: **Kings**, **Rockhoppers**, **Gentoo**s and **Magellanic**s. Many of us delighted in seeing the nearly-year old **King Penguin** chicks waiting patiently on the beach for their parents to return with food. In the warm sun many of us hiked up the hill to marvel at the large **Rockhopper** colony on the cliff side. Many of the birds were sitting tightly on their eggs, whilst others were taking a drink in a nearby spring running down the hill. A perfect photo opportunity.

We then made our way further round the cliff top towards the nesting **Black-browed Albatross**. The turquoise

waters below made for some spectacular viewing as the albatross soared along the cliff face. Despite the great weather, wildlife and vistas, all good things must come to an end, so we made our way back to the landing beach on the south side of The Neck to return to the ship. After a full day exploring two great Islands, we were treated to one last spectacle over dinner – a memorable fiery sunset. Lighting up the sky in hues of orange and red, with the sun setting behind the Islands of West Falkland.



Day 5 – Sunday 6th November 2022

Stanley, Falkland Islands



12:00 GPS Position: 51°41' S / 057° 26' W

Wind: N5 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Cloudy **Air Temp:** +8°C **Sea Temp:** +9°C



After sailing through the night from Saunders Island we came to Port Stanley today at 07:30. The entrance to the harbour requires precise navigational skills, through shallow waters and narrow passages. Early in the morning we entered Port William and crossed the entrance to Stanley Harbour, named "The Narrows", a passage that honours its name. We were lucky enough to spot our first **Sooty Shearwater** and **Southern Fulmar**. We dropped anchor and, after assessing the weather situation, we commenced operations at 08:30. The expedition team launched the first zodiacs in the water and, despite the cooler breeze today,

we were all eager to explore this intriguing town. The zodiac ride took only a few minutes and as we approached the jetty, we could clearly see the "Welcome to the Falklands" sign that greets every visitor.

At the jetty the security staff greeted us and soon we were all moving out into town, trying to squeeze every minute out of the visit. The port of Stanley offered us well stocked souvenir shops, a supermarket, museum, post office, church and a few other attractions. Some spent time shopping, whilst others went walking along the sea front, taking pictures of the wildlife. The wildlife was not shy and we had close encounters with **Falklands Steamer Duck** and two **Southern Sealions** who were having a nap on the jetty in the sunshine. Some even went further – hiring personal transport to search for some of the rarer endemic bird species outside the town.



We arrived back at the jetty from late morning to be greeted by the smiling staff. The zodiac return trip was slightly bumpier as the wind started to pick up. Once all aboard safely, we lifted anchor at 12:30 and headed away from Stanley Harbour back through the Narrows.

Soon after lunch we sailed away from the protection of the Falkland Islands and encountered the first heavy swells which made the ship roll a bit more than we had felt before during this trip. As we sailed to the East-South-East, we left the continental shelf and entered into the deep waters of the South Atlantic Ocean. In misty conditions we were still able to spot **Prions**, **Atlantic Petrel**, several **Fin Whales** close to the ship and our first **Wondering Albatross**.....wow!!

Day 6 – Monday 7th November 2022

At sea sailing to South Georgia

12:00 GPS Position: 52°29' S / 050°05' W

Wind: NW 5 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Foggy **Air Temp:** +9°C **Sea Temp:** +8°C

Today was our first of two full sea days en route to South Georgia. After the beautiful sunny weather in the Falklands we started the day with fog cover, which made it a little trickier to spot any wildlife. But this did not deter us to be out on deck to enjoy the fresh breeze and some birds which were flying around the ship, including **Atlantic Petrels**. After breakfast our expedition leader, Pippa, gave a lecture on the history of whaling; starting around the mid-1700s the business became bigger and bigger, with new technologies making the whaling operations more efficient. Antarctic whaling began on an industrial scale in 1904 with the building of a whale processing station at Grytviken, South Georgia. Over a relatively short time whale populations decreased dramatically, making whaling less profitable. With growing ecological pressure it was recognized that whaling should come to an end to prevent whales from extinction. From the landing of the first whale in Grytviken in 1904 to the last in 1965, South Georgia whaling stations processed 175,000 of the majestic cetaceans.



After lunch we had a lecture from Emily about Pinnipeds, describing some of the characteristics of the different seals we may come across in South Georgia and the peninsula. Later, Cloe and Paolo gave a joint lecture on citizen science and how we can all contribute to science whilst enjoying the expedition we are on. Three different projects were described: Happy Whale, phytoplankton using a Secchi disk and GLOBE observer clouds. Happy Whale focusses on identifying individual whales through images of their fluke/tail, something we can all contribute to with our photographs. The Secchi disk is used to determine the turbidity of the water which is related to the concentration of phytoplankton. Paolo explained the project of GLOBE to link photos taken from earth of the clouds to the satellite images of the clouds taken from above.

As we approached the Antarctic convergence the bird numbers really began to pick up. All five species of expected **Albatross** were seen around the ship along with **Cape**, **Black-bellied** and **Wilson's Petrels** and countless **Prion's**. At one point we had at least ten beautiful **Light-mantled Sooty Albatross** gliding around the ship. Before dinner we had a recap from Anthonie on that Antarctic convergence zone, which we will cross tonight. The colder Antarctic waters submerge under the warmer subtropical waters which results in an upwelling of nutrient rich water from the ocean floor. This process is key for all life around the Antarctic continent and the climate worldwide.



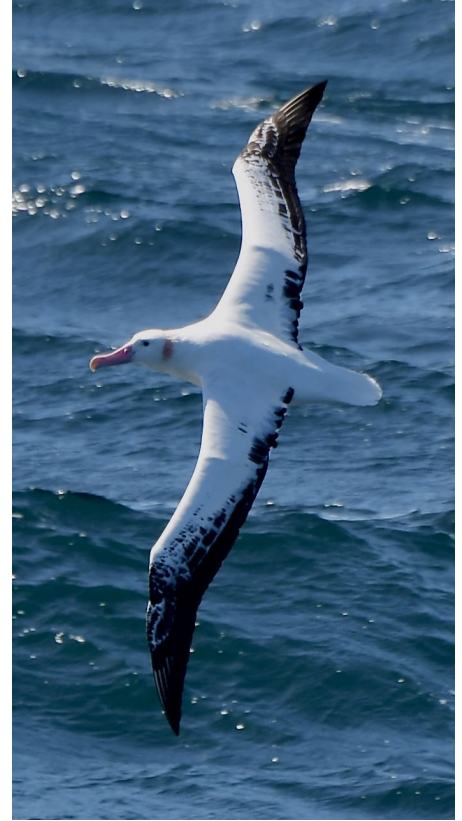
Day 7 – Tuesday 8th November 2022

At sea sailing to South Georgia

12:00 GPS Position: 53° 31' S / 042° 07' W

Wind: NW4 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Sunny **Air Temp:** +9°C **Sea Temp:** +4.5°C

After crossing the Antarctic Convergence overnight, we maintained our course to South Georgia in a confused swell and amongst breaking waves of up to 3m. There was no wakeup call today, so that we could enjoy a lie in. After a leisurely breakfast we had our mandatory South Georgia briefing and then took to the outer decks to enjoy a close view of the remote Shag Rocks, west of South Georgia. In this location the seabed rises to the surface in a spectacular fashion giving us both dramatic steep rock formations plastered with seabirds (and their poo!) and an upwelling of nutrient rich waters encouraging an abundance of marine wildlife. As we approached, we spotted a **Humpback Whale**, our first **Northern Giant Petrel** and a beautiful **Snow Petrel**. At 12:00 the time changed forward by +1 hour, whilst expedition guides John and Andrew held a deck watch to help guests identify birds, and we were lucky enough to see a **Wandering Albatross**. Many guests enjoyed the bird watching.



After another wonderful lunch with very smooth ship movements, we had biosecurity cleaning on deck 3. The expedition team helped guests to clean their outerwear, backpacks, boots and tripods/walking sticks and checked ahead of our first landing tomorrow in South Georgia.

Back out on deck we were treated, for the second day running, to the sight of all five species expected Albatross species whilst delightfully patterned **Cape Petrels** darted around in small groups. **Grey-backed, Black-bellied** and **Wilson's Storm Petrels** were also recorded by the birders, now hardened to life out on deck from dawn to dusk!

During the recap, Expedition Leader Pippa, introduced the plan of the next day activities when we will land at Grytviken in the morning and Fortuna Bay in the afternoon. Rose gave a broad overview of South Georgia, pulling together a summary of its history and ecology. George covered the thorny issue of Japanese whaling in the Southern Ocean, then Mikhail talked about the amazing success of the island's rodent eradication programme which has seen the populations of the two endemic bird species – South Georgia Pipit & Pintail – recover so well. We then went down to dinner feeling very excited about our first landing in such a historical place.

Day 8 – Wednesday 9th November 2022

Grytviken and Fortuna Bay, South Georgia

12:00 GPS Position: 54°17' S / 036°29' W

Wind: NE2 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Overcast **Air Temp:** 13°C **Sea Temp:** +4.5°C

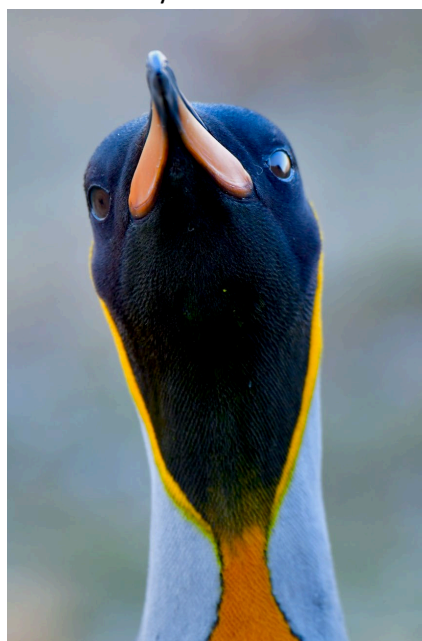
Following an unusually calm crossing from the Falklands we arrived early to Grytviken. The weather greeted us with beautiful spring like conditions. As we sail down East Cumberland Bay, Mount Duse came into sight, towering above 'Shackleton's cross' at Hut Point marking the entrance to King Edward's Cove. This cross is a replica of the original left by Shackleton's crew after his passing in Grytviken. Hondius anchored outside the cove and we powered into shore to see Grytviken for the first time. What was once a foul, industrial slaughterhouse for whales is today, without a doubt, a sliver of paradise on earth. The decaying, rusty old buildings of the whaling station somehow "fit in" the landscape with its pastel ochre color and so too do the remains of the beached whaling ships like the Petrel, a harpoon gun still standing at its bow. Today the abandoned buildings are taken over by **Fur** and **Elephant seals**, whilst **Antarctic Terns** nest amongst the industrial decay.

Grytviken has an interesting museum showing what was life was like in the heyday of whaling plus a post office and small gift shop. At the cemetery, we enjoyed an emotional moment sharing a toast to "The Boss" and raising our glasses with a tot of "Shackleton" whisky. Next to Shackleton's resting place, his right-hand man Frank Wild, another icon of the Antarctic Heroic era. In that area many of us found the much sought after endemic **South Georgia Pintail and Pipit**.



