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Antarctica Basecamp

22nd November – 4th December 2022

M/V Hondius



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Day 1 – Tuesday, 22nd November 2022

Embarkation – Ushuaia, Argentina

12:00 GPS Position: 54°49'S / 068°18'W

Wind: S2, Sea State: Port, Weather: Overcast, Air Temp: +10°C, Sea Temp: +10°C

Ushuaia is the southernmost city of South America and known as “el fin del mundo”, the “end of the world” – today we know that there lies another world beyond that rough ocean to the south known as the Drake Passage. The destination of our voyage is a world unlike any other place we have seen before: Antarctica.



While the day has been mild and sunny so far, it starts raining while we are embarking our home for the next 2 weeks, the Dutch Expedition Ship *Hondius*. We all are excited about the adventure lying ahead of us. Once we are all aboard and settled into our cabins, we watch how the ship slowly leaves the dock and heads out into the Beagle Channel, leaving the stunning panorama of Patagonia behind us.

The evening programme consists of the mandatory safety drill by Chief Officer Matei, including the abandon ship drill which is followed by a warm welcome by Captain Artur accompanied by fizzy drinks and delicious canapés. Hotel Manager Will gives us a short introduction to the ship and Expedition Leader Pippa presents the sailing plan and the international team of expedition guides.

We spend the rest of the evening cruising down the Beagle Channel. As we prepare ourselves to go down for our first dinner the ship is surrounded by **Black-browed Albatross**. We'll spend the coming two days at sea on the Drake Passage where we'll come across many other seabirds that accompany the ship on our way south.



Day 2 – Wednesday, 23rd November 2022

At sea on the Drake Passage

12:00 GPS Position: 57°07' S / 065°14' W

Wind: NW5, **Sea State:** Moderate, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** +6°C, **Sea Temp:** +7.4°C

Dawn breaks as Hondius steams south in the Drake Passage. For the very few who are up and about very early, we can still just make out Cape Horn behind us in the sunshine. We are dropping off the continental shelf of South America with the increasingly deeper water of the Atlantic below us. This underwater topography causes an upwelling of nutrient rich water which attracts wildlife.



For us, it exhibits itself in a whole plethora of seabirds such as the massive **Southern Royal and Wandering Albatross**, **Northern and Southern Giant Petrels**, medium sized **Sooty Shearwater and Cape Petrel**, down to the tiny **Wilson's Petrel**, only the size of a songbird. Despite this size range all these species spend nine-tenths of their lives out in the seas of the deep ocean.

After enjoying our first breakfast we kick off on a run of briefings. Our first two are the mandatory Zodiac and IAATO briefings which inform us of our responsibility for safety and the protection of the highly sensitive environment we will be privileged to visit. Then a whole series of briefings for the specialist activities we are signed up for in Antarctica. One of those is an introduction to photography from Juan and Ross, explaining the basics of how to capture better images. As the trip goes on, they will enhance this with further workshops ashore and on board.

In our free time many of us take the opportunity to visit the ship's bridge. This is a real privilege that few people get the opportunity to see. Initially surprised that Captain Artur is not standing behind the wheel for the whole cruise (!), the bridge officers explain the technology that allows the ships to follow a plotted course on an auto-pilot like system for much of the voyage. The panoramic view across the surging blue ocean, full of seabirds, is quite sensational.



And so, to our first evening recap session where Pippa explain the plans for the next day, including the weather. Michael gives a short introduction to the whales that we may see, followed by Andrew and Charlotte who do similar for albatross and seals, respectively. And then down for our first plated dinner whilst gazing out on a golden evening, still studded with those incredible seabirds. What an end to our first full day of adventure.

Day 3 – Thursday, 24th November 2022

At sea in the Drake Passage

12:00 GPS Position: 61°29' S / 062°35' W

Wind: N8, Sea State: Moderate, Weather: Fog, overcast, Air Temp: +3°C, Sea Temp: +1.8°C



Our second sea-day on the way south kicks off with a noticeable chill in the air as we passed the Antarctic convergence yesterday evening. 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.

As well as the chill, there is also increased levels of excitement and anticipation throughout the ship as we begin the activity sign-ups choosing whether in addition to our daily landings and zodiac cruises we go out to camp, kayak or mountaineer (often all three). Afterwards we join the vacuum-cleaning party on Deck 3, making sure all our outer gear gets cleaned and disinfected – a mandatory process for bio-security, so we don't bring any foreign bacteria or seeds onto the continent

of Antarctica. This, in addition to the Muck Boots being handed out and a wide range of weather experienced through the day leads to the realisation that tomorrow we will actually be in Antarctica... Penguins, icebergs and snow are just over the horizon!



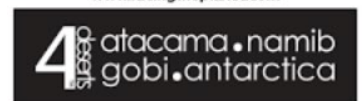
There is plenty of wildlife activity around the ship throughout with some more southern species joining the **Black-browed Albatrosses** and **Giant Petrels** gliding across the ship's wake.

The first few spectacular **Light-mantled Sooty Albatrosses** and majestic **Wandering Albatrosses** are obvious crowd-pleasers while there are constant **Antarctic** and **Slender-billed Prions**, **Blue Petrels** and **Cape Petrels** whizzing around proving a tricky subject matter for photographers and the occasional **Southern Fulmar**, **Wilson's Storm Petrel** and **Black-bellied Storm Petrels** adding to the throng of birdlife.

The scarce 'white nellie' put in a brief appearance today – the **white morph of Southern Giant Petrel**.

As if that wasn't enough, we also have first quality cetacean sightings of the trip with several **Humpback Whales** near the ship and a brief **Blue Whale** seen from the bridge mid-morning, needless to say the outside decks are much busier with camera toting passengers and excited expedition staff trying to keep track of birds and mammals as we cruise on.

In the evening, Mary gives us a short presentation on **RacingThePlanet** explaining that the runners among us are here to run an ultramarathon of 250 km (155 mi) in 7 days. Antarctica counts as the final challenge, the "Last Desert" of 4 desert races that require extraordinary levels of physical and mental endurance: the Namib Race in Namibia, the Gobi March in Mongolia, and the Atacama Crossing in Chile. We're excited to be a part of this!



In the following recap, Pippa gives us a rough layout of the next day, Andrew explains the "Jizz" in recognizing birds and how to distinguish the 3 brush-tailed penguin species of Antarctica, Mal and the mountaineers brief us on how to move through crevassed areas and Esther gives us a short introduction of how to use our snowshoes. To finish up, George announces another great competition that will take place on this voyage: an Antarctic Chess Tournament that everyone is welcome to sign up to! To perfectly round off this day, the kitchen has prepared a delicious dinner for all of us including a drink on the house! Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Day 4 – Friday, 25th November 2022

Plan A: Portal Point, Plan B: Stoney Point

12:00 GPS Position: 64°54' S / 062°55' W

Wind: NW3, **Sea State:** Ice 4/10, **Weather:** Snow, **Air Temp:** +1°C, **Sea Temp :** 2°C

After two long sea days, here comes our first expedition day! The staff gets up nice and early to head towards Portal Point, to assess conditions, as waters around the ship and the winds look less than ideal. Unfortunately, the landing is cancelled. The landing site is blocked by huge amounts of ice, making safe access with zodiacs nigh impossible. Additionally, due to recent heavy snowfall, there seems no place which could be approached without the snow wall collapsing. So, instead, we switch to an afternoon landing and spend the morning on the ship, starting with a delightful breakfast buffet. Outside, you can gaze upon vast icebergs floating all around the ship whilst snow slithers from the sky to accumulate upon



the land. Gentoo Penguins now and then appear besides the ship, and Minke and Humpback Whales could be seen blowing in regular intervals as they surface in between the icefloes. Inside, Charlotte gives an insightful lecture on the variety of whales that can be encountered in Antarctic waters and their biological characteristics. All hopes go towards the afternoon landing, and the mist descends all around our vessel.

After a delicious and rich lunch prepared by our head chef Ralph and his team, the entire ship prepares to embark on the variety of activities we have signed up for. The mountaineers leave to conquer the snowy mountainscape, the kayakers put on their gear to slide amongst the icebergs, the runners summon their willpower and get into their gear, and everyone else put on as many layers as possible for a split zodiac cruise and landing. Despite the misty conditions, the falling snow and the low visibility, everyone is full of energy and endeavor, this being our first day. Every activity is fulfilled, and during the zodiac cruise, the first gentoo penguins are spotted swimming and porpoising in the icy waters. Later in the day, we even find a leucistic gentoo penguin, sporting a yellowish feather color. The absolute highlight of the day however is the spotting of a young and very small leopard seal on an ice floe, barely noticeable from a distance.

Everyone returns to the ship wet, cold, but very happy to have completed the first day of the trip. After a great buffet dinner, the bar is opened and some finish their day with a well-deserved drink.

A limerick to end the day:

From the sky the snow it fell,
To cast on land its' earthly shell,
Hour on hour has passed,
An avalanche was then amassed,
Then unleashed by a distant yell.



Day 5 – Saturday, 26th November 2022

Port Lockroy, Damoy

12:00 GPS Position: 64°49' S / 063°31' W

Wind: W6, **Sea State:** Slight, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** -2°C, **Sea Temp:** +3°C

The day starts with strong wind gusts as we approach our destination for the morning operation, Jougla Island. The expedition team drops the zodiacs and goes to assess conditions in the landing site. The wind starts picking up and we have to cancel the plan for a landing here. But that wouldn't be the end of our morning. Our expedition leader Pippa contacts the nearby British station, Port Lockroy, to take some of their staff onboard for an interesting lecture about their life at the "Penguin Post Office". Also, we are able to check out their souvenirs and goodies and purchase amazing penguin toys, beautiful postcards and many more.



Port Lockroy is very famous for being the southernmost post office in the world. Everyone writes and sends postcards to their loved ones as part of this amazing visit of the staff from Port Lockroy.

At mid-day we have lunch onboard and prepare ourselves for the second opportunity to land in Antarctica. The plan is to land on Damoy Island, a protected little bay close to a glacier and some amazing Gentoo Penguin colonies. As usual, the expedition team departs on their zodiacs to prepare the landing site in case the weather permits a landing. Luckily for us we get green light to go ashore as the skies clear up for some time, but some dark clouds are threatening to approach our location. But since the weather in Antarctica can change within minutes, it changes for the better and we actually get some sun rays. We enjoy walking around the penguin rookeries, watching their behavior and their funny and clumsy way of walking.

The runners are doing their course in one side and the rest of us are enjoying their penguin sights. Not forgetting to mention the kayakers who enjoy the coastline with Alexis and Nick.

Fortunately, the dark clouds stay in the distance and with some wind gusts and dramatic scenery, the landing is a complete success. We all return hungry and happy to our ship after a beautiful afternoon on shore.

For some of us, the adventure is not over yet. As the snow here is quite dry today, we can attempt a camping night out in the bay. 55 brave campers arrive ashore to spend the night sleeping on Antarctic ground. Everyone digs their personal snow hole under the assistance of Chloe, Annelou and Paolo. With various sleeping bags and outer layers, we cuddle up for the Antarctic night enjoying the silence and the penguins nearby.



Day 6 – Sunday 27th November 2022

Orne Harbour, Orne Island and Cuverville

08:00 GPS Position: 64°37'05S / 062°33' 1W

Wind: E 3, **Sea State:** Calm, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** 0°C, **Sea Temp:** +2.2°C

Today we woke up to a beautiful view of Orne Harbour and Spigot Peak towering above Orne Harbour and not a breath of wind, it is the clearest day we had so far. We are all feeling extremely excited to get onto the zodiac to go out exploring with the expedition staff.

Firstly, the mountaineers are ready at 08:30 to go and climb Spigot Peak, one of Antarctic's most spectacular peaks at 289 metres (948ft). At 09:30 the rest of us dresses up to the eyeballs and full of energy embark the zodiac for a cruise in the bay. The view is absolutely stunning with the mountains reflecting on the water and a very sleepy Leopard Seal resting on an ice floe.



Icebergs and brash ice litter the bay, we are all awe struck by the beauty upon us. We watch as Chinstrap Penguins clumsily jump into the water from a 2 metre drop, we could watch them for hours.

Out of nowhere, the wind picks up and it is blowing 20 knots, so it is time to slowly head back to our home, Hondius.

On the way back the guides spot 2 Humpback Whales, wow can this day get any better! They continually fluke up their tails in front of the ship, just before they head into the ice. It is a beautiful and memorable sighting.



We have a delicious lunch and a small nap after all the excitement of the morning. The plan for the afternoon is to land on Orne Island with the Racing the Planet team, however conditions are not ideal so Pippa comes up with a new plan. Instead, we are to land at Cuverville, which is just across from Orne Island to visit a colony of Gentoo Penguins. The runners continue into the evening despite the snow and chilly temperatures. By 22:00 everyone is back on the ship to enjoy some warm food and a beer to celebrate the day we had.



Day 7 – Monday, 28th November 2022

Cuverville Island & Danco Island

12:00 GPS Position: 64°41' S / 062°36' W

Wind: N5, **Sea State:** Slight (Ice1/10), **Weather:** Snow, **Air Temp:** 0°C **Sea Temp:** +2.3°C

We once again awake to beautiful calm conditions at Cuverville Island, which is located within the entrance to the Errera Channel. Surrounded by the vast mountains and glaciers of the mainland Antarctic Peninsula, Cuverville Island offers incredible scenery as well as endless photography opportunities as it is home to the largest rookery of gentoo penguins on the Antarctic Peninsula; the 252-metre peak of the island is also an added bonus for our mountaineers!

The day starts early in order to maximise our time available at this incredible location, the mountaineers are first off the ship at 07:45 and land ashore to start their climb, this is followed shortly by a split landing and zodiac cruise for all guests who prefer a more relaxed start to the day; finally the kayakers leave Hondius to start exploring at 09:00.

Cruising throughout the vast icebergs around the island, our zodiacs sight a very photogenic leopard seal which provides excellent viewing opportunities, this is followed shortly by two humpback whales which are travelling perpendicular to Hondius.

Throughout the morning, the wind increases slightly which pushes the brash ice within the channel directly towards our landing site. Whilst creating a slightly challenging and soggy footed departure for some, we say goodbye to Cuverville Island at around 12:30 and head around the corner (literally) to our next location, Danco Island.

After our short transit to Danco Island, we drop zodiacs and once again offer a split landing / zodiac cruise as well as another track for our Racing the Planet team. The weather conditions in the afternoon are somewhat different to the morning as flurries of snow reduce our visibility at times, however, there are still ample photography opportunities both on the island and throughout our zodiac cruises. The highlight of the afternoon is of course the 'polar plunge' for our brave guests who elegantly take to the 2°C water like the penguins they have admired throughout the trip. After surviving the dip, we return to Hondius for well-deserved hot showers, recap and dinner. The Racing the Planet team is picked up at around 21:00 after completing many miles traversing the slopes of Danco Island and are able to join for a later dinner aboard Hondius before starting again early the next day.



Day 8 – Tuesday, 29th November 2022

Lemaire Channel, Petermann Island

12:00 GPS Position: 65°11' S / 064°07' W

Wind: WNW6, **Sea State:** Slight, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** -1°C **Sea Temp:** +2°C

It is an early start for many, as we cruise through the beautiful Lemaire Channel. Despite the low cloud, the views are spectacular as we pass through the channel towards our morning landing site at Petermann Island. The Channel is nicknamed the 'Kodak Gap' due to its photogenic qualities, and it does not disappoint with many icebergs littering the waters and the snow peaks bordering each side of the channel as we pass through.

It is another early start for the Race the Planet (RTP) team, as they head ashore at 6am to begin the next leg of their race. Beginning at the Groussac Refuge, an Argentine naval refuge cabin, the track loops up over the ridge and southwards. Perhaps the most picturesque loop of the race so far, with many of the competitors relieved the weather has improved since yesterday and they can enjoy the race in relative calm and clear conditions.



After an earlier breakfast, many of us get ready for our morning activities on and around Petermann Island. The mountaineers are first ashore, taking in the spectacular scenery as they hike up Megalestris Hill. The kayakers also take to the water and get a surprise visit from some Humpback Whales as they cruise over in the zodiacs to their starting position. Once in the kayaks, the sites are incredible with many icebergs grounded at the southern end of the island, and the numerous penguin rookeries dotted along the coastline.

