



Antarctica – Peninsula

Ushuaia - Ushuaia

8th of March 2023 –20th March 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 Ernesto Barria

and his international crew of 53 sailors

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We welcome you on board!

Day 1 – Wednesday 8th of March 2023, Ushuaia, Embarkation Day & Beagle Channel

12h00 GPS Position: 54°48'S / 065°17'W

Wind: N3 • Sea: smooth • Weather: clear • Air temperature: +11°C • Sea temperature: 10°C

Finally, the day arrived to start our once in a lifetime adventure! Many of us have waited a long time for this day. We embarked the little blue and white Plancius, our home for the next 12 days at about 4pm. It was a fabulous day in Ushuaia, the sun got interrupted by rain and we could observe fantastic rainbows around the area.



We 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 100 fellow passengers in the bulky orange lifevests.

Before dinner Claudio, our expedition leader, 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. Volodymyr, our Hotel Manager, gave us useful advice about practicalities of life on board. We also met Captain Ernesto and we had a drink to celebrate the upcoming voyage!

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, others enjoyed still the last hours of the day in the beautiful Beagle Channel, heading down to the new place called Antarctica.

Tired and happy, we enjoyed settling into our new temporary home and cannot wait for the adventures that will begin soon.



Day 2 – Thursday 9th of March 2023, crossing the Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 57°26'S / 065°29'W

Wind: NW6 • Sea: moderate • Weather: overcast • Air temperature: +7°C • Sea temperature: 7°C



In the morning our Expedition leader Claudio woke us up to our first day in the famous Drake Passage. Today the Drake does not feel like a Drake-Shake luckily. Plancius is moving very gently through the swell despite quite a lot of wind. Many of us came to the breakfast and just a few decided to stay in bed due to seasickness.

Already in the morning we got a glimpse of the amazing wildlife in the Southern Ocean. We saw the first Albatrosses and later the most special ones, the southern royal albatross and the wandering albatross, enormous birds with a wingspan up to 3,4m.

Some of our fellow passengers also spotted the first whale blows.

We met the Expedition Team in the morning, and they gave us a small introduction about themselves and their specialties...nice bunch of people. After the introduction the activity guides presented their activity. Richard talked and explained more about the mountaineering, Paolo advertised the camping in Antarctica and Zet gave us good insights how the kayaking works.

That was a busy morning, but we all felt well, even when the sea slightly starts to shake our little Plancius a bit more.

For the afternoon we got the chance to sign up for certain days for the extra activities. We got called by group with interesting names like Whales, Seals, Albatross and Penguins. We almost feel part of the Antarctic Fauna.

Everything runs really well and smooth. Claudio called us before dinner for the daily recap and told us more about the weather situation for the upcoming days, Martin gave us some explanations about the birds we could observe during the day and Steffi explained us how different people define the Antarctic borders.

After another fantastic dinner, we let the evening end with some drinks in the bar. The first seaday is done and it was not too bad.



Day 3 – Friday 10th of March 2023, crossing the Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 62°02'S / 068°38'W

Wind: N6 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +6°C • Sea temperature: 3°C

The second sea day started with a wakeup call of Claudio. The sea was moving but not as much as many of us expected. Well we took it, seasickness is not so much fun.

During the morning we got called to the Lounge for many mandatory briefings, but first we got an introduction of the Expedition Team. We had 11 guides, 2 of them are in charge of mountaineering and one for kayaking, but we saw quick, almost everybody helps with everything. It seemed to be a nice team.

The briefings that Claudio gave us included the briefing to be allowed to step on the Antarctic continent. Many little things were included, distances to wildlife, no peeing on shore and much more. All was quite clear and to finish the briefing Claudio explained us the Zodiac Operation.

When this was done the next thing to do was biosecurity. In order to not introduce alien species or illnesses to Antarctica all our outer gear needed to be clean and the shoes disinfected afterward before every landing. The Expedition Staff supported us to clean our equipment, they called it the "Vacuum cleaning Party", we never thought vacuum cleaning could be fun.

Besides that the day passed by, we saw many seabirds, got to know our fellow passengers and enjoyed the amazing food prepared by Headchef Khabir and this team. Seadays are not too bad, but we get more excited as closer we approached the continent so far south.



Day 4 – Saturday 11th of March 2023, Danko Island and Willhelmina Bay

12h00 GPS Position: 64°38'S/ 62°35'W

**Wind: NE4 • Sea: Small wavelets • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +3°C •
Sea temperature: 2°C**

Good morning good morning and welcome in Antarctica! We woke up surrounded by glaciers in Cuverville Island. After breakfast it was time to put on the life jackets, with the help of the doctor, and get in a zodiac to go to shore.

We were immediately greeted by fluffy moulting Gentoo penguins shaking their wings to accelerate the moulting, very cute! We had to be extra careful around the moulting penguins, as they are not able to swim during that period, so they are very vulnerable. It was also our very first encounter with the lovely smell that surrounds the penguin colonies and the fact that you can barely see any rock underneath all the penguin poop. Because the penguins have to move around the area a lot they created a 'penguin highway' along the shore and up the hill to make it easier for them. We had to make sure we did not block any penguins whilst they were on the highway. Alternatively, a human highway was created to get to the top of a steep, slippery hill, following red poles in the snow. At the summit we found another penguin colony posing for our pictures.



In order to visit a memorial of an old research station a 'human road' was created, but unfortunately not many of us were able to go there as the wind picked up very quickly and ice was drifting into the shore. The captain called us back to the ship as soon as the ice started to come close to the ship. The waves were very high, and it was difficult to get on to the gangway, but we all made it back safely and didn't have to spend the night spooning with penguins to stay warm.



