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Antarctic Peninsula-Basecamp

Ushuaia - Ushuaia

22 January – 2 February 2023

On board *m/v Hondius*



M/v Hondius was built in 2019, as the first-registered Polar Class 6 vessel in the world, meeting the latest and highest Lloyd's Register standards for ice-strengthened cruise ships. Surpassing the requirements of the Polar Code adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), *Hondius* represents the most flexible, advanced, innovative touring vessel in the polar regions, thoroughly optimized for exploratory voyages that provide you the utmost first-hand contact with the Arctic and Antarctica. *Hondius* complies with the latest SOLAS-regulations (Safety Of Life At Sea). *M/v Hondius* is 107.6 m long, 15.3 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5.3 m, Polar Class 6 (equivalent 1A-Super), 15 knots average cruising speed and has 2 x ABC main engines; total 4,200 kW.

Captain Toni Salo

and his international crew of 49 sailors

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Chief Officer:	Diedrik Scholten	[Netherlands]
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Sous Chef	Mihai Melinte	[Romania]
Sous Chef	Sachin Naik	[India]
Ships doctor:	Titus	[Netherlands]
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Mountaineer Guide	Massimo Candolini	[Italy]
Mountaineer Guide	Owain Jones	[UK]
Mountaineer Guide	David McKinley	[New Zealand]
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Camp Guide:	Koen Hoekemeijer	[Netherlands]
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Expedition Guide:	Gertruide “Saskia” van der Meij	[Netherlands]
Expedition Guide:	Fiona Strasser	[Germany]

We welcome you on board!

Day 1 – Sunday 22 January 2023, Ushuaia, Embarkation Day

12h00 GPS Position: At Port Ushuaia

Wind: E-2 • Sea: At Port • Weather: Sunny • Air temp: 20°C • Sea temp: 11,1°C

Today is the day to embark M/V Hondius, the beautiful 107 metre vessel that would take us to explore Antarctica. After visiting Ushuaia, the Southernmost city in the world, we embark the ship at 4pm and are met by the staff and crew who warmly welcome us onboard. After checking in we are directed to our cabins, followed by the lounge for tea, coffee and biscuits. The Chief Officer, Matai, gives us a mandatory safety brief, we all get involved in the safety drill where we are shown to our lifeboats.



At 6.30pm it is time for Captains cocktails to celebrate the beginning of the voyage with a glass of prosecco and delicious canapes. Captain Toni makes a welcome speech and we all toast to a good trip ahead. The Expedition Staff introduce themselves; it is interesting to meet all of them and

learn where they are from. As the ship sails through the Beagle Channel, it is time for our first meal on board by way of a fantastic buffet. The excited chat at dinner is all about the journey ahead and the adventures that lay before us.



The next two days will be spent sailing through the Drake Passage, the place of the roughest seas in the world, but we are all hoping for a calm passage.

Day 2 – Monday 23 January 2023, At Sea Drake Passage

08h00 GPS Position: 56°37.5 S / 65°20.3 W

Wind: N • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temp: 8°C • Sea temp: 2,7°C



Our journey has officially started!

After our first night onboard of Hondius we awake from the wake up call of our Expedition Leader Marcel. We have a busy day ahead of us!

After breakfast which surprises us with a variety of delicious treats, we start with our first briefing. At 09:15 Marcel is giving us all needed information about the Zodiac operations and guidelines of IAATO, so that everything runs smoothly,

and we are all safe during our voyage to the white continent, including the wildlife and environment.

Just two hours after that it is time for our first activity briefing. We meet with the mountaineers David, Owain, Massimo and Gianni at the lounge and they tell us all about their beloved activity in Antarctica and what it takes to join them. They give great advice about which level of mountaineering to join and what gear to bring or better not to.

Talking about gear... it is time now to receive our Muckboots. So we get called by decks to the shell doors at deck 3 and are kindly asked to bring tow pairs of socks so the boots will fit perfectly. At the shell doors the Expedition team awaits us and helps us to find the perfect pair of boots for the upcoming 6 days of activities.

Once everyone found its pair of boots it is time for lunch. Again, a delicious buffet awaits us at the dining room.

At 14:00 the educational program continues with the camping briefing. Camping guide Saskia and Koen explain all about their favourite activity and we feel excited and well prepared for the adventure to spend a night outside and experience the Antarctic night.

The next briefing takes place 1.5 hours later and it is the Kayaking briefing. We get the idea that this will be a very busy and active trip! Adam and Matthew, our Kayaking guides, explain to us how the kayaking operations will work. Another wave of Excitement rolls over us.

At 17:00 it is time for the last briefing of the day. Julia and Dorette, the Photography Guides, give us a briefing and an idea about photography and videography will turn out to be the best memories from this voyage.

At 18:15 we meet all in the lounge for our first daily Recap, where Marcel and other members of the Expedition team give us short and interesting Information about what we have seen and experienced this day and what we are planning on doing the next day.

After this very busy and informative day we are all happy and excited to see and experience Antarctica and all the activities we are planning to do. We enjoy a delicious dinner provided and served by the excellent Hotel



Team and afterwards we sit in the lounge and chat and share a drink and some stories with our new travel companions. What a great first day at sea!

Day 3 – Tuesday, 24 January 2023, At Sea Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 61°34,6 S / 063°01,1 W

Wind: N4 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Sunny • Air temp: 5°C • Sea temp: 5°C

This day will be a busy day!

Right after breakfast begins the sign-up for the activities in the lecture room: we start with mountaineering, then kayaking followed by camping. The excitement is high and even with all the briefings from yesterday, we still have so many questions... We are looking very much forward to get to Antarctica and out in the nature.

A short while later, Simon holds a lecture about birds that we will be able to see



and gives us keys to how to identify and distinguish them. And we can start right after the lecture as there are Albatrosses following the ship.

A wonderful lunch gives us a break and the time to recharge. The start of the afternoon will be spent with “biosecurity”. This means all our outer layers, boots and bags needs to be inspected and

cleaned in order to avoid the introduction of any kind of seeds or vegetation to Antarctica. We brush boots, vacuum pockets and the depth of our back- and photo bags and go with papers clips through all our Velcro to take out every single fiber we can find. It makes us see how much “stuff” we are actually carrying from one place to the next and spreading out and that, maybe, we should do this also at home – or at least more often. Once everyone has finished this, there is a reward in the lounge: cones of ice cream for everyone! That is a lovely idea.

During the rest of the afternoon, Pelin offers a lecture and introduces Antarctica under quite some different aspects – even the well prepared once among us are learning more about the 7th continent.

Once we emerge from the lecture, we hear an announcement: we can see land at 10-11 o'clock. A lot of us head outside on the bow, others up to the bridge. There is mostly mist above the water and some wonder where the land lies. And the surprise is big when the guides tell us to lift our eyes and look above the mist and the clouds...we can distinguish snowy mountain tops. This is Smith Island the southernmost island of the South Shetland Islands and the mountains are more than 2000m high. What a beautiful sight.



During daily recap, we hear about the plans for tomorrow and then get treated again to a great dinner. And after dinner, there is more for the once of us interested in photography – Julia is holding a workshop on technical aspects in photography in the lecture room. And the kayakers are getting prepared for the next day too.

That was a preparation day well filled and spend.

Day 4 – Wednesday 25 January 2023, Danco Island & Skontorp Cove

12h00 GPS Position:

Wind: N-2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Rainy • Air temp: 2°C • Sea temp: 3°C



Finally, the day we eagerly expected arrives. We are in Antarctica, ready for our very first day of exploring the white continent. After delicious breakfast, we meet at the shelldoor to begin our Antarctic adventure. A very calm Antarctic day with no wind and high clouds welcomes us. Our very first landing is in Danco Island located in the middle of the Errera Channel, one of the most picturesque channels of the Antarctic Peninsula. Danco island is named after Emile Danco, Belgian

geophysicist who was one of the scientific members of Belgian Antarctic Expedition that charted the area in 1898. As soon as we step foot on the land, we encounter with our first penguin species. A colony of Gentoo penguins (*Pygoscelis Papua*) third largest of the all-penguin species in the world receive us with a hearty welcome. After observing Gentoo penguins in their natural habitat, we continue to the high viewpoint of the island where a breathtaking Antarctic scenery waits for us: glaciers, impressive mountain peaks and giant icebergs. We also spot our first Leopard seal (*Hydrurga Leptonyx*) during the zodiac cruise in the area. Some of us are very lucky to see leopard seal diving under their zodiac.

