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EXPEDITIONS

Antarctic Peninsula-Basecamp

Ushuaia - Ushuaia

20 February – 2 March 2023

On board *m/v Hondius*



Captain Toni Salo
and his international crew of 57 sailors

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Expedition Guide:	Georgina White
Expedition Guide:	Antonie Luteijn
Expedition Guide:	Elizabeth Robinson

We welcome you on board!

Day 1 – Monday 20th February 2023, Ushuaia, Embarkation Day

12h00 GPS Position: At Port Ushuaia

Wind: N2 • Sea: At Port • Weather: Overcast • Air temp: 12°C • Sea temp: 11°C

After visiting Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, we stepped on board *Hondius* at 4pm (our home for the next 11 days) to be warmly welcomed by staff and crew. After checking in, we settled into our cabins and then all assembled in the lounge. The Chief Officer, Deidrick, gave us a mandatory safety briefing, following which we practiced putting on our life jackets before being shown to our lifeboats.



At 6.30pm we again went to the lounge but this time to celebrate the beginning of the voyage with a glass of fizz and delicious canapes. As we set sail, Captain Toni made a welcoming

speech and we raised our glasses to a successful expedition. Pippa, our expedition leader, gave a brief overview of the trip and then her team took turns to introduce themselves. As we sailed out through the Beagle Channel, it was time for our first meal on board and the excited chat at dinner was all about the adventures that lay before us.



Some great wildlife encounters were already stacking up with a distant view of a juvenile **King Penguin** away across the harbour – an unexpected local rarity. As we sailed further into the channel we came across a veritable ‘storm’ of **Sooty Shearwaters** –

thousands of these dark chocolate, elegant seabirds flying around us or rafting on the water in the fading light. Amongst them we also spotted **South American Terns**, **Chilean Skua** and several **Southern Sealions**. What a spectacle, what a start!!

Day 2 – Tuesday 21st February 2023. At Sea - Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 57°23 S / 65°25 W

Wind: NW6 • Sea: Rough • Weather: Part Cloudy • Air temp: 6°C • Sea temp: 8°C

After our first night on Hondius we had our first wakeup call from our expedition leader Pippa. Today's program started with mandatory briefings on IAATO (International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators) and zodiac operations. During this briefing we learnt about the zodiac operation procedures and the IAATO guidelines on shore for the Antarctic continent. As this trip was a basecamp trip with various activities, all activity guides organised an activity briefing. The mountaineers gave their briefing first, explain about the different mountaineering activities, and the equipment that they used to get everyone up a hill or a mountain.

At noon we received our muck boots to keep our feet dry when getting on and off the zodiacs. In the afternoon we received the camping and kayaking briefings. Erin and Kieron explained the kayaking procedures and operations whilst camping guides Clara and Saskia took us through the ins and outs of sleeping on the snow in Antarctica! Outside we were getting used to the amazing seabirds flying around the ship: **Soft-Plumaged, Common Diving, Wilson's** and **Black-bellied Petrels** plus our first **Wandering Albatross** – with the longest wingspan of any bird in the world (3.5m).



In the afternoon, our photography guides Koen and Georgina gave a brief introduction to the workshops that they will be giving on the trip. Before dinner we had our first proper recap; the expedition leader presents the plans for the next day and the team then get to demonstrate and share their wide expertise. Today

Elizabeth presented on penguins, Felicity about whales and from Anthonie - the Antarctic convergence zone, that we would cross during the night. And so down to our first plated dinner service and chat about our first full day, before retiring to the bar or bed.

Day 3 – Wednesday, 22nd February 2023. At Sea - Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 61°46 S / 063°08 W

Wind: NNW5 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temp: 5°C • Sea temp: 5°C

The Drake Passage showed its more friendly side again today and many were starting to become accustomed to the movement of the ship. The main activity of the morning was the sign up for all the off-ship activities on offer during a Base Camp - mountaineering, kayaking, and camping. Later, Andrew kicked off the lecture programme about the three main penguin species likely to be seen (**Adelie, Gentoo and Chinstrap**) and how to identify them. Belonging to the brushtail family, they have a distinctive long tail used as a stabilizing anchor point when standing upright and as a rudder during swimming.

After lunch all were called to join the 'vacuum party' (Biosecurity check) – the important task of ensuring we do not carry invasive species of life into Antarctica. Triggered by



this afternoon's lecture topic about ice we were delighted to be served a variety of ice creams with almonds and hagelslag (sprinkles), before Jacob took us on a journey of the world's glaciers. He explained their important role to our climate, with their accelerating melting

potentially causing a rise in sea-level up to 84 cm (nearly 3 ft) by 2100, if the world doesn't take real action against climate change now.

During the afternoon we started to encounter our first marine mammals. Sightings of huge **Fin Whales** interrupted Jacob's lecture and **Humpback Whale**, beautiful **Hourglass Dolphin** and **Fur Seals** were also sighted. The bird species list was also increasing and Guide Simon even spotted a true rarity in the form of a **Mottled Petrel**. After dinner Koen & Georgina led a photography workshop in the lecture room and we headed to bed full of anticipation for our first sighting of the White Continent and all our exciting activities.

Day 4 – Thursday 23rd February 2023, Danco Island and Orne Island

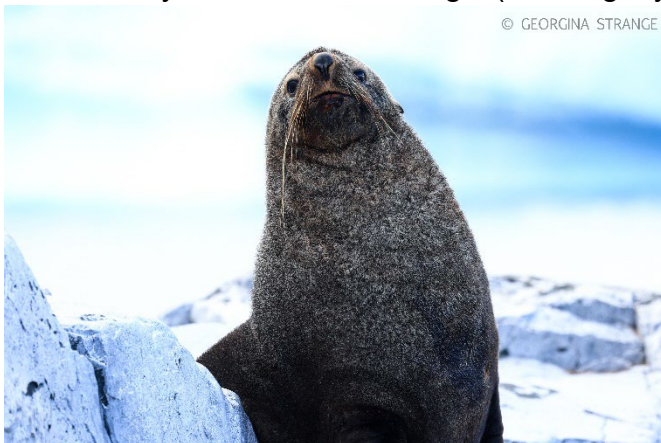
12h00 GPS Position: 64°43 S / 062°36 W

Wind: Var 1 • Sea: slight • Weather: Sunny • Air temp: 9°C • Sea temp: 3°C

Our first day in Antarctica!! The scene was perfect, treating us to blue skies, flat calm conditions and breath-taking views of the white continent as we anchored up. **Gentoo Penguins** with fluffy chicks greeted us on the shoreline and showed us how they climb to the peak of this steep-sided island with ease – many of them making their nests right at the peak and on any snow-free, rocky outcrops, their “highways” carved deep into the snow. We had our first chance to try out snowshoeing, which made the steep climb a lot easier and the rewards were the staggering views of the surrounding Antarctic Peninsula and Ronge Island. Our zodiac cruise rewarded us with **Humpback Whale** and **Weddell Seal** encounters and, of course, spectacular ice. To finish off our great morning, the brave (or slightly crazy!) took the polar plunge - a dip in the near-freezing waters, right alongside the penguins!