After this first adventure, a warm lunch was very welcome. Because it was still very windy in the afternoon, we put plan b into action and found a sheltered area in Wilhelmina bay where we could zodiac cruise. The bay was full of glaciers and a few islands with Gentoo penguins and fur seals. The penguins were swimming between the zodiacs, jumping in and out of the water like

dolphins. Whilst we were cruising through the brash ice of the glaciers on our way back to the ship the last three zodiacs suddenly saw a whale! We turned around and called the other zodiacs so we could all watch the Humpback whale do its whale things close to the glacier.



When the whale moved further away, we admired a huge dragon-shaped iceberg up close before going back to the ship. Whilst having a coffee and cake to warm up more humpback whales were spotted incredibly close to the ship. They were constantly showing their fluke and gave us a magical show and an amazing finale to our first day in Antarctica!

Day 5 – Sunday 12th of March 2023, Errera Channel. Paradise harbour and Stony Point in Paradise harbour

12h00 GPS Position: 64°45'S/ 62°38'W

Wind: Calm • Sea: Calm • Weather: Snow • Air temperature: 0°C • Sea temperature: 0°C



We woke up this morning to horizontal snow and high winds. The decks were covered in snow which meant that it was dangerous for us to be outside. Breakfast was at 7.30 and that gave our intrepid crew time to clear the snow from the decks.

Due to the adverse weather conditions plans were constantly changing, the only sensible option was to sit the storm out in the

relative shelter of Danco Island.

Koen gave another fascinating insight into the world of photography while we waited for the weather to improve.

At 1030 things were beginning to look much better and whales were spotted which gave the expedition team and crew the chance to launch the zodiacs, we all had the chance to get off the ship and zodiac cruise the Errera Channel.

Immediately the Humpback Whales were spotted, and everyone had great views of the feeding whales. With the zodiacs stationary we watched in awe these massive animals feeding. A mixture of Fur Seals and Gentoo Penguins were also seen along with the magnificent land and icescapes around us.

We returned to the ship for another delicious lunch, whilst we were eating the ship was being repositioned in Paradise harbour for our visit to Stony Point.

At 14:15 the Zodiacs were launched in much better weather. The sun made an appearance, and everything were looking positive for a great afternoon. Once ashore we were given the option of wearing snowshoes or not and then an uphill walk, our mountain guides laid a marked path to the top of the hill and to a spectacular viewpoint. The views in every direction were awe inspiring and left several of us speechless. We also had the chance to go on another zodiac cruise and a Crabeater seal was seen on



an ice floe drifting past. We also saw good numbers of Gentoo Penguins at a colony on a small island opposite Stony Point. Then the weather changed, within a few minutes the wind had increased and there was a return to the horizontal snow. The increase in wind moved the sea ice around and the ship had to reposition to clear water, everyone was quickly returned to the safety of the ship.

After recap where Paulo explained about the weather and Steffi told us all about Snow Algae before we went for dinner. Another great meal had been prepared which was enjoyed by nearly all. The exceptions being those who decided to interrupt dinner for the pod of Killer Whales that had been spotted just off the ship. We all watched the pod harass a Humpback whale until it was too dark to see.

An interesting end to what had been a fantastic day.

Day 6 – Monday 13th of March 2023, Neko Harbour. Paradise Harbour, Almirante Brown station and Isla Hanka (Leith harbour)

12h00 GPS Position 64°50'S / 62°34'W

Wind: N4 • Sea: Smoth • Weather: Cloudy • Air temperature: +4°C • Sea temperature: 0°C

Today we wake to stereotypical Antarctica. When we thought of this trip, most of us imagined this! Lots of brash ice floating over dark blue waters all surrounded by an amphitheatre of steep rock and ice. After some consideration by the scouting team we decide to push through the ice with our zodiacs and in small groups land at Neko



Harbour in the Danco Coast of the Arctowski Peninsula. A calving glacier nearby requires special attention. As soon as the guides land to break trail a pod of Orcas swims by in tight formation. What a treat! From the ship we can see them scouting the ice for a meal. Here we hike to two different high viewpoints and gentoo penguin colonies whilst the mountaineers get their snowshoes and rope up to a much higher

point place, lucky them! Neko has plenty of whales we can see from the coast and also we get to enjoy a zodiac cruise to spend some time with the whales before heading back to the ship. Magical!

We then head back to Plancius for our usual midday feast as we slowly cruise to Paradise Harbour and the Argentine, 'Almirante Brown' Scientific Station. Wow, the landscape is jaw dropping. Grease seas, pancake ice and thick snowflakes falling all around us makes for a very atmospheric zodiac cruise. The visibility is heavily reduced, and we move in a tight group skilfully navigating through ice floes, growlers and a fast freezing sea.



This year, due to COVID regulations we can't visit scientific stations, but we were lucky to see some of the base personnel on the pier and they were happy to tell us about their scientific research from land whilst we were drifting with in our zodiacs. A great moment shared between all.

The mountaineers also headed out and we had the most beautiful pick up amongst heavy snow. A leopard seal came to check us out as we moved slowly and gave us the chance to admire its size and confident attitude.



As we head back to the ship, there are smiles all around. Today was a special one.

Day 7 – Tuesday 14th of March 2023, Damoy point. Port Lockroy.

12h00 GPS Position: 64°48'S/ 63°29'W

Wind: ENE • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Partly cloudy • Air temperature: +3°C • Sea temperature: 1°C



We got up early and finally the weather conditions were looking really nice. The sun started to rise above the glaciated mountains around us and the light was incredible. Quick we got out of bed and enjoyed the scenery with blue sky and changing light before breakfast. While we had breakfast, the Expedition team was heading towards our landing spot for the morning preparing everything.



When we arrived the scenery was just stunning, no wind, blue sky and finally sunshine. Wow what a day. We got the chance to walk a nice trail around the area visiting several groups of gentoo penguins and ending up on a super beautiful lookout point. We could see the Seven Sisters and Jabet Peak above our landing site. On the way back to the landing site we visited the hut which is maintained by the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust. It is the

old emergency hut, which was used, while the glacier was used as an airstrip. Using the Airstrip, scientist could get supplied earlier with provision and equipment via plane and they had longer season to learn more about the environment of Antarctica. As the runway the glacier was used with snow planes. We got a closer look of the hut, and we got a good idea that they probably had also a quite nice time waiting for the next weather window to operate planes.

Right when we started the preparation for our famous Polar plunge the wind started to pick up. Real explorers do not mind and go anyway. Many of us got prepared, grabbed a towel, put on the bathing suit, and jumped into the Antarctic water with 0°C water temperature. We were awake and we quickly went out of the water to get ready and head to our warm showers. What fun it was to observe and listen to the comments while our fellow passengers entering the cold waters. 80 of us went for a swim, that explains why this groups are just outstanding, and we are all happy to be part of it.

For the afternoon, the plan was to visit Port Lockroy, the southernmost post office and a historic monument also operated by the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust. Unfortunately the post office was closed, the team just ended the season right before our arrival.



Nevertheless still nice to see that hut in brown and red and the little penguins were quite entertaining as well. Additionally we got the chance to have a short Zodiac cruise around the bay where we could see some seals.

But the highlight came in the evening. Finally it was time for camping, after the Expedition Team tried so hard to get us off the ship for a camping night, this was the night. Perfect conditions! After optimising the groups to get everybody interested out, everything went really quick, and we got ashore on a beautiful place. We got setup on our campsite and could enjoy the sunset and the amazing light around our home for the night. We were well protected as a Chilean warship was anchored in the bay, but no problem, we can share this beautiful place with others.

We were left on the beach and while the stars got more and more visible, we realized how amazing the sky can be without any pollution of light or emission.

What a day and while some enjoy the camping spot, the others enjoying the drinks in the bar and the warm and cosy beds on our beloved Plancius.

Day 8 – Wednesday 15th of March 2023, Peterman Island. Port Charcot and Salpetrie Bay.

12h00 GPS Position: 65°10'S/ 64°07'W

Wind: NNE2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Partly cloudy • Air temperature: +5°C • Sea temperature: 0°C

This morning started early for 50 happy campers, we woke up at 3 o'clock after spending a beautiful night out at our camping site. Our Zodiacs started to arrive at the landing site, between smiles and sleepy faces we wrapped our gears and returned to the ship. Hot drinks and delicious pastry were waiting us.

A few hours later, with a delicious breakfast in the dinner room, we prepared ourselves for the landing on Peterman Island. Peterman Island stretches 1,8 by 1,2 km (1.1 by



.7 miles), rising to a height of about 250 meters (820 feet). In 1909 the French explorer Jean-Martin Charcot wintered his ship, *Pourquoi Pas*, in a small bay on the southeast side of the island.

The beautiful landscape was even more breath taking with some fur seals and a little colony of Gentoos, they gave us some cute moments. Just in front of our landing site, we be able to watch some humpbacks swimming.

After this amazing morning, we return to the Plancius to enjoy a well-deserved lunch buffet.

Pleneu Island was waiting for in the afternoon where we made a beautiful zodiac cruise. We saw different kind of icebergs, with the most incredible shapes and tone's of blue. A bunch of crabeaters seals was giving us a nice and natural moments to share later with all the pictures that we took. They were just "chilling" on the icebergs, sometimes looking up just to lay again. One leopard seal gave us the opportunity to



take a lot of pictures. Our return to ship was exiting! a little wind and waves make our trip even more special and a little bit wet.

Once in the lounge Steffi told us about "Penguins circle of life" on the recap. Keechy hold a short recap about glaciers and iceberg, "Ice ice baby".

Every day we had surprises, and today was one of them! At the afternoon we had an amazing barbecue waiting us on the deck. The most special way to end this magnificent day!

Day 9 – Thursday 16th of March 2023, Portal Point. Foyn Harbour.

12h00 GPS Position: 64°30'S/ 61°44'W

Wind: S1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Cloudy • Air temperature: +2°C • Sea temperature: 1°C

Rise and shine and welcome to another beautiful day in Antarctica! After a lush breakfast we went out to enjoy the blue skies on Portal point. Between the ship and the landing some humpback whales were spotted so a detour was made to enjoy the whales up close. After this amazingly close encounter with a mother and a baby whale we went on shore and were greeted by a fat Weddel seal, that was occasionally scratching its head. There were a few fur seals behind the Weddel seal, with one that was very active. The fur seal kept running back and forth on its tail and front fins and tried to bark at the other sleeping fur seals as if to wake them up and join him to play outside. The other fur seals, however, just lifted their heads and barked back as if they



were trying to say 'go away let me sleep' 😊. This was a very entertaining show to observe.

Marked with the red poles in the snow, a path was marked behind the Weddell seals and fur seals to walk up a hill and enjoy a stunning view of the glaciers, ice bergs and the Plancius. As a bonus, the humpback whale and its calf were

still swimming between the ship and the shore and in front of the glaciers. The spectacle was a true feast for the eyes. When we all got our steps in for the day, we got back on the zodiacs to commute back to the ship, but of course not without stopping by the whale again to enjoy a final meeting.

After the tasty lunch, some rest, and a coffee, we went outside again to continue to enjoy the sunshine, this time on a zodiac cruise through Foyen harbour. This location was full of history from the whaling period early 20th century, with the main attraction being a half-submerged wreck of the ship 'Governoren'. The crew of this ship had been whaling for an entire season and gathered a lot of whale oil in the ship. Fully loaded and happy to return home to their loved ones and the comfort of their own homes, they decided to have a party before the long way back. Unfortunately, one of the candles fell over and the ship, still full of whale oil, burst into flames and the captain made a quick decision to ground the ship and save all of the crew.

We also found remnants of waterboats (full deck wherry's), that were used both for obtaining ice and snow to melt as a source of fresh water and to aid with the cutting of the whales and transport parts of blubber and coal between the shore and the ship. Even though these boats were made from wood, they were still in really good condition. This is because wood does not occur naturally in Antarctica, and there is therefore no microbial community that would degrade these wooden ships. We also found remnants



of an old wall that was used to store the coal on land, as these ships often used a lot of coal. After trying to search for the lifeboats, that were supposedly somewhere on the land to, some of the zodiacs went to the icebergs on the other side of the island and others went to see some whales up close. All of us felt like we could use a moment of silence during all our busy adventures and just silently enjoy the beauty that surrounded us. We turned the engines off and just floated around listening to birds, whales, popping ice bergs and feeling peaceful with nature. As we all got carried away a bit, we were a bit late to go back to the ship and the silence was countered with a



speedy and fun drive back to the ship.

As always, a coffee/tea and cake were waiting for us and we enjoyed a recap from Martin with a fascinating presentation about why penguins can see under water, and Paolo explained more about the remnants from the whaling periods that we had observed that day.

This good weather day was a welcome break after the strong winds we encountered the day before, every adventure is unique!

Day 10 – Friday 17th of March 2023, Deception Island, Whaler's bay. Half Moon Island.

12h00 GPS Position: 62°41.5'S / 059°52.5'W

Wind: WSW4 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Clear • Air temperature: +5°C • Sea temperature: +1°C



The day started very early with a delicious breakfast. We were early so we could enjoy a landing at Deception Island - Whalers Bay. From the beginning we knew that's it was going to be a very special landing. We arrived to this ring-shaped island, which is actually the caldera of an active volcano. The caldera has a narrow entrance, just 230 meters (755 feet) wide, called Neptune's Bellows.

Since the Deception Island volcano is active, geothermal activity still takes place inside the caldera. Sea water temperatures of 70°C (150°F) have been recorded, and eruptions occurred as recently as 1970. Sealers, whalers, explorers, and scientists have been sailing into the island's Port Foster since 1820, and remains of these expeditions can still be seen. Our Landing started with different remains of all the history that has this island. From buildings from the Whalers, and the British Base B that acted as the center for the Falkland Islands Dependencies Aerial Survey Expedition.

The beauty beach with steam, gave us the opportunity to take amazing pictures. Along the beach were some fur seals; they were little curious about us, and with some "noises" they just were telling us to maintain distance.

Just at the end of the beach and after a little hike we reached a viewpoint above Neptune's Window and Southeast Point. From this summit, we enjoyed great views of Port Foster and little rock columns called the "Sewing Machine Needles".

After this amazing morning, we return to the Plancius to enjoy an amazing buffet.

In the afternoon Claudio prepared us for our last Landing in Antarctica. We arrived in our Zodiacs to Half Moon Island. Just on the beach some gentoos, fur seals and an elephant seal were waiting for us to get some last great photos. We found as well, an old boat from the whaling era, more than 100 years old. Going up from the beach we were surprised with an amazing view of a magnificent glacier. Walking a little more we finally found a group of Chinstraps penguins! Also a lot more fur seals and three sleepy elephant seals that were chilling on the beach.

Now it's sadly time to say goodbye to this beautiful beach and return to Plancius.



One more surprise was waiting for us, hot chocolate at the deck, where we started to share stories and laughs, all with the magnificent landscape as a background.



Once in the lounge we listen carefully to John, one of our dear passengers, that shared his knowledge about volcanos and geology in a very interesting lecture.

To finish this amazing day, we enjoy a gorgeous dinner sharing stories.

Today is also Saint Patrick's Day. Plancius small Irish community make the most of it and everyone where green and green beer is served in the bar until late in the night.

Day 11 – Saturday 18th of March 2023, crossing the Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 59°16'S / 063°00'W

Wind: NW7 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Light rain • Air temperature: +4°C • Sea temperature: +5°C



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When we woke up this morning Plancius has sailed a fair bit into the Drake passage. We are lucky and the weather is fair and waves still not too high so we make good speed north and the rocking of our ship is gentle. We start to see the great sea birds again. Albatrosses and storm petrels are cruising amongst the waves, soaring on the wind.

Koen follow up is photography lectures with a photo editing lecture in the morning. He taught us about Lightroom and easy fixes of photos that might not be perfect. Before

lunch Steffi also managed to squeeze in a lecture about whales. This trip we have been very lucky and seen a lot of humpback whales almost every day.

The sea conditions were still good so the buffet lunch was easy and enjoyable.

After the coffee Magnus had a lecture about the history of whaling and a little bit about how oceans are regulated internationally nowadays.

Now we have left the Antarctic and we return our borrowed equipment so in the afternoon all the boots and clothes are collected in the boot room.

Before the recap in the late afternoon Keechy told us glaciers and climate change, a follow up to her recap about ice. In the recap Steffi shows a short film about Deception Island and another one about Gentoo penguins stealing pebbles from each other.

The sea is still moderate so the dinner is calm and nice and we enjoy a few hours of socialising in the lounge before going to sleep.

Day 12 – Sunday 19th of March 2023, crossing the Drake passage.

12h00 GPS Position: 55°31 S / 066°00'W

Wind: SW8 • Sea: Rough • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +4°C • Sea temperature: 7°C

Today Drake is shaking us a bit more. We wake up to gusts of more than 40kt and 4,5 meter high waves. A lot of us still make it to breakfast but now chairs fall over and it's a little tricky to get seconds. Despite of that most of us actually feel great and gather for Martins presentation about bird ringing in the mid-morning.

Fittingly enough Paolo have lecture about weather after Martin. Paulo is an expert on weather, so he tells us about how weather routing is done.

The conditions are still rough but we manage to enjoy a great lunch with the waves splashing on to the dining room portholes.

After lunch Plancius have come to shallower water on the continental shelf and slightly behind the famous Cape Horn which gives some shelter from the waves. Plancius is moving more gentle and we can all sit in the lounge to listen to Valerie's lecture about the explorer Otto Nordenskjold. In the evening we have a final toast with captain Ernesto and guides to celebrate a fantastic expedition to one of the most remote places on earth!



Day 13 – Monday 20th of March 2023, Ushuaia

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 together, 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.

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.

This would not be possible without you, our 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: 1724 nautical miles

Southernmost position: 65°0'S / 061°0'W



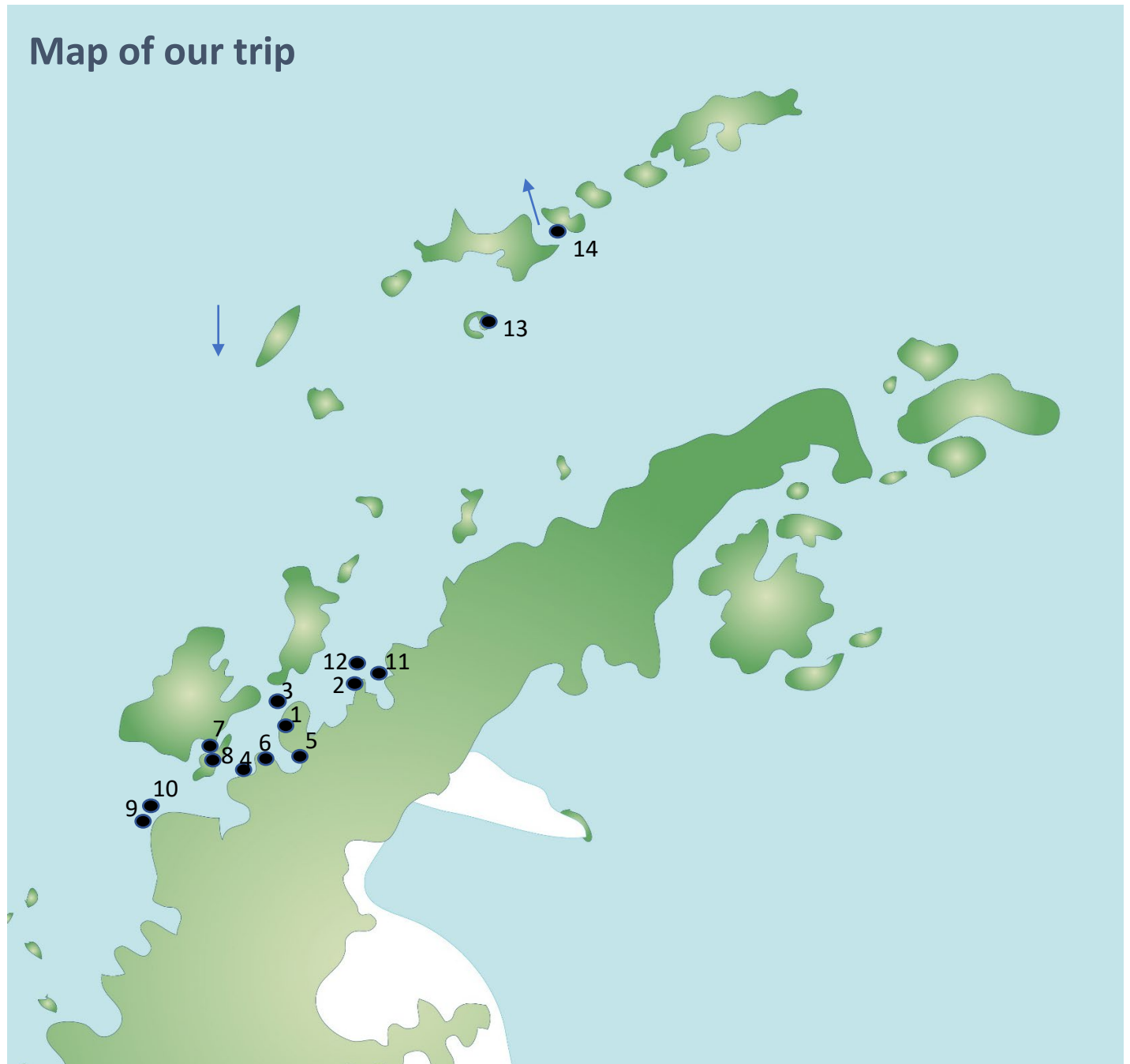
On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Ernesto Barria, Expedition Leader Claudio Ghiglione, Hotel Manager Volodymyr Cherednychenko and all the crew and staff of M/V Plancius, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.



- **1:** Danco Island – 11/03 AM
- **2:** Nansen and Brooklyn Islands – 11/03 PM
- **3:** Errera Channel and Ronge Island – 12/03 AM
- **4:** Islote Sandra (Stoney Point) – 12/03 PM
- **5:** Neko Harbour – 13/03 AM
- **6:** Paradise Harbour (Brown Station) – 13/03 PM
- **7:** Dorian Bay/Damoy Point – 14/03 AM – **Polar Plunge!**
- **8:** Port Lockroy & Lefevre Point – 14/03 PM

Transit through the Lemaire Channel

- **9:** Peterman Island – 15/03 AM
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- **14:** Half Moon Island and Edinburgh Hill



Claudio Ghiglione – Expedition Leader



Claudio was born in Italy in 1983. He is a marine ecologist specialised in polar regions, expedition guide and nature photographer.

Interested in science and nature since he was very young, he graduated first in *Marine Environmental Sciences* (BA) and then in *Marine Science* (MA). In March 2017 he obtained a *PhD in Earth, Environmental and Polar Sciences* run in cooperation with the Italian National Antarctic Museum (Italy) and the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge (UK).