Another adventure waits for us towards the end of our first landing. This is a crazy adventure, only the bravest of us can venture: The Polar Plunge!

Such an unprecedented fun! Taking off our warm clothing, running into the freezing cold (+3C°) waters of Southern Ocean... It is even more entertaining to get back on the zodiac to drive back to the vessel after this very cold bath. But hot shower and delicious lunch buffet back at the vessel makes us feel warm again.



In the afternoon we reposition near the Paradise Bay to zodiac cruise with our Expedition Team in Skontorp Cove. Such a stunning location with sculptural icebergs and steep mountain peaks! It is a very calm afternoon with high cloud coverage that makes the scenery looks even more fantastic. We get incredibly lucky with wildlife sightings. Our Cruise starts with a sighting of a Leopard Seal (*Hydrurga Leptonyx*) lying down on an iceberg. We continue towards to Brown Station, one of the scientific research stations in the Antarctic Peninsula ran by Argentina. We see many Antarctic Shags/Cormorants nesting near the station. Then suddenly several

Humpback whales (*Megaptera Novaeangliae*) surround our zodiacs. We turn off our engines and we simply drift and enjoy the incredible gift Antarctica gives us.

After wonderful two hours in Skortorp Cove, we reluctantly finish our cruise and heading back to the vessel. Everyone smiles and acknowledges what an incredible day we had.

Day 5 – Thursday 26 January 2023

12h00 GPS Position: 64 58.55' S / 63 44.60' W

Wind: E2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air temp: 1°C • Sea temp: 3°C

This morning at approximately 0530, we entered one of the most beautiful channels on the peninsula, the Lemaire Channel. This channel is considered one of Antarctica's most photogenic passages, also known as the 'Kodak Gap'. We have calm conditions with a sprinkling of brash ice and icebergs dotted around. Many of us were out on the bow, photographing the towering mountains, soaking in this immense landscape. After an hour of sailing south, we reached Petermann Island on the other side of the Lemaire Channel. This is our landing site for the morning, home to Gentoo Penguins, Adelie Penguins and nesting Blue-eyed Shags.



With a split landing and cruise, half of us went to the shore first and stretched our legs, many of us headed straight to the Adelie rookery first, as this was our first opportunity to see Adelie chicks! And we were not disappointed! During the cruises, many of us were treated to more Humpback whale encounters, even one that was bubble-net feeding near the zodiac!

This is a highly synchronized feeding technique that only humpbacks have demonstrated. By midday, all were back on board Hondius, and we start our short transit northwest to Pleneau Island.

This afternoon we dropped all zodiacs and started our full ship zodiac cruise around 'ice-berg graveyard' and Pleneau Island. This area is still one of the favourite spots to cruise for many of the expedition team and we were absolutely spoilt this afternoon! Amongst icebergs of all shapes and sizes, rounded, pointed, some that looked like a dragon, there were lots of porpoising penguins and penguins on ice, which is always a highlight! However, thank you to AEL Chloe and Sasha, they stumbled upon an ice floe where 50+ seals were resting! Including 30 Leopard Seals! This is an amazing discovery as Leopard seals are solitary animals and so to find so many of them on the same ice floe was truly special! In amongst them were Crabeater Seals and Weddell Seals too. Yet another amazing day with outstanding wildlife!



This evening we had the normal recap, followed by a delicious buffet dinner. We were on our way once again, transitting back through the Lemaire Channel and towards Damoy Point for our first night of camping. At 2100, we arrived at Damo Point and we had 60 eager campers ready and awaiting at the shell doors. Group by group they were dropped on

shore to start their once in a lifetime experience of sleeping under the stars, on the snow, in Antarctica!

Day 6 – Friday 27 January 2023

12h00 GPS Position: 64°40,3 S / 062°36,8 W

Wind: N-3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temp: 1°C • Sea temp: 3°C

The morning greets us with led-gray skies and a cloud looming over Cuverville Island – the place of our morning activity. The expedition team puts Zodiacs on water and goes for a scouting ride while we're having our breakfast in the restaurant.



Our mountaineering party is the first group of people to come up to the Zodiac boarding area. Mountaineering

guides are helping them to put all the necessary mountaineering gear on and after that and before any other passengers they are leaving the ship and get shuttled to their morning mountaineering activity.

The rest of us are waiting for a call and as soon as it is given heading to the shell door. Part of us goes to the landing site of Cuverville island to see the biggest Gentoo penguin colony on the Antarctic peninsula and part of us goes for a Zodiac cruise. After 1,5 hours we swap: those who were ashore go for a cruise among the icebergs, and the others are leaving Zodiacs in order to land and take a walk.

By midday we are back onboard. Hondius lifts the anchor and we set sails for the destination of our afternoon activity. In the meantime, we are having our lunch in the restaurant.



It is 2 PM and we are already anchored in Orne Harbour – a big cove with huge icebergs, brash ice and lots of wildlife. On the cape we can see Antarctic shags, Gentoo and Chinstrap penguins. On the ice we see a couple of Crabeater seals, and 3 or 4 Fur seals very next to the landing site.

It is 3 PM. Mountaineers are storming the nearest peak, kayakers are rowing heading somewhere, those who are ashore are climbing up a zigzag trail in the snow to the ridge wearing snowshoes and people in Zodiacs are exploring the cove trying to take photos of a Humpback whale surfacing from time to time next to our anchored ship.

At some point people on land and Zodiac cruisers swap and the activity continues. At the ridge where everybody climbs there is a colony of Chinstrap penguins and lots of lichens on the rocks. Besides the view from above is just mind blowing.

At 6 PM we are all back onboard. There goes a recap followed by dinner.



Day 7 – Saturday 28th of January 2023, Port Lockroy & Jugla Point

12:00 GPS Position: 064°49,6'S / 063°30,8'W

Wind: NE4 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Overcast • Air temp: 4°C • Sea temp: 4°C



Today is an early rise for some of us. On the second day of camping some brave fellow travelers are picked up at dawn's crack this morning before we make our way to Damoy point, a stunning coastal area on the western side of Wiencke Island in the Neumayer Channel. Our expedition guides welcome us on land and explain to us that the area is home to a thriving Gentoo penguin population. We are very excited to

observe them up close and it turns out we are extra lucky today because three Weddell Seals are resting close to our walking path over the landing site. The gentle slope of hills at Damoy Point leads us to breathtaking views of glaciers, icebergs, and the surrounding mountains on Anvers and Wiencke Islands. Besides some strong wind we are lucky to watch some fellow travelers mountaineering up Jabet Peak.

Postcards Ahoi! This afternoon we are very excited to visit the penguin post office in Port Lockroy and take a closer look at whale bones at Jougla Point. This afternoon's landing is split between these two points as the maximum number of people allowed at one time in Port Lockroy is very strict.

The Port Lockroy Station is located on Goundier Island and serves as a museum and post office. It is amazing to look at the stunning views of the surrounding glaciers and penguins playing on the shore.



Between 1911 and 1931 Port Lockroy was used as a commercial whaling station due to its convenient natural harbor and advantageous location surrounded by glacier runoffs. Right behind the entry area we are able to witness remains of

these dark times in form of a whale skeleton lying ashore. After the breakout of World War II, the British forces established several secret military bases in Antarctica and Port Lockroy was transformed into the so-called Base A. Once the war was over Port Lockroy continued to be of service as a research station for the British Antarctic Survey and was continuously manned until 1962. In 1996 the site was restored and opened as a museum and post office, showcasing the history and daily life of early Antarctic explorers. Today, Port Lockroy counts as a historical site and monument under the Antarctic Treaty and even though it doesn't contribute to scientific research anymore is remains open in Antarctica during the summer known as the world's southernmost post station.



Many of us use this great opportunity to send a postcard or even a letter from the most secluded place on earth and get hold of some extra special souvenirs to take home with us.

Parallel to our visit in Port Lockroy we try to visit Jougla Point, a beautiful coastal area with towering cliffs and crystal-clear waters. Unfortunately, the weather and most importantly the wind is quite challenging that day which is why the expedition team decides to cancel the excursion to Jougla Point. Better save than sorry!

As the sun begins to set, we head back to the ship, exhausted but grateful for such a wonderful day at Port Lockroy, watching Gentoo penguins up close and sending our postcards on their way.

Day 8 – Sunday 29 January 2023

12h00 GPS Position: 64°50,2'S / 062°32,8' W

Wind: NE-7 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Overcast • Air temp: 1°C • Sea temp: 0,8°C



It is exactly 4:30 AM and we are picking up the brave campers that decided to spend the night in Paradise Harbor, right in front of Brown Station. They spent their night surrounded by amazing glacial scenery, and a mix of soothing sounds, such as humpback whales

blows, Weddell seals vocalizations, and the rumblings of glaciers. After everyone is safely back onboard, we sail back into the Gerlache Strait, to quickly take a turn to starboard, and make our way inside the Spectacular Andvord Bay. Andvord Bay from above resembles the shape of a Boot, and is usually filled with Icebergs, Bergy bits, growlers and brash ice that calve out from the surrounding glaciers. After this tricky navigation we finally reach a small inlet named Neko Harbor, where our morning landing will take place. Upon judging the weather very thoroughly, the Expedition Leader and Captain decide that we will continue the landing activities programmed for the morning, but not the Zodiac Cruise, since wind speeds are judged to be too high to conduct this operation safely. Half of the ship started the landing at 08:30 AM, while the rest enjoyed a Lecture onboard with Marcos, who talked about Antarctica's origins, present and future from an Earth Scientist's perspective. Mountaineers are also outside, enjoying a longer hike up the mountain above the penguin rookery. Neko Harbor is a particularly scenic continental landing, surrounded by very actively calving glaciers, and a busy Gentoo Penguin colony.



After the landing is successfully over, we find ourselves sailing out of Andvord Bay, and then back again in the Gerlache Strait's waters, now making our way north into what's called Lion Sound. This is a small channel that forms between Anvers Island and Lion Island, known by its spectacular scenery of the tall and glaciated mountains, and potential opportunistic wildlife encounters with cetaceans and seals. The planned activity is a Zodiac Cruise, and we manage to exit the vessel, although under very windy and swelly conditions. We finally get a glimpse

of a "Real Antarctic Experience", with a display of what Antarctica can be like at times.

We get some wind in our faces, and a spray or two over our waterproof layers before returning to the comfort of our beautiful vessel, reminiscing on this great experience. We also observe how the Expedition Team managed to get all Zodiacs back onboard, a feat worth watching.

We continue sailing now north through the Gerlache Strait, and enjoy some quality education and entertainment onboard, in charge of the Expedition Team. First Chloe delights us with a Plankton lecture (so interesting!), and finally our daily Recap (packed with information) and Dinner.



Day 9 – Monday 30 January 2023,

12h00 GPS Position: 64°30,1 S / 064°42,7 W

Wind: VAR-1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temp: 3°C • Sea temp: 4°C

Our final landing of this voyage was at Portal Point, waking up to slightly misty conditions the team completed another split landing. The first half were unloaded on the rocky ledges right next to the remains of the Argentine base with only really concrete pillars left to observe but also there to greet us was a fur seal.

The opportunity to stretch our legs for the final team was greeted also with a final continental landing and a chance to get a selfie with the flag of Antarctica. The weather



is also improving now with growing views of distant icebergs and plenty of fresh snow. The first time we have really encountered this on the trip. Seals were hauling themselves out on the fresh snow and shuffling along to a quiet spot.

Meanwhile the other half are taking their final zodiac cruise, about 6 zodiacs are out on the

water and exploring the various bays but also the humpbacks are about, with some zodiac teams getting very close, but the most amazing experience was about to come for 2 zodiac teams.

Marcos and Pelin were looking for humpbacks and with their engines turned off were super surprised to see not humpbacks but Orcas or Killer whales up close.

Three of these magnificent animals approached the boats surfacing and diving under the zodiacs which was a highlight of the trip not just for the guests but for the guides too.

Sadly, it had to end as the zodiacs were again returned to the hook and guests back onboard the Hondius, although with Orcas near the Hondius eager eyes were on deck and sure enough they were spotted off the bow, in a team of about 6-8. What appeared to be a hunt with a humpback was more like a playful encounter and as we continued a pair of breaching humpbacks on the starboard side gave a further sight to behold.



As with all things they finally have to come to an end and with bad weather planned for the Drake Passage it was decided to leave Antarctic waters early and start heading North towards Ushuaia. Before the swells increased and the ship starts to roll we called the cabins down floor by floor to return their muck boots at the 'boot party' and Misha ran a photo editing workshop in the afternoon before recap.

Day 10 – Tuesday 31 January 2023, At sea Drake Passage towards Ushuaia

12h00 GPS Position: 60° 12.6 S / 62° 00.9 W

Wind: WNW-7 • Sea: Rough • Weather: Overcast • Air temp: 7°C • Sea temp: 8°C

After some fantastic last Antarctica day wildlife sightings, the promise of a 'Drake Shake' on the way back to Ushuaia was clearly preying on some passengers, minds but in general everyone on board was taking the potential bad weather in their strides.

The day dawned with overcast conditions and a moderate sea with a late, more relaxed breakfast greeted warmly by most people, only a small percentage of people starting to feel the effects of the lumpy Drake Passage. As the expedition staff cleaned and tidied away the last of the gear the trip's photo competition was launched in the library with a fine array of stunning pictures entered in the three categories – Wildlife, Landscape and Comedy.

This was followed by another couple of excellent lectures from Sacha about his journey to Antarctica and Julia concerning the medical history of Antarctica, as well as a well-attended Antarctica documentary garnished with lashings of popcorn despite the sea conditions gradually worsening, with the rumours of a map filled with reds and purples between us and Ushuaia. The slightly early departure from Antarctica the previous day though allowed the ship to make some minor course adjustments through the day to try and mitigate for the conditions by avoiding the worst of the weather to the north.



Soft-plumaged Petrel

The hardy souls that braved the outside decks or the bridge (or maybe just glanced out of the windows) managed to log a small selection of seabirds during the day including a single immature Wandering Albatross which swept past the bridge mid-afternoon, Soft-plumaged Petrel, Black-bellied Storm Petrel, Wilson's Storm Petrel, Sooty Shearwater, Antarctic Prion, Black-browed Albatross and both Northern and Southern Giant Petrels.

In the end though, we managed to avoid the worst of the weather and the sea, whilst a bit bumpy remained generally benign and with the raucous cheering voting system

revealing the winners of the photo competition ringing in our ears, a relaxed first sea-day came to a jolly finish.



Northern Giant Petrel

Day 11 – Wednesday 1 February 2023

At sea Drake Passage towards Ushuaia

12h00 GPS Position: 56°27,1'S/ 63°32,8'W

Wind: WNW-6, Sea: Rough, Weather: Overcast , Air temp +7°C, Sea temp: +8°C



There we are, our last day on the Drake Passage. Everybody was warned for the 'pink/purple' weather but the swell is not too bad for most of us. Although the sea is rough, most people are in the lounge where Fiona presents a lecture about plastic pollution and Saskia one about the Nordenskjöld expedition. Later in the afternoon Mischa informs everybody about 'the sounds of the deep'.

Compared to other days the buzz is quite at the lounge. Most people prefer to take their time to digest all the beautiful moments they experienced last 10 days. Tonight at 18:15h. we will toast on this great Basecamp trip during the Captain's cocktail.

And then, after our last great diner we will enjoy a lovely slideshow compiled by Mischa with pictures from him and other guides, and video's from Dorette. After that it's time to pack our luggage to be ready for an early departure tomorrow morning.



Day 12 – Thursday 2 February 2023,

12h00 GPS Position:

Wind: VAR-2 • Sea: At Port • Weather: Sunny • Air temp: 8°C • Sea temp: 11,6°C

One last wake-up call. Our bags are packed when we head down for breakfast one last time and we are getting ready to disembark our dear Hondius that has taken us to one of the most beautiful places on earth. The past 11 days have taken us on a remarkable journey over the notorious Drake Passage to the Antarctic Peninsula. 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: 1688 Nautical Miles

Furthest point south: 29/12/2022 65°10.9'S / 064°08.0'W



Your Expedition Team

Marcel Paul - Expedition Leader



From his teens Marcel has been a keen traveller. After camping and trekking with friends, he led groups on trekking's to Austria, Switzerland, England and Scotland. His own travels over the last 20 years brought him to all 7 continents. With his interest in history and as keen hobby photographer, the Polar Regions have always been drawing his attention.