With the sun still on our backs in the afternoon, we cruised and walked around Orne Island, adding nesting **Chinstrap Penguins** to our list. At the landing site we were able to closely observe some huge (and slightly grumpy!) male **Antarctic Fur Seals**.



These animals breed on the sub-Antarctic Island of South Georgia. **Skuas** and **Imperial Shags** were also present, whilst the zodiac cruisers were able to spot both **Minke** and **Humpback Whales**. We could see the mountaineers on Ronge Island, appearing as tiny as penguins to us as we watched them from our distant viewpoint. By late afternoon it was time to head back to Honiuis once more for recap and dinner – all

of us truly satisfied with a perfect first day. Many wonderful memories were made today in this vast and spectacular land.

Day 5 – Friday 24th February 2023. Port Charcot and Peterman Island

12h00 GPS Position: 65° 05 S / 064° 01 W

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

We woke up to yet another windless and clear day, as we sailed through the famous Lemaire Channel - 11km long and only 1600m wide at its narrowest point. Lemaire is also known as the “Kodak Gap”, a reference to the famous manufacturer of film rolls. And those film rolls have been used a lot here since the fjord like landscape, snowy peaks and ice bergs make it a photographer’s paradise. Port Charcot was our destination, a 3 km wide bay indenting the north shore of Booth Island. It is known as an iceberg graveyard, the bergs calving from the surrounding glaciers and only disappearing when they melt, break up. We enjoyed a long cruise amongst the huge, sculptured ice, spotting **Humpback Whales** with **Leopard** and **Weddell Seals** resting on the ice.

After another delicious lunch it was time to dress up again expedition style for Peterman Island, where we visited several penguin rookeries. Here we saw our first **Adelie Penguins** amongst the rookery of **Gentoo Penguins**. Most of them were moulting adults but careful observation found at least one well developed chick.



Meanwhile the Gentoo’s were still feeding a whole age range of chicks, some very young and small. On our zodiac cruise around the island, we found **Antarctic Fur Seals** and **Imperial Shags**. Some of us were also lucky to observe a very

chilled **Humpback Whale** mother and her calf. They were mostly resting but, as kids tend to do, the calf was a bit more active, often circling its mother. For this calf it was most likely the first time down here in the cold feeding grounds having been born in warm tropical waters. Towards evening the setting sun delivered stunning views of the mountains with beautiful colors across the sky and on the snowy peaks.

Day 6 – Saturday 25th February 2023.

Damoy and Cuverville Island

12h00 GPS Position: 64°48 S / 063°29 W

Wind: E2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temp: 2°C • Sea temp: 4°C

Our third activity day onboard Hondius started with another beautiful morning in Antarctica. We awoke to calm conditions to pick up the campers from Hovgaard Island before our transit to Damoy Island. On land, we explored Damoy's penguin colonies



and stretched our legs with a nice hike. This site has Damoy Hut which was established by the British Antarctic Survey in 1975. The hut was used as a transit post for the BAS staff and a storage location for gear heading to Rothera Research Station. Our AEL, Adam, once overwintered at

Rothera and had wonderful stories to share about his time there and the significance of Damoy Hut. The zodiac cruisers were lucky to experience another trip on the water with beautiful blue skies and gentle light illuminating the mountain peaks. We also had close up views of hauled out **Weddell Seals**, with **Gentoo Penguin** chicks desperately begging for regurgitated food. But perhaps the star of the show was the ice and its underappreciated aspect of sound. As the sun took on its role, our zodiac drivers turned off their engines and we drifted amongst a symphony of thousands of air bubbles exploding every second; utilizing a novel sense to experience Antarctica.

Over lunch, our bridge team conducted another well executed, narrow channel transit bringing us through the Neumayer Channel to Cuverville Island. Here we had a full ship zodiac cruise, zipping in and out of the icebergs, growlers and bergy bits looking for wildlife. Two juvenile **Humpback Whales** displayed socializing behaviour whilst **Weddell** and **Crabeater Seals** basked in the sun on ice floes. But the best find was a massive young male **Elephant Seal** lying out, camouflaged amongst the rocks of the beach. An eagle-eyed guest drew the congratulations of their fellow cruisers who were lucky enough to spot this fairly rare visitor. As we headed back to Hondius an increase in wind strength showed us what Antarctica can have in store, with spray coming over the front of the zodiacs. All aboard, we headed to our next location of Paradise Bay for the nights camping activity.

Day 7 – Sunday 26th February 2023.

Paradise Bay and Port Lockroy/Jugla

12:00 GPS Position: 64°41 S / 063°07 W

Wind: NNE4 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temp: 0°C • Sea temp: 3°C

After another delicious breakfast, our morning activity was a full-ship cruise exploring the stunningly beautiful Paradise Bay. It got off to an exciting start as we watched feeding **Humpback Whales**. In Skontorp cove we witnessed majestic glacier margins shooting to the sky with crevassed ice pillars and cliffs, to give birth to even more icebergs. The shoreline was also covered with moss and lichen - one of our first signs of plant life within Antarctica. Within the bay sits Brown Station, home of the Argentine Antarctica Program and the oldest permanent station in Antarctica. We were able to drive closely up to the facility to observe and get a wave from a friendly researcher.