For several years he worked as a polar researcher focusing his work mainly on the South Pole (Antarctica); his objective is to analyse and evaluate information used for ecological modelling and possible future scenarios following global warming. During his academic career, he actively takes part in some scientific expeditions both in Arctic and in Antarctica in cooperation with Norway and England.

His passion for travel, mainly to cold and often inhospitable places, and his career as a photographer led him to travel a lot, creating and managing – often in complete autonomy – itineraries and logistics. In 2017 – thanks to his professional experience, the skills acquired over the time and the need to spend more time on the field – he starts working full time as a guide Oceanwide.

Specialised in nature, scientific and travel photography, Claudio uses his photos as a means of telling stories to draw attention mainly to his main subjects, namely animals, nature and environment. In the 2019 he published his first book ‘Polar Lights’ with whom he shares the passion for nature photography.

Stefanie Liller – Assistant Expedition Leader



Steffi Liller was born in Offenbach, Germany in 1978. After completing her apprenticeship as a biology lab technician at the Paul-Ehrlich Institute in Langen, Germany, she earned a degree in Biology and Meteorology at the Universities of Darmstadt and Freiburg in Germany. Alongside her studies and her love of nature, Stefanie developed an interest in and a passion for skydiving. This eventually changed from being a hobby to her profession. While working at drop-zones and indoor skydiving facilities throughout central Europe, Stefanie enjoyed sharing her passion for the sport with other people.

A large part of her career was spent as a coach. It was always very important to her to make her own skills available to people curious and interested, and to look after their safety and lasting enjoyment in the sport. Starting in 2011 she managed several indoor skydiving facilities in Germany and Austria. In addition to her professional career, Stefanie is an avid world-traveler by foot or public transport. While exploring various landscapes and communities on all seven continents, she enjoys sharing her experiences and unique moments with others. Since 2017 Stefanie has been working as an independent coach in skydiving and indoor skydiving and guide or lector on several vessels in remote areas. Stefanie has chosen Vienna, Austria as her home base, and lives there in between trips.

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.

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.

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 ;).

Martin Anstee - Expedition Guide



Martin has been a keen naturalist and wildlife photographer for most of his life.

Martin has been an active Bird Ringer since the year 2000 and particularly enjoys studying/ringing and just being around seabird colonies.

Martin has used a camera since an early age and has combined his love of the outdoors and seabird habitats with photography. Martin has just spent a month in Zimbabwe and Botswana photographing other wildlife.

Martin has combined this with a career in the Police Service, firstly in the UK where he was, amongst other roles, a wildlife crime officer. His last role in The Police was as a Police Sergeant in The Royal Falkland Islands Police.

Martin lived in the Falkland Islands, Stanley, for just over two years, leaving to return to the UK in November 2021. In his two years Martin was a volunteer with Falklands Conservation, he helped with The Falkland Islands Seabird Monitoring Program (FISMP) in particular counting Seabirds and ringing Black browed Albatross. Martin was also involved in fieldwork for a Striated Caracara (Johnny Rook) study. As a result Martin has visited most of the larger (and some of the smaller) outlying islands that form part of The Falkland Islands.

This is also where Martin started his career as a guide, he enjoyed sharing his knowledge of the Islands and the wildlife which he continues to do to this day.

Paolo Bellezze – Expedition Guide



Born in Argentina (Dec 80') and raised in Italy, Paolo finally moved to Scotland where he settled in 2006. Nowadays, when not at sea, he splits his time between Argentina and Scotland.

Before expedition cruises Paolo spent 12 years working shoreside in merchant shipping. He was a Product Manager for a Norwegian company developing Voyage Planning and Marine Weather Forecasting Systems for merchant ships.

He also started Paragliding at the age of 14 and has been very involved in the sport as a school owner instructing both beginners and advanced courses for over 20 years. When not paragliding, Paolo likes to sea kayak and he mixes Field Guide with Kayak Guide roles onboard.

In 2021 he started working full time in expedition cruises, since then he has guide in several expeditions such as Antarctica, South Georgia, Falklands, Greenland West coast, Greenland East coast, Iceland, Faroes Islands and British Isles.

Aside from sea kayaking and flying he is into hiking, motorbikes and spending time with friends. He is passionate about polar regions and sharing the experience with our guests.

“Happiness is only real when shared” (Chris McCandless)

Languages: English, Spanish, Italian.

Valeria Mariel Sainz Herrera - Expedition Guide



Valeria Sainz Herrera is an Argentinian photographer with almost seven years of business background. She grew up in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, a beautiful place with a lot of culture and interesting things to do.

Through the years she found that one of her biggest passions is to travel, traveling as much as she could, she found a love of photography, a profession that defines her in so many ways and gives her the freedom to know and live-in different locations around the world.

Nowadays she spends her life between Argentina and Brazil; working during the summer season as a Guide for Oceanwide Expeditions and for the rest of the year you can find her in a beautiful island named Ilhabela in Brazil, working in the tourism area or in Ushuaia as a photographer at the Ski Center.

Living in different countries allows her to learn and practice many activities that she enjoys, especially in natural environments, like rock climbing and skiing in the Patagonian Andes or trekking in the central region of Argentina and in Brazil. She also enjoys other kinds of sports like diving, kayaking and sailing.

The Antarctic and Arctic were always a dream for her but now very much part of her life.

Keechy Akkerman - Expedition Guide



Growing up in a big city (The Hague, The Netherlands) the outdoors has always fascinated Keechy, especially the Polar Regions. She has travelled to Norway repeatedly; for holidays, to work on a sheep farm, and to conduct research on the island Jan Mayen. During her studies in Biology and Geology her passion led her to follow several courses at the University Centre in Svalbard, and she fell in love with the area.

For Keechy's final internship with TNO (The Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research) in 2015, she had the amazing opportunity to participate in a scientific expedition (SEES) to Edgeøya, located in the southeast of the Svalbard archipelago. The aim of the expedition was to study the impact of anthropogenic activity in one of the most remote and pristine areas on earth, thereby highlighting the relevance of Arctic research in the context of current transitions. This expedition was in collaboration with Oceanwide Expeditions and after talking to the guides, she became very enthusiastic to work as a Polar Tour guide as well.

In 2016 Keechy moved to the UK to take on a PhD on lake ecosystems in Greenland. Her fieldwork allowed her to complete the Arctic Circle Trail in Greenland, a 10-day hike from the ice sheet to the coast. She spends most of her weekends exploring all the national parks the UK has to offer, in the form of hiking, camping, climbing and winter mountaineering. Now that she is in the final stages of her PhD, she is keen to share her love for nature and the Polar Regions as a tour guide!

Magnus Danbolt – Expedition Guide



Magnus works as a marine biologist in Sweden, focusing on porpoises in the Baltic Sea and marine protected areas in Kalmar County. He is also a captain and works with the English Foundation Marine Conservation Research. The research and expeditions focus on marine mammals and acoustics, for example, how whales are affected by noise from ships.

His work has taken him to many places around the world, all the way from the tropics to the polar regions. He has surveyed penguins in the Sub-Antarctic, Monk seals in Africa and has been researching blue whales in the seas surrounding Iceland and Greenland. While the research projects have focused on cetaceans and acoustics the fascination for the polar regions got him hooked and since 2017 Magnus has work as an expedition guide.

Zet Freiburghaus - Kayak Leader



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.



DAILY PROGRAM

Welcome aboard!

Wednesday, the 8th of March 2023

Day 1 – Embarkation in Ushuaia!

- 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 Claudio Ghiglione. He 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.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Thursday, the 9th of March 2023

Day 2 – Drake Passage heading to Antarctica!

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Claudio.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 Meet the Expedition team in the Lounge for an introduction to your Basecamp trip. There will be a series of briefings from your activity guides which will give you more information about the activities. We will then begin the process of arranging the groups for the days ahead.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1430 **Registration** for activities with the activity leaders.
- 1730 Collect your Boots at the Bootroom at Deck 3, We will call you by deck
- 1830 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a recap of our first day on board Plancius and the plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **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.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Friday, the 10th of March 2023

Day 3 – Drake Passage heading to Antarctica!

- 0745 Wake-up call from your Expedition Leader Claudio.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0915 **IAATO Briefing and Zodiac Briefing.** Please join Claudio in the Lounge for these two **mandatory briefings**. You will get all the information regarding 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.
- 1030 **Biosecurity begins.** We will call you by Deck to vacuum your outer gear, back packs and camera bags. We will ask you 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.
- 1400 We will give more time to continue the biosecurity to ensure you can clean your all your gear before making landfall in Antarctica.
- 1600 Our photo guide Koen will present a lecture. If you want to know the “**10 Tips for Wildlife Photography**”, come and join him in the Lounge.
- 1830 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for the recap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Saturday, the 11th of March 2023

Day 4 – Cuverville Island and Orne Harbour

- 0715 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Claudio.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0845 This morning we hope to bring you ashore on **Cuverville Island**. There you will find a Gentoo penguin rookery and amazing views on the surrounding landscape.
- Everybody that is not in an extra activity, come 8:45 to the gangway, but listen to announcement for possible changes.
- Mountaineering Group # 1, please meet the guides at the boots room at 8:15.
Kayak Group # 1, please meet Zet at 8:30 in the boots room.
- 1230 Your **lunch** will be served for 1 hour in the Dining room.
- 14:00 We will be at **Orne Harbour**. A protected bay with a nice scenery.
- Everybody that is not in an extra activity, come to the gangway, but listen to announcement for possible changes.
- Mountaineering Group # 2, please meet the guides at the boots room at 13:40.
Kayak Group # 2, please meet Zet at 13:45 in the boot room.
- 1830 **Recap and Briefing**. Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a recap of our first day in Antarctica and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.
- 2000 **Campers Group 1**, get ready for your night out in Antarctica. Please listen to announcements.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Sunday, the 12th of March 2023

Day – 5 Danco Island & Stoney Point

- 0715 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Claudio.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0830 We will spend the morning in the shelter of the **Errera Channel** and plan a Zodiac cruise between fantastic icebergs in the search of wildlife.
- Mountaineering Group # 3, please be ready at 8:00 at the gangway
Kayak Group # 3, please meet Zet at 8:15 in the boot room.
- 1230 Your **lunch** will be served for 1 hour in the Dining room.
- 14:30 In the afternoon we hope to land you on the **continent of Antarctica**, so join us at Stoney Point. We do a Split landing, the first half of the group lands and the other group goes for a Zodiac cruise, we switch after half of the time.
- Mountaineering Group # 4, please be ready at 13:40 at the gangway
Kayak Group #, please meet Zet at 14:15 in the boot room.
- 1830 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a recap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.
- 2000 **Campers Group 2**, get ready for your night out in Antarctica. Please listen to announcements.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Monday, the 13th of March 2023

Day – 6 Neko Harbour (Andvord Bay) & Paradise Harbour (Skoncorp Cove)

- 07:15 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Claudio.
- 07:30 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 08:30 We would like to bring you on land on **Neko Harbour**. It offers a fantastic scenery in front of a glacier and is home for a Gentoo penguin colony and Skuas.
- Mountaineering Group # 5, please be ready at 8:10 at the gangway
Kayak Group # 5, please meet Zet at 8:15 in the boot room.
- 12:30 Your **lunch** will be served for 1 hour in the Dining room.
- 14:30 We would like to spend the afternoon in beautiful **Paradise Harbour**. We plan to take you on a Zodiac cruise to explore the area for wildlife and fantastic glacier scenery
- Mountaineering Group # 6, please be ready at 14:10 at the gangway
Kayak Group # 6, please meet Zet at 14:15 in the boot room.
- 18:30 **Recap and Briefing**. Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a recap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.
- For alternative Camping opportunities, listen to announcements.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Tuesday, the 14th of March 2023

Day – 7 Damoy Point & Goudier Island

- 07:15 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Claudio.
- 07:30 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 08:30 We take you ashore at **Damoy Point**. The site is home to a gentoo colony and offers amazing views.
At the end of the landing, we would like to offer you the chance to take a swim in Antarctic waters. We bring the towels, and you bring the courage.
- Mountaineering Group # 7, please be ready at 8:10 at the gangway
Kayak Group # 7, please meet Zet at 8:15 in the boot room.
- 12:30 Your **lunch** will be served for 1 hour in the Dining room.
- 14:30 In the afternoon, we give you the chance to visit **Port Lockroy**, the Historic Base of the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust. We are going to do a split landing to give you the chance to have the complete vision of the beautiful bay.
- Mountaineering Group # 8, please be ready at 14:10 at the gangway
Kayak Group # 8, please meet Zet at 14:15 in the boot room.
- 18:30 **Recap and Briefing**. Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a recap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.
- For alternative Camping opportunities, listen to announcements.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Wednesday, the 15th of March 2023

Day – 8 Peterman Island & Salpetrie Bay

- 07:15 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Claudio.
- 07:30 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 08:30 We would like to visit **Peterman Island**. The island has an amazing panorama over the Penola Strait and is home to Gentoo and Adelie penguins.
- Mountaineering Group # 9, please be ready at 8:10 at the gangway
Kayak Group # 9, please meet Zet at 8:15 in the boot room.
- 12:30 Your **lunch** will be served for 1 hour in the Dining room.
- 14:30 In the afternoon, we want to explore **Port Charcot** and Salpetrie Bay in search for marine mammals and incredible icebergs.
- Mountaineering Group # 10, please be ready at 14:10 at the gangway
Kayak Group # 10, please meet Zet at 14:15 in the boot room.
- 18:30 **Recap and Briefing**. Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a recap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Thursday, the 16th of March 2023

Day – 9 Portal Point & Foyn Harbour

- 07:15 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Claudio.
- 07:30 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 08:30 We will have a landing a **Portal Point**. We have a small walk to a nice viewpoint and often we have seals hanging out. The scenery is beautiful.
- Mountaineering Group # 3, please be ready at 8:00 at the gangway
Kayak Group, please meet Zet at 8:15 in the boot room.
- 12:30 Your **lunch** will be served for 1 hour in the Dining room.
- 14:30 We plan a Zodiac Cruise in **Foyn Harbour**, where we can see the wrack of the Governoren.
- Mountaineering Group # 4, please be ready at 14:00 at the gangway
- 18:30 **Recap and Briefing**. Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a recap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Friday, the 17th of March 2023

Day – 10 Deception & Half Moon Island

- 06:15 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Claudio.
- 06:30 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 07:15 We visit Deception Island which is an active volcano. We sail into the caldera and spend some hours at the abandoned Whaling Station.
- Mountaineering Group, please be ready at 7:00 at the gangway
- 12:00 Your **lunch** will be served for 1 hour in the Dining room.
- 13:45 Depending on the conditions we would like to offer the quick last landing at Half Moon Island which is home to a chinstrap colony and offers a fantastic scenery of Livingston Island.
- In the late afternoon 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.**
- 18:30 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a recap of our first day in Antarctica and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Saturday, the 18th of March 2023

Day – 11 Drake Day 1 – Heading North

This morning there will be no wake-up call. We will call you for breakfast.

- 08:00 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 09:30 You took many pictures in Antarctica, when you would like to learn more about **Photo Editing**, join Koen in the Lounge.
- 11:00 We saw many **whales** on this trip. Steffi is talking about these incredible animals in the Lounge. Please join her.
- 12:30 Your **lunch** will be served for 1 hour in the Dining room.
- 15:00 After our visit at the old Whaling station in Antarctica, we would like to tell you more about this part of human history. Please join Magnus in the Lounge, he will tell you more about the **period of whaling**.
- 16:15 We would like to collect your **rubberboots**. We will call you by deck.
- 17:00 **Ice Ice Maybe?!** Join Keechy in the Lounge, she is talking about changing condition in the climate and ice cores.
- 18:30 **Recap and Briefing**. Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a recap about our time in Antarctica.
- 19:00 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.

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.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Sunday, the 19th of March 2023

Day – 12 Drake Day 2 – Heading North

This morning there will be no wake-up call. We will call you for breakfast.

- 08:00 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 09:30 Martin is an ambitious bird lover. He will give a presentation of **Bird ringing**.
- 11:00 Paolo will talk about **weather routing**. If you want to learn more about the influence of weather in route plannings, join him in the Lounge.
- 12:30 Your **lunch** will be served for 1 hour in the Dining room.
- 15:00 The Antarctic continent is a place for adventurous Explorer. Valerie wants to share some stories from the **heroic age of exploration**, please join her in the Lounge for a talk about the expedition of **Otto Nordenskjold** 1901-1903.
- 17:00 BBC video documentary
- 18:15 **Captain's Cocktail**. Please join the Expedition Team and Captain Ernesto in the Lounge for a chance to toast our successful voyage to Antarctica.
- 19:00 **Farewell Dinner** is served in the Restaurant. Enjoy your meal.

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.



DAILY PROGRAM

Antarctica Basecamp

Monday, the 20th of March 2023

Day – 13 Disembarkation in Ushuaia

7:15 Your last **Wake up** call from Expedition leader Claudio.

Before breakfast at 07:30 please 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.

07:30 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

8:30/45 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 08:30/08:45. Please identify all your luggages and make sure it goes on the airport bus.

If you have a later flight, identify your luggage, and put it in the truck and it will be stored at the luggage store until 14:00.

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!