For those of us landing ashore, we are greeted by numerous Gentoos and a lone Weddell Seal hauled out in front of the Groussac Refuge. Heading out towards the north of the island, we get some brilliant views of nesting Adelle penguins, who are beginning to court and build nests despite the deep snow still present in many areas. The weather conditions are fantastic for the landing with barely a breath of wind and some patches of blue appearing above the low clouds. Maybe not the ideal weather for a sun tan, but perfect for photography with many of us making use of the light conditions to snap pictures of the many penguins around. The contrast between the black of the penguins, the white of the snow and ice, and the greys of the rock underneath made for some brilliant images. Once we have all enjoyed the sights on Petermann Island, we make a timely escape back to Hondius, with the wind and snow picking up as forecast. Cozy and warm back aboard, we all enjoy a buffet lunch with the views of the Lemaire Channel outside. With the weather picking up, the wind and snow returning, we settle in for a more relaxed afternoon onboard. The semifinals of the Chess Tournament are held in the lounge, just before Chloe delivers a great lecture on plankton and their importance to the Antarctica ecosystem.

Our usual daily Recap in the evening is shortened with advice given to dress up nice and warm for a surprise dinner afterwards: an Antarctic BBQ! All of us soon take to the aft deck to enjoy some beautiful barbecued treats, with a huge spread of meat, veggies, salads, desserts and drinks laid on by the crew. Despite the low temperatures, most of us brave the cold to eat on deck and enjoy the views of Paradise Bay. With the eating over some stayed for a little dance, but the icy temperatures soon have everyone running back inside for a warm drink in the lounge.

Day 9 – Wednesday, 30th November 2022

Brown Station at Paradise Bay, Gerlache Strait

12:00 GPS Position: 64°53' S / 062°52' W

Wind: W5, Sea State: Calm (Ice 4/10), Weather: Snow, Air Temp: -2°C, Sea Temp: +2°C



Our last day on the Antarctic Peninsula starts with the traditional wake-up call from our Expedition Leader Pippa; the sky is overcast; it is snowing but there is no wind; the air temperature is 2°C; “Good morning”!

Hondius lies in the middle of the well-sheltered Paradise Bay and we are surrounded by fog, snow and icebergs that create a mysterious atmosphere. Around 8:30am, we are all on board the Zodiacs ready for either an adventurous cruise in the ice surrounded by towering icebergs and brash ice or for a landing around Almirante Brown Station and its’ Gentoo Penguin colonies. The station that belongs to Argentina is not currently manned and we are therefore allowed to land and explore this beautiful place surrounded by impressive glaciers and high peaks. The path has been well marked by the Expedition Team and allows us to hike toward a higher point that offers us a 180° view around the station.

When half of the ship is ashore, the rest of us have the opportunity to experience an amazing sunny Zodiac cruise in Paradise Bay with some interesting sightings such as Weddell Seals, porpoising Gentoo Penguins, Imperial Shags building their nests and simply cruising among icebergs. What a beautiful morning we have in paradise!

Once everybody is back on board, Hondius sails towards our next destination. But just after lunch, in the Gerlache Strait, Orcas are spotted from the bridge! We all gather on the outside decks and at the bridge to experience this amazing sighting. First, we have 5 individuals in sight, mainly females and a male. Then, we can observe at a distance almost half of a dozen individuals that gather and are swimming around the ship; we are even able to see the shape of the entire body in transparency in the water; what an amazing sighting! Around 3:30, Andrew gives a very



interesting lecture about... Orcas! We all learn a lot about these fascinating marine mammals; from the social structure, the behavior to the threats that these animals have to face nowadays with climate change. The lecture is interrupted a couple of times because another pod of Orcas is swimming around the ship!

At 6pm, it is time for the traditional recap and the plans for the next day. We are heading towards Deception Island, an active volcano, for a landing in Telefon Bay in the morning and in the afternoon, we plan to go reach Elephant Point on Livingston Island. Pippa shows us the weather forecast; windy conditions ahead of us!

It is time to leave behind the Antarctic Peninsula, to take a last glimpse at those icy landscapes that made us dream during the last couple of days, taking a last picture of this marvelous world. As soon as we leave the sheltered coves, we start to feel the swell and Hondius starts rolling from side to side.

The evening goes on at the Lounge onboard Hondius around a cup of tea or beers as we cross the Bransfield Strait, towards Deception Island.

Day 10 – Saturday, 1st December 2022

Deception Island

12:00 GPS Position: 62°56' S / 060°38' W

Wind: WNW7, **Sea State:** Moderate, **Weather:** Clear sky, **Air Temp:** 0°C, **Sea Temp:** +3°C

Early this morning at 4:00 am, we sail into a special place in the South Shetlands. We sail through “Neptune’s Bellow” into an island, called Deception Island. Deception Island must be one of the most incredible islands on the planet. It is an active volcano located in the South Shetland Islands, off the Antarctic Peninsula. Its’ unique landscape comprises barren volcanic slopes, steaming beaches and ash-layered glaciers. It has a distinctive horse-shoe shape with a large, flooded caldera. This opens to the sea through a narrow channel – Neptune’s Bellows, forming a naturally sheltered harbor. It is one of the only places in the world where vessels can sail directly into the center of an active volcano. Sailing into the narrow channel of Neptune’s Bellows can be tricky as in the middle of this channel lays a rock below the water line on which ships ran aground and sank in the past.

After sailing into the caldera of Deception Island, the rough weather conditions we had since last night calmed down. We sail to the landing site named Telefon Bay, which is a small bay on the north-west coast of Port Foster on the island. The runners are going to have their last stage of the race here in Telefon Bay, as it is an active volcano, the sand is heated and thus not much snow is around. This makes the running easier compared to some of the other tracks we had during this cruise. The runners start early in the morning around 6 am after the course was set out for this final run.



At 8.30 half of the remaining group on board are shuttled to shore. There we have the opportunity to go on a short walk up to one of the ridges in the bay or on a longer hike lead by the mountaineering guides. Both tracks offer stunning views over the caldera of the island, the black sandy beaches and the volcanic slopes surrounding the flooded caldera. On board, Anthonie gives a lecture on Ocean Waves for the passengers who go ashore in the second shift. After we all went on shore we have lunch on board, the runners are finishing up their final run of their final desert, Antarctica. All runners receive their well-deserved medal and are welcomed back on board with some beer and pizza.



The plan for the afternoon was to go to Half Moon Island, however the winds are still blowing strong preventing us from making this final landing. Instead, we have a long recap including presentations about the Antarctic convergence zone by Anthonie, Deception Island by Elodie and Antarctic citizenship by George. In the meantime, we are sailing out from the shelter of the South Shetland Islands into the Drake Passage, we are on our way back to Ushuaia after such an incredible trip. We are sure to conclude that this trip has been a great success for everyone, with tricky weather conditions to be able to get of the ship and explore Antarctica.

Day 11 – Sunday, 2nd December 2022

At sea on the Drake Passage towards Ushuaia

08:00 GPS Position: 60°34' 4S / 061°05' 9W

Wind: 4NNW, **Sea State:** Slight, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** 0°C, **Sea Temp:** +2.7°C

We all wake up with anticipation for the day ahead, sleepy eyed and bushy tailed we all wander down to the dining room for a hearty breakfast of the finest Argentinian bacon and eggs. As we gaze out of the window at the rolling swell we enjoy a fascinating talk from Mikhail on Marine Mammal acoustics followed by Geopolitics with George and an interesting presentation on the rituals of Mate with Alexis. The chefs prepare us yet another delicious lunch which rolls us into the afternoon very well. The occasional Cape Petrel and Albatross circle the vessel, a reminder of the wild and beautiful environment we are in.

The expedition team prepares another recap on tomorrow's daily plans, we have Pippa talking about the Humpback Whale song, Paolo about fog and Chloe about microscopic invertebrates: the so-called "water bears". Tonight, the chefs have prepared a fantastic 4 course dinner, we all feel so full and satisfied we can barely move ourselves out of our chairs. Now it is time to have a wee drink and chin wag over the last few days.

Day 12 – Monday, 3rd December 2022

At sea on the Drake Passage towards Ushuaia

12:00 GPS Position: 56°08' 1S / 064°38' 4W

Wind: NW4, **Sea State:** Moderate, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** +3.5°C, **Sea Temp:** +6.8°C

As day brakes, Hondius is making her way northwards in seas with swells up to six metres. The contrast between those who more than thrive, but even get mega-excited by the drama of it all, and those who just have to grimly hold on to survive it, could not have been more stark. This really is the notorious Drake Passage experience. With the spray from the bow crashing against the bridge lookout windows, all the way up on Deck 7, although not many of us actually made the adventurous climb to experience it! Breakfast in the dining room is also definitely not the usual lively gathering we had become used to.

With the outer decks closed for safety the morning focus is indoors. In the lecture room the Race the Planet team offered a video presentation to everyone, showing highlights of some of the previous legs of their ultra-marathon series. Later on, Simon kicked off the lecture programme with his informative comparison between birds of the southern and northern hemispheres. After lunch Paolo's presentation on 'Weather Routing' gives us an insight into a fascinating subject none of us even knew existed.

As the conditions outside ease, we are able to take to the decks in bright, breezy weather. Birdlife is not prolific but the usual suspects are in attendance – **Prions** and **Giant Petrels** – and a lone **Wandering Albatross** put in a brief appearance as if to say goodbye. Later, the runners hold their award ceremony whilst the rest of us enjoy a documentary film about Antarctica, replete with popcorn! The evening is our chance to reflect and give thanks. We salute the Captain and his crew with a glass of bubbly and then offer our gratitude towards the expedition, hotel and galley teams, who have gone above and beyond to deliver an almost indescribable experience with memories that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

Day 13 – Tuesday, 4th December 2022

Disembarkation in Ushuaia

At 6:00am we approach the port of Ushuaia. Our bags are packed when we head down for breakfast one last time and we're getting ready to disembark our dear Hondius that has taken us to one of the most beautiful places on earth. The last two weeks have taken us on a remarkable journey over the notorious Drake Passage to the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetlands. 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: 1,799.5 Nautical Miles (3,293.09 km)

Furthest point south: 65°10.812'S



Your Expedition Team!



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

Trip Log Kayaking

25 November PM

Stony Point, Paradise Bay

Our first kayak session of the expedition took place at Stony Point, Paradise Bay. Conditions were genuinely 'Antarctic', with low visibility and persistent snow showers. Winds were light among the icebergs, permitting exploration of the brash-filled channels between larger bergs.

Launching from the Zodiacs, we faced an immediate challenge as the occupants of one tandem kayak capsized within seconds - an unfortunate spill and an unusual occurrence on OE kayak expeditions. Our waterlogged paddlers were swiftly recovered into the Zodiac, and returned to the Hondius to warm up in more comfortable surroundings.

The remaining team members journeyed into the sea ice with Alexis and Nick, brash ice clinking against kayak hulls as large snow flakes fell from the sky. We paused beneath an impressive ice-plastered rocky cliff, reflecting in silence on the atmospheric surroundings. Barely a sound could be heard, save for the eery creaking of nearby ice bergs, and the distant rumble from the calving tidewater glaciers of Paradise Bay.

We gently paddled back though the labyrinth of ice, in misty conditions that hid more distant views. As snowflakes built up on kayaks and paddlers, colours and shapes were obscured in the developing blizzard. After a wondrous experience in the waters of Paradise Bay, we climbed back into the Zodiacs and returned to the ship for well-earned showers and hot drinks.



26 November PM

Damoy Point

A moderate wind provided challenging conditions for our intrepid kayakers at Damoy Point. A short Zodiac ride to the landing point lagoon accessed a protected launch in a gentle offshore wind. Impressive ice cliffs lined the left side of the lagoon, while a lower snowy headland was occupied with many Gentoo penguins.

As the wind increased, our kayaking team paddled well to reach the upwind end of the lagoon, employing useful forward paddling and manoeuvring skills to control their kayaks in the gusty breeze.

Here we rested the kayak bows against the shoreline, to observe Gentoo Penguins at close quarters on the snowy slopes at the head of the beach. Some penguins landed from the ocean during this time, passing close by our raft of kayaks.

The rising tide floated our kayaks off the beach and we paddled downwind to observe conditions beyond the mouth of the lagoon. The team were demonstrating confident skills, and so we paddled over shallow waters through a gap in the moraine spit, to reach the open waters of the sound. Here we followed the coast along a rocky shoreline beneath steep snow slopes. Arriving at the channel before Damoy Island, we encountered stronger winds and waves from the open water upwind.

The team paddled into the wind and waves, finding shelter behind the small grounded icebergs between Damoy Point and Damoy Island. It was an exhilarating experience, to feel the energy of the Antarctic conditions in the Gerlache Strait. After some time spent experiencing this more exposed corner, we retreated along the coast and rejoined the Gentoo Penguins in the lagoon.



27 November AM

Orne Harbour

Light winds and high cloud offered the promise of excellent kayaking conditions in this spectacular location. Our intrepid kayaking team traveled in Zodiacs from the Hondius, transferring to kayaks in sheltered water beneath the sheer cliffs of Spigot Peak. We began our journey towards the tidewater glacier, but were forced to retreat as



the developing wind pushed floating sea ice against the headland, closing off our route. We headed along the coastline, enjoying calmer conditions beneath impressive ice cliffs as the gentle following wind helped us onwards. We traced a route between floating and grounded icebergs, and among glacially-smoothed intertidal rocks. We also encountered small Gentoo Penguin colonies, and admired the view of our mountaineering teams defending from Spigot Peak. Returning to the Zodiacs, the increasing breeze created waves that enlivened the cold upwind journey back to the Hondius, where much-needed showers and hot drinks awaited.

27 November PM

Orne Island

Our kayaking team explored the coastline of Orne Island, beginning from a sheltered spot just offshore from the island. Our initial iceberg explorations brought us to a sheltered lagoon beneath a soaring ice cliff, with an inspiring view of hanging seracs and open crevasses. We admired the grandeur of the scenery from a safe distance, wary of possible falling ice. Our onward route was choked in ice,



with no available channels for kayaks and Zodiacs, so we headed along the coastline through wide channels between larger icebergs. The onshore wind progressively increased, creating waves as we reached the final protecting iceberg. With conditions too challenging for an onward journey, we retraced our route and found a new lagoon among icebergs. This spectacular location, a patch of open water set beneath Orne Island's icy mountain flanks, and entirely surrounded by ice, was the perfect place to quietly absorb the powerful silence of this dramatic Antarctic environment.

Many photos later, we finally re-boarded the Zodiacs and returned to the Hondius, delighted with our Orne Island kayaking adventure.

28 November AM

Cuverville Island

Our morning kayak session began in ideal conditions, as we took the water beneath Cuverville Island's steep rocky shoreline. Above our heads, Gentoo Penguins busied themselves ashore while others emerged from their fishing excursions. We rounded the first headland to find a small enclosed bay beneath steep snowy slopes divided by exposed rock bands. Continuing along the coastline, we were forced to take a more offshore route as the outgoing tide pressed small icebergs and brash against the island, closing our intended circumnavigation route. After a brief exploration among the floating sea ice, we turned back to follow the original course towards our launch point.

Deteriorating weather on the far side of the bay brought a strengthening headwind, creating waves that hindered our onward progress. The team paddled well, making good speed towards the corner of the island where a smoothly rounded iceberg offered a safe venue to rest from our efforts. Here we relaxed a while, enjoying the experience of floating in tiny craft in such a powerful dynamic environment.

Conditions continued to develop, with stronger winds creating waves along the open coastline of Cuverville Island. For safety reasons we made the decision to switch back into the Zodiacs, and enjoyed a bouncy ride back to Hondius. Floating ice passing the vessel required a careful approach to the shell doors, where we disembarked and congratulated the team on their kayaking adventures.



29 November AM

Petermann Island

Light winds greeted us as we traveled by Zodiac towards our planned kayaking route along the east side of Petermann Island. En route, we diverted course to observe a surface-breathing humpback whale. We transferred to our kayaks here, 200m from shore, hoping to observe the whale when it resurfaced. After several patient minutes, we kayaked towards shore, arriving in an icy bay at the south end of the island. Here we were delighted to find a solitary Weddell Seal, resting on a low promontory, 20m from the water's edge. We admired this impressive



pinniped for some time, before continuing along the sheltered coastline. An underlying swell created fun conditions close inshore, where we cautiously navigated channels between icebergs and the glacially-smoothed granite shoreline. Passing the Zodiac landing point, we observed the busy activity of many Gentoo Penguins, while a pair of Sheathbills fluttered above our heads. Continuing north, we marvelled at the wild surroundings as steep ice cliffs dropped abruptly into the sea. A narrow rocky inlet was impassible with grounded icebergs, and so we continued to the end of the protected section of coastline. Here we rounded the final corner to find a magnificent view of the vast open waters beyond Petermann Island. We rose and fell on the gentle swell, paddling through a raft of brash ice as we took in the panoramic views all around.

Returning to the Zodiacs, we drove back to the Hondius, delighted with our fantastic Antarctic kayaking adventure.



1 December

Deception Island - Telefon Bay

With 25 knots of wind around the anchored Hondius, Telefon Bay was an unsuitable venue for any kayaking activity - however, we were able to explore the protected lagoon a 2km upwind ride from our vessel.

Here we launched into kayaks beneath the protection of a steep snow slope – a short upwind paddle took us to a group of ten resting Crabeater Seals, and one solitary Weddell Seal, that lay on the snow-free gravel beach at water's edge. Unconcerned at our presence, they permitted us to observe them for as long as we wished. Continuing around the perimeter of the bay, we explored the steep snow slopes that encircle this protected lagoon, the layering effect of successive winter storms evident in the corrugated surface of the snow walls.



The shallow green water, influenced by melting snow and suspended sediment, was a striking contrast to the darker deep water in the main caldera lagoon. We paddled back unwind and through the narrow channel into the caldera, where we marvelled at the huge expanse of open water, encircled by snow-covered volcanic hills.

As the wind blew us back towards to the Hondius, we transferred back into the Zodiac and returned to the ship, grateful for our opportunity to kayak in such an amazing location, on such a windy day.



Mountaineering Trip Log

Friday 25th November 2022

Opposite Stoney Point - Bryde Island

The day brought snow that was consistently falling throughout the day along with poor visibility at times.

All challenging for the Mountaineering team!

25 keen and motivated passengers were dropped ashore along with Jonny, Mal, Edward and Andy the mountain guides.

The team all put our snowshoes on to facilitate travel on the deepening snow and we made progress up the glaciated terrain above. Travelling as 4 roped up teams this gave security in case anyone fell into one of the covered crevasses lurking below. The team travelling with the correct amount of tension in the rope meant if someone fell through it would likely only be a leg that punched through.

Reaching our high point below the large snow slopes and cliffs above the team turned around to descend.

On the way down Andy gave everyone valuable insight into the different layers in the snowpack and what it meant which he did using an avalanche probe.

The visibility was poor, the snow was deep but there was good teamwork, fun was had and some snowballs were thrown.

Finally everyone headed back to Hondius and it was still snowing.



Sunday 27th November 2022

AM Spigot Traverse

Spigot Peak has become iconic on the Antarctic Peninsula with its dramatic cliffs plunging straight into the sea and this was the objective for the Oceanwide Mountaineering team.

Two roped parties of three and two roped parties of four set off from Orne Harbour in snowshoes towards the Chinstrap colony. Down in the bay there were two humpback whales surfacing in the bay, magical! From here everybody changed into crampons to climb the steepening snow arête to the summit. Careful cramponing was needed and there was always the feeling of exposure tugging at the heels. The 360 degree from the airy summit was incredible!



More careful footwork for the descent led back to the snowshoes where the team could relax and take photos of the Chinstrap colony. The team then changed into glacial travel mode on a long rope and then descended the other side of the mountain to our pickup. A fine mountain traverse.

PM George's Point



Above George's Point lie glaciers, steep cliffs and seracs and this was the starting point for the Oceanwide mountaineering team of twenty-four led by Mal, Jonny, Andy and Ed.

With everyone in snowshoes the team gained height steadily on the glacier towards the serac band all the while keeping a healthy distance from it. After a few switchbacks they reached a spectacular col with breathtaking views to the other side.

With Hondius far below there was a feeling of seclusion and calm to soak up the wildness of the Antarctic Peninsula.

Altitude was lost quickly on the fun descent to our pickup point by the Zodiac and back to Hondius.

Monday 28th November 2022

AM Cuverville

Cuverville, a real favourite with the Oceanwide mountaineering team, was the objective for the day. The twenty-six passengers along with Andy, Mal, Ed and Jonny were keen to gain the stunning 360-degree views from the summit. After roping up the team climbed steeply up the snow slope zig zagging for efficiency. When the angle eased all the rope teams changed to long rope to mitigate against the risk of crevasse fall. Time was spent at the summit having fun taking photos in all directions to the sea and icebergs below. The team winding its way down the mountain appreciated the tremendous back drop to the sea below and finally our pick-up.



Tuesday 29th November 2022

AM Petermann Island



Petermann Island had everything for the mountaineering team of twenty-one passengers along with Ed, Mal, Jonny and Andy. There is steep snow, glaciation and a great summit. After roping up height was gained carefully on the steep snow with a beautiful inlet directly below. The angle eased before a gentle climb to the summit. On the rocky summit there are the remains of an old weather station which Mal gave a brief insightful chat about. Keen to learn more skills after descending from the summit there was a demo on what to do if one of the party fell in a crevasse. Jonny and Ed simulated holding a fall with

Andy being the one who had fallen. Jonny dug an anchor in the snow by burying his ice axe and proceeded with Ed to improvise a hauling system to retrieve Andy. Lots of information for everyone but a useful insight into what can happen in glaciated terrain and how to sort it out when something happens. Some of the team keenly had a go before heading back to the pick-up.

Thursday 1st December 2022

AM Telefon Bay Deception Island

An exploratory day on the volcanic moonscape of Deception Island for the Mountaineering team today.

The groups along with Jonny, Mal, Ed and Andy walked up broad ridges and through large patches of neve snow on a circular route around the rims of the volcanic craters. A real contrast to the preceding days of glaciation at sea level. The barren hills and mountains with the back drop of the bay and Honiuss below was spectacular.

As the day warmed the snow softened and travel became easier over the rocky terrain as opposed to the snow.

Large patches of moss were found, some green in amongst the desert like terrain.

Finishing the circular route the teams walked back to the beach under the watchful eye of the Weddel seals.





1. Portal Point/Stoney Point
2. Jougla/Port Lockroy
3. Damoy Point
4. Orne Harbour/Orne Island
5. Cuverville
6. Danco Island
7. Lemaire Channel
8. Petermann Island
9. Brown Base (Paradise Bay)
10. Gerlache Strait
11. Deception Island

Birds and Marine Mammals of the Antarctic region

English	Latin	22-nov	23-nov	24-nov	25-nov	26-nov	27-nov	28-nov	29-nov	30-nov	1-dec	2-dec	3-dec	4-dec
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>													
King Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes patagonicus</i>										x			
Adélie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>					x	x	x	x					
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua papua</i>				x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>				x				x		x			
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>													
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	x										x		
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>		x	x									x	
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>													
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>		x	x									x	
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	x	x	x	x							x	x	
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>		x	x									x	
Light-Mantled Sooty Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>		x	x									x	
Northern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>		x										x	
Southern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	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	
Cape Petrel (Pintado)	<i>Daption capensis</i>		x	x	x	x				x			x	
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>													
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>					x	x	x	x		x			
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>		x	x									x	
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>		x	x									x	
Soft-Plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>													
Great-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma macroptera</i>													
Atlantic Petrel	<i>Pterodroma incerta</i>													
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>		x	x									x	
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>		x	x									x	
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>													
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>		x										x	
Slender-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila belcheri</i>		x										x	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>		x	x		x	x	x	x	x			x	
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>			x										
Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites nereis</i>													
Common Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides (urinatrix) berard</i>													
Magellanic Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides magellani</i>													
Imperial (Blue Eyed) Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Rock Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax magellanicus</i>	x										x		x
Snowy (Pale-faced) Sheathbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>					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.

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.

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!"

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.

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.

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.

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.

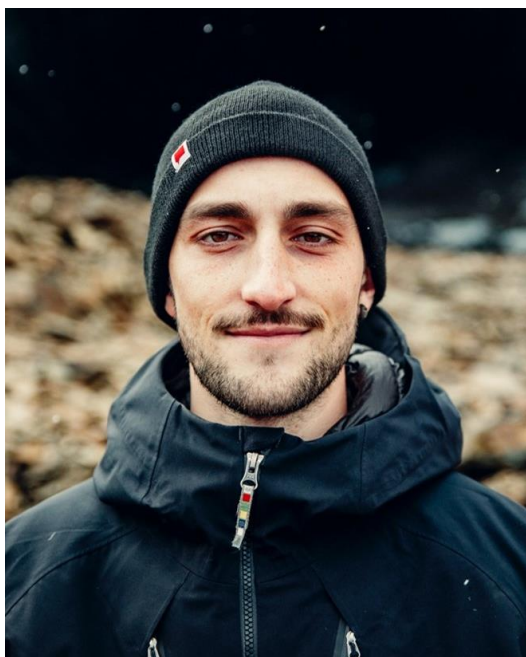
Josh loves living and working in remote locations and on isolated islands, especially in his homeland of the

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.

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.

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.

Ross Wheeler - Expedition Guide



Ross lives in a small town in Cornwall, which is located in the south western corner of the UK. As he grew up in a coastal town he has always been fascinated by marine wildlife and the marine environment.

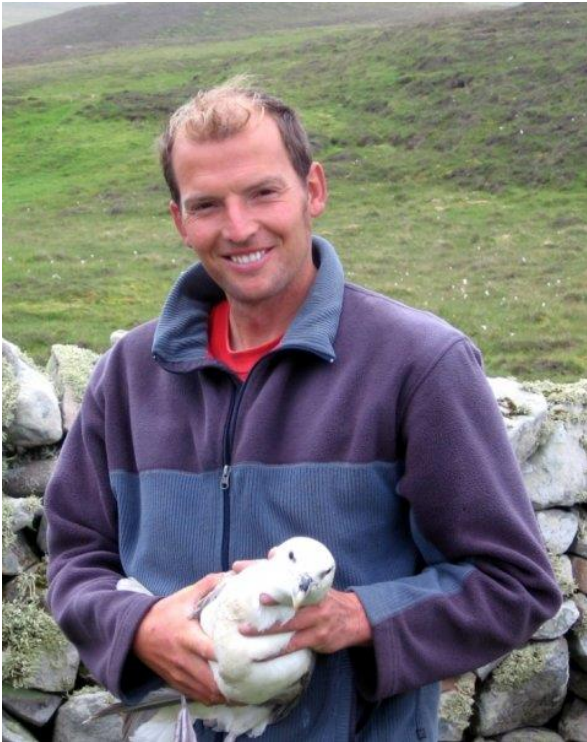
Having completed an undergraduate degree and master's degree in environmental sciences / conservation biology at Plymouth University he then went on to use his passion and education to work as an environmental consultant and researcher in the coastal

and marine field.

This progressed into the offshore sector where he worked as a marine mammal observer and passive acoustic monitoring operator in the offshore seismic and renewable industry sectors. This role took him to a wide range of areas throughout the North Atlantic, Central Africa and Southern Africa where he conducted marine mammal and sea bird surveys aboard various survey vessels. After a few years in this industry he then moved into the environmental compliance side of the cruise ship industry where he continues to work for six months of the year today. Whether he is working on ships around the world, volunteering for conservation based organisations or travelling in his 'time off' he is constantly seeking opportunities to photograph wildlife in their natural environment.

Feel free to ask him any questions about marine mammals, seabirds or anything environmentally related with the shipping industry.

Simon Davies – Expedition Guide



Simon is a life-long birder and naturalist and after achieving a Masters degree in Ecology focusing on seabirds he has undertaken a broad range of wildlife related contracts around the world.

His career has predominantly been focused on birds (with the only notable 'blip' coming during a year researching Meerkats in South Africa) during which his focus has ranged from research to conservation to guiding and much in between. Most recently he has been working in Scotland and Sweden studying both breeding birds and migratory species through ringing/banding, a wide range of surveys and other tracking methods.

He is an experienced guide, having led bird and wildlife tours in Australia and many tours, walks and talks in his native UK, enthusiastic about sharing the wide range of seabirds in the colonies he loves.

Among the recent studies he has participated in has included putting geolocators on Black Guillemots in Scotland to find out where they are foraging, fixing satellite transmitters on migratory wading birds in Australia to track their movements as they move up and down the East Asia flyway and affixing geolocators on Great Reed Warblers in Sweden to work out migratory routes.

A large part of his recent work has also been training others in bird ringing/banding and surveying, hopefully inspiring others to a career in research or conservation.

The vast majority of his spare time is also spent birding and wildlife watching and he has undertaken many trips around the world including Australia, Europe, India, Venezuela and the USA, always chasing the next bird!

Annelou Hulsker – Expedition Guide



Annelou grew up in a seaside town in the Netherlands known for its navy base and fisheries. There she spent most of her time sailing, hiking, or looking for shiny rocks and shells on the beach. This is where her passion for the Earth began, which she decided to turn into her career.

Annelou specialized in Earth Sciences and graduated from Utrecht University. She specialized in physical geography, where her focus is on land-surface processes, natural hazards, geomorphology, climate reconstruction and climate changes and a minor in sustainability.

The connection between the academic and practical aspects of Earth Sciences, which involves a lot of fieldwork and is highly hands-on, is what she enjoys most. She loves to share her understanding of the Earth in general and the Arctic in particular. She also got a special interest in the history of whaling as it played a large role in her hometown's history.

She is overjoyed to be able to combine her passion for the Earth with traveling the seas by ship.

In her free time she still loves to collect shiny rocks. Most of the time she can be found on the water sailing somewhere in Europe with her family, hiking, or, when at home, bouldering and climbing.

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.

Alexis Bellezze – Kayak Leader



Alexis Bellezze was born in San Luis, Argentina in 1973. He spent his childhood in the center of the country, in a rural area, then moved to the city of Mendoza close to the Central Andes and studied in the Army High School where he fell in love with the mountains and the outdoors. Then moved to Cordoba where he spent 3 years in the Air Force Academy. After that he moved to Italy where he worked and finished a paragliding course, then returned to Argentina to finish his studies as a Veterinarian. In 2006, he did a Residency in the ICU Service of the Large Animal Hospital of the Royal

“Dick” Veterinary College in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 2006 and 2008 he did an internship as a veterinarian surgeon at Milano, Italy. Then he moved to Villa La Angostura, an isolated village in the middle of the Patagonian Lake District where he works as a veterinarian surgeon and runs a kayak company in the Nahuel Huapi National Park.

Since 2018 he has been working as a Polar Kayak Guide and Expedition Guide. He has guided in the Antarctic Peninsula many times, reaching the Antarctic Polar Circle, Svalbard, circumnavigated Spitzbergen, East coast of Greenland and many rivers and lakes in Patagonia. During the last years he travelled the south and north of Chile and Argentina as a Wilderness First Responder instructor working in different environments like the jungle, the Patagonian mountain range, the windy Patagonian estepa and the desert of Atacama. Since 2014 Alexis is the owner and Director of endurance kayak & mountain expeditions based in Patagonia Argentina, offering multiple days kayak trips in this pristine area.

Alexis is divorced, has 3 children and lives in Patagonia Argentina. He likes to cook for them with fire in the wilderness and go camping when is possible.

He speaks fluently Spanish, Italian and English.

Nick Cunliffe - Kayak Guide



Nick is a professional sea kayak guide, based in North Wales, United Kingdom. He has been paddling for about 30 years and owes many rewarding experiences to his involvement in sea kayaking.

His Anglesey home is an amazing adventure playground, with a wonderful outdoor community and a special sense of place. Nick loves North Wales for its world-class sea kayaking environment.

Nick's background in sea kayaking spans 30 years and includes expedition guiding in arctic Norway, SE

Alaska, and Chilean Patagonia - in addition to leading many sea kayaking journeys in the Hebridean islands of Scotland.

Nick loves to share the experience of exploring wilderness places, of encountering coastal & marine life in its natural environments, and places great value on the rewards that such experiences can offer.

In addition to wilderness sea kayaking, Nick loves to explore mountain environments, as a hiker and climber in the remarkable environments of the European Alps. Closer to home, the mountains of Snowdonia remain his personal favourite destination, only a short distance from his Anglesey home.

Nick looks forward to sharing unforgettable Antarctic experiences with his clients, on future Oceanwide Expeditions trips.

Jonny Baird - Mountain Leader



Jonny Baird started climbing and skiing where he grew up on the West coast of Scotland.

Jonny is based in the French Alps, close to the Chamonix Valley, and has been living and working there as an IFMGA Mountain Guide since 2005.

In winter Jonny guides on skis locally in France and neighbouring Italy and Switzerland with usually one or two trips each year taking clients further afield. This has included ski mountaineering trips to Arctic Norway, Greenland, Lofoten Islands and the Troll peninsula in Iceland.

In November 2017 Jonny worked as a mountaineering guide from the ship Ortelius in the Antarctic Peninsula, he then returned to the Antarctic Peninsula in January 2019 and November 2019 again as a mountaineering guide.

In summer Jonny takes clients mountaineering and climbing drawing on his vast experience of climbing in the last 30 years. He has had a vast variety of work over the years including Television, film and photography safety work in the mountains.

Jonny has travelled, climbed and skied all over the world over the years visiting all the continents.