After a lunch time transit, we found ourselves at Port Lockroy and we headed out in waves for Bransfield House, one of the most popular tourist locations in Antarctica. It has a museum with exhibits depicting life on the historic base and the long-awaited gift stop filled with penguin souvenirs plus the famous Penguin Post Office. This is the southernmost post office in the world and we excitedly popped our post cards in the post box, not really knowing exactly when they will be delivered – but that's half the



fun! Located on Goudier Island, it was discovered by Jean Baptiste Charcot in 1904. It is named for French politician who funded the expedition as a safe harbour for the whaling ships from 1911 until 1931. They

needed fresh water to process the whales killed, meaning they had to be located close to glaciers. The main scientific work was ionospheric research (study of the upper atmosphere which was used for high frequency radio) and other projects included utilization of the environment and habitat preference for lichens, birds, and mammals. The base closed in 1962 and in 1995 the Antarctic Treaty designated it a Historical Site and Monument. In 2006, the UK Antarctica Heritage Trust took over the site and has carried out Gentoo nesting research since 1996 to observe the impact of tourism on breeding success. A highlight of the afternoon was the exciting visit from the resident **Leopard Seal**, Big Bertha (Pippa's favourite!). She frolicked around and underneath our zodiacs, occasionally even playfully chomping on the sides. What a great way to end our visit to Port Lockroy!

Day 8 – Sunday 27th February 2023. Orne Harbour and Neko Harbour

12h00 GPS Position: 64°47 S / 062°46 W

Wind: W7 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Part Cloudy • Air temp: 0°C • Sea temp: 3°C

This morning we woke up to our first morning of truly Antarctic weather. With wind speeds of 50 knots and a dark, moody sky, Pippa announced that we wouldn't be making our landing at Orne Harbour this morning. Instead, two lectures were offered: Ursula took us on a deep dive into pinnipeds, then Saskia on the Nordenskjold expeditions, giving us an insight into early Antarctic exploration. Then pizzas for lunch!

During lunch we navigated around to Neko harbour which, protected from the prevailing winds, was like glass and even with a little bit of sunshine. Ashore, we were treated to wonderful views of the massive glacial harbour as well as two **Weddell Seals** and an **Elephant seal!** The cruisers headed out where they were enjoyed sightings of **Humpback** and **Minke whales**. All the time, the glacier cracked and groaned; every now and then a calving was witnessed causing a great deal of excitement as ice crashed into the sea.



Back on board we headed to recap to hear about the next day's plan. Our hotel manager, William, then announced his special dinner event – an Antarctic BBQ with music and free drinks. Well, we heartily rose to the challenge, donning our outdoor gear before heading to deck 5 aft to meet the entire galley team, serving a vast array of great food. Once we had eaten our fill the tables were cleared and the music turned up so the dancing could commence. Some of us danced into the night on the back deck while others preferred to engage in conversation in the warm lounge. Surrounded by the ice and sights of Antarctica we had a wonderful time and eventually everyone made their way back to their cabins to get some well-earned rest ahead of the next day's activities.

Day 9 – Monday 28th February 2023. Orne Harbour and Neko Harbour

12h00 GPS Position: 64°30S / 061°58 W

Wind: NE5/6 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temp: -3°C • Sea temp: +3°C

This morning we arrived early at in Fournier Bay. However, due wind gusting consistently above 40 knots, the full ship zodiac cruise was cancelled; for some of us



a much-needed rest after several activity packed days. A morning of lectures was kick-started by Adam, who shared his stories and experiences as Science Support staff for the British Antarctic Survey in the Antarctic. Mid-morning, we started sailing towards our afternoon destination of Foyn Harbour, through the Gerlache Strait, an area very popular for cetacean sightings. With many eyes scanning the horizon, expedition guide

Ursula managed to spot a small pod of Orcas (Killer Whales). This group was made up of one adult male, a mother and calf and at least two other juveniles. The expedition team recognized they were Type A Orcas, the largest of the four eco-types found in the Antarctic. Over the next 45 minutes, everyone enjoyed an incredible encounter as they surfaced multiple times close to the ship.

At 11:00, Elizabeth gave her lecture on 'What Does It Mean To Be Endangered', discussing marine policies and the meaning of the ICUN Red List. An early lunch was served as we steamed towards Foyn Harbour. This area is home to the wreck of the *Governoren*, a Norwegian factory whaling ship. In January 1915, a party on board got a little out of hand and resulted in the ship catching fire and being run aground in order to save the 85 crew. We could see the bow of the *Governoren* above the surface of the water, as well as many nesting **Antarctic Terns**, which have made it their home. We also managed to spot more **Humpback Whales**, **Antarctic Fur Seals** and **Weddell Seals** during the cruise.



A quick recap and buffet dinner was followed by the opportunity for another continental landing at Portal Point. The views across Charlotte Bay were spectacular and we were even treated to photogenic **Chinstrap Penguins ashore** and **Humpback Whales** both near and far! By 21:00, everyone was back onboard and enjoying a hot toddy in the lounge, merrily chatting about the events of the day.

Day 10 – Tuesday 1st March 2023. Cierva Cove and Palaver Point

12h00 GPS Position: 64°07 S / 061°11 W

Wind: NE5 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temp: 0°C • Sea temp: 3°C

Our last full day of operations in Antarctica saw us again chasing the weather, searching for that sheltered bay that would allow us to make the most of the final day. First up was a full ship's cruise around the beautiful Cierva Cove. Arriving just before breakfast we were greeted by grey skies and persistent snow but it gave an atmospheric feel to the morning. The sea state was good and, with some big icebergs ahead, we set off towards the nearby land and the Argentinian station of Primavera. Almost immediately the staff radios were full of news of several **Humpback Whales**



and **Leopard Seals**, which instantly brought the excitement levels up a notch. It didn't really kick off until about an hour in when everybody naturally gravitated to an area where, already fully underway, was an incredible 'Leopard Seal Party'. Five or six were swimming around the zodiacs giving amazing views as they

peered menacingly out of the sea at the gaggle of interlopers bobbing around in front of them; they were clearly very curious and spent long periods gazing at us and swimming next to, around and underneath the zodiacs giving everyone incredible views and a truly unforgettable experience.

In the afternoon we moved to Palaver Point; it was still snowing but with a fresh covering of beautiful, pure white, fresh snow the busy **Chinstrap Penguin** colony was given a wonderful make-over. With the marvellous **Chinstraps**, boisterous **Fur Seals** and melodically singing **Weddell Seals** on shore, it was a fitting and memorable finale to the operations down on the peninsula with a couple of sea-days to look forward to, allowing everyone to decompress and look back on an awesome trip.



Day 11 – Wednesday 2nd March 2023. At sea - Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 61°15 S / 62°36 W

Wind: NW7/8 • Sea: Rough • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air temp: 0°C •

Sea temp: 4°C

We woke up (those of us that managed to get some sleep!) to our first day back in the Drake Passage to be greeted with a swell on the port side of 4-5m and winds around



40 knots. A bit of a shock to the system after the relative calm of the peninsula. The view from the Bridge attracted the unaffected but, unsurprisingly, the dining room was sparsely populated at breakfast. Budding photographers entered their images into the photo competition before the first lecture of the day from Ursula on the hunting strategies of whales and dolphins. Lunch was better attended as we adjusted.

