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EXPEDITIONS

In search of polar bear and pack ice

8th of June – 15th of June, 2023

Onboard *m/v Plancius*



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

Captain Remmert - Jan Koster

And his international crew of 49 sailors

Chief Officer:	Maikel Overbeeke	[The Netherlands]
Second Officer:	Yaroslav Pyetukhov	[Ukraine]
Third Officer:	Martin Hansson	[Sweden]
Hotel Manager:	Volodymyr Cherednychenko	[Ukraine]
Head Chef:	Ivan Yuriychuk	[Ukraine]
Sous Chef:	Sergiy Sklyarov	[Ukraine]
Ships doctor:	Susan Eckhardt	[Germany]
Expedition Leader:	Ali Liddle	[United Kingdom]
Ass. Expedition Leader:	Eduardo Rubio Herrera	[Guatemala]
Expedition Guide:	Fiona-Elaine Strasser	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Matthias Kopp	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Elisabeth Robinson	[United States]
Expedition Guide:	Annelou Hulsker	[The Netherlands]
Expedition Guide:	Emily Clarke	[United Kingdom]
Expedition Guide:	Carina Ketterer	[Switzerland]
Kayak Leader:	Alexis Bellezze	[Argentina]
Kayak Guide:	Julien Burellier	[France]

We welcome you on board!

Day 1 – Thursday 8th of June, Longyearbyen, embarkation day

08h00 GPS Position: 78°12.60' N 15°32.6' E

Wind: NW2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air temperature: +2°C • Sea temperature: +0°C

Many of the guests arrived at Longyearbyen on the day of embarkation. Throughout the afternoon, guests were arriving at our new home for the coming days: Plancius.

Once onboard the evening went by quickly as we were busy with familiarisations, safety briefings, and a mandatory lifeboat instruction.

As we set off out of Isfjord in the evening, and northward towards our first scheduled activity of the trip, there was time to enjoy the views of the flat table-topped mountains in the late evening light.



Then, after departure, we had an introduction to the ship from our hotel manager. This was followed by captain's cocktails, where our expedition leader Ali introduced herself and shared the plans for the voyage. After a lovely first dinner on the ship, most of us went to enjoy the views outside while the ship was cruising, or went to bed early, after a very long day.

Day 2 – Friday 9th of June, St Jonsfjord & Poolepynten

12h00 GPS Position: 78°31.0'N / 012°50.6'E

Wind: Light air • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 2°C • Sea temperature: 1°C

First day of activities!

After departing Longyearbyen, we sailed overnight in a very calm sea towards the fjord where we would undertake our first activities: St. Jons Fjord. We dropped anchor very late in the night. Our ship was surrounded by a very atmospheric landscape, the sky was partially overcast and all the landscape around us could be described using only two colours: white and black. The peaks around us disappeared into the mist and the silence was impressive.

It was amongst this landscape where we spent the night. The day broke, covered in mist and fog. At some point we had fog and snow to the east and clear skies to the west. This morning Ali briefed our

passengers about how to board zodiacs, polar bear safety and general behaviour ashore. While these briefings happened, the staff got ready to prepare the landing site in the northeast mouth of St. Johns Fjord, next to an old hunting cabin.

Staff organised a meticulous reconnaissance of the area, checking for the presence of polar bears. Once this was complete, we started with the landing operation. For this morning, we offered four options. A long walk lead by Elizabeth and Mattias, a medium walk led by Annelou and Fiona, a medium leisure walk led by Eduardo and Emily and a leisurely walk led by Ali and Carina.

The aim of the first three options was to give passengers a closer look to the front of the glacier located in the North part of the fjord, the Gaffelbreen glacier (from the Norwegian Gaffel, fork and breen glacier). The name is due to the convergence of two subsidiary glaciers at the front.

The first two walks went along the high moraine that allows akin of an aerial view of the glacier front and the fast ice that accumulates near its front.

The third walk went around the moraine keeping a low level. They reached the fast ice and from there they had a superb view of the glacier front.

The last walk enjoyed a view of the shore, near the landing site, walking around the area exploring for flowers, rocks, and views of the surrounding area. We all had the



chance to see numerous birds such as ptarmigans, geese, common eiders, snow buntings and a couple of guillemots.

The landing party had the chance to have a quick view of the hut in this location. It was built in the late 60's and was used by the late trappers that came to Spitsbergen. The hut offers perspective to the visitors about how hard the life of these trappers was.



During the late morning, the weather improved and the overcast sky turned into a blue sky.

While lunch was being served, our bridge team repositioned the ship towards our next destination, Poolepynten.

For Poolepynten, we planned to do a landing aiming to have a closer look at walrus.

We arrived at the landing site shortly after 14:30 and very soon started our activities. Both groups had the chance to land successfully and to spend a good quality time with the colony. The whole landing occurred under very favourable circumstances and offered both, great views of the animals to our guests and fantastic views of the jagged landscape of the islands of Spitsbergen and Prins Karls Forland.

We returned to the ship shortly after 18:00, just in time for our daily recap, and a very well deserved meal in the evening. We hove anchor and headed south south-east first, aiming to turn around Prins Karls Forland Island.

At around 21:30, our skippers and watchman spotted blows in the horizon and as we came closer we had a phenomenal close encounter with three blue whales and a few humpback whales. Our officers and captain, maneuvered our ship in such a way so we could come closer but remain a safe distance from the whales where we could see them better. The encounter was memorable since many of our passengers managed to see the tiny dorsal fin of the blue whales on numerous occasions and a few even managed to see the enormous fluke of this giant of the seas.

After enjoying the whales for about 45 minutes, we headed further north to our next destination: Kongsfjord.

Day 3 – Saturday 10th of June, Fjortende Julibukta and Lilliehöökbreen

07h30 GPS Position: 79°18.9'N / 011°30.0'E

Wind: Light air • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 2°C • Sea temperature: 1°C

The day started with an early morning wakeup call from our Expedition leader Ali, a pod of belugas had been spotted by our bridge team. What an amazing sight, a large pod with over 100 belugas could be seen, their blows glistening in the sunlight. As the pod came closer, many of us enjoyed an incredible bird's eye view as they moved gracefully through the water.



After breakfast, the zodiacs were lowered as the expedition team prepared for a zodiac cruise. We spent over two hours exploring the bay, getting a sense of the sheer size of the Lilliehöökbreen glacier, photographing the varying shades of colour and the different ice formations. There were plenty of birds to see including, common eider ducks, long-tailed ducks, arctic terns, snow bunting and northern fulmars. Many of us experienced true Arctic silence as the zodiac engines were turned off. We could hear the crackle and popping of the ice as the air escaped, enjoying the stillness and the reflections of the surrounding peaks.

The kayakers enjoyed exceptionally calm paddling conditions during the morning, taking in the same sights and surroundings from the comfort of their kayaks.

After a short transit and a delicious lunch onboard, we arrived at 14 Julibukta. To make the most of the afternoon we had a split landing. Spending time onshore hiking across the tundra, seeing the wild flora starting to emerge, with some beautiful purple saxifrage. High up on the cliff face we observed kittiwakes in flight, listening to their loud calls. On the ground we were lucky enough to spot a few arctic foxes, one of the foxes still having half of its white winter coat. High up on the tundra a few Svalbard reindeer could be seen grazing.

During the zodiac cruise, the 14 Julibukta glacier was enjoyed from the water, together with kittiwakes resting on the smaller ice floes. Cruising along the shoreline we observed numerous Brunnich's guillemots nesting on the edge of the cliffs, together with barnacle geese and puffins too. Another beautiful day in Svalbard.

Day 4 – Sunday 11th of June, day in the pack ice

08h00 GPS Position: 80°02.2'N / 008°52.5'E

Wind: SSE6 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Rain • Air temperature: 4°C • Sea temperature: 0°C

This morning we passed 80 degrees north, the northernmost part of this trip and we reached the pack ice for the first time! What a sight to wake up to!

Around 07:30 in the morning we arrived at the edge of the pack ice and sailed straight into it. We could literally feel the rumble moving through the whole ship once we started pushing ice bergs out of our way. The ice was still very dense and in combination with strong winds from the south navigation was very difficult. The ice was even that thick and compact that we had to move into the open water again for a little while to be able to cover more ground and look for our white, fluffy friends: The polar bear.



The weather was typical for this far North: low temperatures (3 degrees Celsius), strong winds (25 knots) and a cloudy sky. The real Arctic experiences! Nevertheless, everyone was on deck: The guests, our crew and of course the expedition team. Despite the clouds, we were able to observe some interesting animals: Numerous kittiwakes and Arctic skuas took advantage of the updrafts on the ship and sailed alongside us. We even saw a few ivory gulls and guillemots.

The expedition team did not leave the bridge for the whole day! Glued to our binoculars we were determined to find a polar bear. Surrounded by ice and snow Annelou, our ice specialist and geographer on board, gave a presentation explaining all facts about sea ice and glaciers. There is no better way to learn about the Cryosphere (term for those portions of Earth's surface where water is in solid form) than by being surrounded by it.





We finished the day with a surprise barbecue on the aft deck. Dinner and after-party out on deck while being surrounded by the most surreal scenery: the Arctic ice sheet. Today we had the pleasure of experiencing the true Arctic and witness it's icy and hostile environment along with typical weather conditions and beautiful ice formations. Unfortunately, we weren't supposed to be lucky for polar bears today, but we all went to bed sending our hopes and wishes to the universe... and who knows... maybe our prayers will be heard...?

Day 5 – Monday 12th of June, day in the pack ice & polar bears!

08h00 GPS Position: 79°55.9'N / 011°48.0'E

Wind: SSW3 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 4°C • Sea temperature: 0°C

Unbelievable! Can you put a day like the one we had today into words? No...

Where do we start? There was a gentle wake-up call from Ali/Eduardo this morning.

Strengthened by a wonderful breakfast, we were already sailing in the pack ice again. Then came the news: the polar bear had been found.



The polar bear, a female with her cub were laying on the ice just off of the island. But with our binoculars we could see the polar bears (with the help of the staff and the telescope) resting on the ice. We were busy watching these polar bears when suddenly we heard that we had belugas on the other side. What a spectacle. We didn't know where to look (as we know now, this was only the tip of the iceberg). Then we continued along the pack ice, again with belugas showing up along the ice.



We continued along the Raudfjord to Hamiltonbukta (Bukta = bay) our next destination. A zodiac cruise was announced, this zodiac cruise was unique! A sleeping polar bear was lying on an elevation right next to the beach. With nine zodiacs we came closer to the bear in snake formation. The bear

was relaxed, sometimes stretching, raising its head, or changing its sleeping position. It was a great show that this polar bear gave us. Then the zodiacs travelled along the coast, ending with a great view of the Hamiltonbreen (Breen = glacier).

Back on the ship, the next announcement came immediately. We had a seal on an ice floe right next to the ship. It was a young ringed seal. As if that was not enough, the show continued with the next polar bear. We called him the polar bear on a mission. He went from ice floe to ice floe, sometimes walking and sometimes swimming. It was a great experience to watch such a polar bear moving around on the ice.



We decided to go back to the place we had visited in the morning. On the way there, we saw the polar bears moving around. After that we had dinner, and then recap. We were all sitting in the lounge when we were told that there were mating polar bears at 9 o'clock from the ship. Then the recap came after all, but only briefly to hear the plans for tomorrow and then it was straight back out on deck. Now things really got going and it ended as follows:

12 o'clock from the ship: Arctic fox

3 o'clock from the ship: Belugas

6 a.m. from ship: pack ice and minke whale

9 am from the ship: mating polar bears



Going to bed was almost impossible, nor could we bring ourselves to leave the deck and go for dinner. But at about 10 pm we left the pack ice again and headed for Ytre Norskoya, after such a wonderful day.

Day 6 – Tuesday 13th of June, Ytre Norskøya & Fuglesangen

08h00 GPS Position: 78°16.7'N / 014°00.5'E

Wind: SW3 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Snow • Air temperature: 0°C • Sea temperature: 0°C

We spent the night in open water just north of Raudfjord. While having breakfast Plancius arrived at the location for our first planned activity. Our Expedition team had the plan to bring us out for hiking at Ytre Norskøya. With full force we started, those willing to participate in the long hike reaching the top of the island embarked the Zodiacs first, all others followed. The area was deeply covered with snow, however some parts were snow free exposing the rich vegetation. We all started out on the flat tundra and walked towards the east coast of the island. The steep rocks we walked along were home to the Little Auks, Arctic Terns passed by and Snow Buntings sang their nicest song. In a little bay on the north side of the island some ice floes were caught and looked really nice. The long hikers managed to reach the top of the island by following a ridge, continuing over a high plateau descending on the other side of the mountain, making a loop. The way up was challenging, partway there were big stones overgrown with lichens, however all of us managed well. The other groups reached reached elevated positions to get a nice overview of the beautiful scenery. Guides put “moments of silence“ in our walk which we enjoyed.



Hungry we headed back to Plancius. After a while of relaxing our Expedition team offered us another excursion, at that time no hike as in the morning, a visit to a colony of Little Auks on an island named Fuglesangen. The island is right next to our morning landing site at Ytre Norskøya, also on the North-West corner of Spitzbergen. To improve the experience for everybody, our expedition team put us in the usual German and English-speaking groups. One group went on shore in order to see the colony from nearby, the other group went by zodiac to the area and had a look from a distance. After a while we swapped. However, at that time landing was difficult, due to big round stones overgrown by algae, which were really slippery. The experience near the colony was unbelievable, the tiny Little Auks were flying and passing by in huge flocks screaming to sit down in the next moment next to the breeding place. For some of us that short visit was the highlight of the trip. Birds seemed to have no fear at all sitting right next to us and watching.

In the evening hours Plancius manoeuvred through the island on the Northwest corner of Spitzbergen. A lot of us spent the evening relaxed, sitting, and chatting in the bar.

Day 7 – Wednesday 14th of June, Ymerbukta & Alkhornet

08h00 GPS Position: 79°39.3'N / 011°05.2'E

Wind: WSW 4/7 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Snow • Air temperature: 1°C • Sea temperature: 1°C

The morning began a bit windy! Our original plan was to land at Tordenskjoldbukta, but the landing site had too much swell and wind. Over to plan B! At around 9:00 we arrived at Ymerbukta, with the beautiful glacier called Esmarkbreen, named after a Norwegian mineralogist.

It was still quite windy, but many of us dared to go out with the zodiacs on a nice cruise. It was a bit splashy but every now and then the sun still came out, which we all enjoyed. We got into several leads of the fast ice and even spotted a seal. Numerous eider ducks and king eider ducks were around to enjoy. Cruising along the ice edge, we came closer to the glacier and behind the ridge near to the front, there was a beautiful chunky bearded seal resting. The cloud formation alternated by sun and blue sky created some lovely scenery. Going back to the ship, we left our nice, sheltered area, and got a bit wet again but that is why we wear waterproof clothing! Getting so close to the glacier was an impressive experience.



In the afternoon, we made a landing at the impressive Alkhornet. A beautiful, impressive peak with tundra below it, with lots of reindeer! The group split into several hikes, and we all spotted some arctic foxes. At the end, we even saw a mother fox feeding her pups in a den. Quite cute!

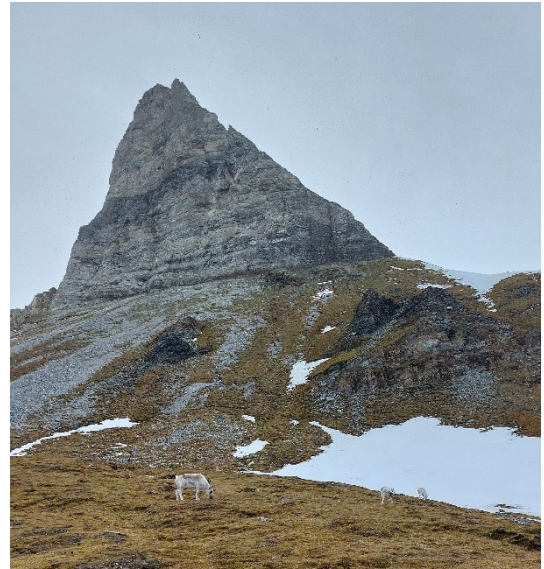


At 5, we gathered for some extra madness in this trip. Some of us had the insane wish to do a polar plunge! Most of us with some extra common sense watched from the sidelines. After this refreshing swim, we went back to the ship where we had recap and Captain's

cocktails. Ali summarized our beautiful voyage, with the final plans for tomorrow. Finally, the captain came and together we made a toast to our trip.

Elisabeth showed the beautiful slideshow she had been making during the trip, to have a memory you will never lose. Afterwards, we went to dinner for the final time.

This evening, processing all the new experiences from the past week, most of us stayed up chatting to newfound and old found friends, or went to bed early, preparing for our final morning tomorrow...



Day 8 – Thursday 15th of June, Arrival back into Longyearbyen

08h00 GPS Position: 78°12.60' N 15°32.6' E

Wind: WSW6 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Snow • Air temperature: 1°C • Sea temperature: 1°C

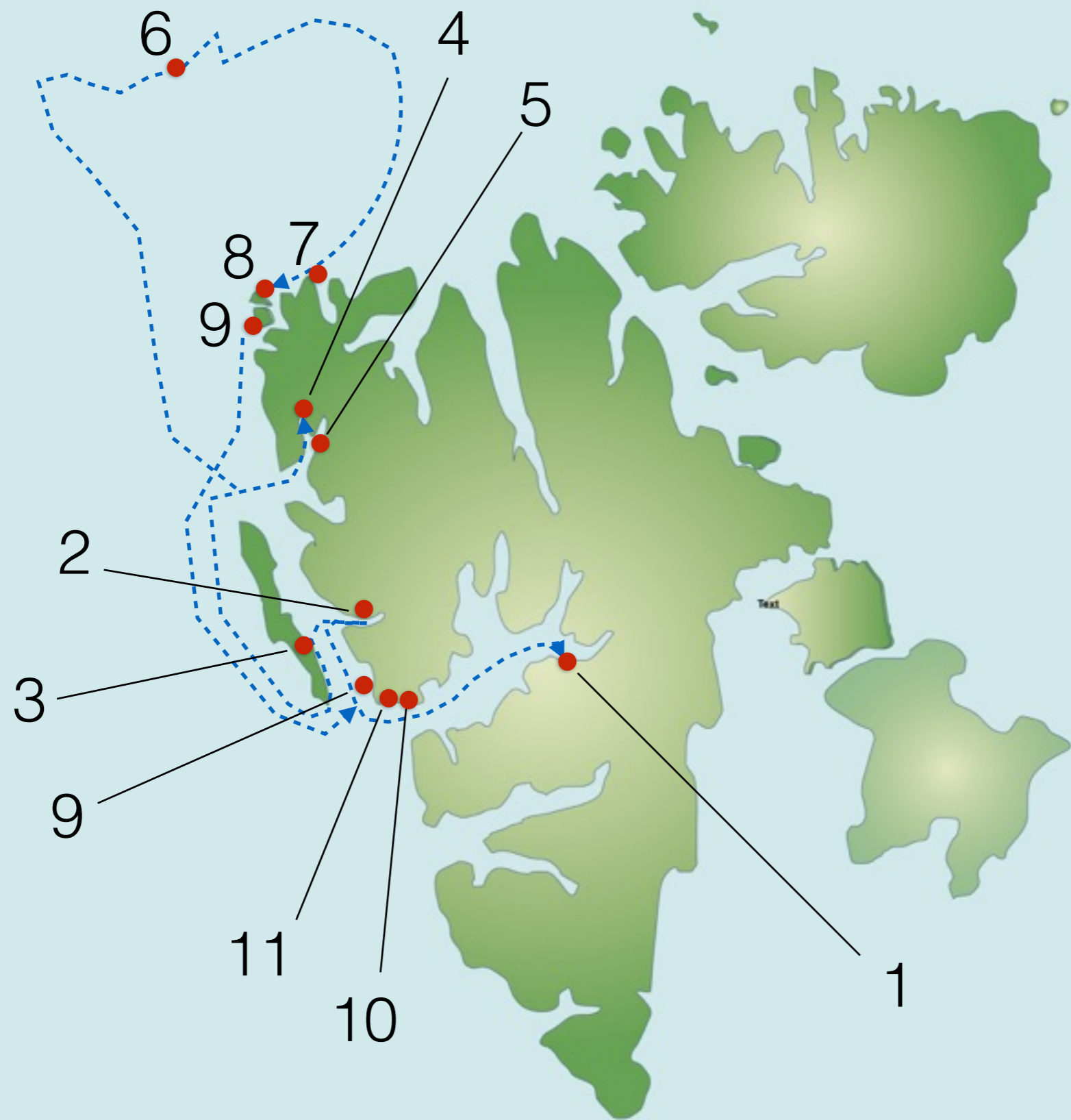
Around midnight, we arrived in Longyearbyen. While we enjoyed a last breakfast on board, our suitcases were taken off the ship. It is a sad moment to disembark from Plancius, which has been a comfortable and cozy home during this unforgettable journey. We have shared many unique moments, seen a range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

Thank you all 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: 605,0 nm
Northernmost position: 80°12.70'N

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



**PLANCIUS 03
Polar Bear Special**

1. Longyearbyen
2. St. Jonsfjord
3. Poolepynten
4. Lilliehöökbrean
5. 14. Julibukta
6. Pack Ice
7. Hamiltonbukta
8. Ytre Norskøya
9. Fuglesongen
10. Ymerbukta
11. Alkhornet

Birds and Mammals of Svalbard

English Name	Latin	German	French	Dutch	Breeding / Transient / Vagrant	8-jun	9-jun	10-jun	11-jun	12-jun	13-jun	14-jun						
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Eisbaucher	Pongeon imbr	Isduiker	V													
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Stemlaucher	Pongeon calmarin	Roodkeetduiker	B		X											
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Eissturmvogel	Fulmar boreal	Noordse stormvogel	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	Bannduik	Fau de Bassan	Jan-af-gent	T													
Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Singchiwan	Cygne chanteur	Wilde zwaan	T													
Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabalis</i>	Saatgans	Oie des moissons	Tagaretgans	V													
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrynchos</i>	Kurzschnablgans	Oie à bec court	Kleine reigans	B		X	X										
Barnack Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Wasservangangans	Bernache nonnette	Isogangans	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Blaagans	Oie blanche	Isogangans	V													
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	Graugans	Oie cendree	Grauwe gans	V													
Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	Ringegans	Bernache cravant	Rogangans	B													
Snow Goose	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>	Sneuegans	Oie des neiges	Sneuegans	V													
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Melante	Canard siffleur	Snaart	T													
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Krickente	Canard chiver	Winterlang	a													
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Stodente	Canard colvert	Wilde eend	T													
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Spieleente	Canard plat	Pijlstaart	B													
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Reiferente	Fuligie mollon	Kuileend	T													
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Eiderente	Eider commun	Eideneend	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	Pracht-eiderente	Eider à tôte grise	Konings eider	B				X	X	X	X						
Stellar's Eider	<i>Polyictes stellaris</i>	Scheckente	Eider de Stellar	Stellers eider	V													
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Eisente	Harleke boréale	Iseend	B													
Black Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Trauerente	Melanitta noire	Zwarte zee-eend	B/T													
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Scheltente	Scautot à œil d'or	Bruiklaar	V													
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>	Apensneehuhn	Lagopède alpin	Apensneeuwhoen	B			X										
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Austernfischer	Hultier Pie	Schoekster	V													
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Sandringelpfaffler	Grand Gravelot	Bontbelplover	B													
Eurasian Golden Plover	<i>Ploverus arcticus</i>	Fliegenpfaffler	Plover d'été	Goedewier	B													
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sanderling	Bécasseau sanderling	Drielenstrandloper	B													
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Graubruchstrandläufer	Bécasseau tacheté	Gestreepte strandloper	V													
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Meerstrandläufer	Bécasseau violet	Piaanse strandloper	B	X	X			X	X							
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Knütt	Bécasseau maubèche	Rancottstrandloper	B													
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Alpenstrandläufer	Bécasseau variable	Borte strandloper	B													
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Regenbruchvogel	Courlis corlieu	Rogenwulp	T													
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Rotschenkel	Chevalier gambette	Tureluur	V													
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Stenwäzär	Tourterpère à collier	Stenlooper	B			X										
Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	Phalaropus	Phalarope à bec large	Phalaropus	B													
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	Dänstüchchen	Phalarope à bec droit	Grauwe Franjepoot	B													
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Spätelraubmöwe	Labbe pomarin	Mödetale jager	T													
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Schmarotzraubmöwe	Labbe parasite	Kleine jager	B	X	X	X		X	X	X						
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Fälternraubmöwe	Labbe à longue queue	Kleinfle jager	B													
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Skua	Gros Labbe	Grote jager	B			X	X	X								
Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	Schwalbenmöwe	Mouette de Sabine	Vorklaarmöwe	B													
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	Lachmöwe	Mouette reuse	Koelmöwe	V													
Common/Mew Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Sturmmöwe	Goéland cendré	Sturmmöwe	B													
Glauous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Eismöwe	Goéland boréale	Grote Burgemeester	V	X	X	X		X	X	X						
Island gull	<i>Larus glaucoides</i>	Phormöwe	Goéland argente	Kleine burgemeester	T													
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Sibermöwe	Goéland argenté	Zhermeöwe	V													
Lesser black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Herringsmöwe	Goéland brun	Kleine mariehemöwe	V													
Great black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Marinmöwe	Goéland marin	Grote mariehemöwe	B					X								
Killdeer	<i>Hispidirostris</i>	Möwe Indische	Goéland indien	Kleinmöwe	B													
Rose Gull	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>	Rosenmöwe	Mouette de Ross	Rosenmöwe	T	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Ivory Gull	<i>Puffinus ibonua</i>	Eisbernmöwe	Mouette blanche	Ivoormöwe	B				X									
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Küstenseeschwalbe	Sterne arctique	Noordse stern	B		X	X		X	X	X						
Common Gullskot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Troffelramme	Gullskot de Troil	Zwalot	B													
Bronze's Gullskot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	Deichselramme	Gullskot de Bronson	Dikezeelot	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Black Gullskot	<i>Coccyzus grylle</i>	Gryllente	Gullskot à miroir	Zwarte zeeot	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Krabentäucher	Mergule nain	Kleine ak	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Papagatäucher	Macareux moine	Pijpegadücker	B				X	X	X	X						
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Lachschwalbe	Hirondine rustique	Barnswallow	V			X	X	X	X	X						
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Bauchschwalbe	Bergmotte grise	Witte kwaststaart	V													
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Wiesenpieper	Pipit farouze	Graaspeper	V													
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Steinschnitzler	Traquet motéux	Tapuit	B													
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Amsel	Merle noir	Merel	V													
Snow Bunting	<i>Pinicophaea hiavelis</i>	Schneeammer	Etour des neiges	Sneeuwgers	B	X	X	X		X	X	X						
Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammee</i>	Brennzaug	Scozin flamme	Barnsja	V													
Lapland longspur	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	Spornammer	Bruant lapon	Isgors	V													
Feldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Wacholderdrossel	Grive ilorne	Kransvogel	V													
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Rotbrösel	Grive mauvis	Koprennek	V													
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Bergfink	Frison du Nord	Keop	V													
Gyrfalcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Gierfalk	Faouon Gerfauc	Gierfalk	V													

MAMMALS

English	Latin	German	French	Dutch	Breeding / Transient / Vagrant													
Walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	Walrose	Morse	Walrus	B		X			X	X	X						
Bearded seal	<i>Eringnathus barbatus</i>	Barbrobbe	Phoque barbu	Barbrobb	B													
Ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>	Ringelrobb	Phoque marbré	Ringelrobb	B				X	X	X	X						
Harp seal	<i>Phoca groenlandica</i>	Saibrobb	Phoque du Groenland	Zaibrobb	T		X											
Hooded seal	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>	Kappmütze	Phoque à capuchon	Kappmütze	V				X									
Common Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Seehund	Phoque commun	Gewone zeehond	B			X	X									
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Zwergwal	Petit orcaul	Dwerghwal	T	X	X			X	X							
Sce Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Saewal	Norquale boréal	Noordse vinvis	V													
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blaewal	Baleine bleue	Blaue vinvis	T			X										
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Finwal	Borquale commun	Gewone vinvis	T													
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Buckelwal	Baleine à bosse	Bultrog	V			X										
Bowhead whale	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>	Gronlandwal	Baleine du Groenland	Gronlandse walvis	T													
Sperm Whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Beiwal	Phaen du Nord	Pook	V													
Narwhal	<i>Monodon monoceros</i>	Narwal	Narwal	Narwal	V													
Northern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>	Entenwal (Döging)	Hyperoodon arctique	Bultloep	V													
Orca (Killer Whale)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Schwertwal (Orca)	Orque	Orka	V													
White-beaked Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albobarbatus</i>	Beiwale	Phoque à rostre blanc	Witbekdolfin	V													
Beluga	<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>	Beiwale	Beluga	Beiwale	B	X		X		X	X							
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Eisbaer	Ours blanc	Ijsbeer	B					X		X						
Arctic																		

Ali Liddle – Expedition Leader



Originally from the UK, Ali spent 15 years living in the Falkland Islands where she worked as a Primary school teacher both teaching out in 'camp' and at the school in Stanley.

Latterly, she was employed as Education Officer for Falklands Conservation and shared her time between classroom teaching and conservation. In 1997, she spent 9 months living on South Georgia where she ran the Post Office and took every opportunity to hike, ski and explore the surrounding peaks and coastline.

She has published three books to date: *Plants of the Falkland Islands* and two art and craft books for children using penguins and albatross as the inspiration. Ali is a keen runner, having completed three marathons in the Falkland Islands and two in the UK, and she also enjoys cycling, hiking and camping. Ali has been working on Antarctic and Arctic expedition cruises with Oceanwide for more years than she cares to remember and works on all of the Oceanwide vessels at some point during the year. She has recently relocated from Northumberland to the Isle of Skye where she is renovating a cottage and enjoying the hiking opportunities of the island.

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

Eduardo Rubio – Assistant Expedition Leader



Eduardo describes himself as an astronomer by profession with a passion for sharing nature with others.

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

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

Fiona Strasser – Expedition Guide



With an international background in marine research, science communication, and experience in the intersection between science and policy, Fiona is a marine biologist and expedition guide originally from landlocked Munich, Germany. Fiona is committed to the protection of our ocean and strongly believes that in order to preserve our blue world, it is crucial to engage and communicate with the non-scientific community. That's why she is passionate about spreading awareness of the problems the ocean is facing today and finds inspiration in hearing other people's ideas and opinions on how to tackle them.

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

Representing Germany alongside 26 fellow Youth Ambassadors from countries bordering the Atlantic

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

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

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Fiona ist Meeresbiologin und Expeditions Guide und kommt ursprünglich aus München. Während ihres internationalen Studiums hat sie wertvolle Forschungserfahrung in verschiedenen Themenbereichen gesammelt. Durch begleitende freiwillige Tätigkeiten konnte sie zusätzliche Erfahrung in der Wissenschaftskommunikation und in der Schnittstelle zwischen Wissenschaft, Politik und der Öffentlichkeit sammeln. Fiona engagiert sich für den Schutz unserer Ozeane und ist der festen Überzeugung, dass die Gesellschaft informiert und in die Wissenschaft miteinbezogen werden muss, um nachhaltige Veränderungen zum Schutz unseres blauen Planeten zu bewirken. Deshalb setzt sie sich leidenschaftlich dafür ein, das Bewusstsein für die Herausforderungen zu schärfen, mit denen der Ozean heute konfrontiert ist. Außerdem findet sie es inspirierend, sich mit anderen Menschen auszutauschen und Ideen zu entwickeln, wie diese Probleme angegangen werden können.

Nach ihrem Studium (BSc und MSc) an sechs verschiedenen Universitäten in Europa, Australien und Südafrika, ihrer ehrenamtlichen Tätigkeit bei verschiedenen NGOs sowie ihres Engagements im Meerestourismus (Whale Watching, Tauchguide) ist Fiona auch Jugendbotschafterin der All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance. Sie vertritt Deutschland zusammen mit 26 weiteren Jugendbotschaftern aus der Atlantikregion und spricht gerne über ihre Erfahrungen aus internationalen Engagements bei Regierungsorganisationen und weltweiten Initiativen wie der Europäischen Kommission, der All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance und der UN-Ozeandekade. In dieser Rolle setzt sie sich mit aller Kraft dafür ein, dass die Stimmen der Wissenschaftler in der Politik gehört werden.

Fiona ist auch leidenschaftliche Taucherin, Kite-Surferin und Fotografin. Wenn sie nicht gerade mit Oceanwide Expeditions auf See ist, um die Polarregionen zu erkunden, findet man sie höchstwahrscheinlich an der Küste, denn ohne Meerblick kommt sie nicht lange aus.

Matthias Kopp - Expeditions Guide



Matthias lives most of the year in Thuringia/ Germany. After school he started an apprenticeship to become a wholesale dealer but decided after a couple of years to settle work right next to the home village, to do a great step in direction uncertainty. He started studying biology at the University in Jena. Matthias' main interests were Ecology and Ornithology. He wrote a diploma thesis about the breeding biology of Antarctic Skuas in the area of the Antarctic Peninsula. But also after that degree, Matthias kept on studying those impressive animals for a couple of years.

While studying both, his interest and his network brought Matthias all over the world. The most impressive for him were the Polar Regions. Matthias stayed for his studies with the Skuas in total 5 summer seasons at Antarctic bases and meanwhile 10 seasons in the high Arctic as a Tour guide onboard vessels.

Currently Matthias is predominantly settled, based again in the village of his childhood, but now with wife, 3 young girls, 2 cats, a couple of bee colonies and a wide-ranging garden, who all need him. However, his wife knows that for Matthias the high summer in Germany is much too

warm. For that reason, he is together with you in the high north – also to escape the heat.

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.

Annelou Hulsker – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

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

Emily Clarke – Expedition Guide



Emily grew up by the ocean and has always found it a source of inspiration and wonder. She has a strong sense of adventure and embraces opportunities whenever they arise, which has resulted in some amazing journeys.

A passion for wildlife conservation, travel and working with people has led her to work onboard expedition vessels.

Familiar with life at sea, Emily divides her time between two fairly different roles. The first as an expedition guide, and the second as a Marine Mammal Observer in the oil and gas industry, working onboard seismic vessels; protecting marine mammals from anthropogenic sound sources in the ocean.

Emily has over 15 years' experience working with wildlife, both in natural habitats and in rehabilitation. She has spent over ten years working with gorillas, which saw her travel to remote parts of Africa collecting data on wild gorillas, and taking part in conservation and community development projects addressing human-wildlife conflicts.

During her time off, Emily enjoys paddle boarding, kayaking and diving, in-between preparing her latest lectures and planning her next adventure.

Carina Ketterer – