



## Antarctica

Ushuaia - Ushuaia

1<sup>st</sup> of February 2023 –11 of February 2023

On board *m/v Plancius*



*M/v Plancius* was built in 1976 as an oceanographic research vessel for the Royal Dutch Navy and was named "Hr. Ms. *Tydeman*". The vessel was completely rebuilt as a passenger vessel in 2009 and complies with the latest SOLAS-regulations (Safety Of Life At Sea). *M/v Plancius* is 89 m long, 14.5 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5 m, ice class 1D, 10,5 knots average cruising speed and has 3 Diesel- Electric engines.

## **Captain Remmert-Jan Koster**

and his international crew of 51 sailors

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Second Officer:	<b>Warren Villaneuva</b>	[Philippines]
Third Officer:	<b>Nino Cizmiz</b>	[Croatia]
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Head Chef:	<b>Khabir Moraes</b>	[India]
Sous Chef:	<b>Donald Rivas Cielo</b>	[Philippines]
Ships doctor:	<b>Martin Kriz</b>	[Sweden]
Expedition Leader:	<b>Ali Liddle</b>	[United Kingdom]
Ass. Expedition Leader:	<b>Eduardo Rubio Herrera</b>	[Guatemala]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Michael Donoghue</b>	[United Kingdom]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Helene de Meringo</b>	[France]
Expedition Guide:	<b>Pierre Gallego</b>	[Luxemburg]
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Dive Guide:	<b>Gonzalo Sabattini</b>	[Argentina]
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**We welcome you on board!**

## Day 1 – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2023, Ushuaia, Embarkation Day & Beagle Channel

**12h00 GPS Position: 54°78.6 S / 068°17.4'W**

**Wind: S2 • Sea: calm • Weather: partly cloudy • Air temperature: +22°C • Sea temperature: 10°C**

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Finally, the day arrived for our adventure! Many of us have waited a long time for this day. We embarked on board our home for the next 11 days at about 7pm.

We entered the port and were welcomed by the Expedition Team and the Hotel Team at the Plancius' gangway. After we had been shown to our rooms, we started to explore the ship and our new environment, soon followed the briefing for the mandatory safety drill and drill itself.



It was interesting to see the fellow passengers in the bulky orange lifevests. Before dinner Ali, our Expedition Leader (EL), invited us to the lounge where we went through some basic information about life on the Plancius, the general plan for the trip and the weather forecast for the upcoming days. She also introduced the expedition guides briefly. Volodymyr, our Hotel Manager, gave us useful advice about practicalities of life on board.

After the drill was complete and the shore staff were ready to free our lines, it was time to leave Ushuaia behind. We set off down the Beagle Channel to enjoy some wonderful views of the landscapes around us. The beautiful mountains together with the light in the evening gave us some stunning views. We even got lucky enough to see some Dusky Dolphins porpoising! All this new information was processed with the help of a glass of champagne or a nice orange juice, and we toasted after the Captain introduced himself as well.



For many the travel days to reach the remote town of Ushuaia were long, so most of us went to bed shortly after the fantastic buffet. We enjoyed settling into our new temporary home and cannot wait for the adventures that will begin soon.

## Day 2 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2023, crossing the Drake Passage

**12h00 GPS Position: 57°21.6'S / 065°31.6'W**

**Wind: NNW4 • Sea: slight • Weather: overcast • Air temperature: +11°C • Sea temperature: 8°C**

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We spend our second day on board crossing an interesting area of the Southern Ocean, known by the geographers as the Drake Passage. We left the port the evening before, and we sailed along the Beagle Channel, a spectacular narrow passage that from Ushuaia, leads to the open sea in the east. Overnight, as we came closer to the islands that mark the end of the channel, namely Lennox, Nueva and Picton. From here we started our two-day crossing of the passage that separates Antarctica from South America.



The weather is good, the swell is quite low. We can access the outside decks and enjoy the view of some albatrosses around the boat. After a good breakfast, we start the day with the distribution of our new best friends; muckboots to be able to disembark with dry feet.

Then a presentation on safety on board the zodiacs is given. The zodiacs will be used during each landing on the sites but also during small cruises to approach the icebergs and the fauna.

The morning continues with a presentation by Ali on IAATO procedures, who explains the importance of biosecurity. Everyone is then asked to clean all their belongings and vacuum up any seeds to avoid introducing new species when we disembark. We have to be careful and make sure to look at and vacuum all the pockets of our clothes and backpacks. After a good buffet at noon, the next step in the biosecurity process continues.

The divers are invited to a meeting to prepare their next outings, safety always first!

During the afternoon, Ali gives a lecture in English on penguins, H el ene also gives a lecture in French on the same theme.

At the end of the afternoon Ali gave a weather report and the programme for the coming days during the RECAP. At 7pm we have dinner, and as most of us are quite tired after a full day of activities on board we go to bed early. Tomorrow the last sea day before we reach Antarctica!

## Day 3 – Friday 3 of February 2023, crossing the Drake Passage

**12h00 GPS Position: 61°55.4'S / 063°41.2'W**

**Wind: NNW3 • Sea: slight • Weather: overcast • Air temperature: +4°C • Sea temperature: 4°C**

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As the day started breakfast was served on board, most of our guests started to develop what we call their “sea legs” either because they got used to walk inside our moving ship or because they used medicaments to prevent any motion sickness. The weather was moderate for this first part of our crossing of the ocean, with swell rising to 3-4 meters. This consequently made our ship roll and pitch a bit and was noticed on board by our passengers and crew.

This swell was because we had winds blowing from the Northwest blowing at about 20--30 knots. For this occasion, our doctor provided our guests with the adequate medicine they needed, and hence they had no reason to not to attend our first activities on board.

For this day, our expedition staff prepared a program of lectures. The first of today's lecture was given by Elodie who offered an informative presentation about the continental ice found in Antarctica. In her presentation she described the dynamics of the massive ice shelves and ice sheets we find in Antarctica and how they produce the largest icebergs in the world.

Shortly after we had our second activity of the morning, the screening of a wildlife documentary. We offered to our guests the screening of the documentary "Blue Planet-II" narrated by David Attenborough. In this episode Mr. Attenborough describes how unique are the oceans of our world and why we must ensure we preserve them.

Lunch was served on board at 12:30 and by this time of the day and we were very happy to see many guests joining the restaurant feeling a bit better after the rocky morning we had.

Today, we saw a pod of long-finned pilot whales! Everyone was excited as this is quite a rare sighting.



During the first part of the afternoon, our expedition guide Josh offered a presentation under the title of "Scott and Amundsen - The Race to the South Pole". In this presentation, Josh described how the Golden Age of Exploration of Antarctica happened at the beginning of the 20th century and how this era brought two individuals to a race to reach the South Pole.

Later in the afternoon, Eduardo gave a provocative presentation about the water that scientist have found in bodies of our Solar System and in exoplanets.

Eduardo made a review of the "Alien Oceans" found in Ganymede, Europa and Callisto, moons of Jupiter, in Enceladus and Titan, moons of Saturn as well as in other places in our Solar System and in a couple of Exoplanets. These discoveries led scientist to speculate about the possible life forms that may exist in these distant worlds.

During the early evening we had our daily recap and Ali presented the plans for our first activity in Antarctica next day. Shortly after this activity, dinner was served in the restaurant. During the night, we crossed the Bransfield Strait, sailing quietly under the dusky light of the Antarctic night.

## Day 4 – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, Cuverville, Orne Harbour & Kerr Point

12h00 GPS Position: 64°40.0'S / 062°37.4'W

Wind: NNE1 • Sea: calm • Weather: overcast • Air temperature: +7°C • Sea temperature: 2°C

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Our first day in Antarctica! This exciting day began with the beautiful site of Cuverville. Some of us got up extra early to see the first rays of light in Antarctica. As we were brought in the morning to land by our guides, we already got a close up of some icebergs and penguins porpoising in the water. Even before we stepped on shore, we could already smell what was awaiting us: a gentoo penguin colony! We got the opportunity to see many small gentoo chicks, even although it is quite late in the season. Some of the snow at the landing site was pink or red colored; not only because of the penguins, but also because of a phenomenon called snow algae. Quite special!

We went to a viewing point after a small hike upslope where we enjoyed some spectacular scenery, together with the penguins who decided this was a nice spot as well. For everybody who did not want to go upslope there were other options as well; both ends of the colony gave us amazing views over the breeding gentoo penguins. We even witnessed apart from the chicks, also some of the 'stealing' behavior some penguins do. When building nests, even if it makes no sense anymore quite late in the season, some penguins may turn to the dark side and steal stones from other nests.

After a wonderful lunch by our hotel department we went to Orne Harbour, a very different site from this morning. This was quite a challenging hike upslope for us, but the spectacular view was worth it. But we did not only hike up there for the views, but also for the chinstrap penguin colony that settled there. Many of us were surprised to find penguins this high up. However, the chinstrap penguins prefer the rocks that are clear of snow for breeding and the highest rocks are often the first to clear of snow. Enjoying the spectacular view and the penguins that were surprisingly comfortable this high up, we even got a proposal! An extremely special moment.