Despite the fact the decks were closed until early afternoon, the birding from inside the ship yielded a good variety of pelagic seabirds. **Light-mantled Sooty** and **Southern Royal Albatross**, **White-chinned** and **Soft-plumaged Petrels** put in appearances along with the inevitable **Wilson's Petrel** – a species we've recorded every day outside of embarkation day. Only the second **Cape Petrel** was sighted (a bird we normally record in the hundreds earlier in the season). A superb adult, male **Wandering Albatross** shone white as the sun came out, followed by a juvenile in its typical less showy, but still beautiful, plumage.

In the afternoon we continued the lecture programme with Jacob talking about 'The Future of Ice' and Felicity on the threats to marine life. The lectures throughout the trip have been building up to a crescendo – that **we all must do something to protect our planet**. Standing on the sidelines is no longer an option...we have to get ourselves into the game. For us, this has been a trip of a lifetime – let it also be a life changing trip.

Day 12 – Wednesday 3rd March 2023. At sea - Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 57°24 S / 62°33 W

Wind: WNW5 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Sunny • Air temp: 4°C • Sea temp: 8°C



This morning we woke up to a slightly calmer 'Drake shake' as the swell had diminished slightly during the night. Today's programme was kicked off by Simon presenting the different bird species we have encountered during our transits across the Drake Passage. We have been very fortunate to spot so many different bird species during our crossings, including the largest living extant bird, the **Wandering Albatross**. The

expedition team set up a screening of the 'Antarctica – Seven Worlds One Planet' documentary narrated by Sir David Attenborough. For the team, it is a real joy being able to share this episode as many of us now recognise some of the locations used. For example, the scene of the Leopard Seal hunting the penguin was filmed in Cierva Cove (our last full ship zodiac cruise), where many of us were treated to multiple **Leopard Seal** encounters.

Muck boots were returned before lunch, in amongst paying some hefty bar bills! Simon and Andrew invited everyone out on deck for a bird identification session. As the winds were dropping throughout the afternoon, there were a handful of birds behind the ship, including **Northern Giant Petrel**, **Grey-headed Albatross** and even a very rare sighting of **Southern Bottlenose Whales!** Afternoon cake arrived just in time



for our Antarctic Trivia Quiz, hosted by Anthonie. In small teams we racked our brains trying to answer questions relating to the different wildlife encounters, lectures and locations during our voyage. It was then time for Captain's cocktails and our farewell recap - an opportunity for us to thank all the crew for making it such a successful expedition. Captain Toni then thanked everyone on board for being such brilliant guests and wishing us safe onward travels. Koen also presented the trip slideshow; an incredible montage of photos and videos, showcasing some of the highlights from the past eleven days.

Finally, it was time for our last dinner, a truly delicious menu served by the wonderful galley team. It is safe to say that many of us will miss the wide variety of dishes and freshly baked goods that have been available to us, day and night! Now, it was time to finalise our packing and enjoy the views of the Beagle Channel with a celebratory last glass in hand.

Day 13 – Thursday 4 March 2023. Ushuaia, Disembarkation Day

12h00 GPS Position: At Port Ushuaia

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

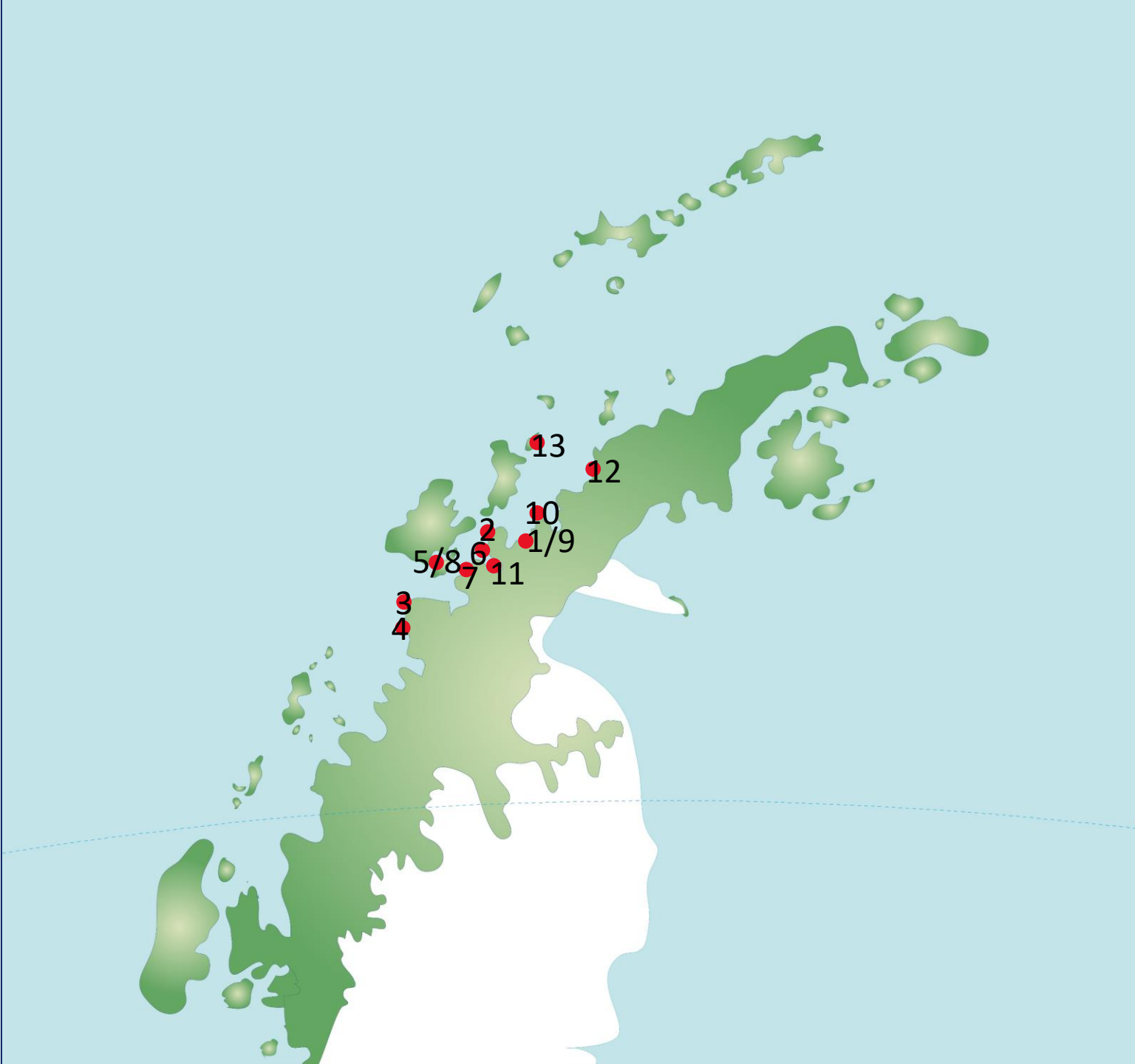
One last wake-up call. Our bags packed, we headed down for breakfast one last time and got ourselves ready to disembark Hondius, that has taken us to one of the most beautiful places on earth. The cruise has taken us on a remarkable journey over the notorious Drake Passage to the mind-blowing Antarctic 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: 1771 Nautical Miles