At his first arrival to Svalbard in 2011 and a second trip in 2013, he felt connected with the remoteness of the place and the dynamics of the polar nature. At that time the idea started to grow to become a polar guide and give up a job that is keeping him indoor most of the time.

When the Dutch organised a scientific polar expedition to Edgeøya it seemed the perfect opportunity to gain more knowledge from the area by working with the scientists. He joined the expedition in 2015 as field assistant and participated in various fields of research. In 2016 he went to the Dutch polar station in Ny Alesund, again as field assistant.

From 2017 Marcel has been working as a polar guide in the Arctic followed by the Antarctic in 2018. He now spends about half the year working in both polar regions and the rest of the year is spent either at home in Holland or traveling.

Felicity Johnson – Assistant Expedition Leader



Felicity is a marine biologist, commercial skipper and guide with a strong passion for marine mammal conservation. Working on the water for almost 10 years, she has gained a range of experience in marine mammal research, including cetacean entanglement studies, biopsy collection and analysis, and photo identification projects across the planet.

Most recently she has moved to live and work in Vancouver, Canada, where she is a captain and field researcher for Simon Fraser University. The project is investigating the strategic interactions between Bigg's killer whales and their pinniped prey in the Salish Sea. Alongside this, she is an Education Coordinator for Ocean Youth Academy, a non-profit dedicated to connecting youth with the oceans, creating lessons all about the life underneath the surface and the changing climate.

Growing up in Scotland, Felicity discovered a love for the outdoors during childhood holidays to the coast and hills of Scotland. She began by teaching sailing during the school holidays and then went on to study marine biology at university.

During her Master's degree, Felicity gained certifications as a commercial skipper, marine mammal observer, advanced diver and a wilderness first aider. During this time, marine pollution grabbed Felicity's attention and has since believed it is her professional and personal responsibility to apply her knowledge and skills to contribute to ocean conservation by organising events, talks and clean ups to help spread awareness of the changing climate.

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.

Adam Harmer – Kayak Leader



Adam has been paddling for over 20 years and this includes on all seven Continents. He calls the mountains and the Ocean his home.

Currently Adam lives in North Wales UK. He spends much of his life training and assessing outdoor instructors around the world.

Whether that is sea kayaking in Canada or Chile or raft guides and instructors on rivers in Africa.

Adam is also more than happy when he is working at home, where he shares his

passion and extensive outdoor experience in training outdoor professionals and guides.

A previous winner of the Yukon 1000, the Worlds Longest Kayak race, first descents in Africa and South America and coaching under the Golden Gate Bridge and Antarctica so some of his highlights.

Adam also loves sharing the outdoors with people, sharing the interaction of nature, the sounds of waves crashing or seeing something special means the world to Adam.

He has two children and loves taking his family on 'Outdoor Adventures'

Gianni Dorigo – Mountain Guide



Gianni has been in the mountains since he was a kid, and he practiced many sports, until he has devoted soul and body to the mountain, his great passion. He has been Alpine Guide since 2009 and he started to dedicate himself to this noble craft: the intention to communicate to others his enthusiasm for mountaineering together with the necessary technical knowledge. He is lucky to visit so many beautiful places, every time a great discovery and adventure.

His activity is in the Alps: winter ascents, icefalls, and lots of skiing, ski touring, freeride, and steep ski.

His activity in the world: Yosemite rock climbing, Norway and Spitsbergen ski-touring, Pyrenees and High Tatra mountains for ski-touring, Nepal trekking.

In 2010 he founded inMont - Mountain Guiding, Mountaineering School and Adventure Travels company

Massimo Candolini – Mountaineering Guide



I have been climbing mountains since I was young, doing activities in the Alps, especially in the winter, such as winter ascents, icefalls, ski touring, freeride, and steep ski.

In 2001, I left my job of programming computers/electronics and I attended the Italian Mountain Guide National Course. I was qualified in 2003 and ever since have been working as a professional Mountain Guide.

In 2010 I founded the Mont – Mountain Guiding, Mountaineering School and Adventure Travels company, which focuses on climbing in the Alps (rock climbing, ski touring, high mountain), consultancy (Natural Parks Organizations, Snow and Avalanche Office Forecast, via Ferrata building and maintenance), publishing (I wrote several ski touring and rock climbing guide books) and adventure expeditions organization (Nepal, Perú, Bolivia, Norway, Greenland, Alaska, Spitzbergen, Peninsula Antarctica, Russia, Kyrgyzstan and others).

Having skied all the continents and summited several mountains, I chose the extreme north and the white slopes as my mountaineering home. In 2015 I started to work on board of Rembrandt Van Rijn in Greenland and Spitzbergen. I continue to travel searching to push my skis over untouched snow trying to calm my desire of adventure into a natural, wild, and savage environments. I am definitively convinced; my favourite mountain is the next one

Owain Jones – Mountain Guide



Owain is a fully certified IFMGA Mountain Guide and full member of the British Association of Mountain Guides.

Owain started climbing and mountaineering with his father at the age of nine and the passion continues to this day. He has led several mountaineering expeditions and glacial treks in the Indian and Nepalese Himalaya. On ski he has led remote first ascents in East Greenland.

His experience as a mountain guide in the European Alps, on foot and ski, spans many seasons and includes more than fifty successful summits of Mont Blanc with his clients.

Rock climbing and ice climbing are his foremost passions, and he has made several first ascents across these disciplines in the United Kingdom. Owain takes great pride in helping others fully experience the mountain environment; not just leading but using every available opportunity to share his knowledge and top tips!

In addition to his work as a Mountain Guide, Owain is a professionally qualified youth worker and safety consultant for outdoor educational activities with young people in the United Kingdom.

David McKinley - Mountain Guide



Dave McKinley is an IFMGA Climbing and Ski Guide with 25 years of professional experience.

He lives in the small town of Twizel, just south of Aoraki/Mt Cook with his wife, 3 kids (when they're home) and 4 dogs and spends much of the year sharing adventures in the NZ Southern Alps with guests. Either mountaineering or Heliskiing/touring.

Dave has worked and climbed in NZ, Europe, Alaska, Nepal, Tibet and South America including ascents of Everest, Lhotse, Manaslu, Denali (which with his last name of McKinley originates his nickname of "Narly") and Aconcagua amongst many others. He is passionate about sharing his experience and joy in exploring the more remote parts of our world with people and, having a previous life as a chef, he has a belief that guiding is a part of the "hospitality" industry at its heart. Dave has also been involved in the Search and Rescue aspect of the outdoors environment, and in particular with the use and deployment of dogs in Avalanche and wilderness/Open Area searching. Dave is a guide with a strong skill-set and an even stronger desire to enable and assist others to engage and learn from our natural and wild spaces.

Saskia van der Meij – Expedition guide



Saskia is an adventurous girl born in the Netherlands. With a huge national park in her backyard, she felt on a young age how great it is to be active in nature. Getting up early, when the world is still asleep, that's when you hear nature at his best.

For more than 20 years she was a dedicated product manager for a nature-orientated tour-operator offering tailor-made self-drive holidays with stays in special accommodations. She's coming home to amazing destinations like Alaska, Canada, Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Chile and

Southern Africa.

In November 2019 she followed her heart and managed a lodge in Namibia for a few months. That was the start of her new career. Working as Head Service on a Tallship taking guests to beautiful places around the Baltic Sea, the interesting north of Norway looking for whales and northern lights and expeditions to mind-blowing Spitsbergen/ Svalbard. In the meantime, also complete various guide-training programs.

Being active outdoors makes her really happy. Multiple-day hikes in the Andes or Himalayas, canoeing around remote islands in Canada or camping on a mountain top overlooking glaciers in Alaska. Ask her and she's up for it. Her heart beats faster when nature 'talks' to her. What better way to share her passion and also finding a way to contribute to nature conversation at the same time!

Hospitality lies in her core and her ongoing 'sunshine' is what guests remember Saskia by. She loves motivating people and sharing her enthusiasm with others is what goes naturally. Colleagues describe her as an energetic Jack-of all-trades with eye for detail.

