

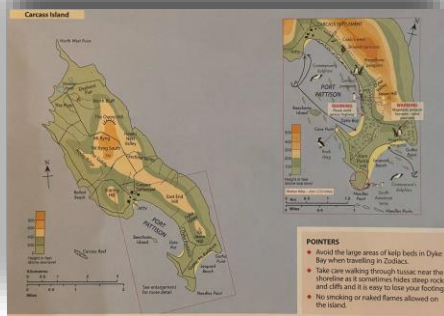


Dive log - HDS21 - 2-22nd November 2022

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Dive guide: Gonzalo Sabbatini

Divers: Franziska, Jennifer, Ian, Gerald, Peter, Ralph, Stefan



**Dive #1—Carcass Island - Falkland
November 5, 2022,**

Max Depth: 10meter / 33ft

Max Dive time: 60min

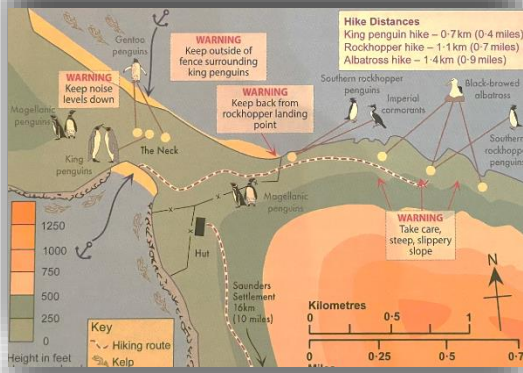
Water Temperature: 7 Celsius

Visibility: 10-12meter

This was our “check-out dive”. The check-out dive is used to test all the equipment and

check the correct amount of weight. We enjoyed the very beautiful kelp forest and admired many starfish, nudibranchs and crabs. It was a successful check-out dive of about 60minutes for everyone and then we could enjoy the delicious cakes and cookies on Carcass Island.



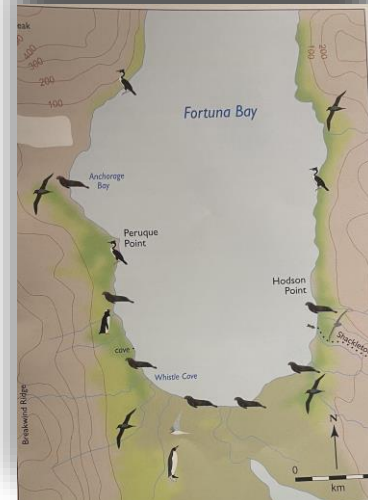


Dive #2—Saunders Island - Falkland
November 5, 2022,
Max Depth: 10meter / 33ft
Max Dive time: 57min
Water Temperature: 7 Celsius
Visibility: 10-12meter

Our second dive in the Falklands was at Saunders Island. All divers were enthusiastic about the clear visibility underwater and the large, intact kelp forest. Here were many starfish, snails, nudibranchs and crabs. It was our last dive in Falkland, but a highly recommended dive destination for future dive groups travelling with Oceanwide Expeditions. The water temperature here was constant at any depth around 7 degrees. After the dive, everyone was able to visit the beautiful beach of Saunders Island and see our first King Penguins on this trip.

Dive #3—Fortuna Bay - South Georgia
November 9, 2022,
Max Depth: 7meter / 21ft
Max Dive time 32min
Water Temperature 2 Celsius
Visibility: 2meter

Our first dive in South Georgia we did in Fortuna Bay, due to the glacier nearby the visibility was a bit milky and therefore only about 2m. This did not stop our divers from enjoying their first dive in South Georgia. It was a shallow dive at about 7 meters with a small kelp forest and a lot of snails on the bottom. Near the dive site there were some fur seals to admire but, unfortunately, they were not interested in the divers.





Dive #4—Godthul - South Georgia

November 10, 2022,

Max Depth: 18meter / 60ft

Max Dive time 41min

Water Temperature 2 Celsius

Visibility: 18-20meter



The second dive in South Georgia we did in front of Godthul. We were all amazed by the depth of the wall and the very large kelp forest. The kelp rose from a depth of 30 meters to the surface and the visibility was crystal clear, so that we could admire the surface from a depth of 18meters. It was full of starfish, small fish, many nudibranchs and crabs. All divers came back to the zodiac with a smile on their faces and agreed that this was an incredibly beautiful dive site. The only thing missing was encounter with a leopard seal - we were all sure that this will come.