Over lunch we relocated to Fortuna Bay, named after the first whaling ship to operate in Grytviken. It is also known for having been

crossed by Shackleton, Crean and Worsley before reaching Stromness, on one of the greatest survival story of all time. The bay is well sheltered and we did a split landing and zodiac cruise. Cruising along the shore as we could see



the **Elephant Seal** harems starting to form with fights between the bulls, trying to assert their dominance over each mating spot available on the beach. We could also see lots of baby elephant seals (or weaners) - with their fat bodies, round faces and huge eyes they are the epitome of cuteness. These babies are only nurtured for three weeks before being abandoned by their mothers; they will then wait a total of 8-10 weeks before heading out to sea to fend for themselves. Until then, they are a gift for us to enjoy from afar. Later during the zodiac cruise we enjoyed a visit to the front of Turn back Glacier, a branch of the Fortuna Glacier.

When ashore we hiked up to our first **King Penguin** colony. After landing on the shore, the expedition guides helped us safely negotiate the **Fur Seals** (!) and we walked up to a viewpoint that gave great views over the colony below. To our left, Hondius was anchored in the bay and to our right, the impressive Fortuna glacier. Bathed in late afternoon sunshine the colony, whilst not the biggest, looked majestic. And so back to the ship, a short recap and a well-deserved dinner. South Georgia had really started with a bang and everyone was very excited with today. Life is good!

Day 9 – Thursday 10th November 2022

Gold Harbour and Cooper Bay, South Georgia

12:00 GPS Position: 54°37' S / 035°74' W

Wind: SSW2 **Sea State:** Calm **Weather:** Fog/Rain **Air Temp:** +3°C **Sea Temp:** +4.5°C

During last night we had cruised from Fortuna Bay to be anchored up in Gold Harbour at the eastern end of South Georgia. The plan to make a very early landing and to be ashore just before sunrise, but sadly, at 03:45, our expedition leader announced that the wind speed was too high for safe operations (30 knots!) and that we reassess around breakfast time. Fortunately, the wind did drop and even the sun came nicely out; so, from 08:00 we headed out for a split landing and zodiac-cruise at this most wonderful place. Even before our feet were set on land it was clear to all that this place is something special. The wildlife is extraordinary here – a colony of **King Penguins** estimated at 25,000 breeding pairs, **Gentoo Penguins**, **Snowy Sheathbills**, **Brown Skuas**, **Giant Petrels**, **South Georgia Pintails** and **Pipits** welcomed us together with hundreds of **Elephant Seals** of all ages. Each landing party spent a couple of glorious hours here and saw how Elephant Seals, King Penguins and Gentoo Penguins have occupied almost every square metre of the coastal zone. Gold Harbour itself forms an impressive backdrop to the whole scene and a fine example of the very rich ecosystems of South Georgia. The visit gave everybody good time to have a closer look at it and we were all deeply impressed. The zodiac cruises were also successful and including close up encounters with 4-5 inquisitive **Leopard Seals** in the kelp zones in the western part of the bay. A great opportunity for everyone to get some great images of this charismatic predator.



Back on Hondius it was lunch time during which we cruised north. On the way, in splendid weather, a large group of **Humpback Whales** were observed feeding along the coast. By early afternoon we reached our destination of Godthul and dropped anchor. This is a scenic, natural harbour surrounded by steep and grassy cliffs, which were used by Norwegian whale hunters from 1908. Here they established a base with one factory ship and two catcher vessels - there are still remains of these activities on the little beach to the west in the bay.



The zodiac cruise included an exciting ride west to Cobblers Cove and Rookery Point, where we enjoyed the sight of a fine colony of **Macaroni Penguins**. The penguin was 'most wanted' by most birders, so we were especially thankful to our expedition guides. They demonstrated their boat handling skills to get us as close as possible in the significant swell crashing onto the rocks. On the way back to Hondius, some of us made a little detour to Alsford Bay where an impressive iceberg had stranded, a first sign of our close proximity to Antarctica. Back on-board Charlotte gave a recap on the Leopard Seals (as seen this morning), an introduction to glaciers by Elodie and an amusing plea from Andrew to love all LBJ's ('Little Brown Jobs'), as represented in form of the South Georgia Pipit.

Day 10 – Friday 11th November 2022

Rosita Harbour and Salisbury Plain, South Georgia

12:00 GPS Position: 54°00' S / 037°26' W

Wind: W5 **Sea State:** Slight **Weather:** Overcast **Air Temp:** +1°C **Sea Temp:** +4.5°C

We woke at 06:45 to our daily announcement informing us that Right Whale Bay had been cancelled due to wind gusts in excess of 60 knots. Whilst we enjoyed a leisurely breakfast, we made the transit to the Bay of Islands in hope of more success under plan B. We arrived at Rosita Harbour where the expedition team launched a zodiac to scout out the conditions. The scouting mission was a success and another landing on South Georgia was imminent and at around 09:00 half the guests began disembarking Hondius for a zodiac shuttle to the small beach. On arrival to the



shore the beach was littered with **Fur Seals** in all directions and a real find of a rare leucistic (blond) individual. Staff had created a safe route and by following the red markers we were able to safely explore the site enjoying the fur seals, one moulting king penguin and many **South Georgia Pintails**. Amongst the fur seal vocalisations was the soft chorus of the **South Georgia Pipit** and for many of us it was the perfect opportunity to capture the pipit on camera. Those guests that remained onboard were highly entertained by George's 'Who owns South Georgia?' lecture; it was delivered energetically and was full of interesting facts. When it was time both groups swapped positions

between the ship and shore to enjoy the reverse activity. A great Plan B that worked so well!

After a delicious lunch back onboard, it was almost time for the afternoon's operation - a visit to the famous Salisbury Plain! It was not possible for a zodiac cruise as the wind had picked up however, we all had the chance to set foot on land and enjoy the amazing density of wildlife that greeted us. Young **Elephant Seals** ('weaners') were sprawled out near the landing site, snuggling into each other, capturing our attention with their giant eyes and multitude of amusing sounds. All along the marked route were incredible sights, not just the wildlife but the dramatic scenery with a backdrop of snow-covered peaks and even some blue sky. When reaching the colony many

of us were lost for words; 100,000 pairs of **King Penguin** and the fluffy brown chicks, with their soft downy feathers blowing in the wind, some inquisitive with our presence. **Skuas** soared above the colony and **Sheathbills** and **Giant Petrels** could be seen looking for an opportune moment to get their next snack. It was a party of the senses, the smell of guano filled the air, together with the vocalisations from the penguins - a memory that will last a lifetime.



Day 11 – Saturday 12th November 2022

St Andrew's Bay, South Georgia and at Sea

12:00 GPS Position: 54° 25' S / 36° 04' W

Wind: SW4 Sea State: Slight Weather: Partly Cloudy Air Temp: +6.5°C Sea Temp: +4.7°C

A very early rise at 04:00 and Hondius was already at anchor in front of St. Andrew's Bay, the last landing of our South Georgia odyssey, so we could catch the rising sun over the horizon in magical colors. Before our eyes the scenery was absolutely stunning - high glaciated peaks reflecting the sun rise, towering over what would seem a desolate landscape yet covered with thousands and thousands of pinnipeds and penguins.

Ashore, the beach was crowded with huge numbers of elephant seals with penguins waddling to and from the sea. The expedition team has already prepared and flagged our route to an elevated point of view. The sight below us was difficult to describe - half a million **King Penguins** - the largest colony in South Georgia. The early morning light also contributed to the surreal atmosphere to the place. Half of us were in zodiacs cruising along the beach allowing



us to have another point of view over this natural spectacle. It was still only 07:00 when we were all back to the ship for a well-deserved breakfast, after which we jumped back into the zodiacs for the swap. Those who already been ashore went for a very smooth cruise in a nearby sheltered bay. In super clear water we had an amazing encounter with a curious **Leopard Seal**, which was swimming around our zodiacs allowing us to take fabulous pictures. Later in the morning the wind picked up, so everyone ashore

hurried back to Hondius, lunch and reflection on yet another stunning wildlife experience.

Hondius set sail along the north-east coast of South Georgia and the sky was full of amazing lenticular clouds shaped like saucers. The wind was now very strong and the ship started to roll from side to side whilst impressive waves crashed against the bow. Josh gave an interesting lecture about life in South Georgia and his personal experience as a summer scientist at King Edward Point, Grytviken. Later on, the now familiar recap where Pippa presented the plan for the next day. Paolo & Elodie talked about the clouds and weather of South Georgia. Chloé shared very interesting facts about mammalian blubber and George talked the geopolitics of the 'ownership' of the oceans. Our time in South Georgia was a life-changing experience for all of us;



we left the islands with amazing images and memories that will last forever. We were looking forward to setting off for new adventures in the Antarctic peninsula.

Day 12 – Sunday 13th November 2022

At Sea to South Orkney Islands

12:00 GPS Position: 57°29' S / 038°29' W

Wind: W6 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Overcast **Air Temp:** +0.5°C **Sea Temp:** +3.4°C

After leaving South Georgia yesterday afternoon we were now tracking southwest towards the South Orkney Islands and Antarctica. For the first time proper we started to feel the real nature of the Southern Ocean with rolling swells and bow breaker waves. Many guests joined the captain and his crew on the bridge to view the conditions – a real privilege and one of the highlights of the on-board activities. Houdious handles these seas well with its modern stabilisation equipment and so, with sea sickness tablets and patches as back up, it's a pleasant day at sea for most. The lecture programme started with an overview of the great, if fated, exploration by Ernest Shackleton delivered by Juan.

After lunch Chloe provided a fascinating insight into plankton – the backbone of the Antarctic ecosystem - and Emily introduced us to the three species of Brush-tailed Penguins, that we hope to see further south. Outside we had sightings of whales throughout the day including **Humpback, Fin** and **Sei Whales**. Still windy, the ever-determined birders found nooks and crannies around the sides of the ship to shelter. With seabirds flying close to the ship, they were able to take up the challenge of identifying Prions! Was it **Antarctic, Slender-billed, Fairy** or even the very similar **Blue Petrel**, that was now starting to appear??? The apparent plumage variation of individual birds made it even harder. Baffling to many non-birders, they had the consolation of being able to easily identify and delight in the presence of charismatic **Snow** and **Cape Petrels**.



At recap Pippa talked through the options for tomorrow which were being influenced by the heavy sea and wind conditions that had slowed us down. After another excellent dinner many people headed for bed in the hope of a calmer night; others found their calm in the warmth of the lounge bar. As we tracked further south more icebergs appeared on the horizon, proof of our progress into ever-cooling latitudes. By evening the visibility had reduced to a few hundred metres as fog descended and we felt for the bridge crew enduring a long night of navigating around big ice in the dark and frigid conditions.

Day 13 – Monday 14th November 2022

At sea to South Orkney Islands

12:00 GPS Position: 60°40' S / 043°52' W

Wind: NW7 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Overcast/Fog **Air Temp:** -1°C **Sea Temp:** +1°C

Today, we continued our journey Southwest towards the South Orkneys. Despite the rolling seas as we awoke, we were all in good spirits and excited to sight the remote islands later in the early afternoon. After our usual wonderful breakfast buffet, we attended the mandatory IAATO briefing in the lounge. This highlighted the privileged position we find ourselves in visiting beautiful Antarctic locations and the biosecurity actions we must take to be environmentally responsible. After that, we again took to deck 3 to clean and check our outdoor gear. We were now all definitely expert at cleaning seeds out our muck boots with paper clips! Looking outside we were greeted by



magnificent tabular icebergs lining our approach to the islands. With the snow-covered peaks of Laurie Island– the second largest island in the South Orkney chain – in the distance, it was an awe-inspiring sight to see so many different shapes and sizes of icebergs floating in the shallower waters. Many of the bergs were actually bigger than the Hondius, in varying hues of blue and white making for some wonderful photographic opportunities.

As we approached more closely, we were treated to a real surprise - a single iceberg hosting all three brushtail penguins together in one group: **Adelie**, **Chinstrap** and **Gentoo**.

Despite being a brief sighting, it was amazing to record all three species together on one floe. In addition, **Humpback** and **Minke Whales** were sighted.

The captain navigated Hondius into Scotia Bay and we got to 'wave hello' to the Argentine personnel at Orcadas Station. Under current IAATO restrictions we were unable to land, but it was great to see the oldest base in Antarctica which sits on a low plateau between two peaks at the head of the bay. After a warm exchange in Spanish over the radio, we said farewell - sadly without the Malbec wine they had kindly offered to send our way!! With the fog coming back again, we settled in with Elodie who taught us all about continental ice in Antarctica. Antonie kicked off the evening recap, educating us all on the dynamics of the Southern Ocean. We were then treated to two magnificent pieces of poetry; a rendition of *L'Albatros* by Mikhail and then a funny, informative tale of the importance of whale poo to the ecosystem, read by Emily. Quite a poetic contrast but well received by all.



Day 14 – Tuesday 15th November 2022

At sea to South Shetland Islands

12:00 GPS Position: 61°00' S / 052°33' W

Wind: NW 6 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Fog **Air Temp:** 0°C **Sea Temp:** 1.8°C

Today we had a calm and easy morning still cruising in direction of the famous Elephant Island, which is one of the northernmost islands of the South Shetlands. Surrounded by fog, the day started a bit slow for the always active group of birders. They still managed to enjoy the sightings of seabirds like **Cape Petrels, Southern Fulmars, Wilsons Storm Petrels** and **Light-mantled Sooty Albatross**. And the bird observations were topped up by a sighting of at least three large whales - possibly **Fin Whales**. Inside, Mikhael gave an informative lecture about marine mammal acoustics. He highlighted the many studies in this subject that have advanced our scientific knowledge regarding this interesting part of the life of marine mammals, which created a lot of good questions from the interested audience. But it was clear that there are still a lot of mysteries to solve!

In the afternoon David presented an excellent lecture about Irish Antarctic Explorers with a focus on legends like Bransfield and Crozier, which later was followed by a fascinating presentation by our Head Chef, Ralf, who told us about the logistics and management of feeding an expedition cruise ship. He listed examples of the vast amounts of different provisions, which blew us away in amazement. A great talk!



Towards evening, we finally got close to Elephant Island. However, due to the mist and quite strong winds we had to abandon the planned zodiac-cruise in front of Point Wild, where Shackleton and his crew from 'Endurance' ended up in April 1915. It was from here he made his famous voyage to South Georgia and later on rescued the remaining 22 of his expedition team in August 1916. As a brilliant alternative to the zodiac-cruise, Hondius was anchored up just in front of Elephant Island and we were invited to the front deck, for a glass of hot chocolate (+/- rum!) and luckily some glimpses of Point Wild in the mysterious misty hour of dusk.

Day 15 – Wednesday 16th November 2022

Penguin Island, South Shetland Islands & at sea

12:00 GPS Position: 62° 68' S / 59° 09' W

Wind: NNW 5-6 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Overcast **Air Temp:** +1°C **Sea Temp:** 2.5°C

The day started with a very cloudy sky and wind speeds gusting up to 50 knots. The original plan was to land at Penguin Island but the wild Antarctic weather prevented us. Our expedition leaders and the Captain impressively came up with Plan B - a landing at Half Moon Bay to hopefully see a colony of Chinstrap Penguins. We kept our fingers crossed! Plan B required a long transit south during which we encountered up to fifteen **Fin Whales** close to the coast. The captain maneuvered *Hondius* so we could enjoy their activity for a while, to everyone's delight. Just as we thought our encounter was about to end, amazingly, we sighted four **Blue Whales!** For most of us it was our first ever sighting and a fabulous surprise. We observed them from a safe distance whilst taking incredible images. The two largest animals ever to have existed on planet earth in the space of half an hour. Wow.....just wow!



After another great lunch, the expedition team dropped the zodiacs to assess the situation at Half Moon Island and gave the go ahead to land the first group. Everything was going well as we enjoyed our first **Chinstrap Penguin** colony, entertaining us with their courtship and nest building



behaviour. Several **Adelie Penguins** were also spotted – the first close up encounters for the lucky few. But this is Antarctica and you must never take anything for granted. The weather unexpectedly and rapidly deteriorated and Pippa called for an immediate return to the ship. We all got safely back onboard to watch the amazing expedition team battling winds, gusting up to 45 knots, to get all the equipment and zodiacs safely stored. Those of us who didn't make it to shore needed no apology for the landing being cancelled. Safety first, always, in such a remote region.

After a problematic but interesting morning and afternoon, a very exciting event was about to start.... the South Georgia Trust Heritage auction! Our entertaining auctioneer, George, presented us with splendid items to bid for, with all monies going to the SGHT to help fund their important conservation projects. We laughed and laughed as George coaxed us to part with an amazing total **£4857.00**. Well done, that man!!

Day 16 – Thursday 17th November 2022

Portal Point and Danco Island, Antarctica

12:00 GPS Position: 64°27' S / 061°49' W

Wind: S2 Sea State: Calm Weather: Sunny Air Temp: +10°C Sea Temp: 2.3°C

Today we were welcomed at Portal Point with calm and sunny weather. Located in the northeast part of Reclus Peninsula it includes a high promontory with views across Charlotte Bay. After breakfast the first group were shuttled to the landing site, where zodiac drivers had to navigate their way through the ice. Our first steps were now officially set on the Antarctic continent! We had made it!! In the deep snow of the early season we had to put on snow shoes which required a bit of time to get familiar with for many. And then it was up the marked route for the most astonishing view from the peak. The zodiac cruise offered was equally beautiful; tabular icebergs in all shapes and sizes, which calved from nearby glaciers, were stunning.



Whilst we transited to our afternoon landing site, we had a recap from Pippa (on her birthday!) about the plans for the next day. Elodie gave an interesting talk on the stability of icebergs, whilst Andrew gave some nice facts on blue whales. With only about 2,000 individuals in the Southern Ocean, we were so lucky to see them a few days ago. Still in good weather, we arrived at a snow covered Danco Point and went ashore, with several options to walk – more practice in snowshoes. Halfway to the top there was a nice view of a **Gentoo Penguin** rookery with their very own 'penguin highway' from the colony down towards the water, on which they have absolute right of way. The top of the hill offered more stunning views over snow covered mountains, glaciers and icebergs in the southern part of the Errera Channel. The zodiac cruise offered us an even closer views of the spectacular icebergs and brash ice in the channel.



At the end of the landing, with the clouds coming in, the brave hearted among us went for a polar plunge! About twenty-five of us went for a (very) quick swim in the icy Antarctic waters. Back on board and warmed up we were treated to a deck barbecue whilst **Humpback Whales** surfaced around us. Just surreal! Later the music was turned up and we danced to celebrate the great time we were having on board (and maybe also to stay warm?).

Day 17 – Friday 18th November 2022

Cuverville and Base Brown, Antarctica

12:00 GPS Position: 64°38' S / 062°49' W

Wind: E3 Sea State: Slight Weather: Snow Air Temp: -1°C Sea Temp: +2.2°C

At 06:45 we had our daily wakeup call and weather update. The expedition team launched two zodiacs and scouted the area, checking out the conditions. Due to wind gusts of up to 35 knots and lots of ice, Plan A to land on Cuverville was not possible, despite the teams' best efforts. So, an alternative option (Plan B) of a zodiac cruise was offered and many of us braved the elements to explore the nearby bay. We observed very comical **Gentoo Penguins** leaping in and out of the water, with lots of hesitant individuals almost falling into the water rather than choosing to jump.



Amongst the ice we were lucky enough to spot a **Weddell seal**. Towards the end of our cruise we enjoyed a **Humpback Whale**, watching it fluke as it dived, almost forgetting how cold we felt with the wind and snow hitting our faces. For those that chose to stay onboard and enjoy the view from the comfort of the lounge, Andrew presented a very interesting lecture focussing on photography and the role it can play in citizen science.

During our transit towards Almirante Brown and Paradise Bay we enjoyed a delicious lunch of fish and chips, followed by warm chocolate cake, watching the snow and occasional whale blow outside. On arrival the snow continued falling, yet the water remained glassy calm. Beautiful reflections of the ice could be seen as we made our way to the landing site and on our zodiac cruise. In the bay some of us spotted a **Minke Whale**, seeing its small sickle shaped dorsal fin breaking the surface. **Leopard, Weddell and Crabeater seals** were all spotted during the zodiac cruise amongst the ice. Close to the Argentinian base, we observed nesting **Imperial Shags** from our zodiacs, watching them flying in with nesting material and listening to their calls. After a few hours the snow stopped and the sun made an appearance through the clouds. The scenery was breath-taking, many of us taking a moment before returning to the ship to absorb our surroundings and enjoy the splendid beauty of Antarctica.

Day 18 – Saturday 19th November 2022

Cierva Cove and Bransfield Strait, Antarctica

12:00 GPS Position: 64°05'S / 061°02'W

Wind: NE **Sea State:** Slight **Weather:** Fog/Snow **Air Temp:** +3°C **Sea Temp:** +2°C

Our last day in Antarctica started with the traditional wake-up call, not from our Expedition Leader, but from Scarlett, one of the passengers who successfully bid for this honour at the South Georgia Heritage Auction. She was very happy to greet all the passengers with a '*Good Morning*' in no less than nine languages. By 08:00 the ship sat in the middle of Cierva Cove, surrounded by fog and snow that gave a mysterious atmosphere to the place. Soon after we were all on board fifteen zodiacs ready for an adventurous cruise, surrounded by towering icebergs, brash ice, and a heavy swell. Finding wildlife was challenging in the low visibility but still managed to list **Gentoo Penguins** porpoising through the icy water, **Leopard Seal**, **Adelie Penguin** and **Antarctic Terns**. Some lucky people managed a close approach to a delightful feeding group of **Wilson's Petrels**, as they pattered around looking just like butterflies. We were welcomed back on board with a well-deserved hot chocolate from the Hotel Team.

It was now time to leave behind the Antarctic peninsula, to take a last glimpse at those icy landscapes that made us smile during the last couple of days. We turned to head northwards to the infamous Drake Passage and as soon as we left the shelter of the outer islands, Hondius started rolling from side to side in the swell. Anthonie and the expedition team

organized a quiz, with questions about what we have learnt in the many lectures and recaps during the two last weeks. It was not easy to remember exactly how much a blue whale weighs or how thick the ice is in the middle of the Antarctica! Outside, in the heavy sea, we had been rejoined by those stunningly beautiful **Cape Petrels**, as if



escorting us away from the white continent that they call home. We will miss them.

At 17:30 it was time for the traditional recap and the plans for the next days. Pippa showed us some weather forecasts of the Drake Passage - oh dear.....where's my patch? Dive guides, Mike and Gonzalo, presented photos from some of the twelve dives they did - from diving around icebergs to amazing encounters with **Leopard Seals**. It's fair to say, the rest of us were blown away! George presented some very interesting facts about citizenship in Antarctica and we learnt that a total of eleven babies have been born in Antarctica in two research stations belonging to Chile and Argentina. Finally, John talked about impressive bird migration with the example of the Arctic Tern that flies more than 70,000km per year from the Arctic where they breed, to Antarctica where they feed. And from there to another great dinner before being rocked to sleep in the Drake.

Day 19 – Sunday 20th November 2022

Drake Passage!

12:00 GPS Position: 59° 40'S / 063° 49'W

Wind: NW8 Sea State: Rough Weather: Overcast Air Temp: +0.5°C Sea Temp: +2.4°C

Today we continue our return journey to Ushuaia and cross the mid-way of point of the infamous Drake passage –



probably the most feared area of ocean in the world. The **Drake Passage** (referred to as Mar de Hoces ["Hoces Sea"] in Spanish speaking countries) is the body of water between South America's Cape Horn, Chile and the South Shetland Islands of Antarctica. It connects the southwestern part of the Atlantic Ocean (Scotia Sea) with the south-eastern part of the Pacific Ocean and extends into the Southern Ocean. Though bearing the name of the famous English seaman and global circumnavigator Sir Francis Drake, the passage was first traversed in 1616 by a Flemish expedition led by Willem Schouten. The Drake Passage played an important part in the trade of the 19th and early 20th centuries before the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914. The stormy seas and icy conditions made the rounding of Cape Horn through the Drake Passage a rigorous test for ships and crews alike, especially for the sailing vessels of the day. Thankfully in our modern sea going vessel with its two powerful engines and stabilization system taking on the Drake is less daunting than it was for the early explorers and merchants. With swells of 4-5 meters and a consistent 35 knots of wind, occasionally gusting over 50 knots, we experienced rolling seas and waves breaking over the bow of Hondius. The stabilization system again proved invaluable, making for a relatively smooth ride on these high seas.

During the day we had a fantastic lecture schedule from the expedition team. George brought his high energy delivery to the fascinating subject of Antarctic politics, whilst Andrew took us on a side-splitting journey into the wonderful and weird world of birding. In the evening Hotel Manager, Will, gave out information for disembarkation (including how to pay our bar bills! Eeek!!) and Pippa delivered the final recap of our trip. After yet another fantastic dinner from Ralf and the team, we had the final of the photo contest superbly hosted by Juan. The competition attracted an impressive one hundred images which had been voted on by us during the afternoon, to whittle it down to a final three in each category. Using the loudest applause to decide the winner of each category - Wildlife, Landscape and Funny – the successful photographers each receiving a prize donated by Oceanwide Expeditions.



Day 20 – Monday 21st November 2022

At Sea to Ushuaia

12:00 GPS Position: 55° 40'S / 065° 58'W

Wind: NE7 Sea State: Slight Weather: Overcast Air Temp: +7°C Sea Temp: +7.7°C



As our last day at sea rolled on (pun intended !) the swell finally started to drop off to longer waves which made the passage a lot smoother. Lots of us were feeling a bit sleepy after last night's rough seas. The coffee machine was going nine to the dozen and we all piled our breakfast plates high with from the buffet with delicious items such as scrambled eggs and hot buttered toast, to recover our energy for the day ahead.

Out on deck we started to see the first signs of land - Tierra Del Fuego ('land of fire') and Cape Horn, the southern most point of South America !of the South America. As we came onto the continental shelf the bird life 'exploded' and not just in quantity but quality. We were able to add fantastic new species

such as **Northern Royal Albatross**, **Little Shearwater** and **Feugian Storm Petrel**. More ticks for our trip list and 'lifers' for many birders. What a great end for them – mega smiles all around. Inside, we listened as Chloe told the fascinating story about the heroes of the 'Race to the South Pole' expedition. After lunch, we watched an Antarctic documentary in the observation lounge - the cinema experience emphasised with ice cream served by the expedition team. Many of us felt completely full (yet again !) but utterly happy at the last three weeks spent onboard M/V Hondius.

As we entered the Beagle Channel, the beautiful golden sunlight shone on not only our ship but on our smiles and hearts that were so full. At Captain's farewell cocktail party we thanked and applauded the expedition team and ship's crew for their amazing hard work and dedication. They have contributed so much of themselves to make this cruise the success it's been. We then settled down to watch Mikhaels's fantastic slide show of the last 20 days ; it brought us smiles, laughs and, maybe, a little tear to our eye ? And so down for our final special dinner, during which we had the chance to thank the rest of the staff who have made our journey so comfortable - the housekeepers, galley, restaurant and bar staff and Will, Hotel Manager, and his senior team 😊. Then, back to the bar for a last drink and convivial chat, tinged with a little sadness that we had reached the end of our expedition.



Day 21 – Tuesday 22nd November 2022

Disembarkation in Ushuaia

At 06:00 we approached the port of Ushuaia ready to disembark for the final time. The last three weeks have taken us on a remarkable journey to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, South Orkneys and Shetlands, the Antarctic continent itself and the vast ocean in between. It has given us a glimpse of life in these remote and sometimes inhospitable places. We have encountered amazing wildlife, made new friends, learnt and experienced so much together. We will all take away different memories of our cruise but those memories will stay with us for the rest of our lives. **This was our expedition.**

Total distance sailed on our voyage: 3795 Nautical Miles

Furthest point south: 64° 52'

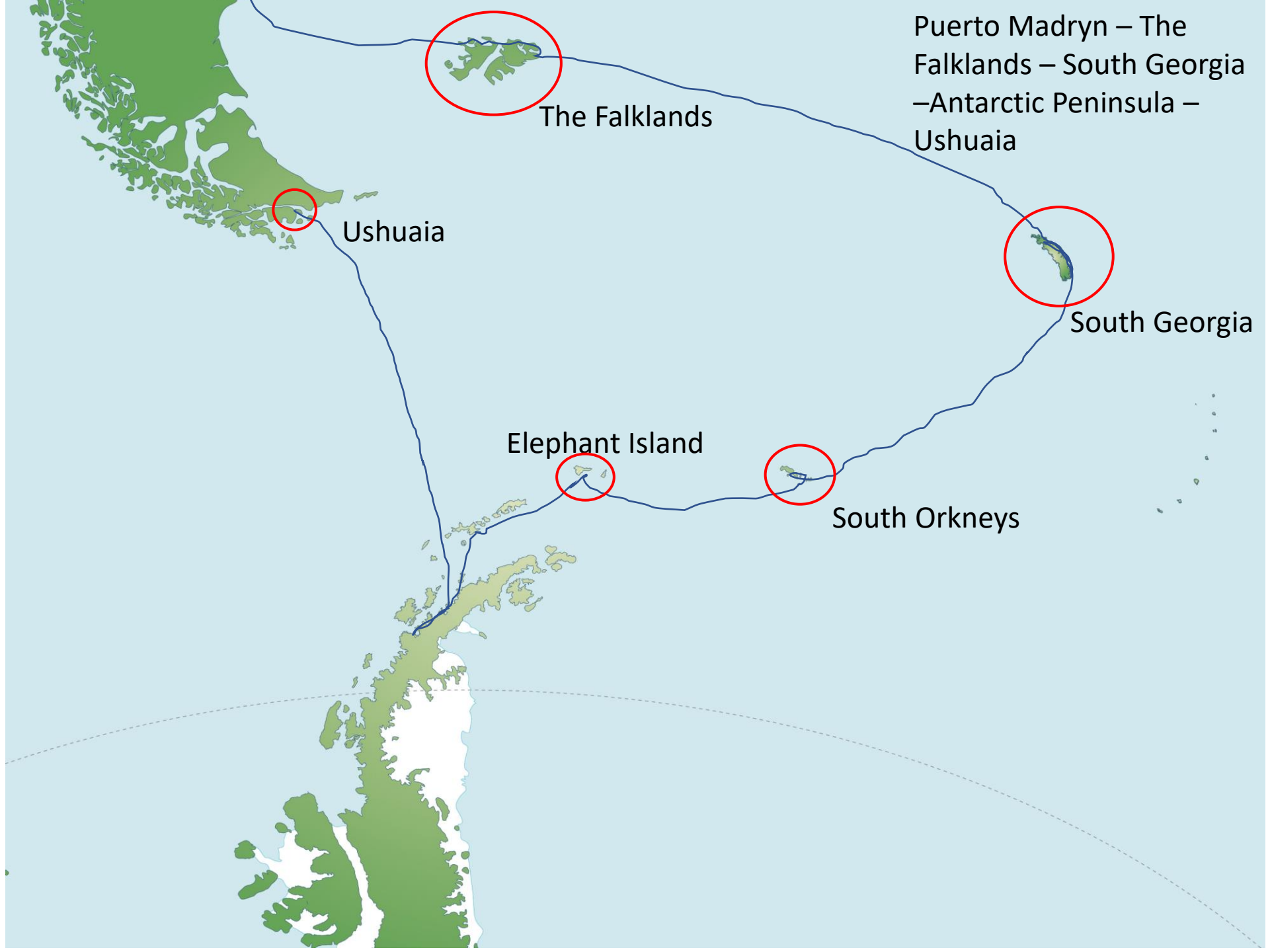


Your Expedition Team!

On behalf of everyone on board we thank you for travelling with us and wish you a safe journey home.



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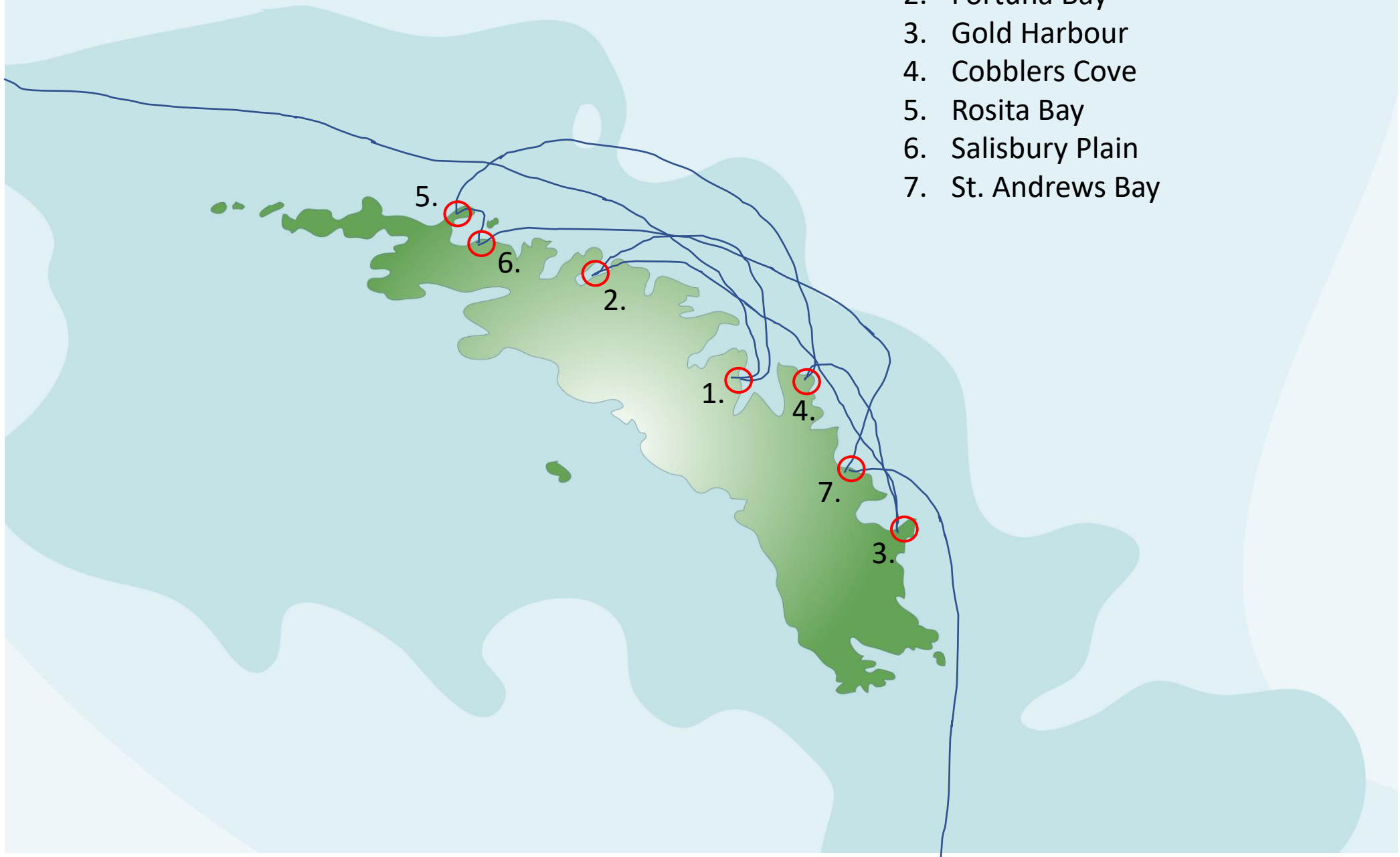
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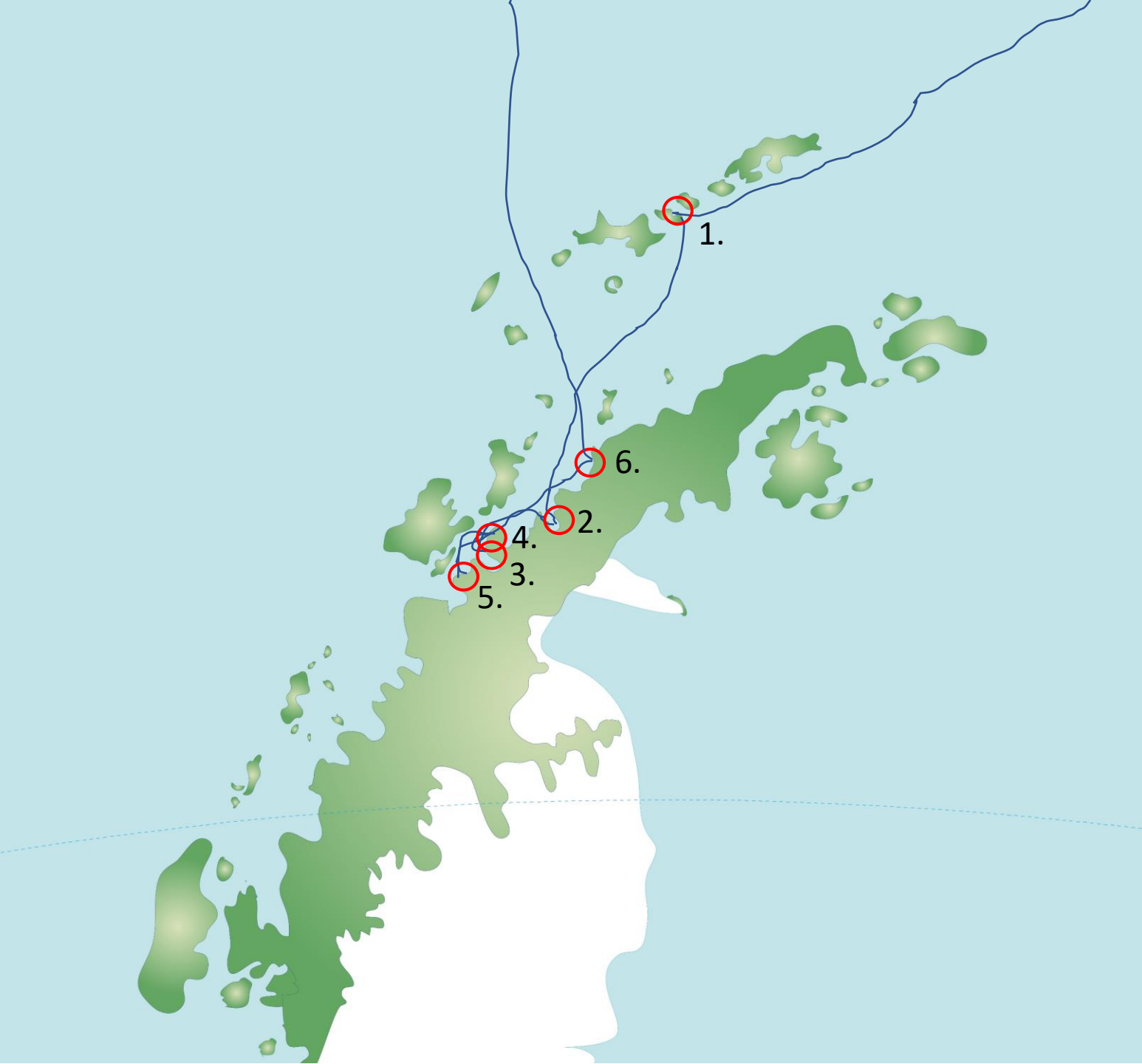
South Orkneys

1. Steeple Jason
2. Carcass Island
3. Saunders Island
4. Port Stanley



1. Grytviken
2. Fortuna Bay
3. Gold Harbour
4. Cobblers Cove
5. Rosita Bay
6. Salisbury Plain
7. St. Andrews Bay





1. Half Moon Island
2. Portal Point
3. Danco Island
4. Curveville Island
5. Brown Base (Paradise Bay)
6. Cierva Cove

Birds and Marine Mammals of the Antarctic region including Falkland Islands and South Georgia 2nd - 22nd November 2022

English	Latin	02-nov	03-nov	04-nov	05-nov	06-nov	07-nov	08-nov	09-nov	10-nov	11-nov	12-nov	13-nov	14-nov	15-nov	16-nov	17-nov	18-nov	19-nov	20-nov	21-nov
Upland Goose	<i>Chloephaga picta</i>			X	X	X															
Kelp Goose	<i>Chloephaga hybrida</i>			X	X	X															
Ruddy-headed Goose	<i>Chloephaga rubidiceps</i>				X	X															
Flying Steamer Duck	<i>Tachyeres patachonicus</i>																				
Falkland Flightless Steamer Duck	<i>Tachyeres brachypterus</i>			X	X	X															
Crested Duck	<i>Lophonetta specularioides</i>			X	X	X															
Chiloe Wigeon	<i>Anas sibilatrix</i>			X																	
Speckled Teal	<i>Anas flavirostris</i>								X												
Silver Teal	<i>Spatula versicolor</i>					X															
Yellow-billed Pintail	<i>Anas georgia</i>			X						X	X	X									
South Georgia Pintail	<i>Anas georgica georgica</i>								X	X											
Great Grebe	<i>Podiceps major</i>	X																			
White-tufted Grebe	<i>Rollandia rolland</i>					X															
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>																				
King Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes patagonicus</i>				X		X		X	X	X	X									
Adélie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>													X		X	X	X	X		
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua papua</i>			X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>													X	X	X	X	X	X		
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>									X		X									X
Rockhopper Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysocome</i>			X	X		X														
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	X		X	X	X															
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>					X	X	X			X										X
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>																				X
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>		X	X		X	X	X													X
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>						X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X
Light-Mantled Sooty Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
Northern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X
Southern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>					X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Cape Petrel (Pintado)	<i>Daption capensis</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>																	X	X		
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				
White-headed Petrel	<i>Pterodroma lessonii</i>		X																		
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X
Soft-Plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>						X														
Great-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma macroptera</i>																				
Atlantic Petrel	<i>Pterodroma incerta</i>					X	X														
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>		X	X		X	X	X													X
Subantarctic Little Shearwater																					X
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>		X			X	X														
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>			X		X		X		X			X		X					X	X

Pippa Low – Expedition Leader



Pippa has worked as a marine guide and skipper for 10 years, primarily in Scotland, Australia, New Zealand and the polar regions. A marine scientist specialising in marine mammal research and conservation, she splits her time between the hemispheres, and loves showing the public the marine world and all it has to offer.

Growing up on the coast of the incredible Moray Firth sparked a love for the marine world and its inhabitants. Spending every spare minute in, on or under the water; professional life reflected this love from a young age,

becoming an instructor in various marine disciplines and going on to study Marine biology at university in Scotland, then later, Australia.

Upon completion of her degree, Pippa has worked as a marine mammal observer, scientific diver and research assistant on various research projects; including photo ID, migration, distribution and behavioural studies on a range of marine mammals. She has developed a keen interest in marine mammal conservation through outreach and research.

After working in the Ross Sea region of Antarctica as a research assistant, she fell in love with Antarctica. Pippa now works as a full-time guide and assistant expedition leader in both the Arctic and Antarctica. In-between seasons, she still finds time to work on research projects.

George Kennedy – Assistant Expedition Leader



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

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

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

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

Chloé Maréchal – Assistant Expedition Leader



Chloé is a passionate diver fascinated by marine life and exploration. She earned a European master degree in Marine biodiversity and conservation and loves to share her expertise for the marine environment. In April 2013, she was selected as the 2013-14 European Rolex our world underwater scholar. She spent a year working side by side with current leaders in underwater fields, getting very different experiences in marine science and in the diving industry. Diving and science are not her only passion; she enjoys exploring new countries and discovering new cultures. She has been diving on all continents

and living in more than 20 countries.

Chloe now lives in northern Norway just above the polar circle. When she is not onboard, she can be found underwater: observing the ocean's inhabitants, searching for forgotten wrecks or mapping and exploring undiscovered underwater cave passages.

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.

Anthonie Luteijn – Expedition guide



Anthonie is a passionate surfer and a life-long ocean lover. He enjoys exploring the cultural and scenic diversities of different countries, as well as to connect with the people he meets along the way.