Koen Hoekemeijer – Expedition Guide



Koen Hoekemeijer was born in 1974 in The Netherlands. When it comes to nature and wildlife Koen was quite a late bloomer as he had always been more into nightlife and sunny beaches. But that all changed when he discovered his passion for wildlife and photography in 2009 in Costa Rica. It was during this trip that Koen saw his first humpback whales and he fell in love with them instantly. Not only did it make him eager to see more and different types of whales in locations all over the world, but he also wanted to learn to take better photos of these amazing creatures. And with the love for whales

and photography, came a broader passion for all sorts of wildlife.

Since that memorable vacation in 2009, Koen has been travelling the planet to see and photograph the world's most beautiful places. Usually from boats, jeeps or simply face down in the mud, but since 2016 also underwater. Snorkeling in the presence of whales and orcas is bringing Koen pure happiness.

Among his favourite animals are whales, orcas, penguins, tigers and jaguars. But in between safaris, he also likes to do street photography and capture life and portraits of people all over the world.

Koen believes that travelling does not only enrich your life, it also makes you more humble, more appreciative and it provides new levels of perspective and understanding.

Koen has won the prestigious WWF Frans Lanting Photo contest, and in 2020 he won the Ellen Fitzgibbon Memorial Photography competition

It's Koen's dream to one day have a Vizsla dog and own a small cabin somewhere in northern Norway surrounded by snow and trees ;).

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.

Alexander Romanovskiy - Expedition Guide



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

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

Since February of 2012 most part of the year he spends on Svalbard. For five seasons in a row Alexander has been living and working as a guide in a ghost town of Pyramiden. In 2016 a new page in Alexander's guiding career was opened: he started working as a naturalist guide on cruise ships in polar regions of the world – Svalbard and Antarctica.

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

Dorette Kuipers - Expedition Guide



As a director Dorette produces documentaries and as commissioning editor she's responsible for many programs (mainly art programs as the Dutch Antique Roadshow) at the Dutch Public Broadcasting company AVROTROS. Dorette used to be a teacher in audio-visual skills while nowadays she's more focusing on using smartphones to make photos and to film.

Dorette loves to be on the water (liquid or frozen;). In Holland she has two small boats; one for the canals of Amsterdam, one to sail with. All her sports are water related (rowing, swimming, sailing, skating and skiing). She prefers to travel in 'cold area's' and has visited both the Arctic and the Antarctic.

Being again the photography guide on the Oceanwide fleet means for her the ideal combination of visiting her favorite landscape with supporting passengers in making visual stories of their 'once in a lifetime-trip'.

Julia Wellner – Expedition guide



Julia grew up in northern Germany, roaming and exploring nature from her early childhood on and quickly developed quite a taste for travelling. After studying photography in the tiny village of Vevey on the shores of the Lake of Geneva in Switzerland, she has worked and lived in the USA and France. Once back to the calm grounds of Switzerland, she spent almost ten years organizing medical emergency evacuations and repatriations worldwide – a passionate work with one big problem: a lack of nature and real adventure!

Several winter months spent in Iceland made her remember that the Far North, the cold and barren landscapes are the place where she feels the most at home. An artist residency that was taking place on a sailboat in the high arctic brought Julia to Svalbard, better known to some by the name of Spitzbergen. Two weeks that changed her life: touched by the incredible nature, she decided to leave Switzerland and move north and take on a new professional path.

Since 2017 she is now working as a guide and expedition leader: in winter & spring as a snowmobile guide on Svalbard, summers as a guide and expedition leader on expedition cruises in Svalbard and Greenland and when the darkness settles in the northernmost settlement of the world, she travels south and joins the expedition cruises for a great part of the Antarctic season. She speaks German, French, English and some Norwegian.

Julia still continues her work as a photographer with commercial mandates and as an artist with her work being show in exhibitions.

Júlia Baldursdóttir – Expedition Guide



Born in Iceland into a family of nature loving, tree hugging explorers, Júlia developed a love for the arctic nature and for travelling at a very young age. Age 15 she moved to Berlin where she studied linguistics and later psychology.

Initially a side job in 2013, tour guiding quickly grew into a passion for Júlia and soon became a full time job, both on land and on sea. In 2016 she enrolled in a Tour Guiding Program at the University of Iceland and became a nationally certified Tour Guide. For almost a decade, she has travelled in arctic

regions, especially in Greenland and in Iceland.

It is probably no surprise that when she is not on a vessel, Júlia spends most of her free time exploring the world on her own. In spite of (or, perhaps, because of) the months spent in the colder region of the world every year, when travelling for pleasure, Júlia is particularly drawn to the sunny Caribbean, though of course her other big passion, salsa dancing, doubtlessly plays a large role in that as well.

Julia Angermeier - Expedition Guide



Julia was born Germany in a small village outside of Frankfurt.

She has always had a love of the outdoors. Camping, hiking, mountaineering, kayaking have been her favorite activities since her childhood.

She started her professional career as an Intensive Care Nurse in 1998 and finished her studies in 2003. She continues this profession today in her time off.

The majority of her time, however, is spent in Puerto Natales (Chile) where she works as a trekking and outdoor guide in Torres Del Paine Nationalpark and other regions in Patagonia some of the most remote and beautiful parts of the world.

In 2019 she started working as a camping- and expedition guide for Oceanwide Expeditions in Antarctica. From the first day on she fell in love with the beautiful and breathtaking nature of the deep south. Becoming a Polar guide was now her goal.

Julia's "Speciality" are still people...telling the known and unknown stories of the most interesting people in the history of exploration of the polar regions became her passion.

Another passion of her is connecting people with nature, and showing the beauty around them. Getting people away from their computers, social media and stress, and giving them a life changing experience.

Julia looks forward to sharing these amazing adventures with her guests on every trip.

Pelin Asfuroglu – Expedition Guide



Pelin was born and raised in Istanbul, Turkey.

Growing up in a very big city, she was amazed by the stories she read about the adventures of early explorers and mountain climbers who travelled to the most remote places in the world.

She discovered her real passion for great outdoors at age 17 when she first started paragliding.

Thanks to the great extracurricular student activities offered in her University, she ended up spending most of her time paragliding, mountain climbing, caving and sailing. During the long summer holidays, she worked as a trekking/mountain guide in diverse locations throughout Turkey.

Her love of outdoors has taken her so many wonderful places in the world; from the Himalayan Mountains to the Amazon rainforests. Pelin finally settled in Chilean Patagonia in 2013 where she has worked as an outdoor guide leading multi-day hiking and wildlife trips.

Her interest in Polar Regions was kindled when she first travelled to Antarctica. In other words, she caught the Polar Fever.

Pelin holds a Master's degree in History from the University of Leiden. She specially is interested in Polar Exploration history and loves to share her knowledge with the guests.

Marcos Goldin - Expedition Guide



Marcos was instilled with a passion for wild places from a young age. After a childhood spent having scuba diving, sailing and spearfishing adventures in Patagonia's rough seas his fascination for nature became whole when at the age of 14 he did his first mountain ascent, an experience that truly changed him.

Fueled by curiosity, Marcos achieved his Geology degree in Universidad de Buenos Aires, providing him with the basic tools to better understand the places that he so deeply loves. After years working as a Reservoir Geologist for the Oil and Gas industry, he decided to leave his 9-5 and fully pursue his career as a Wilderness Guide. Member of Argentina's and Spain's Mountain Guides Association and a certified guide by the Union of International Mountain Leaders, there is nothing he enjoys more than sharing his knowledge and passion for the outdoors in nature's own classroom.

After living in many places Marcos continued drifting south, finally reaching the alluring "Tierra del Fuego", a place that he now calls home. In the present he divides his time between guiding in Polar Regions and managing a travel agency based in Ushuaia. When not at work he can be found out in the mountains climbing, hiking, backcountry skiing or planning his next big adventure.

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!

Fiona Strasser – Expedition Guide



With an international background in marine research, science communication, and experience in the intersection between science and policy, Fiona is a marine biologist and expedition guide originally from landlocked Munich, Germany.

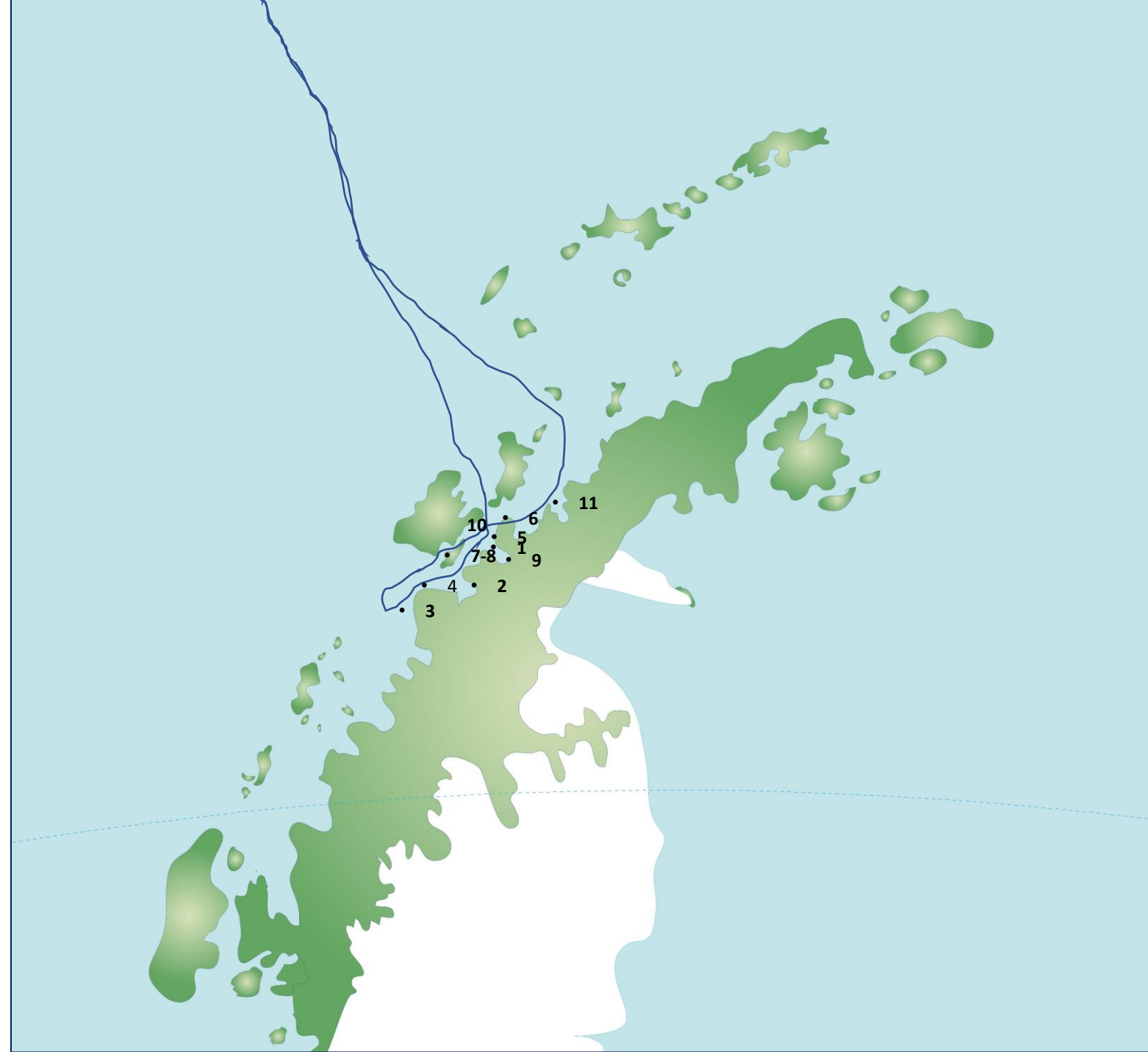
Fiona is committed to the protection of our ocean and strongly believes that in order to preserve our blue world, it is crucial to engage and communicate with the non-scientific community. That's why she is passionate about spreading awareness of the problems the ocean is facing today and finds inspiration in

hearing other people's ideas and opinions on how to tackle them.

Having studied (BSc and MSc) at six different universities in Europe, Australia and South Africa while volunteering with various NGOs and working in marine tourism (whale watching and dive master), Fiona is also a Youth Ambassador of the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance.

Representing Germany alongside 26 fellow Youth Ambassadors from countries bordering the Atlantic basin, she loves to share her personal experience from international engagements with governmental organizations and initiatives such as the European Commission, the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance and the UN Ocean Decade where she puts all her efforts into ensuring that scientists' voices are being heard – at both local and international level.

Equipped with a never-ending curiosity for the exploration of our ocean, Fiona is also a very passionate scuba diver, kite surfer and photographer and you'll most likely find her along the coastline engaged in these activities whenever she is not at sea exploring the polar regions with Oceanwide Expeditions.



1. (Jan 25th) Danco Island
2. (Jan 25th) Skontorp Cove
3. (Jan 26th) Petermann Island
4. (Jan 26th) Pleneau Island
5. (Jan 27th) Cuverville Island
6. (Jan 27th) Orne Harbour
7. (Jan 28th) Damoy Point
8. (Jan 28th) Port Lockroy
9. (Jan 29th) Neko Harbor
10. (Jan 29th) Lion Sound
11. (Jan 30th) Portal Point

Birds and Marine Mammals of the Antarctic region		22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	1st		
English	Latin													
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>													
King Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes patagonicus</i>													
Adélie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>					X		X						
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua papua</i>				X	X	X	X	X	X				
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>			X		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			
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>													
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>		X									X		
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	X	X	X						X	X	X		
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>		X											
Light-Mantled Sooty Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>			X										
Northern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>		X	X							X	X		
Southern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialisoides</i>			X	X		X	X	X					
Cape Petrel (Pintado)	<i>Daption capensis</i>			X										
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>													
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>								X					
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>			X							X			
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>		X	X							X	X		
Soft-Plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>		X	X							X			
Great-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma macroptera</i>													
Atlantic Petrel	<i>Pterodroma incerta</i>													
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>		X	X							X	X		
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>													
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>		X	X							X			
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>													
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	X	X		
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>		X	X							X			

MOUNTAINEERING TRIP Report HDS27

Day: 25/01/23

Number of Pax: 25

Location: Danco Island. S 64deg43.957 - W 062deg36.07

Trip: Basic Mountaineering – Easy - Snowshoe

We proposed a traverse of the neck of the Island but this was thwarted by a high tide and a steep initial starting slope. We landed at the normal landing instead. Our whole team turned off right in an anti-clockwise direction from the posted penguin colony path and traversed a nice high bench up and around in a circuitous loop to the summit. Following this we joined and then descended by via penguin colony route.



MOUNTAINEERING TRIP Report HDS27

Day: 25/01/23

Location: Canessa Point. S64deg43.875 W062deg36.112

Number of Pax: 25

Trip: Basic Mountaineering – Moderate - Snowshoe

Following a good landing at the glacial snout we climbed the gently ascending slope, the middle section being slightly steeper and requiring a zig-zag ascent. All climbing teams gained a fine shoulder that provided us with a spectacular view down to Base Brown. The summit itself was a little higher but on the ascent, we were encountering really unconsolidated and wet snow conditions. Despite being slowed down by the tough conditions all teams made the viewpoint. Our descent back to the Zodiac landing site tested our energy reserves and balance as we frequently sank into the soft snow and fought for every step home!





MOUNTAINEERING TRIP Report HDS27

Day: 26/01/23

Location Petermann Island. S 65deg06.828 W64deg04.045

Number of Pax: 12

Trip: Basic Mountaineering - Easy - Snowshoe

We started our climb on the northern coast to the right of the Penguin colony. Our landing was quite exciting with some sea-swell! On our ascent we weaved our way between snowfields together with one 3m rock linkage (with snowshoes still on), up to the last 20m before the rocky plateau summit. With the later season snow melt we had to be mindful of nesting Skuas on the snow free rock bands.

Our landing was to the far right of the picture ascending the righthand skyline.



The summit of Petermann Island being guarded by Skua's. We kept our distance and explored the plateau before descending by our line of ascent.

MOUNTAINEERING TRIP Report HDS27

Date: 26/01/23

Location: Hovgaard Island. S 65deg 06.828 W 64deg 04.045

Trip: Basic Mountaineering – Moderate - Snowshoe

Number of Pax: 23

Following a good landing, slightly left of the conventional one to save climbing time we made a gently ascending climb enjoying improved snow conditions. On our descent from the summit we experienced great views and chose our line thoughtfully to keep away from convex slopes falling towards the sea to our right.