Jonny is a member of the BMG British Mountain Guides where he was a committee member for a number of years, he is also a member of the SNGM Syndicat National Guides De Montagne.

Mal Haskins - Mountaineering Guide



I've been calling the mountains and high ranges of the world my home now for the last 20 years. I really enjoying sharing my passion and enjoyment being outdoors with others so guiding was a natural progression for me. I work in various parts of the world in both summer and winter conditions taking people mountaineering and skiing and call Wanaka, New Zealand my home.

Over the years I've had a number of very memorable expeditions and have had the opportunity to summit a few of our 8000m Peaks, Lhotse (8516m) and Manaslu (8156m).

I had the chance to come down to work and experience the Antarctic Peninsula a few years ago and have been coming down each season now for the past 3 years.

I find all mountain ranges around the world special but with Antarctica there is extra magic – the wildlife, amazing glaciers, weather and the people you meet on these journeys – it's an experience you can't match anywhere else in the world.

I'm looking forward to sharing my joy of the mountains with you in this special place.

Andy Perkins – Ski Guide



Andy Perkins is an IFMGA mountain guide living in Chamonix at the foot of Mont Blanc, western Europe's highest mountain. He has been climbing and skiing since he was a teenager and has worked as a qualified mountain guide for over twenty years.

His "normal" work is as a guide in the European Alps. In the summer he guides climbing and mountaineering clients from all over the world. In winter he works with off piste skiers in and around lift-served ski resorts and by using ski touring equipment to access more remote spots. It's in that capacity

that he discovered the magical combination of mountains and ocean, initially through ski sail trips in Arctic Norway. He has pursued that fabulous formula with trips to Iceland and Greenland over recent years.

Here are three highlights from his mountain experience:

- 17 days on Cerro Kishtwar's north face in the Indian Himalaya . Intensity of experience is his goal in personal climbing, and this one had it in spades.
- 2 rescues on Denali, the second of which earned him the Denali Pro Award and an Award for Bravery from the US Department of the Interior.
- Skiing in Arctic Norway with his wife Lise, 60 years after his dad was pioneering there in the 1950's. Mountains run in the family!

He speaks fluent English and French and basic German and Italian.

His aim as a guide is to share his love of the wild places of the world and to maximise his clients' potential - to exceed their expectations of what they're capable of. This often means taking on new skills as well as sharpening existing ones. The big grins when someone finally "gets it", whether skiing or climbing, makes his job as a guide a real joy.

Edward Bekker – Expedition Guide



Edward Bekker (Rotterdam, 1961) grew up in the south of the Netherlands, but from an early age his favorite place was in the mountains. His dream came true when he was admitted to mountain guide training at the Technical University in Munich and since 1987 he has been a 'state-certified mountain and ski guide'; So he was definitely one of the first UIAGM/IVBV certified mountain guides from a non-Alpine country!

Since then he has been out and about in the mountains every day. For more than 15 years, Edward has specialized

in freeride ski guiding, ski touring and heli skiing in the arctic areas of Iceland, Norway, Svalbard, Sweden and Greenland, the Swiss Alps and Canada.

He participated in worldwide expeditions to the Himalayas, the Andes of South America, Antarctica and Alaska. Twice he was Expedition Leader on a UIAA International Expedition for high performance young climbers, exploring remote locations in Pakistan and China and opening many new routes in rock and ice.

Edward lives with his family in western Switzerland in the small Valais mountain village of Finhaut-Emosson, which is strategically located between the Mont Blanc massif and the Valais four-thousanders, where he and his partner run their own mountain school and mountain lodge.

Edward is always curious to meet new people and bring them to the mountains in a safe and enjoyable way. In addition to English, German, French and Dutch, he also speaks a Limburg dialect and also understands a little Italian, Spanish, Swedish and Norwegian.

Sjoerd van der Knokke – Ship's doctor



Sjoerd grew up in a small village just below Rotterdam in the Netherlands. After highschool he decided to study Chemistry in Amsterdam. But soon he found out that he rather worked with people than with chemicals. He quit chemistry and started Medical studies at the Radboud university in Nijmegen.

After his Medical studies he has worked in the Intensive Care and the Emergency department, before specializing in General Practice. He is currently working as a doctor for the Dutch military.

Sjoerd is also a freelance photographer. In 2019 he decided to start professional photography training. In his work he focuses on portrait and studio photography, but he also loves nature and wildlife photography.

Besides his work as a doctor and a photographer. He has a passion for travelling and diving. His favorite parts of the world are Central Asia and Africa. However, when he went on his honeymoon to Antarctica he fell in love with this beautiful continent and directly knew he needed to go back. "The feeling you get when you see the first iceberg is an unforgettable experience."

As the father of a young family it is a bit harder for him to be away for longer periods of time, but being surrounded by the stunning Arctic and Antarctic scenery compensates it all.

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 Ushuaia.**
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 **Buffer 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 **Wakeup 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 and IAATO briefings.
- 1100 **Mountaineering briefing** – Please join Mal and Nick in the **lounge** (deck 5) for a mountaineering introduction and briefing. If you plan on doing a mountaineering activity this briefing is mandatory.
*If you have brought mountaineering boots with you – **please bring them to this briefing.***
- 1115 **Race The Planet Ultramarathon briefing** - Please join the ‘Race the Planet’ team in the **Lecture Room** (deck 5, aft) for a briefing and introduction to our planned running activities in Antarctica.
- 1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 1400 **Kayaking briefing**– Please join Alexis and Nick in the **lounge** (deck 5) for a kayak introduction and briefing.
- 1530 **Camping Briefing** – Campers please meet Paolo and Annelou in the **lecture room** (deck 5) for your mandatory camping introduction and briefing.
- 1730 **Photography** – Please meet Ross and Juan in the **lounge** (deck 3) for your first introductory lecture on photography.
- 1815 **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.*

Please walk slowly on the ship, never rush. Keep one hand for yourself but at least one hand for the ship. Shut all doors firmly and keep fingers away from door frames.

No Wakeup call – Enjoy your sleep in.

0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).

0915 **Activities sign up** - We will call you by colour group to **the lecture room**, (deck 5) to sign up for the activities you plan to do in Antarctica. These include Mountaineering, Kayaking and Camping. If you wish to Mountaineer, please sign up for this activity first. You can then sign up for kayaking and camping afterwards. ***Please listen for announcements.***

1130 **Muck Boots** - We will call you by colour group to collect your Muck boots from the boot room on **deck 3**. *Please bring your thick socks to make sure you have the perfect fit! **Please listen for announcements.***

1230 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).

1400 **Biosecurity:** We will call you by colour groups to **deck 3** to complete our biosecurity cleaning – please bring all your outerwear, backpacks, footwear and tripods/walking sticks to be cleaned and/or checked. *Please listen for announcements.*

1630 **Antarctic Ice** - Please join Elodie and Anthony in **the lounge** (deck 5) to learn about the various types of ice we will encounter during our voyage.

1630 **Zodiac and IAATO briefing** - *if you missed the mandatory IAATO and zodiac briefing yesterday, please join us in the lecture room.*

1730 **Kayaking Gear** – For those Kayaking tomorrow (Friday) morning - please come to **deck 3** to collect it.

1800 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition Team in **the lounge** (deck 5) for our 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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New Daily Program

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

Due to wind and ice conditions at Portal Point we cannot land or cruise. We will reposition the ship to a place called Paradise Bay. This morning we will sail through the Gerlache and offer a lecture.

0930 **Whales in the Southern Ocean** – Please join Charlotte in the Lounge for her lecture about these ocean giants.

1200 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room**. Runners & Mountaineers; please come first.

This afternoon we hope to offer a landing and a zodiac cruise at Stony Point in Paradise Bay.

1245 **Mountaineering** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**. **This will be the mountaineering group from this morning.**

1300 **Runners** – Please make your way to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1330 **All colour groups** - Please come to the of **zodiac boarding area**.

1345 **Kayakers** - Please come to the of the **zodiac boarding area**. **This will be the group booked for this afternoon.**

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

1900 **Buffet dinner** - is served in the dining room. **Bon Appetit!**

2030-2100 **Campers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**, we will take you ashore for the night. *Please listen for announcements.*

0400 **Race the planet. Breakfast.** Please remained to the assigned area.
+/-0530 **Race the planet.** Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. You will get a briefing and we will take you ashore to run at Portal Point.