After the penguins and the scenery at Orne Harbour, many of us got to enjoy a zodiac cruise for the first time. Some of us got to see a leopard seal and while some did not see the leopard seal, we got to see a group of humpback whales feeding up close! At the end of the day most of us did not want to leave yet, but we had to return for dinner and our daily recap for tomorrow. However, as we thought that our day could not get any better it still did, a killer whale was spotted! Solitary, but very clear a killer whale, we got outside to have better looks as it was quite close.

While our daily recap was postponed and eventually cancelled because of this spectacular sighting, for some of us the day *still* was not finished yet. We had camping planned at Kerr Point for tonight!



At around 9 most of us were brought to the camping site where we were welcomed by Ali, Eduardo, Helene, Mick and Annelou. At the camping site, several weddell seals were also taking a good nap as they thought it was a nice spot to sleep as well. We counted at least 7 of them. As they were sleeping, we got to hear some of the so called 'singing'. This singing sounds like something from a 90's science fiction movie; we all know now that it is to describe, but it was very special to hear some of them sing. As we went to dig with our shovels making our beds, the light was fading, and we experienced the Antarctic silence together. During the night we heard some whales, and some penguins came spying on us as well. At 5:30 we were after a good rest ready to get picked up! As the day was ending, a new day with new adventures already began.





## Kayak

First Morning down in antarctica and 14 Kayakers were dressed and ready to get out on the water. A beautiful morning with a lot of wildlife. First half an hour we paddled along the penguin coloni of Cuverville. When we turned around in to the chanel on the inside of the island we saw 2 Fur Seals and a little bit later we had a big group of Weddell Seals that watched us paddle by.

## Day 5 – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, Danco Island & Orne Island

**12h00 GPS Position: 64°43.4'S / 062°36.8'W**

**Wind: calm • Sea: calm • Weather: overcast • Air temperature: +8°C • Sea temperature: 1°C**

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Our second day in the Antarctic Peninsula started with the traditional wake-up call from our Expedition Leader, Ali. The sky is overcast, there is no wind, but the grey light is magical and gives a mysterious atmosphere to the place. At 8am, Plancius already lies in front of Danco Island, an island situated in the Errera Channel and will be our landing for the morning.

When we arrived ashore, we could see a couple of gentoo penguins that built their nests directly on the beach; they had a few tiny chicks that were only a couple of days old. We also could observe some eggs that haven't hatch yet. A well-marked path allows us to hike toward a second colony of gentoo penguins with an amazing view on the Errera Channel, then we had the opportunity to go to the highest point that offers us a 180° view around the island. What a view we had from the top of the hike! The sky was overcast but we could see high peaks and impressive glaciers that surrounded us. In the bay, a couple of towering icebergs where drifting with the current; we felt so small in this big natural and surreal world!



The morning ended up with the traditional Polar Plunge! What an amazing morning we had at Danco Island! Around 11.30 the first of us started to go back to the ship for a well-deserved lunch that concludes our morning adventures.

Around 14.00, Plancius was at anchor in front of Orne Islands in the Gerlache Strait. During lunch time, the last clouds left the sky, and the sun came out. We were so lucky with the weather! When ashore on Orne Island, we could choose between a long hike toward the summit of the island or a shorter one toward another viewpoint. The view on the bay and on the Gerlache Strait was amazing. As the eye could see, we had high white peaks and towering icebergs. A very interesting fact on Orne Island is that gentoo and chinstrap penguins are sharing the same colony. Some opportunistic skuas were flying over the colony in search of their next prey.

Around 18.00, we finally (and sadly) had to leave Orne Island; we could have stayed there forever as the sun was shining and we had such a great afternoon observing for hours gentoo and chinstrap penguins going around the colony.

It is time for the recap and the plans for the next day: we are heading towards Damoy Point & Port Lockroy. Exciting adventure ahead! As the evening went by, we stayed on the outside decks, looking at the sunset when Plancius was sailing inside the Neumayer Channel. The sky had magical light, from yellow to pink; the scenery was so stunning it was difficult to go to bed. It was another amazing day in the Antarctic peninsula!



**Kayak**

With a smaller group of Kayakers we were ready for our circumnavigation of Danco Island. With water like Glass we paddled among brash ice and the most fantastic icebergs.

In the afternoon we started our Kayak at the northern most point of Orne Islands. We followed the small Islands and met Fur Seals and Weddell Seals. South of Orne Island we entered the isberg graveyard and the wind drops. On the mirror of water we have a long silent moment were we enjoy the Antarctic silent and the views of the icebergs and glaciers surrounding us.

### **Day 6 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, Damoy Point & Port Lockroy**

**12h00 GPS Position: 64°48.8'S / 063°29.8'W**

**Wind: NNW3 • Sea: rippled • Weather: cloudy • Air temperature: +5°C • Sea temperature: 2°C**

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After the blue skies of the previous afternoon, we were greeted by a more overcast morning as we anchored in Dorian Bay for our landing at Damoy Point. Following on from our usual morning spread at breakfast, we got ready to join our expedition team ashore and our first experience of snowshoes.

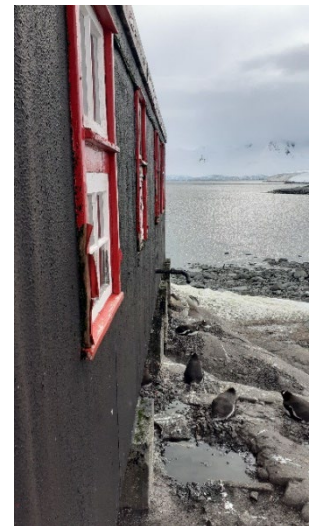
With our snowshoes fastened, some of us joined Expedition Leader Ali for a hike up onto the ridge above the huts to the site of the old British runway. Two huts sit at the landing site, one an old Argentine refuge hut and the other a British Antarctic Survey (BAS) hut which was used as a 'waiting room' for incoming staff travelling further south via plane. Neither hut is used today, but a small team was ashore carrying out renovation work of the BAS hut, which is being restored to its previous colour of orangey yellow.

While many of us took the circular hike up to the previous landing site on the ridge, some of us enjoyed the wildlife at the lower section of the loop. There were plenty of Gentoo penguins nesting in separate rookeries and a couple of Weddell Seals hauled out on the snowy shore. It was definitely a different experience snowshoeing, with maybe some of us enjoying it more than others.



Once everybody was back onboard, we made the short steam around the corner to our next landing site at Goudier Island. The island is home to a small team from the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT) who operate a museum, post office and shop. Originally another BAS station ('Base A') set up in 1946 under Operation Tabarin, it is now managed as an historic site by the UKAHT and the main building, Bransfield House, is used as the museum and shop.

After another great buffet lunch, we were treated to a presentation by some of the UKAHT staff running the site about the history of Port Lockroy before we ourselves made our way ashore to explore. The wind had picked up a little since the morning, so unfortunately our original plan had to be changed slightly and we instead made 3 'waves' of visits to Port Lockroy. This gave us all plenty of time to discover the great museum and the preserved Bransfield House before most of us got to spend some of our hard-earned pennies in the shop and post a few postcards to our loved ones back home.



Port Lockroy is only a small island and we got to enjoy some close encounters with the nesting Gentoos ashore, some of which had tiny little chicks. A few of us were also lucky to glimpse a Leopard Seal as we returned to Plancius, a key predator of the Gentoo penguins. There had also been several Leopard Seals hauled out on ice floes as we first entered the bay approaching Port Lockroy.

With all the shopping and posting done for the day, we hastily heaved anchored and looked for some shelter for the evening's surprise Antarctic dinner. Following on from our usual evening recap, we were informed that dinner would be served out on deck as a BBQ. Despite the colder temperatures, many of us braved the outside to eat our food, especially with some good sightings of Humpback Whales nearby. Under the shadow of massive peaks at the entrance to the Lemaire Channel we all reflected on a great day with full bellies, and even a few of us enjoyed a good dance on the aft deck as the sun set.



## Kayak

Again we had the luxury of a day with no wind. We paddled along the coast and after a while we saw an ice flow with a seal on a few hundred meters out in the bay. We paddle out there and on the ice laid a big Leopard Seal. Around this ice Flow we had a long show of nature. Rafts of penguins, Antarctic Minkie whale swimming around us and the leopard Seal almost interacted with us

**Day 7 – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, Port Charcot, zodiac cruise & Lemaire Channel**

**12h00 GPS Position: 65°04.4'S / 064°02.9'W**

**Wind: NW4/5 • Sea: rippled • Weather: overcast • Air temperature: +5°C • Sea temperature: 1°C**

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After a good night sleep with no ship movement, we are woken up by Ali as we anchor in Port Charcot. The weather is windy and grey, and it is even snowing. After a nice breakfast we are shuttled ashore and there are a couple of minke whales peacefully swimming around Plancius. The landing is on a rocky beach, and we climb up a steep snowy ramp to get our snowshoes. These snowshoes really make a difference in this thick snow.

We then are invited to visit different colonies, and to hike up to the cross that is characteristic of Port Charcot. On one of the penguin colonies we can observe gentoo, chinstrap and adelic penguins together, some even managing to get these three species in one single picture. Our divers enjoy the underwater worlds and have a great time exploring the underwater side of an iceberg and have a great encounter with a leopard seal. This is what all divers have been waiting for all along! Our kayakers are taken along the beautiful icebergs and Zet manages to find lots of leopard, crabeater and Weddell seals. We enjoy a nice long landing and at the end we are shuttled back to Plancius where we enjoy a nice lunch prepared by our chef Kabir.



After lunch Plancius should have relocated to Peterman Island where we planned to do a landing, but because of some issue with the ship's anchor, Ali has to change our plans and she decides to offer a zodiac cruise through the icebergs. This turns out to be a great idea as the sun comes out and the scenery changes into a mesmerising set of icebergs and snow-capped mountains. We first head through the gigantic icebergs to take pictures of the different sizes and forms shaped by nature. We then make our

way towards Peterman Island where we enter a series of lagoons. There we observe colonies of gentoo penguins and observe them as they come in and out of the water. They form rafts of several penguins that are busy washing their feathers. Then the zodiac cruise turns into a seal safari. We discover one leopard seal after the other, to about a total of 20 individuals. Some guests are lucky enough to witness a successful penguin hunt carried out by this top predator. We also find several crabeater and Weddell seals hauled out on the ice, and some even swimming in groups in the water. We are all delighted by this incredible zodiac cruise with the beautiful weather.



Back on the ship we start making our way back North through the Lemaire Channel and we can watch this défilé of mountains on both sides, with an incredible sunlight. Once out of the Lemaire we continue our way North towards the Bransfield Strait as we are heading towards Deception Island for our landing tomorrow.

At recap Ali gives us information about our plans for tomorrow and Eduardo shows us the names of the mountains we just passed in the Lemaire Channel. After dinner we all gather on the outer decks to throw our last looks on the Antarctic continent, finding humpback whales along our way.



## Kayak

We got in our Kayaks south of Port Charcot and paddled toward the south and the plenau Iceberg Graveyard. Huge isbergs with the most amazing shapes. To avoid the

wind and waves we hid behind the penau lland and that decision treated us with a lot of wildlife. we got close to the Gento Penguins on the rocks and had 4 kinds of seals in less the half an hour (Weddell Seal, Fur Seal, Crabeater Seal and Elephant Seal).

## **Day 8 – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, Telefon Bay, Deception Island & Drake Passage**

**12h00 GPS Position: 62°55.6'S / 060°30.2'W**

**Wind: NNE4 • Sea: rippled • Weather: cloudy • Air temperature: +7°C • Sea temperature: 2°C**

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In the gloriously calm and clear conditions of the previous evening, we now left the Antarctic Peninsula and headed towards the South Shetlands and Deception Island. After a leisurely breakfast, the shores of Deception came clearly into view. Deception Island is a caldera, and we were sailing right into the heart of it.

To enter the bay of Deception Island there is only one way in and out, and this is through Neptune's Bellows. An impressively narrow entrance, with a pinnacle of rock rising in the center of the opening just five meters under the surface, it is a tricky passage to navigate. Yet, it gives dramatic views of the volcanic rocks and strata that make up the island. We also got a glimpse of the old whaling station at Whalers Bay, with the buildings and tanks still clearly visible.

Our destination for the morning landing was located further into the bay at a place called Telefon Bay. Once we had arrived and done a little negotiating with another boat that was in the vicinity, we began our final landing of the trip.

Deception Island is an unusual location due to being an active volcano, and many of us were struck by the unique landscape of the island. Resembling more of a lunar scape as opposed to any of our previous Antarctic landings, it was incredible to see the volcanic rocks ashore and the remnants of old craters. Many of us took the final chance to stretch our legs before hitting the Drake Passage again in the afternoon and took a nice hike up to the ice cliffs above a crater and to some nice viewpoints along the ridge.

The landing beach was full of reminders of the hostile nature of the site, with krill littering the beach as it is cooked alive in the waters of the bay. Numerous pairs of Skuas were walking the shore gorging on an easy meal and even a few Chinstrap penguins appeared briefly to have a preen and a clean. One lone Antarctic Fur Seal was also hauled out at the far end of the beach but spent most of the time snoozing rather than posing for photos.





After the enjoying the wonders of Deception, it was time to return to Plancius and begin the journey back north towards Ushuaia once again. Following on from another delicious lunch, Pierre gave an excellent lecture on Humpback Whales and his experiences working alongside these whales across the globe. His talk gave us a great insight into these magnificent creatures, and helped to answer many of the questions we had. Having seen so many on this trip, including some unforgettable encounters, it was great to have a better understanding.

After Pierre's lecture, we enjoyed another brilliant BBC documentary about the deep ocean, which included footage of the ocean deeps in Antarctica. Just as we were enjoying some of the amazing footage on the documentary, the Drake Passage reminded us it was still there. With the wind blowing about 40 knots, the sea was beginning to roll and was gearing up for one of its infamous 'Drake Shakes'. At our daily Recap Ali gave us a little despair and a little hope with the weather forecast, before Elodie taught us more about the history of Deception Island. Her informative talk was followed up by a short video about the bases and stations of the island, and how most of it came to an end with the volcanic eruptions of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

With a buffet dinner served, many of us enjoyed some comforting food before retiring to our cabins for the night in the hopes the wind and seas may ease a little overnight and into the next day,

## Day 9 – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, crossing the Drake Passage

**12h00 GPS Position: 59°59.7'S / 063°47.8'W**

**Wind: NNW6 • Sea: moderate • Weather: clear sky • Air temperature: +9°C • Sea temperature: 3°C**

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After a rough night at sea we are woken up to better conditions in the Drake. It is still quite wavy but much better than during the night. We are all very glad that Ali's weather prediction was correct. After breakfast we start our program of lectures. Many people are trying to fight seasickness in their rooms.

First, we watch another part of the BBC documentaries Blue Planet 2. Then at 11am Ali gives a lecture entitled Ice Maidens on past and present women who came to Antarctica. At the same time Elodie gives a lecture in French in the restaurant about sea ice.

Lunch takes place in slightly worse conditions, and we all fight our way through the moving ship to get to the buffet where we are rewarded by Kabir's fajitas. But even sitting in the dining room becomes a challenge with the constant movement of the ship, and several times items fall from the tables.

Unfortunately during the afternoon the conditions worsen a little bit but our brave guests still make it to the lectures, some more awake than others. At 3pm Pierre gives a lecture about killer whales in French, and at the same time Catherine gives her lecture on diving seals in English. These lectures are followed by Eduardo's talk on the exploration of the deep at 4:30pm, and simultaneously a documentary on Charcot is aired in French.

At recap Ali gives us the plans for the following day, as well as the weather forecast for the night and tomorrow. We then head for breakfast hoping we will be able to keep our dinner inside our stomachs. Few guests make it to the bar afterwards and we all have an early night in the Drake shake.

## Day 10 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, crossing the Drake Passage

**12h00 GPS Position: 56°06.2'S / 065°51.9'W**

**Wind: NNE4/5 • Sea: slight • Weather: partly cloudy • Air temperature: +9°C •  
Sea temperature: +8°C**

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We spend our second day sailing across the Drake Passage. Overnight, our ship rolled among the waves; the swell was up to 8-9 m with long period and some of our guests had a hard time to sleep. In the morning our ship held its course, North-Northwest heading towards the mouth of the Beagle Channel and our position at 08:00 AM was about 150 nautical miles South East of Cape Horn. We had great sailing conditions and yesterday's heavy swell is almost gone. The sun shone above the horizon and the horizon in front of us was very crisp and sharp. Two lonely birds flew in front of our ship; a magnificent Wandering Albatross did many circles in front of us showing us why they are masters of flight. Later we had also a Black Browed Albatross making circles near the bow of our ship.

As the day started, Ali did the wake-up call and breakfast was served on board. Most of our guests showed up at breakfast due to the more favourable conditions and more than three quarters of our guest are now used to the motion of the ship.

Today, our expedition staff prepared a program of lectures. The first of today's lecture was given by Pierre our expert in marine mammals. While in Antarctica we had the chance to see a killer whale up and close, so Pierre gave a great presentation sharing his knowledge about these marine mammals.

Later in the morning, Elodie who offered an informative presentation about the continental ice found in Antarctica. In her presentation she described the dynamics of the massive ice shelves and ice sheets we find in Antarctica and how they produce the largest icebergs in the world. It was a very "freezing" presentation.

While this presentation took place, Helene made a presentation for our French-speaking guests under the title "Seals and Birds". She described the three main species of seals that we encountered in Antarctica, namely Weddell Seals, Crab-eater Seals and Leopard Seals. In her presentation, she also made some remarks about the birds we encountered during our visit to the white continent.

Lunch was served on board at 12:30 and by this time of the day and we were very happy to see many guests joining the restaurant feeling a bit better after the rocky days we had before.