Dive #5—Rosita Bay - South Georgia

November 11, 2022,

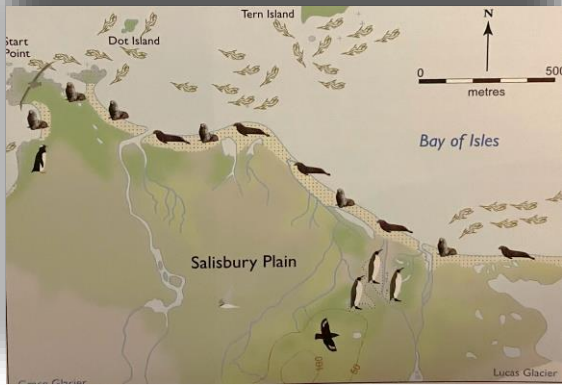
Max Depth: 18meter / 60ft

Max Dive time 41min

Water Temperature 2 Celsius

Rosita Bay was a shallow, leisurely dive between kelp and a beach full of Fur Seals which allowed us to have some fabulous underwater encounters :-)





Dive #6—Salisbury Plain - South Georgia

November 11, 2022,

Max Depth: 18meter / 60ft

Max Dive time 41min

Water Temperature 2 Celsius

That afternoon we had our last dive in South Georgia.

We did a dive in front of the Tern Island near Salisbury

Plain. It was a large, deep kelp forest and our greatest wish - our first encounter with a Leopard Seal!! The seal accompanied us for about 20minutes and was very curious to see what we were doing there. It was a great ending for our diving in South Georgia.



Dive #7—Half Moon Island - South Shetland Island

November 16, 2022,

Max Depth: 5meter / 15ft

Max Dive time 35 min

Water Temperature -1 Celsius

On the way to the Peninsula, we had the opportunity to enjoy a dive at Half Moon Island. We noticed that the water temperature had dropped again, to minus 1 degree Celsius but this did stop us. It was a shallow dive and the plan was to see the penguins near the island. After about 15 minutes we were greeted by a very large Leopard Seal. He was also very curious and came so close to us that it was not always possible to fit him into the picture frame!



Dive #8—Portal Point - Ice Berg - Antarctica
November 17, 2022,
Max Depth: 5meter / 15ft
Max Dive time 31 min
Water Temperature -1 grad Celsuis

At Portal Point we were greeted by bright sunshine and so the plan was to enjoy a dive our first iceberg.



The dive guides chose a big, safe berg for us which was stuck in a depth of about 40 meters and had such a big diameter that it was not possible to go around the whole iceberg during the dive. The visibility was crystal clear and allowed us to take great photos.



Dive #9—Danco Island - Ice Berg - Antarctica
November 17, 2022,
Max Depth: 15meter / 45ft
Max Dive time 31min
Water Temperature -1 Grad Celsuis

For the Dive Team it was clear from the beginning, if we made a landing at Danco Island, then we dive an iceberg. The bay was full with many bergs and the Dive Guides chose a safe one for us. It was such a big iceberg that we could not get all the way round it even though we had a current. It had many small balconies which were great for dramatic photographs.



Dive #10—Cuverville Island - Antarctica
November 18, 2022,
Max Depth: 5meter / 15ft
Max Dive time 29 min
Water Temperature -1 Grad Celsius

This morning we had less luck with the weather, so we had to make a dive on the back side of Cuverville Island. It is home to a small Gentoo Penguin colony, so we tried our luck to admire the birds in the water. It was not easy to take pictures because the penguins move so fast. But with a little patience we had some fine encounters and took some great photos.



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Dive #11—Paradise Bay - Shack Wall - Antarctica
November 18, 2022,
Max Depth: 20meter / 60ft
Max Dive time 30min
Water Temperature -1 Celsius

This was a beautiful wall dive. Visibility was approximately 50 feet / 16m. There was kelp anchored to the rocks with huge fronds; there were some other types of plant that were neon orange in colour. There was also an abundant a variety of sea stars and large white worms. Many salps were seen during the dive with multiple segments so that they were at least a couple of feet long. Also seen were amphipods and a couple of very small fish, which were

less than 2 inches in length. We see also saw a Sea Angel & Sea Butterfly.



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Dive #12—Cierva Cove - Wall - Antarctica
November 19, 2022,
Max Depth: 15meter / 45ft
Max Dive time 30min
Water Temperature 0 Celsius



The last dive on our beautiful trip was on a rocky island in Cierva Cove, which was a very steep, deep wall. The wall was full of starfish, kelp, snails and shells. On the surface there was a strong swell which was noticeable down to a depth of 20 meters. The water here was also minus 1 degree Celsius and therefore we could not stay long in the water - about 30 minutes. But this steep wall was a cool ending to our incredibly great trip with Oceanwide Expeditions.



Your Dive Team Mike & Gonzalo