MOUNTAINEERING TRIP Report HDS27

Date: 27/01/23

Location: George Point. S 64deg40.21 W62deg40.034

Trip: Basic Mountaineering – Easy – Snowshoes, with Moderate extension - Crampons

Number of Pax: 24

We all enjoyed a beautiful 2km easy glacial hike to a col with a good view down into the other side of the point. The extension undertaken by two teams goes up and to the right to a small col. On this steeper ground the team changed from Snowshoes into crampons at the col.



MOUNTAINEERING TRIP Report HDS27

Date: 27/01/23

Location: Spigot Peak, Orne Harbour.

Trip: Alpine ascent

Number of Pax: 14

We had a great ascent of this fine rocky peak, initially ascending to a fine col before turning right and climbing a combination of rock and snowfields to the exposed summit. A fantastic summit with a 360-degree panorama. On our descent the team required careful and adept footwork to descend the exposed upper snowfields. On our descent

we enjoyed the very special experience of seeing Chinstrap Penguins and their young chicks perched on their nests, high on the ridge and far from the sea!



MOUNTAINEERING TRIP Report HDS27

Date 28/01/23

Location: Jabet Peak (2545m) S 64.49.051 W63deg.230

Trip: Alpine ascent (technical)

Number of Pax: 6



A magnificent $\frac{3}{4}$ day ascent of this fine peak with a long snowshoe approach all the way to the Col. We encountered deep snow once over the col, whilst passing left of the seracs to the upper slopes. The lead team having to plough a path through the snow whilst sinking to above the knee on every step! A very physical experience referred to as 'postholing'! Just short of

the summit a crevasse spanned across our line to the and required careful inspection and route choice to cross at the safest point. Finally, we ascended a small steep snowy runnel and ridge to the summit. The summit is a spectacular viewpoint and eerie and care was needed not to venture too near to corniced edges.

On our descent the wind picked up significantly. The knee to thigh footsteps we made earlier during the ascent were buried in half an hour! On our arrival at the col we transferred back to snowshoes and descended back to our starting point. Due to the physical effort required for the ascent the journey home felt long and tiring and a weary but elated team completed a speedy, efficient, and accomplished mountaineering challenge.



MOUNTAINEERING TRIP Report HDS27

Date: 29/01/23

Location: Neko Harbour Spur. S 82.87610 W 134.90578

Trip: Basic Mountaineering – Easy - Snowshoe

Number of Pax: 15

An easy approach to the broad spur from Neko Harbour. We enjoyed the best underfoot snow conditions of the whole sailing, our snow shoes biting in to the firm snow. Cooler temperatures allowed the team to complete an invigorating circular anti-clockwise tour of the open slopes below and up to the higher dark cliff band. These slopes can be heavily crevassed, but we encountered well covered and uniform slopes with only a few initial signs of crevasse formation such as the odd narrow crack in slope convexities

The landing point showing the open ascent slopes and upper rock band.





Climbing the open slopes above Neko Harbour

Kayaking Log.

25/01/23 Morning -Danco Island Calm light winds with clear skies

Wow, what a day to start our activities. Calm waters allowed us to explore close to the shore. A circumnavigation of the Island with sightings of humpbacks within minutes and our first encounters of penguins. On rounding the Island, the guests and kayak guide Matt completed the polar plunge to finish the morning.



Afternoon – Skonthorp cove. Calm and slightly overcast

Again an afternoon of excitement with sightings of humpbacks and flukes appearing as we made our way under Base Brown the Argentine base. We were also greeted to some great pack ice before returning to Hondius and fantastic displays of multiple flukes as we loaded the zodiacs.



26/01/23 – Peterman Island – Another light wind day with some small ocean swell.

A different style of day to yesterday with a gentle rolling swell along a lovely rocky coastline. Here we got to see our first Adelie penguins and sightings of Weddell seals up close.



Afternoon – Planeau Very slight wind and a gentle ocean swell.

We explored the huge icebergs in the bay. A weddell seal laid on the ice before we then saw two leopard seals. The ice formations were fantastic and Adam and Matt enjoyed kayaking with their youngest Antarctic paddler, Scarlett aged 11.



27/01/23 – Cuverville Island – A little wind and slightly overcast

This morning we were rewarded with some fantastic ice bergs and growlers in the narrows before seeing a French sailing boat moored up. The return journey took us close into the shore where we could see Gentoo penguins swimming under our kayaks and travelling along the beach with distant ice bergs rolling and splitting.





Afternoon – Orne Harbour – Moody seas with pack ice in the bay and light winds

A different trip again with pack ice filling the bay, we travelled along to the end of Orne Harbour, directly under Spigot Peak, here we were rewarded with sightings of Chinstrap Penguins on their rookeries and exiting the water, after this we tried to enter the pack ice and make our way towards the landing site. Not only were we treated to fantastic pack ice but also views of crabeater seals and a fur seal at the landing site.



28/01/23 – Port Lockroy Slightly windier day with tough paddling conditions.

Our final kayaking session saw us battle some strong winds into the back of the bay before circumnavigating Goudier Island. On this trip we were joined by Miia the Staff Captain and the ships Doctor Titus. We got to see a Weddell Seal and remains whale bones on the beaches at Jougla Point too.





Thanks for taking to the water with us, from Matt Giblin and Adam Harmer.

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 **Buffet 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 Dave and the mountaineering team 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 one of your boots to this briefing.***
- 1200 **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** will be served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 1400 **Camping Briefing** – Campers please meet Saskia and Koen in the **lounge** (deck 5) for your camping introduction and briefing. If you plan on camping, this briefing is mandatory.
- 1530 **Kayaking briefing**– Please join Adam and Matthew in the **lounge** (deck 5) for a kayak introduction and briefing. If you plan on kayaking, this briefing is mandatory.
- 1700 **Photography and Filming** – Please meet Julia and Dorette in the **lounge** (deck 3) for your first introductory lecture on photography and filming.
- 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.*

- 0745 **Wakeup Call** – Good Morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 0915 **Activities sign up** - We will call you by 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 **Birds of the Drake Passage** - Please join Simon in the **lounge** (deck 5) for his lecture exploring the variety of sea birds we are likely to encounter crossing the Drake Passage and on our voyage.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 1400 **Biosecurity:** We will call you by animal/colour groups to **deck 3** to complete our biosecurity cleaning – please bring all your outerwear, backpacks, footwear/muckboots and tripods/walking sticks to be cleaned and/or checked. ***Please listen for announcements.***
- 1630 **An Introduction to Antarctica** - Please join Pelin in the **lounge** (deck 5) to learn the basics about the physical features of Antarctica.
- 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) – *dinner will be plated, please make your way to the dining room promptly.*

- 0645 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
- 0700 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**. **Mountaineering**, please go first at the buffet.

*This morning we hope to land and zodiac cruise at Danco Island, a small island in the Errera channel surrounded by icebergs and several Gentoo Penguin rookeries. The **Antarctic krill** and **Humpback Whales** will go to shore whilst the **Adelie penguins** and **Weddell Seals** go zodiac cruising first. **We will swap groups onshore.***

*In addition, we hope to offer a **polar plunge** at the end of the landing, please wear your polar swimsuit/trunks under your clothing this morning – we will bring towels!*

- 0820 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
- 0830 The **Antarctic krill** and the **Humpback whales** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a landing at Danco Island.
- 0845 The **Adelie penguins** and **Weddell seals** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a zodiac cruise at Danco Island.
- 0900 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3).
- 1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

*This afternoon we hope to offer a full ship zodiac cruise at Skontorp Cove. We will call you **by group** to the **zodiac boarding area**. Please Listen for announcements.*

- 1440 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
- 1445 The **Adelie penguins** and the **Weddell seals** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
- 1500 The **Antarctic krill** and the **Humpback whales** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
- 1515 **Kayakers** - Please come to the of the **zodiac boarding area**.
- 1815 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the lounge** for our daily recap
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.
- 2100 **Video Editing Workshop** – Please join Dorrette in the lecture room.

At approximately 0530 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. We thus encourage you to enjoy the towering glaciers and wildlife from the outer decks of Hondius.