In the early afternoon, we had the first of two presentations, this time given by our Earth Scientist on board, Annelou. In her presentation she described how by studying the contents of ice samples, scientists learn about the past climate of planet Earth. In her presentation under the title "Ice Core Drilling", Annelou explained in detail how ice samples are collected from the ice sheets of Antarctica and Greenland and how these cores contain valuable information to quantify the past changes of our oceans, atmosphere, and climate over the last hundreds of thousands of years.

During the afternoon, our diving expedition team offered a presentation under the title "What the Divers Saw", describing how they braved the cold Antarctic waters to explore what lies beneath the waves. This graphic presentation showed the rich forms of life they encountered during the multiple dives they made on this trip.

During the early evening we had our daily recap and Ali presented the plans for our next day on board, the last day of our voyage; sadly, the day we disembark. After this we had our Captain's cocktail followed by the presentation of the slide show. This slide show is prepared by Staff with pictures taken by all Staff members. Shortly after this activity, a special "farewell" dinner was served in the restaurant. Late in the evening, we sailed slowly along the Argentinian side of the Beagle Channel and approached the pier of Ushuaia. Our voyage on board M/V Plancius came to an end as we casted the mooring lines around 22:00 in the pier of Ushuaia.

## **Day 11 – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, Disembarkation in Ushuaia**

**12h00 GPS Position: 54°78.6 S / 068°17.4'W**

**Wind: S2 • Sea: calm • Weather: partly cloudy • Air temperature: +15°C • Sea temperature: 10°C**

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While we enjoyed a last breakfast on board, our suitcases were taken off the ship. It is a sad moment to disembark from the Plancius, which has been a comfortable and cozy home during this unforgettable journey. We have shared many unique moments, seen a range of rarely sighted wildlife, and made new friends. Loaded with fond memories we now must head home.

We will continue our adventures, whether it be returning home or experiencing what South America has to offer. On the pier, beside our little blue ship moored alongside in Ushuaia, we say our goodbyes, many hugs, and a few tears... and until next time, we wish each other good health and fair winds.

Thank you all for travelling with us on this voyage, for your enthusiasm, support, and good company. We really hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!



**The expedition team has enjoyed exploring together with all the guests. Of course, these operations only run smoothly due to the coordination between all the departments on board Plancius. So, to all the dedicated and determined individuals involved in this adventure, we all give our thanks and appreciation.**

**Of course, this would not be possible without you, the guests. Thank you for travelling with us on this voyage, for your enthusiasm, support, and good company. We very much hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!**

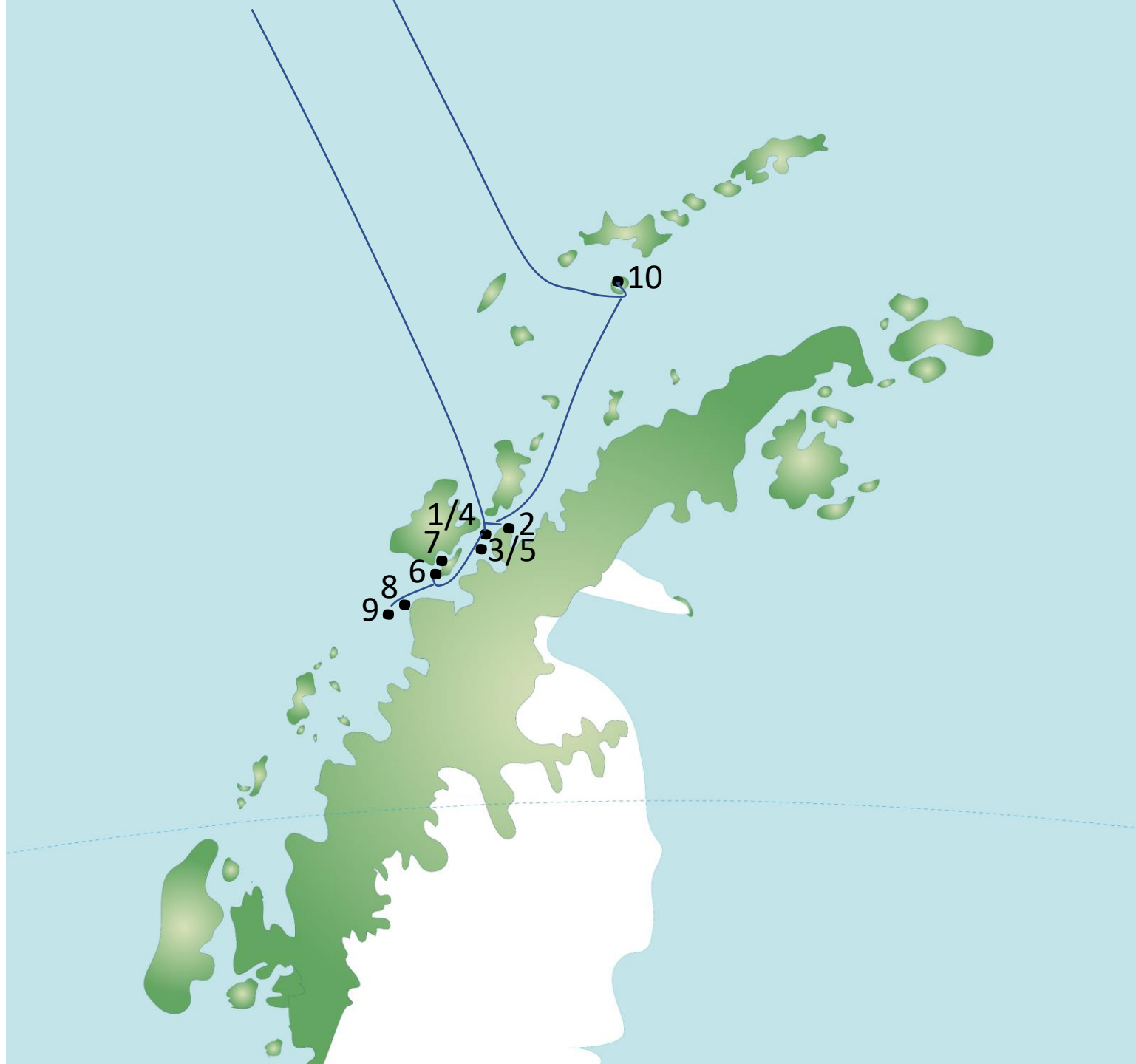
**Total distance sailed on our voyage: 1570,0 nautical miles**

**Southernmost position: 65°07.9'S / 064°00.4'W**

**On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Remmert-Jan Koster, Expedition Leader Ali Liddle, Hotel Manager Volodymyr Cherednychenko and all the crew and staff of M/V Plancius, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.**

## Map of our trip

- **1:** Cuverville Island (4/02)
- **2:** Orne Harbour (4/02)
- **3:** Danco Island (5/02)
- **4:** Orne Island (5/02)
- **5:** Kerr Point, camping (5/02)
- **6:** Damoy Point (6/02)
- **7:** Port Lockroy (6/02)
- **8:** Lemaire Channel (6/02)  
*Ship cruise*
- **9:** Port Charcot (7/02)  
*Landing + Zodiac cruise*
- **10:** Telefon Bay, Deception Island (8/02)



**Birds and Marine Mammals of the Antarctic region / Oiseaux et mammifères marins de la région Antarctique**

Birds		Oiseaux		1-feb	2-feb	3-feb	4-feb	5-feb	6-feb	7-feb	8-feb	9-feb	10-feb
English	French	Latin											
Emperor Penguin	Manchot empereur	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>											
Adélie Penguin	Manchot adélie	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>								X			
Gentoo Penguin	Manchot papou	<i>Pygoscelis papua papua</i>					X	X	X	X	X		
Chinstrap Penguin	Manchot à jugulaire	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>					X	X		X	X		
Magellanic Penguin	Manchot de Magellan	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	X										
Wandering Albatross	Albatros hurleur / Grand Albatros	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>		X	X							X	X
Southern Royal Albatross	Albatros royal	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>											
Black-browed Albatross	Albatros à sourcils noirs	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	X	X	X							X	X
Grey-Headed Albatross	Albatros à tête grise	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>		X	X							X	
Light-Mantled Sooty Albatross	Albatros fuligineux à dos clair	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>											
Northern Giant-Petrel	Pétrel géant subantarctique/de Hall	<i>Macronectes halli</i>						X	X	X	X		
Southern Giant-Petrel	Pétrel géant antarctique	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Southern Fulmar	Fulmar Antarctique	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>			X			X		X			
Cape Petrel (Pintado)	Damier du Cap	<i>Daption capensis</i>			X						X		
Antarctic Petrel	Pétrel Antarctique	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>											
Snow Petrel	Pétrel des neiges	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>									X		
Blue Petrel	Pétrel bleu	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>											
White-chinned Petrel	Pétrel à menton blanc	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>			X								X
Soft-Plumaged Petrel	Pétrel soyeux	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>		X	X								
Antarctic Prion	Prion de la Désolation	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>			X								X
Slender-billed Prion	Prion de Belcher	<i>Pachyptila belcheri</i>											
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	Océanite de Wilson	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>			X			X	X	X	X		X
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	Océanite à ventre noir	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>			X								
Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	Océanite à croupion gris	<i>Oceanites nereis</i>											
Magellanic Diving-Petrel	Pétrel plongeur de Magellan	<i>Pelecanoides magellani</i>											
Sooty Shearwater	Puffin fuligineux	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>											X
Imperial (Blue Eyed) Shag	Cormoran impérial	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>	X										X
Rock Shag	Cormoran de Magellan	<i>Phalacrocorax magellanicus</i>	X										
Antarctic Shag	Cormoran antarctique	<i>Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis</i>					X	X	X	X	X		
Snowy (Pale-faced) Sheathbill	Chionis blanc	<i>Chionis alba</i>						X	X				
Chilean Skua	Skua du Chili	<i>Stercorarius chilensis</i>	X										
South Polar Skua	Labbe de McCormick	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>					X	X	X		X		
Sub-Antarctic (Brown) Skua	Labbe subantarctique	<i>Catharacta lonnbergi</i>						X	X	X	X		
Dolphin Gull	Goéland de Scoresby	<i>Larus scoresbii</i>											
Kelp Gull	Goéland dominicain	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	X					X		X	X		X
South American Tern	Sterne hirundinacée	<i>Sterna hirundinacea</i>	X										
Antarctic Tern	Sterne subantarctique	<i>Sterna vittata</i>					X	X	X	X	X		





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# Ali Liddle - Expedition Leader

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Originally from the UK, Ali spent 15 years living in the Falkland Islands where she worked as a Primary school teacher both teaching out in 'camp' and at the school in Stanley. Latterly, she was employed as Education Officer for Falklands Conservation and shared her time between classroom teaching and conservation. In 1997, she spent 9 months living on South Georgia where she ran the Post Office and took every opportunity to hike, ski and explore the surrounding peaks and coastline. She has published three books to date: *Plants of the Falkland Islands* and two art and craft books for children using penguins and albatross as the inspiration. Ali is a keen runner, having completed three marathons in the Falkland Islands and two in the UK, and she also enjoys cycling, hiking and camping. Ali has been working on Antarctic and Arctic expedition cruises with Oceanwide for more years than she cares to remember and works on all of the Oceanwide vessels at some point during the year. She has recently relocated from Northumberland to the Isle of Skye where she is renovating a cottage and enjoying the hiking opportunities of the island. Her particular interest is

natural history and the wildlife, and she enjoys sharing her knowledge of and passion for the polar regions.

## Français

Originaire du Royaume Uni, Ali a vécu 15 ans aux Falklands où elle a travaillé comme enseignante du Primaire à l'École de Stanley et comme enseignante « itinérante ». Plus tard, elle est employée comme Responsable de l'Education pour « Falklands Conservation » et partage son temps entre enseignement et conservation. En 1997, elle passe 9 mois en Géorgie du Sud où elle est en charge de la Poste et profite de la moindre opportunité pour y randonner, skier et explorer les sommets et les littoraux alentours. Ali a publié trois livres à ce jour : *Plantes des îles Falklands* et deux ouvrages à destination des enfants utilisant les albatros et les manchots comme inspiration. Ali est une adepte de la course à pied, elle a ainsi couru trois marathons dans les Falklands et deux au Royaume Uni. Elle aime également le cyclisme, la randonnée et le camping. Ali travaille pour des expéditions Arctiques et Antarctiques à bord des navires d'Oceanwide depuis de très nombreuses années, au point de ne plus les compter. Ali s'est récemment installé sur l'île de Skye où elle rénove un cottage et profite des nombreuses randonnées de l'île. Elle est très attirée par la Biologie et la vie sauvage et aime partager son savoir et sa passion pour les régions polaires.

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# Eduardo Rubio - Expedition Guide

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I describe myself as an astronomer by profession with a passion for sharing nature with others.

After studying physics, I got my PhD in Astronomy from the University of Amsterdam in 2010. After a postdoctoral position I became a lecturer of physics and Astronomy as well as a guide in expedition cruise ships. In 2018 I decided to become a full-time guide for Oceanwide Expeditions in the Antarctic and in the Arctic.

My interests vary from history of exploration to the intricacies of astronomy. During the trips I have undertaken, I offer lectures about polar explorers, the science carried out in Antarctica (astronomy in particular), about our Universe, and the mysteries of our ocean's depths, to mention some. At sea, besides being an engaged guide and lecturer, I love to show constellations to people, pointing out their names and their lore. In every trip I made, I always aim to raise the enthusiasm of guests towards science, and their awareness towards the unique and fragile planet where we live. Born in Guatemala (1978), I speak English,

Spanish and German.

## Français

Eduardo se décrit lui-même comme astronome de profession avec une passion pour la nature, en particulier la mer, la montagne, les levers et les couchers de soleil!

Il obtient son Doctorat en Astronomie à l'Université d'Amsterdam en 2010. Après son Post-Doc, il décide, en 2013, de partager son temps entre amphitheatres et navires d'expéditions. Ainsi, il enseigne une partie de l'année, la physique et l'astronomie à l'université et le reste du temps il donne des conférences et guide les touristes en Antarctique et dans l'Atlantique sud.

Les centres d'intérêts d'Eduardo vont de l'histoire des grands explorateurs aux subtilités de l'astronomie. Lors des voyages auxquels il prend part, il donne des conférences sur les explorateurs polaires, sur les recherches menées en Antarctique (en particulier en astronomie), sur notre univers (rien de moins), sur de fameuses batailles navales et sur les phénomènes optiques, pour n'en citer que quelques unes. En mer, il adore montrer aux passagers les constellations, les nommer...

Eduardo tente sans cesse d'éveiller l'intérêt des gens pour les sciences ainsi que leur sensibilité envers cette unique et fragile planète sur laquelle nous vivons.

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# Michael Donoghue – Expedition Guide

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Michael began his career with the Royal Marine Commandos at 18 where he served all over the world. His deployments were in some of the most hostile and extreme conditions, from the Jungles to the Arctic where he taught as a Military ski instructor.

After leaving the Marines, he travelled extensively through Central America, Australia, New Zealand and Asia. His thirst for travel continued as he later became involved in the Yachting industry working as an Engineer. He has worked on a variety of sailing and motor vessels as well as being based ashore.

Aside from his time with the yachting industry, he co-established a charity for young, disadvantaged persons, and served as a mountain Trekking and Outdoor Activities Guide. In his spare time he can be found in the mountains (having completed his Mountain Leaders Training), climbing, hiking and most recently in the winters skiing and Ice climbing. Fitness is a very important part of his life, and he loves to run, cycle and open water swimming.

## Français

Michael a commencé sa carrière dans les Royal Marine Commandos à 18 ans, où il a servi dans le monde entier. Il a été déployé dans les conditions les plus hostiles et les plus extrêmes, de la jungle à l'Arctique, où il a enseigné en tant que moniteur de ski militaire.

Après avoir quitté les Marines, il a beaucoup voyagé en Amérique centrale, en Australie, en Nouvelle-Zélande et en Asie. Sa soif de voyager s'est poursuivie lorsqu'il s'est engagé dans l'industrie du yachting en tant qu'ingénieur. Il a travaillé sur une variété de bateaux à voile et à moteur, ainsi qu'à terre.

En dehors de son travail dans l'industrie du yachting, il a cofondé une organisation caritative pour les jeunes défavorisés et a été guide de trekking en montagne et d'activités de plein air. Pendant son temps libre, on peut le trouver en montagne (il a suivi une formation d'accompagnateur en montagne), en train de faire de l'escalade, de la randonnée et, plus récemment, en hiver, du ski et de la cascade de glace. La forme physique est une partie très importante de sa vie, et il aime courir, faire du vélo et nager en eau libre.

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# Hélène de Méringo - Expedition Guide

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Native from Brittany in France, Hélène quickly developed a passion for nature and wildlife.

After studying biology and ecology, she multiplied missions in various latitudes, working for conservation programs in Guinea, Quebec, and research programs in New Zealand and Indonesia.

In 2008, she winters in the Kerguelen Archipelago as a volunteer biologist for the French Polar Institute and develops a real interest for island ecosystems and the polar world. A grandiose and decisive experience. She continues her experience in the Great South as an agent of the French Southern and Antarctic Natural Reserve.  
8.64 cm

Since 2012, she works as an engineer in a research team focus in island ecology. This work leads her to regularly participate in on-board missions to study seabirds nesting in remote islands, particularly in the Pacific.

Since January 2019, she has been participating in cruises to the Antarctic Peninsula and the Arctic on expedition ships with Oceanwide Expedition.

## Français

Originaire de Bretagne, Hélène se passionne rapidement pour la nature et la faune sauvage.

Après des études de biologie et écologie, elle multiplie les missions sous diverses latitudes, travaillant pour des programmes de conservation en Guinée, au Québec, et des programmes de recherche en Nouvelle Zélande et en Indonésie.

En 2008, elle hiverne sur l'archipel des Kerguelen en tant que biologiste volontaire pour l'Institut Polaire Français (l'IPEV) et y développe un réel intérêt pour les écosystèmes insulaires et le monde polaire. Une expérience grandiose et décisive. Elle poursuit son expérience dans le Grand sud comme agent de la Réserve Naturelle des Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises.

Depuis 2012, elle a rejoint le CNRS en tant qu'ingénieur d'étude au sein d'une équipe de recherche en écologie insulaire. Ce travail l'amène à participer régulièrement à des missions embarquées pour étudier les oiseaux marins qui nichent dans des îles éloignées, particulièrement dans le Pacifique.

Depuis janvier 2019, elle participe à des croisières en péninsule Antarctique et en Arctique sur des bateaux d'expédition avec Oceanwide Expedition.

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# Pierre Gallego – Expedition Guide

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Pierre is a veterinarian specialized in marine mammal medicine. He has been working in the field of marine biology for 18 years, and has been organizing marine mammal research internships around the world since 2004. He represents the Government of Luxembourg at the International Whaling Commission and CCAMLR, and works with numerous international NGOs to promote marine mammal conservation and to fight cetacean captivity.

He is currently carrying out his PhD with the Oceanology Lab of the University of Liege, Belgium. His PhD thesis deals with pollutants and stable isotopes in humpback whales off Ecuador and Mozambique.

He is a keen birdwatcher and enjoys photography. The ocean is his passion, and water is his element!

## Français

Pierre est un vétérinaire spécialisé dans la médecine des mammifères marins. Il travaille dans le domaine de la biologie marine depuis 18 ans, et organise depuis 2004 des stages de recherche sur les mammifères marins dans le monde entier. Il représente le gouvernement luxembourgeois auprès de la Commission baleinière internationale et de la CCAMLR, et collabore avec de nombreuses ONG internationales pour promouvoir la conservation des mammifères marins et lutter contre la captivité des cétacés.

Il effectue actuellement son doctorat au laboratoire d'océanologie de l'Université de Liège, en Belgique. Sa thèse de doctorat porte sur les polluants et les isotopes stables chez les baleines à bosse au large de l'Équateur et du Mozambique.

Il est un passionné d'ornithologie et aime la photographie. L'océan est sa passion, et l'eau son élément!

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# Joshua Peck – Expedition Guide

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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.

## Français

Originaire des îles Malouines, Josh a toujours été fasciné par le monde naturel et l'exploration de nouvelles destinations.

Ayant grandi dans le havre de vie sauvage des Malouines - avec les régions polaires à sa porte - Josh a passé la majeure partie de sa vie à côtoyer des pingouins, des phoques et des baleines, et plus récemment en Géorgie du Sud où il a travaillé pendant 4 mois pour le gouvernement de Géorgie du Sud.

Josh aime vivre et travailler dans des endroits reculés et sur des îles isolées, notamment dans son pays natal, les Malouines, où il participe à des projets de conservation depuis son plus jeune âge. Josh a également beaucoup voyagé et travaillé dans le monde entier, des États-Unis et du Canada à l'Islande, la Zambie, l'Australie et la Pologne.

Après avoir obtenu des diplômes d'histoire et de politique à Bristol et à Londres au Royaume-Uni, Josh est rentré chez lui aux îles Malouines pour poursuivre sa passion pour la faune et les endroits sauvages, en cofondant une société d'excursions locales avec deux amis d'enfance en 2016. Se concentrant sur la nature et les visites historiques, Josh a travaillé pendant les quatre saisons suivantes en guidant et en partageant son amour de sa maison avec les nombreux invités qui l'ont visitée.

Photographe passionné et footballeur international pour son pays d'origine (soccer), il est toujours à la recherche de nouvelles expériences et de lieux à visiter pour élargir ses horizons, et attend avec impatience les prochaines aventures avec Oceanwide Expeditions.

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# Annelou Hulsker – Expedition Guide

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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.

## Français

Annelou a grandi dans une ville côtière des Pays-Bas connue pour sa base navale et ses pêcheries. Elle y passait la plupart de son temps à faire de la voile, de la randonnée ou à chercher des pierres et des coquillages brillants sur la plage. C'est là qu'est née sa passion pour la Terre, qu'elle a décidé de transformer en carrière.

Annelou s'est spécialisée dans les sciences de la Terre et a obtenu un diplôme de l'université d'Utrecht. Elle s'est spécialisée en géographie physique, où elle se concentre sur les processus de surface terrestre, les risques naturels, la géomorphologie, la reconstruction du climat et les changements climatiques, avec une mineure en durabilité.

Le lien entre les aspects académiques et pratiques des sciences de la terre, qui impliquent beaucoup de travail sur le terrain et sont très pratiques, est ce qu'elle apprécie le plus. Elle aime partager sa compréhension de la Terre en général et de l'Arctique en particulier. Elle s'intéresse également à l'histoire de la chasse à la baleine, qui a joué un rôle important dans l'histoire de sa ville natale.

Elle est ravie de pouvoir combiner sa passion pour la Terre avec le fait de parcourir les mers en bateau.

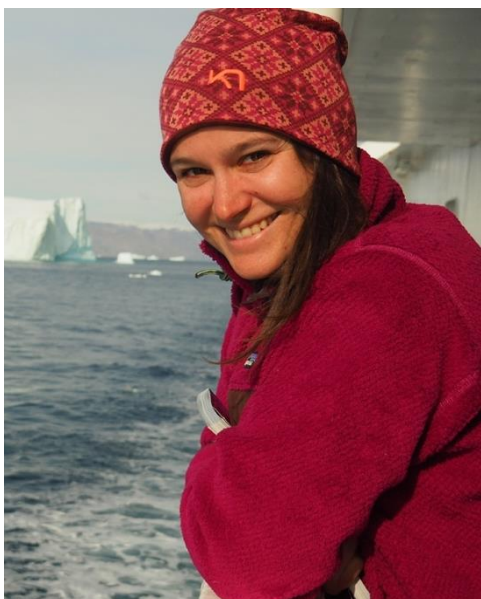
Pendant son temps libre, elle aime toujours collectionner les pierres brillantes. La plupart du temps, on peut la trouver sur l'eau, en train de naviguer quelque part en Europe avec sa famille, en train de faire de la randonnée ou, lorsqu'elle est à la maison, en train de faire de l'escalade.



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# Elodie Bouvier – Expedition guide

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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.

## Français

Née dans les Alpes, Elodie a toujours voué une passion pour les montagnes ; les escalader, les découvrir mais également mieux comprendre les formes du paysage, la dynamique et l'évolution des glaciers et du permafrost.

Après avoir entrepris des études de géomorphologie alpine à l'Université de Lausanne, elle prend la direction du Québec à Rimouski où elle réalise des travaux sur la déglaciation de l'inlandsis laurentidien qui recouvrait une grande partie de l'Amérique du Nord. Les régions polaires l'attirent inexorablement ; cette passion l'a conduit sur l'archipel du Svalbard pour un semestre d'étude pour se spécialiser en nivologie et glaciologie.

Depuis lors, elle a notamment travaillé sur la réalisation de sentiers didactiques qui sensibilisent les randonneurs aux impacts du changement climatique et paysager en haute montagne. Sa passion pour les grands espaces sauvages l'a amenée à découvrir la Norvège et le Spitzberg à ski, à pied et à la voile.

Elodie s'intéresse particulièrement à l'interprétation du paysage et à lire les formes laissées par les glaciers lors des dernières périodes glaciaires.

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# Michael Green – Dive Team Leader

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He began diving in 1980 learning with the Royal Navy in Portsmouth Harbour. Leaving the Navy, he continued to dive mainly around the U.K. dive into the wrecks always looking for a new story to learn.

He is qualified as an instructor with BSAC and PADI. Plus, certified to operate Drager Dolphin and Buddy Inspiration rebreather. He has worked for Oceanwide since coming aboard as a guest for the Last eight years. He enjoys spending time giving our guests a safe but enjoyable experience in the Polar Regions.

His biggest tip for you is slow down.

Look around you, enjoy these beautiful flames they are amazing. He is looking forward to spending some time with you over the coming days. Please ask any questions you may have as soon as you have them, we are here to help!

## Français

Il a commencé à plonger en 1980 en apprenant avec la Royal Navy dans le port de Portsmouth. En quittant la Marine, il a continué à plonger principalement autour du Royaume-Uni, dans les épaves, toujours à la recherche d'une nouvelle histoire à apprendre.

Il est qualifié comme instructeur avec BSAC et PADI. De plus, il est certifié pour opérer les recycleurs Drager Dolphin et Buddy Inspiration. Il travaille pour Oceanwide depuis son arrivée à bord en tant qu'invité au cours des huit dernières années. Il aime passer du temps à donner à nos invités une expérience sûre et agréable dans les régions polaires.

Son plus grand conseil pour vous est de ralentir.

Regardez autour de vous, profitez de ces magnifiques flammes, elles sont étonnantes. Il est impatient de passer du temps avec vous dans les prochains jours. N'hésitez pas à poser toutes vos questions dès que vous en avez, nous sommes là pour vous aider !

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# Catherine Buckland – Dive Guide

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Although born inland in the UK this didn't stop Catherine from developing a love for the water and sea. She began sailing at an early age and completed longer sea voyages as she got older. Her maritime interests meant it wasn't a huge leap to start scuba diving. Predominantly Catherine is a commercial diving instructor and diver medic based in Plymouth, on the south coast of England. Diving year-round, she trains commercial divers, including teams from the British Antarctic Survey and some work with the UK military.

In between time she enjoys working for Oceanwide on their dive trips, helping experienced tourist divers to explore these frigid waters. Land guiding for Oceanwide in the Antarctic and Arctic has enabled Catherine to really enjoy working above the water and appreciating the wildlife in these fascinating environments.

## Français

Bien qu'elle soit née dans les terres au Royaume-Uni, cela n'a pas empêché Catherine de développer un amour pour l'eau et la mer. Elle a commencé à faire de la voile dès son plus jeune âge et a effectué de plus longs voyages en mer en vieillissant. Son intérêt pour la mer ne l'a pas empêchée de se lancer dans la plongée sous-marine. Catherine est principalement instructrice de plongée commerciale et médecin de plongée basée à Plymouth, sur la côte sud de l'Angleterre. Plongeant toute l'année, elle forme des plongeurs commerciaux, y compris des équipes du British Antarctic Survey et certains travaillent avec l'armée britannique.

Entre-temps, elle aime travailler pour Oceanwide lors de leurs voyages de plongée, aidant les plongeurs touristiques expérimentés à explorer ces eaux glaciales. Le fait d'être guide terrestre pour Oceanwide en Antarctique et en Arctique a permis à Catherine de vraiment apprécier le travail au-dessus de l'eau et d'apprécier la faune et la flore de ces environnements fascinants.

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# Gonzalo Sabbattini – Dive Guide

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Gonzalo was born in Córdoba, Argentina in 1987. Son of Cecilia and Juan and brother to Matias and Marcos. Since a young kid his life was connected to water because his family owns fishing boats in Los Molinos Lake in Córdoba. Summers and weekends were endless among friends and family, swimming, and fishing.

As time passed by, swimming in the lake evolved into diving; Gonzalo received his first diving certification as a Argentinian Federation of Subaquatic Activities (FAAS\_CMAS)-One Star Diver at the age of 16. During his twenty's Gonzalo was an active member of the local diving school collaborating as a volunteer as he continued his formation as a diver.

In 2013 he was invited to work to Cozumel, Mexico as a dive guide guiding certificate and first-time divers. At the island, he gained a lot of experience working with international tourism and he spent more than a year diving daily. When he came back to his country, he set sails to a new adventure. Decided to move to Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, where diving and weather conditions are a challenge. For the

last 6 years he has become a cold-water diver, mastering the dry suit and the rest of cold-water equipment. On 2018 he was certified as a dive instructor (FAAS – CMAS) and since then, works at a diving school lecturing new cold-water divers and guiding national and international divers who marvel with the kelp forests that characterize dives in the Beagle Channel. On top off diving Gonzalo has always been as sportive person, he loves snowboarding, fishing, and spending time in nature and wilderness, and he found in Ushuaia a perfect playground.

## Français

Gonzalo est né à Córdoba, en Argentine, en 1987. Fils de Cecilia et Juan et frère de Matias et Marcos. Depuis tout petit, sa vie est liée à l'eau car sa famille possède des bateaux de pêche dans le lac Los Molinos à Córdoba. Les étés et les week-ends étaient interminables entre amis et famille, à nager et à pêcher.

Au fil du temps, la baignade dans le lac s'est transformée en plongée ; Gonzalo a obtenu son premier brevet de plongée en tant que plongeur étoile de la Fédération argentine des activités subaquatiques (FAAS\_CMAS) à l'âge de 16 ans. Pendant sa vingtaine, Gonzalo a été un membre actif de l'école de plongée locale, collaborant comme bénévole tout en poursuivant sa formation de plongeur.

En 2013, il a été invité à travailler à Cozumel, au Mexique, en tant que guide de plongée guidant les plongeurs certifiés et les plongeurs débutants. Sur l'île, il a acquis beaucoup d'expérience en travaillant avec le tourisme international et il a passé plus d'un an à plonger quotidiennement. Lorsqu'il est rentré dans son pays, il a mis les voiles vers une nouvelle aventure. Il a décidé de s'installer à Ushuaia, en Terre de Feu, où la plongée et les conditions météorologiques sont un défi. Au cours des 6 dernières années, il est devenu un plongeur en eau froide, maîtrisant la combinaison étanche et le reste de l'équipement pour l'eau froide. En 2018, il a été certifié comme instructeur de plongée (FAAS - CMAS) et depuis, il travaille dans une école de plongée où il donne des cours aux nouveaux plongeurs en eau froide et guide les plongeurs nationaux et internationaux qui s'émerveillent devant les forêts de varechs qui caractérisent les plongées dans le canal de Beagle. En plus de la plongée, Gonzalo a toujours été une personne sportive, il aime le snowboard, la pêche et passer du temps dans la nature et les espaces sauvages, et il a trouvé à Ushuaia un terrain de jeu parfait.

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# Tanja Bayer – Dive Guide

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Tanja is at home in Oberursel, which is near Frankfurt / Main in Germany. She has been diving since 1990 and has more than 4200 dives. In Oberursel she is running her own Diving Center "TaWo Diving" since 1996.

As a Master Instructor and Course Director she teaches Diving and also trains Diving Instructors.

Her 'second' profession is being a Doctor in General Practice, Accident & Emergency and Diving Medicine.

She has been working as a ships doctor since 2009 in Antarctica and since 2015 also in the Arctic with Oceanwide Expeditions.

As a Dive Guide and Diving Expedition Leader she takes divers all around the world. Asked for her favourite dive sites, she mentions "Planeau Bay" in Antarctica. Cold water diving is really something special and challenging.

You have to be experienced and always aware of hypothermia. But it is a great feeling to touch an iceberg or to see all this colorful animals surviving in this harsh regions.

## Français

Tanja est chez elle à Oberursel, qui se trouve près de Francfort-sur-le-Main en Allemagne. Elle plonge depuis 1990 et a plus de 4200 plongées à son actif. A Oberursel, elle dirige son propre centre de plongée "TaWo Diving" depuis 1996.

En tant que Master Instructor et Course Director, elle enseigne la plongée et forme également des instructeurs de plongée.

Sa "deuxième" profession est celle de médecin généraliste, de médecin des accidents et des urgences et de médecin de plongée.

Elle travaille comme médecin de bord depuis 2009 en Antarctique et depuis 2015 en Arctique avec Oceanwide Expeditions.

En tant que guide de plongée et chef d'expédition de plongée, elle emmène des plongeurs dans le monde entier. Lorsqu'on lui demande quels sont ses sites de plongée préférés, elle mentionne "Planeau Bay" en Antarctique. La plongée en eau froide est vraiment quelque chose de spécial et un défi.

Il faut être expérimenté et toujours faire attention à l'hypothermie. Mais c'est une sensation formidable de toucher un iceberg ou de voir tous ces animaux colorés qui survivent dans ces régions difficiles.

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# Zet Freiburghaus – Kayak Leader

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

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

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

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

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

## Français

Zet est un ancien membre performant de l'équipe nationale suédoise de kayak qui, après sa carrière active, a voyagé dans le monde entier.

L'année dernière, il a fait de la randonnée et de l'équitation dans les montagnes de Tien Shen au Kirghizstan et a exploré de grandes parties de l'Éthiopie, où il a vu le loup éthiopien et se tenait sur le bord d'un volcan actif.

Son regard aiguisé et sa grande expérience de la nature font qu'il rate rarement un animal.

Zet est titulaire d'une maîtrise de sciences en biologie de l'université de Lund.

Il travaille aujourd'hui comme guide avec le monde entier comme bureau. Zet est nouveau dans l'équipage d'Oceanwide et il est très enthousiaste à l'idée de partager son enthousiasme et son énergie à bord de nos navires cette saison..



# Antarctica

## Ushuaia

Embarkation

Wednesday 1st February 2023

- 1600      **Welcome on board!** Your luggage should be in your cabin when you arrive. Please check carefully if you are missing any luggage and if there is luggage in your cabin that does not belong to you then please let one of the staff know. Please feel free to look around the ship.  
Tea and coffee is available in the Lounge on Deck 5.
- >1700      **Mandatory Safety and Lifeboat Instruction** in the Lounge. **ALL PASSENGERS** are required to participate in this very important instruction.
- 1800      Departure from the pier.
- 1845      Please join us in the Lounge for an **introduction to the ship** from your Hotel Manager Volodymyr Cherendnychenko.  
This will be followed by **Captain's Cocktails**, a chance to meet your Captain for this voyage and then you will meet with your Expedition Leader Ali Liddle. She will explain the plans for the coming days, and it will be a chance to meet with your Expedition Team.
- 1930      **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3 behind the reception desk.  
Enjoy your meal.

**Tonight we will be sailing in open water and expect the ship to move. Please make sure that all your valuables (cameras, computers, etc.) are properly stowed in your cabin to avoid accidents. Always use the railings and handholds when moving around on the ship, especially in rough seas. Always one hand for the ship and one hand for yourself. Thank you.**

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **Boots.** We will call you by Deck to collect your rubber boots from the Boot Room on Deck 3.
- 1100 **IAATO Briefing and Zodiac Briefing.** Please join Ali in the Lounge for these two mandatory briefings. This will give you information about our behaviour in Antarctica and how we can keep our impact minimal. The zodiac briefing will give you important safety information about our small boat operations from ship to shore.  
**Bio-security begins.** We will call you by Deck to vacuum your outer gear, back packs and camera bags. Please remember to sign the bio-security declaration form with the staff before you leave the lounge.
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1430 **Bio-security continues.** We will call you by Deck to vacuum your outer gear, back packs and camera bags.
- 1600 **Penguins.** Ali will give a presentation about Penguins in the Lounge.
- 1830 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a recap of our first day on board and hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.

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- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1000 **Continental Ice.** We will be seeing a lot of glaciers and icebergs during our voyage so if you would like to find out more about the cool stuff please join Elodie in the **Lounge**.
- 1130 **Wildlife Documentary** in the Lounge. This will be in English.
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1500 **Scott and Amundsen – The Race to the Pole.** The beginning of the 20th century was the Golden Age of Exploration in Antarctica. If you would like to hear more about the expeditions of Scott and Amundsen in their race to the South Pole, join Josh in the **Lounge**.
- 1630 **Alien Oceans.** Is there any water on other planets? Join Eduardo in the Lounge to find out more about extra-terrestrial water!
- 1830 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a recap and hear of our plans for our first landing in Antarctica tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.

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- 0700 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0830 **Cuverville Island.** This morning we hope to take you ashore on Cuverville Island where there are large colonies of Gentoo penguins. Please remember to keep 5 metre distance from the breeding colonies of penguins, stay on the routes that are marked with red poles and listen to the advice of the guides.  
**Divers be ready at 0830**  
**Kayakers meet Zet at 0815 in the Boot Room**
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1500 **Orne Harbour.** We hope to be able to land on the continent of Antarctica at Orne Harbour. There are Chinstrap penguins on the ridge viewpoint where there are great views over the bay and Gerlache Strait. There are known crevasses in the area so please stay on the marked trail on the way up and down.  
We will take half of the group on shore first and the other half will go on a zodiac cruise around the bay and then we will swap over on shore.  
Our English speaking guests will go ashore first.  
Our French group, GNGL will go on a zodiac cruise first and then we will swap over.
- 1845 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join in the Lounge for a recap and hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.
- 2015 **Campers please be ready at the gangway for your night on the snow!**  
**Please listen for announcements.**

- 0700 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0830 **Danco Island.** This morning we hope to take you ashore on Danco Island where there are large colonies of Gentoo penguins. Please remember to keep 5 metre distance from the breeding colonies of penguins. There will be a walk to the summit of the island. Please follow the red poles that mark the route and be aware of the penguin Highways.  
At the end of the landing we will offer you a Polar Plunge. A chance to take a swim in the Antarctic water! We will bring the towels if you bring the insanity!  
**Divers be ready at 0830**  
**Kayakers meet Zet at 0840 on Deck 3 aft.**
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1500 **Orne Island.** There are Chinstrap penguins on the island and great views over the bay and Gerlache Strait. Again, follow the marked routes and be aware of your distance from penguins.  
**Kayakers meet Zet at 1510 on Deck 3 aft.**  
**Divers be ready at 1500**
- 1845 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join in the Lounge for a recap and hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0900 **Damoy Point.** This morning we hope to take you ashore in the beautiful location of Damoy Point. There are plenty of Gentoo penguin colonies for you to spend time with. There is the historic hut and we will offer a hike up onto the ridge which offers a great overview.  
**Divers be ready at 0900**  
**Kayakers meet Zet at 0910 on Deck 3 aft.**
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- TBA **Port Lockroy and Jougla Point.** Port Lockroy used to be the British Antarctic Survey, Base A. It is now a museum and Post Office. There are lots of Gentoo penguins around the base buildings too. It is a very small landing area and building so to allow everyone the chance to view the museum and visit the shop we will arrange into 3 groups.  
The first 3 boats will go ashore at Port Lockroy.  
The next 3 boats will go to a nearby penguin and cormorant colony at Jougla Point.  
The last 3 boats will go on a zodiac cruise.  
We will rotate all the groups during the afternoon so everyone will get the chance to do everything.
- 1845 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join in the Lounge for a recap and hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Special Antarctic Dinner** is served on the back deck! Bon appetite!!



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## Port Charcot and Petermann Island

Tuesday 7th February 2023

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0900 **Port Charcot.** This morning we hope to take you ashore at Port Charcot where there are small groups of penguins, Gentoos, Chinstraps and sometimes Adelies. We will offer a walk up to a low summit for views of the bay which is usually full of icebergs.  
**Divers be ready at 0900**  
**Kayakers meet Zet at 0910 on Deck 3 aft.**
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1430 **Petermann Island.** We hope to take you ashore on Petermann Island where there is a small colony of Adelie penguins as well as Gentoo penguins. If conditions allow we will offer a snowshoe hike along to the southern most part of the island. Please stay on the trails.  
**Divers be ready at 1430**  
**Kayakers meet Zet at 1440 on Deck 3 aft.**
- 1845 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join in the Lounge for a recap and hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room! Bon appetite!!

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0900 **Deception Island.** At this time we should be entering Neptune's Bellows, the narrow entrance to the caldera of Deception Island. It is worth being out on deck to watch the navigation through the narrow entrance. From here we will sail across Port Foster to land at Pendulum Cove for a short landing and a walk to a viewpoint over the caldera.
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- After lunch we will be sailing out into the Drake Passage. Please secure everything in your cabins and take medication, if required.
- 1500 **Humpback Whales.** We have been lucky enough to see some Humpback whales during our voyage. If you would like to find out more about these marine mammals please join Pierre in the Lounge.
- 1700 **Blue Planet 2 Documentary.** This will be screened in the Lounge.
- 1830 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join in the Lounge for a recap and hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room! Bon appetite!!

- 0745      Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800      **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930      **Blue Planet 2 Documentary.** This will be screened in the Lounge
- 1100      **Ice Maidens, Women in Antarctica.** Please join Ali in the Dining Room for a presentation about the history of women in Antarctica and stories about some of the women behind the men who explored the frozen continent.
- 1230      **Lunch Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1500      **Diving Seals.** Marine mammals such as whales and seals can dive to great depths in search of food. Please join Catherine in the Lounge to hear how seals have adapted to feeding in the oceans.
- 1630      **Exploration at the Bottom of the Sea.** We are travelling at the surface but what lies beneath and how did we ever begin to explore the depths of the oceans? Please join Eduardo in the Dining Room to find out.
- 1830      **Recap and Briefing.** Please join in the Lounge for a recap and hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900      **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room! Bon appetite!!

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **Killer Whales.** We were lucky to see a single male Killer whale on our voyage so if you would like to learn more about these enigmatic marine mammals please join Pierre in the Lounge.
- 1100 **Sea Ice.** We saw lots of icebergs and glaciers in Antarctica but in winter the water around Antarctica freezes making the surface area of Antarctica 100% bigger. If you would like to find out more join Elodie in the Lounge
- We will call you by deck to return your boots to the Boot Room.
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1500 **Ice Core Drilling.** Scientists in Antarctica often drill deep into the ice as a way of researching changes in climate and the atmosphere over hundreds of years. Please join Annelou in the Dining Room to find out more about the process.
- 1630 **What the Divers saw.** We have had divers with us on this voyage who have braved the cold Antarctic water to explore what lies beneath. They will share some of their images with you in the Lounge.
- 1815 **Captains Cocktails.** Please join the Expedition team and Captain Remmert in the Lounge to toast our successful voyage to Antarctica.
- 1900 **Farewell Dinner** is served in the Restaurant. Enjoy your meal!





# Antarctica

Ushuaia

Saturday 11th February 2023

0700 Your final wake up call from Ali! Good Morning everyone, Good Morning!

**Before breakfast at 0730 please could you put your large check in luggage outside your cabin so that we can get it onto the pier for you. Keep your hand luggage in your cabin or take it to the Lounge.**

0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

0900 It is time to leave the Little Blue Ship, Plancius. Please make sure you have all your belongings with you and that you have taken your key card holder back to Reception.

**The airport bus will be at the pier at around 0900.**

**The GNGL group have a bus arriving around 0900.**

**If you have a later flight you can put your luggage in the truck and it will be stored at the luggage store until 1400.**

**If you have other arrangements to stay in Ushuaia, please collect your luggage from the pier then walk to the port entrance for a taxi.**

**On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions the Captain, Crew and Expedition staff would like to thank you for travelling with us and wish you a very safe journey home.**

**We hope to see you on board again in the future!**