0645 **Wake up 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. The group **BLUE** and **GREEN** will go to shore while the group **YELLOW** and **RED** will go zodiac cruising first. We will then swap through the morning.*

0715 **Mountaineering** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0800 **BLUE** and **GREEN** group - Please come to the of **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore at Portal Point.

0810 **Kayakers** - Please come to the of the **zodiac boarding area**.

0830 **YELLOW** and **RED** group - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you on a zodiac cruise around Portal Point.

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

In the afternoon we hope to zodiac cruise the Wilhelmina Bay. The bay is known for its marine life along with spectacular Antarctic sceneries.

1500 **RED** and **BLUE** group - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1515 **YELLOW** and **GREEN** group - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1530 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1900 **Buffet dinner** - is served in the dining room. **Bon Appetit!**

+/-2100 **Campers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**, we will take you ashore for the night.

0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

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

This morning we hope to offer a landing and a zodiac cruise around Jougla & Goudier islands. Here we hope to see nesting Gentoo Penguins & Imperial Cormorants. Goudier Island is home to Port Lockroy – the Southernmost Post Office. We currently have no information regarding the Post Office at Port Lockroy – we will receive information early in the morning and will keep you updated.

***There will be no mountaineering this morning due to snow conditions at Jabet Peak
Please speak to the mountaineering team.***

0830 **YELLOW and GREEN groups** - Please come to the of **zodiac boarding area**.

0845 **Kayakers** - Please come to the of the **zodiac boarding area**.

0900 **BLUE and RED groups** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

Yellow & Green will land first, **Blue & Red** will zodiac cruise – we will swap halfway through the morning.

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

In the afternoon we hope to land and cruise at Damoy point. Here we hope to enjoy gentoo penguins, a long walk and stunning Antarctic scenery.

1400 **Runners** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1430 **RED and BLUE groups** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1445 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1500 **YELLOW and GREEN groups** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

Blue & Red will land first, **Yellow & Green** will zodiac cruise – we will swap halfway through the morning.

1900 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the lounge** for our daily recap.

1930 **Buffet dinner** served in the **dinning room**.

+/-2100 **Campers** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**, we will take you ashore for the night.

At around 5:30am in the morning we will be passing through the Neumayer Channel. A very beautiful narrow channel.

0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

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

This morning we hope to offer zodiac cruise at Orne harbour – with beautiful Antarctic scenery and the chance of spotting Chinstrap Penguins & marine wildlife.

0830 **Mountaineers** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0930 **YELLOW** and **GREEN** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0945 **BLUE** and **RED** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1000 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

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

In the afternoon we aim to land and cruise at George's Point & Orne Islands – we hope to see Gentoo & Chinstrap Penguins as well as lots of icebergs.

1400 **Mountaineers** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1430 **Runners** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1500 **RED** and **BLUE** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1515 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1515 **YELLOW** and **GREEN** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

Blue & Red will land first, Yellow & Green will zodiac cruise – we will swap halfway through the morning.

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

1930 **Buffet dinner** served in the **dining room**.

0645 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

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

This morning we hope to offer a landing and zodiac cruise at Cuverville Island – one of the largest Gentoo Penguin colonies on the Peninsula. The first groups will come to shore, the second groups will cruise and, we will swap halfway through the morning.

0745 **Mountaineers** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0830 **RED** and **GREEN** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0845 **BLUE** and **YELLOW** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0900 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

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

In the afternoon we aim to land and cruise at Danco Island – an island surrounded by panoramic Antarctic views and home to Gentoo penguins. The first groups will come to shore, the second groups will cruise, and we will swap halfway through the afternoon.

1330 **Mountaineers** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1430 **RED** and **YELLOW** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**
(Aft shell door)

1430 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (Forward shell door)

1445 **Runners** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1500 **BLUE** and **GREEN** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

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

1930 **Buffet dinner** served in the **dining room**.

2100-2130 **Campers** – Please come to the zodiac boarding area – Please listen for announcements.

This morning we hope to transit through the spectacular Lemaire Channel. Many photographers describe this channel as the 'Kodak Gap', considered one of Antarctica's most photogenic passages. Please enjoy the towering glaciers and wildlife as we transit through this narrow passage aboard Hondius.

0400 Early morning transit through the Lemaire Channel. There will be no announcement – if you wish to witness the transit, please set your alarms. If you would prefer to sleep, we will transit back through the Lemaire again later this afternoon, however we expect the weather to deteriorate throughout the day.

0500 **Runners Breakfast** – Breakfast will be served for runners in the **dining room**.

0630 **Runners** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0645 **Wake up call**. Good morning!

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

This morning we aim to land and zodiac cruise at Petermann Island. On land, we will enjoy Adele penguins and spectacular views, whilst in the zodiacs, we will cruise around the island amongst icebergs and in search of wildlife.

0730 **Mountaineers** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0800 **BLUE** and **GREEN** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0830 **RED** and **YELLOW** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (*Aft shell door*).

0830 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (*Forward shell door*).

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

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

1900 **A special Antarctic Dinner** – Dress warm

2030-2100 **Campers** – Please come to the zodiac boarding area – *Please listen for announcements.*

0645 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

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

This morning we hope to land at Brown Station, a continental landing and home to an Argentinian base (currently unoccupied). We also hope to offer a zodiac cruise around Paradise Bay. The first groups will go to shore, the next groups will zodiac cruise – we will swap halfway through the morning.

0730 **Mountaineers** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0800 **RED** and **GREEN** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0830 **BLUE** and **YELLOW** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (*Aft shell door*).

0830 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (*Forward shell door*).

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

This afternoon we hope to zodiac cruise in Fournier Bay- a glacial bay with low lying islands which are often home to marine wildlife.

1630 **BLUE** and **YELLOW** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1645 **RED** and **GREEN** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

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

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

- 0430 **Runners Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.
- 0600 **Runners** - Please come to the zodiac boarding area. We will take you running at deception island.
- 0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
- 0730 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

This morning we hope to land at Telefon Bay in Deception Island. This island is the caldera of an active volcano and previously held one of the largest whaling stations.

- 0830 **RED** and **GREEN** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
- 0845 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
- 0900 **Ocean waves** - Please join Anthonie in **the lounge** to learn everything about waves.
- 1030 **BLUE** and **YELLOW** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**
- 1100 **Ocean waves** - Please join Anthonie in **the lounge** to learn everything about waves.
- 1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

This afternoon we hope to land at Elephant point. This site hosts an elephant seal breeding population and gentoo penguins.

- TBC* **BLUE** and **YELLOW** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
- TBC* **Weather routing** - Please join Paolo in the lounge to learn about the effects of weather on global shipping.
- TBC* **RED** and **GREEN** groups - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
- TBC* **Weather routing** - Please join Paolo in the lounge to learn about the effects of weather on global shipping.
- 1915 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the lounge** for our daily recap.
- 1930 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.
- 2100 **Editing session** – Please find Ross in the lecture room for a lecture about photography editing.

*TBC = To Be Announced

No wakeup call – Have a lovely morning!

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

0845-945 **Photo competition** – Did you take pictures during the trip? Enter your best shot into our photo competition! Please find Ross & Juan in the **library** to submit your best images.

Pictures will be displayed all day in the lounge throughout the afternoon where you will be able to vote for your favourite pictures.

1000 **Sea bird photography workshop**– Please join Ross on the **outside the back deck 5** to learn how to photograph flying birds.

1100 **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 **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.

1600 **Mate workshop** - Please join Alexis in the **lounge** to learn about the very ritual of the Argentinian's national drink.

1700 **Muck Boot Collection** – We will call you by colour groups to return your muck boots to the shell doors on deck 3. Please listen for announcements.

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.

No wakeup call – Enjoy your morning!

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

0915 **Race the Planet documentary** – Please join the race the planet team in the **lecture room** for a special documentary on ultra-marathon racing around the world.

1030 **Birds of the North and South** – Please join Simon in the **lounge** for his lecture comparing birds of the Arctic and Antarctic and examining their incredible migration.

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 **Antarctic Weather Routing** – Please join Paolo in the **lounge** for his presentation exploring the unique weather systems of the deep south.

1600 **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.

1600 **Race the Planet Awards Ceremony** – Runners; Please join Mary and the Race the Planet Team in the **lecture room** for a well earned celebration.

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**.

*Please walk slowly on the ship, never rush. **Keep at least one hand for the ship.** Shut all doors firmly and keep fingers away from door frames.*

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 listen for announcements.** We will inform you once we have been cleared by local authorities. Once clearance has been completed we will invite you 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.***