- 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. The **Adelie penguins** and **Humpback Whales** will go to shore whilst the **Weddell Seals** and **Antarctic krill** go zodiac cruising first. **We will swap groups onshore.***

- 0800 **Mountaineering** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
0815 The **Adelie penguins** and the **Humpback whales** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a landing at Petermann Island.
0830 The **Weddell Seals** and the **Antarctic krill** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a zodiac cruise at Petermann Island.
0845 **Kayakers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the of the **zodiac boarding area**.
1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

*This afternoon we hope to offer a full ship zodiac cruise around Pleneau Island. We will call you **by group** to the **zodiac boarding area**. Please Listen for announcements.*

- 1340 **Mountaineering** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
1345 The **Antarctic krill** and the **Weddell seals** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
1400 The **Adelie penguins** and the **Humpback whales** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
1415 **Kayakers** Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
1800 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the lounge** for our daily recap.
1900 **Buffet Dinner** served in the **dining room**. Bon Appetit!
+/- 2115 **Camping** – This evening we hope to offer camping at Damoy Point. We will confirm whether camping will proceed once we have assessed conditions.
Please standby for announcements.

- 0645 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
0700 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

*This morning hope to offer a landing and zodiac cruise at Cuverville Island – one of the largest Gentoo Penguin colonies on the Peninsula. The **Adelie penguins** and **Antarctic krill** will go to shore first, whilst **Weddell Seals** and the **Humpback Whales** go zodiac cruising first. **We will swap groups onshore.***

- 0810 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
0815 The **Adelie penguins** and **Antarctic krill** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a landing at Cuverville.
0830 The **Weddell Seals** and **Humpback Whales** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise in the surrounding bay of Cuverville.
0845 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room** (afternoon mountaineers please go first).

*This afternoon we hope to offer a landing and zodiac cruise at Orne Harbour with beautiful Antarctic scenery and the chance of spotting Chinstrap Penguins & marine wildlife. The **Weddell Seals** and the **Humpback Whales** will go to shore first, whilst **Adelie penguins** and **Antarctic krill** go zodiac cruising first. **We will swap groups onshore.***

- 1320 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
1400 The **Weddell Seals** and **Humpback Whales** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a landing at Orne Harbour.
1415 The **Adelie Penguins** and **Antarctic Krill** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise around Orne Harbour.
1430 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
1845 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in the lounge for our daily recap.
1930 **Dinner** is served in the dining room.
+/- 2100 **Camping** – This evening we hope to offer camping at Damoy Point. We will confirm whether camping will proceed once we have assessed conditions. **Please standby for announcements.**

0645 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
0700 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

*This morning we hope to land and cruise at Damoy Point. Here we hope to enjoy gentoo penguins, a long walk and stunning Antarctic scenery. The **Adelie penguins** and **Antarctic krill** will go to shore first, whilst **Weddell Seals** and the **Humpback Whales** go zodiac cruising first. **We will swap groups onshore.***

0800 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
0815 The **Adelie Penguins** and **Antarctic krill** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a landing at Damoy Point.
0830 The **Weddell Seals** and **Humpback Whales** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise around Damoy Point.
0845 **Kayakers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

*This afternoon we hope to offer a landing at both Port Lockroy and Jougla Point, as well as a zodiac cruise around the Goudier Islands. Here we hope to enjoy nesting Gentoo Penguins & Imperial Cormorants, as well as enjoy the hospitality of the staff at Port Lockroy – the world’s Southernmost Post Office. Whilst at Port Lockroy, **please wear a face mask when indoors and clean your boots in fresh water provided before entering**. If you plan to make a purchase, card payments are preferred. Accepted currencies in cash are GBP and USD \$ if you do not have card.*

*The **Weddell Seals** and the **Humpback** will be called first, followed by the **Adelie penguins** and **Antarctic krill Whales**. **We will swap groups onshore.***

+/-1330 Please join the Port Lockroy team for a presentation in the lounge. **Please listen for announcements.**

1400 The **Weddell Seals** and **Humpback Whales** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
1415 The **Adelie Penguins** and **Antarctic krill** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1845 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the lounge** for our daily recap.

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

+/- 2100 **Camping** – This evening we hope to offer camping at Leith Cove. We will confirm whether camping will proceed once we have assessed conditions. **Please standby for announcements.**

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

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

*This morning we hope to land at Neko Harbour, where we can enjoy beautiful glaciers, ice and Gentoo Penguin colonies. The **Antarctic krill** and **Weddell Seals** will go to shore first, whilst **Humpback whales** and the **Adelie penguins** can enjoy a lecture. **We will swap groups onshore.***

0820 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.

0900 The **Antarctic krill** and the **Weddell seals** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a landing at Neko Harbour.

0900 The **Humpback whales** and the **Adelie penguins** - Please join Marcos in the lounge to attend his lecture on the geological history and features of Antarctica.

1015 The **Humpback whales** and the **Adelie penguins** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a landing at Neko Harbour.

1100 The **Antarctic krill** and the **Weddell seals** - - Please join Marcos in the lounge to attend his lecture on the geological history and features of Antarctica.

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

*This afternoon we hope to offer a full ship zodiac cruise at Lion Sound – a passage between Lion Island and Anvers Island, first discovered by the Belgian Antarctic Expedition (1897-99), under Gerlache. We will call by group, **please listen for announcements.***

1445 The **Humpback whales** and the **Adelie penguins** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise in Lion Sound.

1500 The **Antarctic krill** and **Weddell Seals** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise in Lion Sound.

1815 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in the lounge

1900 A **special dinner** will be served this evening, so please dress warmly! Bon Appetit!

- 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 Portal Point – another continental landing surrounded by beautiful icebergs and mountains. The **Weddell Seals** and the **Antarctic krill** will go to shore first, whilst **Adelie penguins** and **Humpback Whales** go zodiac cruising first. **We will swap groups onshore.***

- 0815 The **Weddell Seals** and **Antarctic krill** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a landing at Portal Point.
0830 The **Adelie penguins** and **Humpback Whales** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise around Portal Point.
1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

This afternoon we will sail through the Gerlache Strait, on our way North. We hope to spot wildlife and enjoy our last views of Antarctic Scenery.

- 1400 **Muck Boot & Rental Gear Collection** – We will call you by deck to return your muck boots and any rental gear to the **shell doors on deck 3**. Please listen for announcements.
1500 **History of Hondius** – Please join Marcel in the lounge to learn about the history of our ship, M/V Hondius.
1700 **Photo Editing Workshop** – Please join Misha in the lounge to learn about different photo editing techniques.
1800 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in the lounge for our daily recap.
1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** – *tonight's dinner will be plated, please make your way to the dining room promptly.*

This evening we will sail into open water – please secure your belongings and take your seasickness medication as required. Please remember to keep one hand for the ship and take care when moving around. We may need to close the outer decks – please pay attention to the signs on the outer doors.

No wakeup call – Have a lovely morning!

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

0900-1000 **Photo competition** – Did you take some amazing images during our trip? Enter your best shot into our photo competition! Please join Mikhail in the **library** near the coffee machine 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.

1030 **Medical History of Antarctica** - Please join Julia in the **lounge** for a lecture about the interesting history of medical exploits in Antarctica.

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

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

1600 **How to get to Antarctica** - Please join Sasha in **the lounge** for a story of his journey to the white continent.

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 Mikhail in the **lounge** to reveal the competition winners.

*"We must remember with gratitude and admiration the first sailors who steered their vessels through storms and mists and increased our knowledge of the lands of ice in the South."
– Roald Amundsen*

No wakeup call – Enjoy your morning!

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

1030 **Sounds of the Deep** – Please join Mikhail to learn all about marine mammal acoustics.

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 **Swedish Antarctic Expedition** – Please join Saskia in the **lounge** to learn more about the Swedish Antarctic Expedition, led by Nordenskjold.

1600 **Plastic Pollution** – Please join Fiona in the **lounge** to learn about plastic pollution and how it's presence in the pristine Antarctic environment.

1815 **Farewell Toast & Trip Slideshow** - Please join the Captain and the expedition team in the **lounge** 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.

“Why then do we feel this strange attraction for these polar regions, a feeling so powerful and lasting, that when we return home we forget the mental and physical hardships, and want nothing more than to return to them?” – Jean-Baptiste Charcot



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Disembarkation - Ushuaia

0715 **Wakeup call** – Good Morning!

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

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

0830-0900 **Disembarkation – Please 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.***