Furthest point south: 65°10.9'S / 064°07.0'W



Your Expedition Team



1. (Feb 23rd) Danco Island
2. (Feb 23rd) Orne Islands
3. (Feb 24th) Pleneau Island/Port Charcot
4. (Feb 24th) Petermann Island
5. (Feb 25th) Damoy Point
6. (Feb 25th) Cuverville Island
7. (Feb 26th) Paradise Bay
8. (Feb 26th) Port Lockroy/Jougla
9. (Feb 27th) Neko Harbour
10. (Feb 27th) Portal Point
11. (Feb 28st) Foyen Harbour
12. (Mar 1st) Cierva Cove
13. (Mar 1st) Palaver Point

Pippa Low – Expedition Leader



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

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

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

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

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

Szymon Niezabitowski – Assistant Expedition Leader



Szymon was born in Cracow, Poland. He studied Biology and Geography in Cracow where he received his graduate degree in “Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences”. His final thesis was about Volcanic Soils on Iceland.

After he finished his studies, he joined Polish Academy of Sciences and worked for the Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals, where he was a keeper and researcher of exotic animals, worked with Cotton-top Tamarin, Tarantulas and Pythons.

From the earliest years of his life, he is a passionate naturalist with a special interest in the geography and the wildlife of the higher latitudes especially in marine mammals.

Szymon began guiding in the Arctic in 2016 on Spitsbergen where he fulfilled his dream to see his first Polar Bear and since then he is fulltime guide working in the High Arctic, Antarctica and North Norway where he is guiding snorkelling whale trips with Orca.

Adam Burke – Assistant Expedition Leader



Adam has always had a love of the outdoors and adventure, from an early age he dreamt of visiting exotic places and immersing himself in other cultures.

This love of the outdoors led him to work teaching adventurous activities and for over fifteen years this pursuit has given him the opportunity to live and work all over the globe. He has taught sailing in Australia, paddle sports on Europe's rivers and led expeditions in Africa.

After spending five years teaching white water safety & rescue and boat handling techniques to the fire brigade, he moved on to providing marine science support in Antarctica. He has spent over five years living between the Antarctic continent and the island of South Georgia, including overwintering twice.

Whilst providing science support he spent his time in Antarctica managing boating operations and helming RIBs for diving operations. This covered understanding environmental changes and its effects, wildlife monitoring and counting as well as water sampling for a long-term data collection.

Adam enjoys travelling with his partner who shares the same values and love of the outdoors. This has taken them from deserts to rain forests and ultramarathons in the mountains.

Erin Bastian - Kayak Guide



Erin is a UKCC level 3 sea kayak coach and BCU 5* sea kayak leader.

Erin is a passionate sea kayaker with over 15 years experience leading expeditions around the world, from the icy fjords of Patagonia, Greenland, and Arctic Norway, to the warm waters of the Mediterranean, circumnavigating the islands of Sardinia, Corsica, and Menorca. In 2019 Erin crossed the Aegean sea by kayak, planning a route which linked 17 Greek islands and making 16 significant open water crossings.

Erin's keen sense for adventure and love for the ocean inspired her to row across the Atlantic ocean in 2021. Making the 3000 mile crossing from La Gomera to Antigua, as part of a team of 4 women, in 40 days.

Erin finds herself drawn to the colder waters of the poles, where exploring by kayak allows her to enjoy the incredible wildlife, navigate between enormous icebergs and watch glaciers calve into the ocean. Erin has a real love for introducing others to the sport of kayaking with its freedom to explore and ability to get people closer to nature.

Keirron Tastagh - Kayak Guide



Keirron works full time as an adventure sports coach, based from his family home in the Isle of Man, UK.

He specialises in Sea Kayaking.

With over 20 years running experiences and skills training (year-round) in the UK, he's also paddled, coached and led groups in some inspirational locations around the world.

Keirron enjoys remote expeditions, as well as the personal challenges of mountaineering and coasteering. He has practiced Judo since the age of 6.

Keirron is also passionate about photography and has been involved in a bit of filming.

Led 12 major wilderness expeditions overseas in the Aleutian Islands, Vancouver Island, Ontario and Norway. These typical involve sea kayaking and mountain walking, and have included climbing and glacial experiences as well. A personal challenge was setting a new kayaking record (700 miles in 19 and half days) around Vancouver Island in 2007 using a pink tandem kayak, and a paddling partner he'd never met before.

Keirron has joined the Hondius to share experiences, make new memories and gain new friends.

Favourite quotes: *"people keep telling me how lucky I am. I find that the harder I work, the more lucky I seem to become"* Sir Norman Wisdom

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, than rank with those poor timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat" Kendal Judo Club

Richard Mansfield - Mountain Leader



Richard first started climbing at the age of 10 and found his passion in life.

Since then he has climbed, skied and guided extensively in the European Alps as well as Greenland, Alaska, N America, S America and Antarctica. Richard has also been on many expeditions to the Nepalese, Indian and Tibetan Himalayas.

A fully qualified IFMGA International Mountain Guide for almost 30 years Richard is based in Chamonix, Mont Blanc, in the French alps. He still remains passionate about his skiing and climbing trips and loves nothing more than sharing the next adventure where ever it may be with his guests.

David Gladwin – Mountain Guide



David developed his climbing skills on the sandstone outcrops near his home in Newcastle, and then later in the Peak District whilst studying mathematics at Sheffield university.

He then moved to the Alps to be closer to his passions in the mountains and decided to make a career there, becoming a ski/snowboard instructor and then a mountain guide.

He really enjoys exploring wild unexplored areas, particularly greenland holds a big place in his heart. Whether it is spending the wintermonths skiing in the solitude of the massive glacial valleys that finish at the sea ice, or in the summer months exploring the unlimited alpine opportunities of the unnamed and untouched peaks both as a guide and in his spare time.

In between working full time as a guide david loves to explore far and wide having spent time ascending faces of el capitan in the Yosemite valley and putting up first ascents in Patagonia, Alaska kyrgyzstan and the alps.

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 Leader



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 ;).

Felicity Johnson – Expedition Guide



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.

Andrew Crowder – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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!

Jakub Małecki - Expedition Guide



Jakub was born in Poland in 1985. As a kid, he dreamed of becoming an astronaut, but later his focus shifted towards astronomy. Eventually, he obtained a masters and doctoral degree in Earth Sciences and became a glaciologist. As he puts it, researching remote, glacier-covered regions is almost like landing on another planet, so the childhood dream has partly come true.

Since 2007 Jakub has been studying glaciers across the world, either directly or remotely, i.e., using satellite or aerial images. His main interest is how glaciers respond to changing climate in different environmental settings. Most of his glaciology work Jakub carries out on Svalbard, the arctic archipelago located midway between Norway and the north pole, where he fell in love with ice. Since then, Jakub joins expeditions to remote regions on an every-year basis.

Jakub considers public education by the science community at least as important as delivering new knowledge, so he is a keen glaciology communicator, book author and a frequent guest to the Polish media outlets and science festivals where he comments on polar and mountain affairs. Apart from glaciology, Jakub is a huge enthusiast of planetary sciences and space exploration and tries to play the ukulele.

Clara Iachetti – Expedition Guide



Clara is Argentinean, who is born in Buenos Aires. Since she was a child Clara loved the ocean and the adventure. In 2011 she obtained her bachelor's Marine Biology-oriented degree in Biological Sciences, at the Universidad de Buenos Aires and a European M.Sc. in Marine Environment and Resources (MER) in 2012. Since 2012 she has been working in the Austral Centre of Scientific Investigations (CADIV- CONICET) at Ushuaia, Tierra de Fuego (Argentina). Firstly, on her PhD on plankton dynamics, then with her postdoctoral project on harmful algal blooms, and nowadays as a researcher at CADIC. For the last 10 years she has participated of several research expeditions to the South Atlantic and Antarctica, even spending some time in the Shetland Islands, at the Argentinean Base "Carlini".

On top of her scientist career, she is a member of Beagle Secretos del Mar, a non-profit organisation that supports marine conservation in which she is responsible for the education program, lecturing and diving. Living in Ushuaia (and previously in Bariloche) has also led her passion towards mountaineering, mainly backcountry skiing and climbing.

Tiphanie May - Expedition Guide



Tiphanie is an 8th generation Falkland Islander living in Stanley. She was raised on a small group of islands called Speedwell Island Group, owned and worked by her parents as a sheep farm and family crab business.

Tiph was raised surrounded by Falkland's wildlife with her family island boasting rookeries of Magellanic penguins, Gentoo penguins as well as several other breeding birds. The islands also include haul outs of South American sealions and elephant seals. Surrounded by all this wildlife it was of no surprise that she found nature

fascinating. From the penguin couple that lived under her house to the wonderful variety of creatures found in the crab pots, marine life was a theme. This led to her to travel to the UK at 16 to study to be a marine biologist.

Tiph spent 6 years in the UK studying to get her BSc (HONS) Marine Biology and MSc in Marine Biology. Using her holidays to volunteer in the Falklands for various conservation projects to gain experience. Upon completing her studies, she joined the Government Fisheries Department, spending 200 days per year at sea monitoring seabird activity and collecting research material. The sea has been a big part of her life, from a young age she worked to haul crab pots with her father's boat. Later she went on to work for an experimental sustainable fish farm which allowed her to get her RYA qualifications in Power Boat. Tiph currently works full time operating a small boat in the Falklands.

Tiphanie started working in the tourist industry at the age of 23. Having grown up with no roads her whole life, 4X4 tour driving just made sense. Tiph has worked to provide a variety of tours such as hiking, 4X4 and penguin colony visits. In 2018, Tiphanie was offered the amazing opportunity to go to Antarctica and South Georgia with Oceanwide as guide. She fell in love with the scale of the landscape and has never looked back.

Georgina Strange - Expedition Guide



Georgina is a professional nature photographer and general wildlife enthusiast from the Falkland Islands. Her rather unique upbringing on a very small and remote island nature reserve has instilled a deep passion for wild places, and you'll most likely find her out on a cliff edge in a storm, revelling in the gales of wind that frequent the Falklands!

Georgina studied in England for sixth-form college, followed by an adventure to Australia for her university degree in Photography.

After managing her family's conservation trust on New Island in the Falklands for many years, regularly working with the many visiting expedition ships shoreside, Georgina swapped a land-based life for an ocean-based one and started as expedition photographer to South Georgia and the Antarctic in 2017, and to the Arctic in 2019, often switching roles to work as the on-board ornithologist to share her love of the winged creatures of the world, too!

During her off-ship season, Georgina runs her own wildlife photography tours at home to fulfil her passion for making captivating images of nature. Whenever possible, she most enjoys balancing out the time spent guiding in cold and windy places for quality time in the hotter and sunnier climes of the world!

Georgina's photography has made it to Outdoor Photographer of the Year, Bird Photographer of the Year, Wild Art Photographer and the finals of the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year, as well as several well-known nature photography magazines and smaller competitions. Always happy to share knowledge and techniques, maybe you will go home with some competition-worthy images of your special trip, too!

Anthonie Luteijn – Expedition guide



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

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

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

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

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

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

Elizabeth Robinson – Expedition Guide



Elizabeth was born and raised in Minnesota, a state in the middle north of the United States. Minnesota is known for having over 10,000 lakes and nature around every corner; something she took full advantage of growing up. Before the age of eighteen, Elizabeth travelled to all fifty US states, and became a Junior Park Ranger at over thirty National Parks.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Mammalogy, accompanied by additional degrees in Psychology, English Writing and Environmental Studies. Her undergraduate research focused on African elephants and squirrels. Recently, she graduated from the University of Bristol (UK) with a Master of Science degree in Global Wildlife Health and Conservation. Her dissertation focused on cetacean conservation and understanding how policy is integrated within conservation efforts.