He grew up, right on the beach, in the southwestern coastal province of The Netherlands, Zeeland. For his studies, he moved to Delft where he completed his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and his master's degree in Hydraulic Engineering at the Technical University of Delft. He has a coastal specialisation, which embraces a great interest in oceanography and climate change.

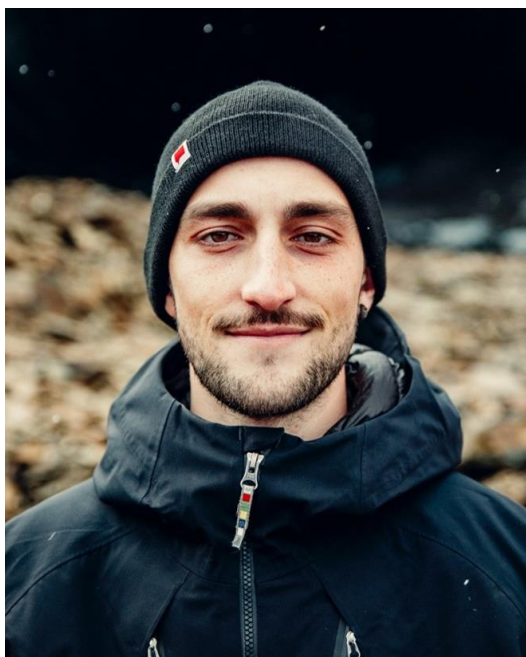
During this program, he took part in several projects around the world and conducted research on an artificial fish migration river in the Netherlands.

In the summer months, Antonie enjoys sharing his passion for the oceans as a surf coach. He sees the ocean as a diverse and unique place which feels like home.

One of the projects he has done was on the plastic waste problem in Indonesia. By creating a real-world, coupled economic-environmental model, focusing on one of the plastic polluted rivers.

He is very much looking forward to his first season working as an expedition guide on board with Oceanwide. As Antonie would say: "I like to be challenged and am passionately hopeful to impact other people's lives positively. The sea is one of my greatest passions and I would like to share the energy it gives me and this passion on board. To be part of this Antarctic expedition is a unique and much-appreciated opportunity in many ways!"

Juan Berenstein – Expedition Guide



Juan is a professional photographer and drone pilot born in Ushuaia, Argentina. He is embarking on his first Antarctic Expedition Cruise with Oceanwide Expeditions.

He is a young and highly motivated person, who loves enjoying outdoors and on the mountains. His hobbies are trekking, camping, FPV drone flying and photography.

His passion for nature started at an early age with his family, who enjoyed the weekends camping at the end of the world and travelling around the country

on holidays. Nowadays he enjoys discovering new landscapes around the end of the Andes chain with his friends.

He studied photography in Buenos Aires and decided to return to his hometown to start his career and develop an independent way of life.

Juan has been working in tourism for more than 5 years in Ushuaia and has amazing skills related to guest management, being a sociable and talkative person. He speaks natively Spanish, English and some German as he did an exchange back in 2014 after finishing high school.

Going to Antarctica has been a lifetime dream of his, as being born at the southernmost city in the world and the nearest city to the white continent really set the path for the years to come. He plans on starting a Polar career learning from every aspect, from wildlife to history, and someday become an Expedition expert.

Charlotte Taplin – Expedition Guide



Charlotte grew up by the Coast in Cornwall, United Kingdom. From a young age she has always been fascinated by wildlife and the ocean. She studied Wildlife Conservation at University and then spent the next 10 years travelling through South America, Australasia and Africa. Charlotte's love for boats began in 2013 where she worked on research and dive vessels visiting remote regions of the Great Barrier Reef. Her interest in Marine Biology grew in Australia and New Zealand while studying Humpback, Minke and Sperm Whales.

After driving overland in a land rover from South Africa to Jordan she then moved to Mozambique in 2018 where she started her own backpacker hostel. In her spare time Charlotte worked as a Researcher studying Whale sharks and Manta Rays along the Coast of Mozambique. During 2020-2022 she worked as a Deckhand/Divemaster on superyachts and ice breaker explorer vessels. Her hobbies include scuba-diving, surfing, free-diving and hiking. Being surrounded by the ocean is Charlotte's favourite place to be and she is so excited to have started her first season with Oceanwide in 2022.

Emily Clarke – Guide



Emily grew up by the ocean and has always found it a source of inspiration and wonder. She has a strong sense of adventure and embraces opportunities whenever they arise, which has resulted in some amazing journeys.

A passion for wildlife conservation, travel and working with people has led her to work onboard expedition vessels.

Familiar with life at sea, Emily divides her time between two fairly different roles. The first as an expedition guide, and the second as a Marine Mammal Observer in the oil and gas industry, working onboard seismic vessels;

protecting marine mammals from anthropogenic sound sources in the ocean.

Emily has over 15 years' experience working with wildlife, both in natural habitats and in rehabilitation. She has spent over ten years working with gorillas, which saw her travel to remote parts of Africa collecting data on wild gorillas, and taking part in conservation and community development projects addressing human-wildlife conflicts.

During her time off, Emily enjoys paddle boarding, kayaking and diving, in-between preparing her latest lectures and planning her next adventure.

Mike Pumm – Expedition Guide



I was born in Switzerland in 1987. I am the owner of a dive company in central Switzerland and work as a dive instructor where I specialise in technical diving and cave diving.

I got the travel bug very early, when I found myself travelling alone at the young age of fourteen. Since then, travelling has been my favourite hobby no matter if it takes me deep underwater or high up in the mountains. I like to be on the move and preferably include diving whenever possible. So far, I've travelled to more than 60 countries, and I have already been in all climate zones

including the Arctic and Antarctic. When I'm not abroad I still try to find time to dive at least once a week in the lakes around my hometown.

I had the opportunity to live in Honduras for a few years and together with my wife I managed a dive resort there.

However, I am now very much looking forward to accompanying you as a guide on this polar expedition.

Gonzalo Sabattini- Dive Guide



Gonzalo Sabattini was born in Córdoba, Argentina in 1987. Son of Cecilia and Juan and brother to Matias and Marcos.

Since a young kid his life was connected to water because his family owns fishing boats in Los Molinos Lake in Córdoba. Summers and weekends were endless among friends and family, swimming, and fishing.

As time passed by, swimming in the lake evolved into diving; Gonzalo received his first diving certification as a Argentinian Federation of Subaquatic

Activities (FAAS_CMAS)-One Star Diver at the age of 16.

During his twenty's Gonzalo was an active member of the local diving school collaborating as a volunteer as he continued his formation as a diver.

In 2013 he was invited to work to Cozumel, Mexico as a dive guide guiding certificate and first-time divers. At the island, he gained a lot of experience working with international tourism and he spent more than a year diving daily.

When he came back to his country, he set sails to a new adventure. Decided to move to Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, where diving and weather conditions are a challenge. For the last 6 years he has become a cold-water diver, mastering the dry suit and the rest of cold-water equipment. On 2018 he was certified as a dive instructor (FAAS – CMAS) and since then, works at a diving school lecturing new cold-water divers and guiding national and international divers who marvel with the kelp forests that characterize dives in the Beagle Channel.

On top of diving Gonzalo has always been as sportive person, he loves snowboarding, fishing, and spending time in nature and wilderness, and he found in Ushuaia a perfect playground.

Rose Li Hong - Expedition Guide



Originally from China, Rose Li Graduated from Wuhan college with a major in Interior Design. She has worked on well-known international cruise ships since 2014 as an expedition guide and in Asia as a VIP services shift leader and Head cruise ambassador on a Mediterranean cruise line.

She has worked in the polar regions since 2017, as expedition guide, Zodiac driver, Chinese interpreter and guest services manager.

She has many talents such as dancing, drawing, skiing, hosting, and loves creating new activities. Her two academic passions are history and geology.

During her spare time, she has continued to develop her passion for traveling, and has visited more than 40 countries and looks forward to visiting many others in the near future.

Elodie Bouvier - Expedition guide



Born in the Swiss Alps, Elodie has always had a passion for mountains; climb them, discover them but also better understand the landscape, the dynamics and the evolution of glaciers and permafrost. After undertaking studies in alpine geomorphology at the University of Lausanne, she took the direction of Quebec in Rimouski where she carried out work on the deglaciation of the Laurentide ice sheet which used to cover a large part of North America.

The polar regions attract her inexorably; this passion led her to the Svalbard archipelago in 2015 for a semester to specialize in nivology and glaciology. Since then, the polar bug has infected her in a way she cannot stop returning year after year up in the North.

Elodie has also worked on the creation of educational trails that raise awareness among hikers of the impacts of climate change in high mountains environment in Switzerland. To her mind, educational communication and sharing knowledge are essential to all scientific activities.

Her passion for the great wilderness led her to discover Norway and Svalbard by ski, on foot and by sail. Elodie is particularly interested in the interpretation of the landscape and in reading the forms left by glaciers during the last ice ages.

Paolo Bellezze – Expedition Guide



Born in Argentina (Dec 80') and raised in a stereotypical Italian village by the sea. Paolo finally moved to Scotland where he settled in 2006.

He started sea kayaking in 2011, arguably in one of the best world-wide locations for it, Scotland. Here the scenery includes impressive sea cliffs, rock pillars, sea caves, basalt columns and an abundance of wildlife including whales, basking sharks, dolphins and the most iconic seabirds.

In 2021 he started working full time in expedition cruises, since then he has guided sea kayak expeditions in Antarctica (7), South Georgia (2), Greenland West coast (5) Greenland East coast (2), Iceland (4), Faroes Island (1) British Isles (2).

Before expedition cruises Paolo spent 12 years working shoreside in merchant shipping. He was a Product Manager for a Norwegian company developing Voyage Planning and Marine Weather Forecasting Systems.

In addition to Kayaking, Paolo's biggest passion has been paragliding. Starting at the age of 14 he has instructed both beginners and advanced courses for over 20 years. He went on to guide flying trips worldwide as well as competing at international level. In 2007 he won the British Acrobatic, and has ended up second and third in the Lithuanian and Argentine Nationals. In 2018, together with "Flight of the Swans" expedition, he received the "Britannia Trophy in London. This is a yearly award to civil aviation achievement by the Royal Aero Club in the UK.

Aside from sea kayaking and flying he likes learning new things and connecting with people. He also loves, hiking and moderate mountaineering, munro bagging, motorbikes, history, music, reading and everything polar.

Languages: English, Spanish, Italian.

Joshua Peck – Expedition Guide



A native Falkland Islander, Josh has always been fascinated by the natural world and exploring new destinations.

Growing up in the wildlife haven of the Falklands - with the polar regions on his doorstep - Josh has spent most of his life living alongside penguins, seals and whales, most recently in South Georgia where he was based for 4 months working for the Government of South Georgia.

Josh loves living and working in remote locations and on isolated islands, especially in his homeland of the

Falklands, where he has been involved in conservation projects since an early age. Josh has also travelled and worked extensively around the world from the USA and Canada to Iceland, Zambia, Australia and Poland.

Following on from obtaining degrees in History and Politics in Bristol and London in the United Kingdom, Josh returned home to the Falkland Islands to pursue his passion for wildlife and wild places, co-founding a local tour company with two childhood friends in 2016. Focussing on nature and historical tours, Josh worked for the following four seasons guiding and sharing his love of his home with the many guests that visited.

An avid photographer and an international footballer for his home country (soccer), he is always looking for new experiences and places to visit to broaden his horizons, and is looking forward to the next adventures with Oceanwide Expeditions.

John Frikke - Expedition Guide



John has been a keen naturalist since his boyhood, when his interest in nature was aroused during school time in Esbjerg in southwestern Denmark. At first it was especially the birds that drove the work, but later his interest in nature became broader and the interest in the connections in nature grew.

Today he is a wildlife biologist with a special interest in ornithology and marine mammals.

He has worked professionally with nature monitoring, nature management and nature restoration in the Danish

Wadden Sea for 40 years. One of his specialties is the migratory bird species on The East Atlantic Flyway, which are connecting the Wadden Sea with both The Arctic and the Southern parts of the Atlantic Ocean.

He is also an all-rounder in biology, and e.g. studies of and dissemination of ecosystems has his interest.

His experience with Arctic areas dates back to the 1980s, and really took off when he traveled to Svalbard for the first time in 1982. It was a private set-up, but already on this first trip he got assignments for the Norwegian Polar Institute and assisted this in the years that followed with different bird studies on Svalbard and in the Greenland Sea. Later on he was a part of Danish-Norwegian studies of the populations of Light-bellied Brent Geese and Pink-footed Geese breeding in Svalbard and wintering in Denmark.

In the 1990ies he was invited to join Oceanwide Expeditions as a nature guide, which he has continued with - on and off - ever since

He has visited Svalbard many times (15+) and Antarctica twice, but has also joined voyages to Franz Josef Land, Novaja Selmja, Jan Mayen, East Greenland and The Barents Sea.

Andrew Crowder – Expedition Guide



Andrew is an experienced naturalist with a life long history of observation, study and sheer enjoyment of wildlife. His interest in natural history started as a young boy watching birds and they remain his first passion. Focusing mainly on Western Palearctic species, he has travelled extensively and accrued a wealth of knowledge. As part of that journey of discovery, he has also developed self-taught skills in wildlife photography.

Andrew has always been drawn to the sea and is a CMAS Class 2/BSAC qualified Advanced Scuba Diver; he has had the privilege of experiencing incredible marine life which few others get to see. Time spent exploring the underwater world helped spawn his other main interest: cetaceans. Andrew has over twenty years of experience with these amazing animals, undertaking scientific surveys and guiding on cruise ships in UK, European and Polar waters.

Andrew recognises that few wildlife encounters spark such an emotional reaction in humans as when they see whales and dolphins. He uses his knowledge and enthusiasm to help more people share such inspirational experiences and thereby promote the conservation of our precious natural world.

David Horkan - Kayak Guide



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.

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

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

±1715 **Welcome & safety briefing** - Please join us in the **lounge** (deck 5, forward) for a welcome to the voyage, followed by a **mandatory** safety briefing and lifeboat drill.

Lifeboat Drill

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 will go to MUSTER STATION B which is the Observation Lounge on Deck 5

±1800 **Departure from Puerto Madryn.**
The bridge will be closed during these operations.

1830 **Expedition Introduction & Captain's Welcome** – Please join us in the **lounge** (deck 5) for an introduction to the expedition, a welcome to your new home from the Hotel manager, the captain's toast and to meet your expedition team.

1930 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4)

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.

Take your seasickness medication before we head out into open sea- the doctor will be available in the lounge after dinner to assist.

- 0745 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 0915 **Zodiac & IAATO Briefing** - Please join us in the **lounge** (deck 5) for our **mandatory** zodiac operations and IAATO briefings.
- 1100 **Whales in the Southern Ocean** – Please join Charlotte in the **lounge** (deck 5) for her lecture on these ocean giants.
- 1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 1400 **Albatross, Albatross** – Please join Andrew in the **lounge** (deck 5) for his lecture on the commonly encountered Albatross of our voyage.
- 1530 **Diving Briefing** – Divers please meet Mike and Gonzalo in the **lecture room** (deck 5) for your mandatory dive introduction and briefing.
- 1630 **Boots** – We will call you by deck to collect your Muck boots from the boot room on **Deck 3**. *Please bring your thick socks for the perfect fit! Please listen for announcements.*
- 1800 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the lounge (deck 5) for our first daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4) – *Tonight’s dinner will be plated – please make your way to the dining room promptly.*

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- 0745 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.
- 0915 **Life in the Falklands** – Please join Josh in the **lounge** for his lecture exploring a day in the life of a Falkland Islander.
- 1030 **Biosecurity** – We will call you by deck to **deck 3** to complete our first biosecurity cleaning – please bring all your outerwear, backpacks, muckboots and tripods/walking sticks to be cleaned and/or checked.
Please listen for announcements.
- 1030 **Passports** – Please bring your passports to Will, our Hotel Manager, in the **lounge** when you are not doing your biosecurity.
- 1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.
- ~ 1400 **Steeple Jason Island** – Arrival.
Upon arrival we will assess conditions and determine whether it is possible to make a landing at Steeple Jason – please standby
- +/- 1445 **Divers** please meet Mike & Gonzalo on the zodiac deck dressed and ready to go - *listen for announcements.*
- +/- 1500 **Blue group** please come to the **shelldoors** (deck 3) – *listen for announcements.*
- +/- 1515 **Red group** please come to the **shelldoors** (deck 3) – *listen for announcements.*
- 1845 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1930 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

***GROUPS – IF YOU HAVE NOT CHECKED THE GROUPS YET – PLEASE DO SO
TONIGHT – **LAST CHANGES TONIGHT*****

0645 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!

0700 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

This morning we hope to land at Carcass Island; offering a long walk (approx. 4km) from Dyke Bay to the Carcass island settlement. Those not venturing on the long walk will enjoy the Magellanic and Gentoo penguins of Dyke Bay. In addition to wildlife, we will also enjoy a delicious selection of local cakes at the settlement.

+/- 0830 **Divers** please meet Mike & Gonzalo on the zodiac deck dressed and ready to go - *listen for announcements.*

+/- 0830 **Long walkers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) – *listen for announcements.*

+/- 0845 **Beach & Settlement only** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) – *listen for announcements.*

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

This afternoon we hope to land at Saunders Island; offering a walk up a gentle incline to visit Magellanic penguins, Southern Rockhoppers and Black-browed Albatross. Please follow the poles and remember to keep a safe distance from wildlife.

+/- 1515 **Divers** please meet Mike & Gonzalo on the zodiac deck dressed and ready to go - *listen for announcements.*

+/- 1515 **Red group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) – *listen for announcements.*

+/- 1530 **Blue group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) – *listen for announcements.*

1845 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.

1930 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

Gentle reminder – Avian bird flu is a critical threat to wildlife in the Falklands. Please do not sit within 10m of wildlife or nearby bird guano/penguin highways.

+/-0700 The Captain and his bridge team will navigate Hondius through a narrow passage to enter Port Stanley.

0715 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!

0730 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

*This morning we hope to land at Port Stanley – the capital of the Falkland Islands. Opening times for the shops and museum to be confirmed, but hopefully they will be open by 10am. You can wear your own shoes – but **please make sure they are clean of any dirt, seeds, etc.** Your bags and clothing may also be checked.*

*You can walk freely through the town – but please respect the local traffic and peoples' homes. **Very last zodiac will leave the jetty at 12pm.***

+/-0830 **Blue group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) – *listen for announcements.*

+/-0850 **Red group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) – *listen for announcements.*

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

*This afternoon we will head back out to sea, making our way towards South Georgia. Please secure your belongings, take any seasick medication you require and always remember – **one hand for the ship!***

1400 **Falklands War** – Please join Josh in the **lounge** for his lecture on this historical conflict.

1600 **Photography** – Please join Juan in the **lounge** for his lecture on photographic technique and framing that perfect penguin portrait.

1815 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.



Falkland Islands, South Georgia
& Antarctica
Monday 7th November 2022
At Sea to South Georgia

No wake up call this morning. Enjoy your sleep in

- 0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.
- 1000 **Antarctic whaling** - Please join Pippa in the **lounge** to learn how and why whales were hunted in Antarctica, as well as how it has impacted the population of these gentle giants.
- 1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.
- 1400 **Pinnipeds**– Please join Emily in the **lounge** for her lecture. She will tell you all you need to know about the seals we will encounter during this voyage!
- 1600 **Citizen Science** – Please join Paolo and Chloe in the **lounge** to know how you can contribute to scientific knowledge during our voyage.
- 1815 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** – *Tonight's dinner will be plated – please make your way to the dining room promptly.*

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No wakeup call this morning. Enjoy your sleep in

0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

0930 **South Georgia Briefing** – Please join us in the **Lounge** for a **mandatory briefing** and video (narrated by David Attenborough) for our visit to South Georgia.

1100 **Birds of South Georgia** - Please join John in the **Lounge** to learn more about the birdlife on this remote island.

Time change: At 1200 the clocks will change forward. At 1200 it will be 1300.

1300 **Bird Patrol** – Want to find out what birds we are seeing today – please join John and Andrew on **deck 6 (forward)** for some bird watching and identification.

1330 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

1500 We will call you by deck to **deck 3** to complete our biosecurity cleaning – please bring all your outerwear, backpacks, muckboots and tripods/walking sticks to be cleaned and/or checked. Please clean your gear beforehand – this is meant only as a check. ***Please listen for announcements.***

1800 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** – *Tonight's dinner will be plated – please make your way to the dining room promptly.*

“The heart of man is very much like the sea, it has its storms, it has its tides, and, in its depths, it has its pearls too”

— Vincent van Gogh, The Letters of Vincent van Gogh

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0645 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!

0700 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

This morning we hope to land at Grytviken. Here you can expect to see the old whaling station, church, cemetery, and visit the museum, shop & post office. You can pay by credit card or cash (GBP, USD & EURO). There is also a lot of wildlife to be encountered around the whaling station.

+/-0815 **South Georgia Heritage Trust presentation.** A representative from the Heritage Trust Museum will come on board to give a short presentation about their current projects.

0845 **Red group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3), we will disembark you at the cemetery area and give a **toast to Shackleton at 9.15 in the cemetery.**

0900 **Blue group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) we will disembark you at the museum.

1030 **Whaling Station Guided tour.** South Georgia Heritage Trust invite you to a guided tour of Grytviken Whaling Station.

1140 **Blue group** will give a **toast to Shackleton in the cemetery.**

1145 **Red group** will be picked up from in front of the Museum.

1200 **Blue group** will be picked up from in front of the cemetery.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

This afternoon we aim to land and zodiac cruise at Fortuna Bay. Here you will see a King Penguin colony, Fur & Elephant Seals, and many more birds and wildlife. The first group will go to shore, the second will zodiac cruise; you will swap over on shore halfway through the afternoon.

1500 **Blue group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for land.

1515 **Red group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3), to cruise.

1915 Please join the staff team in **the lounge** for the daily briefing.

1930 **Buffet dinner** in the dining room. Bon appetite!

NEW DAILY PROGRAM

- 0645 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!
Juice and pastries will be available in the lounge.
- 0700 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

This morning we hope to land and cruise at Gold Harbour which is regarded by many as one of South Georgia's most beautiful landing sites.

- 0800 **Red group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore at Gold Harbour.
- 0820 **Blue group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you on a zodiac cruise around Gold Harbour.
We will swap groups onshore.
- 1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

This afternoon we hope to take you on a zodiac cruise in Godthul – an old whaling station depot and a safe natural harbour.

- 1630 **Red group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you for a zodiac cruise around Godthul.
- 1645 **Blue group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you for a zodiac cruise around Godthul.
- 1900 **Recap & Daily Briefing** – Please join the expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1930 **Buffet dinner** in the dining room. Bon appetite!

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- 1900 **Recap & Daily Briefing** – Please join the expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1930 **Buffet dinner** in the dining room. Bon appetite!



Falkland Islands, South Georgia
& Antarctica
Friday 11th November 2022
Right Whale Bay & Salisbury Plain

0645 **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!

0700 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

This morning we hope to land and cruise at Right whale bay with king penguins, seals, and a stunning scenic waterfall.

0730 **Divers:** Please meet Michael & Gonzalo on the **zodiac deck**.

0800 **Blue group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you for a landing at Right whale bay.

0830 **Red group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you on a zodiac cruise around Right whale bay.

We will swap groups onshore.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

This afternoon we hope to land and cruise at Salisbury plain. One of the South's Georgia's largest elephant seal breeding population haulouts & the second largest king penguin colony.

1430 **Divers:** Please meet Michael & Gonzalo on the **zodiac deck**.

1500 **Red group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore in Salisbury plain.

1530 **Blue group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you for a zodiac cruise around Salisbury plain.

We will swap groups onshore.

1915 **Recap** Please join our team in the **lounge** for our daily recap.

1930 **Buffet dinner** in the dining room. Bon appetite!

0345 **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!
Pastries & Juice will be available in the lounge.

This morning we hope to land and cruise at St Andrews Bay which host South Georgia's largest penguin colony!

0430 **Blue group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore in St Andrews Bay.

0500 **Red group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you for a zodiac cruise along St Andrews Bay.

0730 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

0830 **Red group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore in St Andrews Bay.

0900 **Blue group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you on a zodiac cruise along St Andrew bay.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

15.30 **Life in South Georgia**. Please meet Josh in **the lounge** for a lecture about his time living on South Georgia.

1815 **Recap** Please join our team in the **lounge** for our daily recap.

1900 **Dinner** will be served in the dining room. Bon appetite!

No wakeup call this morning. Enjoy your sleep in!

0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

1000 **Shackleton** – Please join Juan in the **lounge** for his lecture on this famous Antarctic tale of tragedy, heroism, and endurance.

1300 = 1200 *Time change – 1 hour back*

1200 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

1400 **Plankton** – Please join Chloe in the **lounge** for her lecture examining the ecological cornerstone of the Southern Ocean.

1600 **Brushtail Penguins** – Please join Emily in the **lounge** for her lecture on the charismatic penguins of Antarctica.

1800 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

'No one had lost courage; with such comrades one should be able to manage under, I may say, any circumstances'

- Salomon Andree – Polar Explorer 1897

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0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

0930 **IAATO mandatory Briefing** – Please join the expedition team in the **lounge** to learn about the regulations in Antarctica.

1030 **Biosecurity:** We will call you by deck to **deck 3** to complete our biosecurity cleaning – please bring all your outerwear, backpacks, muckboots and tripods/walking sticks to be cleaned and/or checked. Please clean your gear beforehand – this is meant only as a check. ***Please listen for announcements.***

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

This afternoon we hope to ship cruise the South Orkney Islands, we will update you on arrival time. Please listen for announcements

1400 **Marine mammal acoustics** – Please join Mikhail in the **lounge** to learn about the fascinating sounds of cetaceans.

1600 **Continental ice in Antarctica**– Please join Elodie in the **lounge** for an icy lecture.

1815 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

“The world is a huge place. How will you know where you fit in unless you explore beyond your comfort zone?”

- Sir Ernest Shackleton.



Falkland Islands, South Georgia
& Antarctica
Tuesday 15th November 2022
At Sea to Antarctica & Elephant Island

- 0745 **Wakeup call!** Good morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.
- 1000 **Marine mammal acoustics** – Please join Mikhail in the **lounge** to learn about the fascinating sounds of cetaceans.
- 1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.
- 1400 **Irish Antarctic explorers** – Please join David in the **lounge** to learn about Bransfield and Crozier, two Antarctic legends from the humble Irish isles.
- 1600 **Expedition kitchen**– Please join our Chef Ralf in the **lounge** to know how he runs the kitchen aboard Hondius.
- 1800 **Recap** meet the expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap.
- 1830 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

After dinner we hope to ship cruise Elephant Island. We will update you on arrival time. Please listen for announcements.

"For scientific leadership, give me Scott; for swift and efficient travel, Amundsen; but when you are in a hopeless situation, when there seems to be no way out, get on your knees and pray for Shackleton."

—Sir Raymond Priestley.

0645 **Wakeup call!** Good morning!

0700 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

This morning we hope to land and cruise at Penguin Island. The island supports a wide range of seabirds including breeding colonies of southern giant petrels, Antarctic terns, and Chinstrap penguins.

0800 **Blue group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore at Penguin Island.

0830 **Red group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you on a zodiac cruise around penguin Island.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

During the afternoon, we will display auction items on the TV screens in the lounge.

1400 **Mini lectures series**— Please join the expedition team for a medley of mini lectures in the **lounge**.

1530 **Shackleton's captain**. A video on Shackleton's epic journey will be shown in the **lecture room**.

1700 **Happy hour!** Come to the lounge and grab a drink at half price. 😊

1730 **South Georgia Heritage Trust Auction**. Dress up in your fine gowns and bow ties, joining the expedition team in the **lounge** for an afternoon of frivolity and fundraising! There will be several unique items available to the highest bidder, with all funds being donated to the SGHT for their conservation work in South Georgia.

1915 **Recap** meet the expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap.

1930 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

0645 **Wakeup call!** Good morning!

0700 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

This morning we hope to offer a continental landing and a zodiac cruise at portal point. Here we hope to enjoy seals hauled out on the snow and a short hike.

0745 **Red group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore at Portal point.

0800 **Blue group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you on a zodiac cruise around Portal Point.
Swap on the beach

1200 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in the lounge for our daily recap.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

This afternoon, we hope to take you ashore at Danco island and on a zodiac cruise of the Errera channel. If conditions allow, we will offer a polar plunge, we will bring the towels!

1500 **Blue group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore at Danco island.

1515 **Red group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you on a zodiac cruise around Danco island.
Swap at the beach.

1930 **A special dinner** will be served on the **aft deck (deck 5)**, dress warmly.

0645 **Wakeup call!** Good morning!

0700 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

This morning we hope to offer landing and zodiac cruise at Cuverville island. The island support 6500 pairs of gentoo penguins, the largest for this species in the Antarctic peninsula.

0800 **Red group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore at Cuverville Island.

0815 **Blue group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you on a zodiac cruise around Cuverville Island.
We will swap on the beach half way through the morning.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

This afternoon, we hope to take you ashore at Base Brown, an Argentine Antarctic base and scientific research station (unoccupied), as well as a zodiac cruise of Paradise Bay. The landing will include a steep hike up to a view point.

1500 **Blue group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore at Base Brown.

1515 **Red group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you on a zodiac cruise around Paradise Bay.
We will swap on the beach half way through the afternoon.

1915 **Recap** - Please join the expedition team in the **lounge** to learn about the plan for tomorrow.

1930 **Dinner** will be served in the **dining room**.

0715 **Wakeup call!** Good morning!

0730 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

This morning we hope to zodiac cruise at Cierva cove, this area offers splendid polar scenery and possibilities to encounter different types of seals.

0830 **Red group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0845 **Blue group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

1400 **Boots** – We will call you by deck to collect your Muck boots from the boot room on **Deck 3**. *Please listen for announcements.*

1530 **Antarctic quiz** - please join us in the lounge for a fun afternoon of Antarctic trivia.

1730 **Recap** - Please join the expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap

1830 **Dinner** will be served in the **dining room**.

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.

Take your seasickness medication before we head out into open sea- the doctor will be available in the lounge after dinner to assist.

- 0745 **Wake-up call**, Good morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.
- 0900 **Photo competition** – Did you take pictures during the trip? Enter your best shot into our photo competition! Please find Juan in the **library** to submit your picture.
- Pictures will be displayed all day in the lounge throughout the afternoon where you will be able to vote for your favourite pictures.*
- 1100 **Antarctic geopolitics** – Please join George in the **lounge** for a lecture exploring the wonderful world of polar politics and the emergence of the Antarctic Treaty.
- 1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.
- 1400 **The strange world of birders** – Birders are a special breed of humans. Andrew, a birder himself, will tell you all their secrets and habits in the **lounge**.
- 1600 **Weather routing** - Please join Paolo in the lounge to learn about the effects of weather on global shipping.
- 1800 **Recap** - Please join the expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap.
- 1900 **Dinner** will be served in the **dining room**.
- 2100 **Photo competition** - Please join Juan in the **lounge** to reveal the competition winners.

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No wakeup call – Enjoy your morning!

0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

1030 **R. Amundsen: South pole expedition** – Please join Chloe in the **Lounge** to learn about the stories behinds the first expedition to reach the South Pole.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

*After lunch you will receive your bill in your cabin. We will call you by deck to make payments at reception – **Please listen for announcements.***

1400 **Antarctica Documentary** - Please join the expedition team in the lounge for popcorn and a special viewing of 'Antarctica' from 'Seven Worlds, one Planet', a documentary series narrated by David Attenborough.

1515 **Guest Lecture** – Please join John in the **lecture room** for a talk about Scientific Ocean Drilling.

1600 **Antarctic Miniseries** - Please join our expedition team in **the lounge** for a series of mini lectures about Antarctica's unique wildlife, intrepid explorers, and the ongoing impact of climate change upon this frozen world.

1815 **Farewell Toast & Trip Slideshow** - Please join the Captain and the expedition team for a toast to our voyage through the Southern Ocean and a slideshow of our expedition.

1900 **Dinner** will be served in the **dining room**.

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22nd November 2022
Disembarkation - Ushuaia

0715 **Wakeup call** – Good Morning!

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

*Please place your large/check-in luggage outside your cabin no later than 0730.
During breakfast we will collect your luggage and deposit it on the pier where it will
be your responsibility to identify and collect each item.*

0830-0900 **Disembarkation** – Please make your way to the gangway to disembark
Hondius.

*Upon disembarkation, **please identify and collect your luggage** from the pier and;*

- 1. Take it with you into Ushuaia and walk into town.*
- 2. Put it on the airport bus and get on the bus.*
- 3. Put it in the luggage truck.*
- 4. If you have arranged your own transport – please take your luggage*

***On behalf of all at Oceanwide Expeditions and all on board Hondius we
thank you for a truly incredible expedition.
Safe travels home.***