Elizabeth has lived and studied whales in many places such as Hawaii, British Columbia, Alaska, Norway, and the UK. She has previously worked as an orca kayak guide, a snorkel guide in Hawaii, a wildlife documentary co-producer, and a marine mammal researcher. She has spent the last eight years studying species such as orcas, humpback whales, right whales, porpoises, and pinnipeds. She is passionate about cetacean conservation, specifically endangered species. Elizabeth currently calls both the US and the UK home and is happiest at sea.

Thibaut Vanbaelen – Ship's doctor



Thibaut is the ship physician for this trip! He graduated from the Medical School of the Catholic University of Louvain in 2015 and then specialized in Family Medicine. He also obtained an electrocardiography (ECG) interpretation certificate, an advanced life support (ALS) certificate and a postgraduate in International Health and Tropical Medicine from the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp. He has experience in primary care as well as in out-patient hospital care, especially in infectious diseases and travel medicine. He currently works as a Medical Doctor and researcher at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp

and is a PhD candidate at the University of Antwerp. He also works in the on-duty medical doctors service in Brussels.

Thibaut is an avid traveller and never misses a chance to travel, for work or leisure. He already set foot in more than 40 countries on 6 continents. He particularly appreciates combining traveling and working, as it allows him to join his two passions together. Apart from traveling he enjoys photography, cooking (not always successfully!), a large range of sports such as tennis and swimming, reading a good book etc.

It is a great honour for him to be part of Oceanwide Expeditions' team and he will do everything he can to ensure you have an (healthy) unforgettable experience!

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 David, Richard, Owain and David 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 Clara 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 Erin and Keirron 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 Georgina and Koen 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).

*If you did not manage to attend any of the **mandatory lectures**, please speak to one of the staff members so we can organise another briefing. Zodiac briefing is mandatory for all leaving the ship. Activity briefings are mandatory for all of those wishing to partake in each activity. **These must all be attended today.***

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

1130 **Brushtail Penguins** - Please join Andrew in the **lounge** (deck 5) for his lecture exploring the natural history and identification of the brushtail penguins we are likely to encounter on the trip.

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

1400 **Biosecurity:** We will call you by colour group, to **the zodiac boarding area** (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 the role of Ice and Icebergs** - Please join Jakub in the **lounge** (deck 5) to learn all about the types of ice that Antarctica holds and how the relationship with this ice affects us all.

1815 **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. Bon Appetite!*

20:45 **Photography Workshop** - Please join Georgina and Koen in the **lecture Room** for the first workshop in the photography sessions.

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

*This morning we hope to offer a landing and a zodiac cruise at Danco, a small island in the Errera channel surrounded by icebergs and home to several gentoo penguin rookeries. The **Green Group** and **Blue Group** will go to shore while the group **Red Group** and **Yellow Group** will go zodiac cruising first. We will then swap through the morning.*

- 0730 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) **to the zodiac boarding area**.
0745 **Kayakers** please come to the **zodiac boarding area** to collect your gear (deck 3).
0800 The **Green Group** and the **Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a landing at Danco.
0815 The **Red Group** and the **Yellow Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a zodiac cruise at Danco.

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

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

*This afternoon we hope to offer a landing and zodiac cruise at Orne Island – with beautiful Antarctic scenery and the chance of spotting Chinstrap Penguins! The **Red Group** and **Blue Group** will go to shore while the **Yellow Group** and **Green Group** will go for a zodiac cruise. We will then swap halfway through the afternoon.*

- +/- 1330 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) **to the zodiac boarding area**.
+/- 1345 **Kayakers** please come to the **zodiac boarding area** to collect your gear (deck 3).
+/- 1400 The **Red Group** and the **Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a landing at Orne Island.
+/- 1415 The **Yellow Group** and the **Green Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a zodiac cruise at Orne Island.
1815 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the lounge** (deck 5) for our daily recap.
1900 **Buffet Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.
+/- 2045 **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.

*At approximately **0745** 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.*

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

*This morning we hope to offer a zodiac cruise at Pleneau. The **Green Group** and **Blue Group** will go to the zodiac boarding area first followed by the **Red Group** and **Yellow Group**.*

- 0820 **Mountaineering** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
0845 **Kayaking group** Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** to collect your gear (deck 3).
0915 The **Green Group** and the **Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a zodiac cruise at Pleneau.
0930 The **Red Group** and the **Yellow Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a zodiac cruise at Pleneau.

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

*This afternoon we hope to offer a landing and zodiac cruise at Petermann Island – Keep your eyes out for our third brushtail type, the Adelie Penguins! The **Red Group** and **Yellow Group** will go to shore while the **Blue Group** and **Green Group** will go for a zodiac cruise. We will then swap halfway through the afternoon.*

- +/-1320 **Mountaineering** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
+/-1400 **Kayaking group** - Please come to the zodiac boarding area to collect your gear (deck 3).
+/-1430 The **Red Group** and the **Yellow Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a landing at Petermann Island.
+/-1445 The **Blue Group** and the **Green Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a zodiac cruise around Petermann Island.

1900 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the lounge** for our daily recap.
1930 **Buffet Dinner** served in the **dining room**. Bon Appetit!

+/- 2045 **Camping** – This evening we hope to offer camping. We will confirm whether camping will proceed once we have assessed conditions. Please standby for announcements.

*At approximately **0545** this morning we hope to transit through the spectacular Lemaire Channel once again.*

- 0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
0730 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**. **Mountaineering**, please go first at the buffet.

*This morning we hope to land and zodiac cruise at Damoy Point Here we hope to enjoy gentoo penguins, a long walk and stunning Antarctic scenery. The **Yellow Group** and **Blue Group** will go to shore while the group **Green Group** and **Red Group** will go zodiac cruising first. We will then swap through the morning.*

- 0800 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
0815 **Kayaking group** - Please come to the of the **zodiac boarding area**.
0830 The **Yellow Group** and the **Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a landing at Damoy Point.
0845 The **Green Group** and the **Red Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise at Damoy Point.

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

*This afternoon hope to offer a zodiac cruise at Cuverville Island – one of the largest Gentoo Penguin colonies on the Peninsula. The **Blue Group** and **Green Group** will go to shore while the group **Red Group** and **Yellow Group** will go zodiac cruising first. We will then swap through the afternoon.*

- +/- 1420 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
+/- 1445 **Kayaking group** - Please come to the of the **zodiac boarding area**.
+/- 1515 The **Blue Group** and the **Green Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise around *Cuverville Island*.
+/- 1530 The **Red Group** and the **Yellow Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise around *Cuverville Island*.

1845 **Recap** - Please join the expedition team in **the lounge** for our daily recap.
1900 **Dinner** is served in the dining room.

+/- 2045 **Camping** – This evening we hope to offer camping. 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 offer a zodiac cruise around Paradise Bay, Home to Brown station, one of the Argentinian bases. The **Red Group** and **Green Group** will go zodiac cruising first, followed by the group **Blue Group** and **Yellow Group**.*

- 0745 **Kayakers** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
0800 The **Red Group** and the **Green Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise in Paradise Bay.
0815 The **Blue Group** and the **Yellow Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise in Paradise Bay.
1230 **Lunch** will be served in the dining room.

*This afternoon we hope to offer a landing at **Port Lockroy** – the world’s Southernmost Post Office, a landing at Jougla and a zodiac cruise around this beautiful area. Please listen for announcements for your group time. Whilst at Port Lockroy, please clean your boots in fresh water provided before entering. If you plan to make a purchase, card payments are preferred.*

- +/-1320 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
+/-1430 **Kayakers** – Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
+/-1400 **UK Heritage Trust – Port Lockroy Briefing** – Please join the team from Port Lockroy in **the lounge** for a briefing about the history of Port Lockroy and the heritage trust’s enduring work.
+/- 1500 **Blue Group** and **Yellow Group** - Please come for **zodiac boarding**. *Listen for announcements.*
+/- 1520 **Green Group** and **Red Group** - Please come for **zodiac boarding**. *Listen for announcements.*
1845 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in the lounge
1930 **Buffet dinner** will be served in the **dining room**. Bon Appetit!

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

1030 **Nordenskjold Expedition** - Please join Saskia in **the Lounge** to hear about incredible expedition of Otto Nordenskjold.

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

*In the afternoon we aim to land and cruise at Neko Harbour– a continental landing surrounded by towering glaciers, panoramic Antarctic views and home to Gentoo penguins. The **Green Group** and **Yellow Group** will go to shore while the group **Red Group** and **Blue Group** will go zodiac cruising first. We will then swap through the afternoon.*

1320 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1445 **Kayakers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1415 The **Green Group** and **Yellow Group** - Please come for **zodiac boarding** for a landing at Neko Harbour.

1430 The **Blue Group** and **Red Group** - Please come for **zodiac boarding** for a zodiac cruise around Neko Harbour.

1830 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the lounge** for our daily recap.

1900 **Special Antarctic dinner** will be served this evening. Dress warmly!!!
Bon Appetit!

- 0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
- 0730 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.
- 0900 **Supporting Antarctic Science** – Adam would like to invite you to the lounge for a lecture about supporting Antarctic science at Rothera research station and King Edward Point.
- 1045 **What does it mean to be endangered** – Please join Elizabeth in the lounge for a lecture explaining the ICUN Red list.
- 1200 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

*This Afternoon we hope to offer a zodiac cruise at Foyn Harbour – a spectacular archipelago in the northeast corner of Wilhemina Bay. It is also the final resting place of Governoren, a whaling factory ship which caught fire in 1915, now lying abandoned on the east coast of Enterprise Island. The **Blue Group** and **Red Group** will go to shore while the group **Green Group** and **Yellow Group** will go zodiac cruising first. We will then swap through the afternoon.*

- 1300 **Mountaineers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
- 1345 The **Blue Group** and **Red Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a Zodiac Cruise at Foyn Harbour.
- 1400 The **Green Group** and **Yellow Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a Zodiac Cruise at Foyn Harbour.
- 1415 **Kayakers** - Please come (dressed & ready to go) to the **zodiac boarding area**.
- 1715 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the lounge** for our daily recap.
- 1800 **Dinner** served in the **dining room**. Bon Appetit!

This evening we hope to offer a continental landing at Portal Point. Here we hope to enjoy seals hauled out on the snow and a short hike.

- 1845 The **Yellow Group** and **Blue Group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore at Portal Point.
- 1945 The **Green Group** and **Red Group** please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you ashore at Portal Point.
- We will swap groups onshore.**

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

*This morning we hope to zodiac cruise at Cierva cove, this area offers splendid polar scenery and possibilities to encounter different types of whales and seals. The **Red Group** and **Green Group** will go zodiac cruising first, followed by the group **Blue Group** and **Yellow Group**.*

- 0745 The **Red Group** and **Green Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise around Cierva Cove.
0800 The **Blue Group** and **Yellow Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise around Cierva Cove.
1200 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

*This afternoon we hope to offer a landing and zodiac cruise at Palaver Point – With beautiful scenic views of the glacier and a Chinstrap colony on the island. The **Blue Group** and **Yellow Group** will go zodiac cruising first, followed by the **Red Group** and **Green Group**.*

- 1330 The **Blue Group** and **Yellow Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a Landing at Palaver Point.
1345 The **Red Group** and **Green Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac Cruise at Palaver Point.
1800 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the lounge** for our daily recap.
1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**. Bon Appetit!

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 Georgina in the **lecture room** 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 **Incredible hunting strategies** – Please join Ursula in the **lounge** for her lecture on Feeding ecology of Whales and Dolphins

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

1400 **The Future of Ice** - Please join Jacob in the **lounge** for a lecture on the future of ice and how it effects humanity.

1600 **Licence to Krill 'Marine Threats'** - Please join Felicity in the **lounge** for a lecture about threats to marine life.

1800 **Recap** - Please join the expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap.

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

2045 **Photo competition** - Please join Georgina and Koen in the **lounge** to reveal the competition winners.

2100 **Quiz night** – Please join the expedition staff in the **lounge**. Grab your team of up to 7 people and test your Antarctic knowledge.

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

No wakeup call – Enjoy your morning!

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

0930 **Birds of the Drake Passage** - Please join Simon in the lounge for a lecture about the Birds that we may encounter during our crossing through the Drake Passage

1100 **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.

1200 **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.

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 **Bird Watch** - Please join Andrew and Simon on deck where hopefully we can see the broad range of birds that make the Drakes Passage their feeding ground.

1600 **Expedition Quiz** – Please join the expedition staff in the **lounge**. Grab your team of up to 7 people and test your Antarctic knowledge.

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.*



Antarctica Basecamp
Saturday 4th March 2023
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.***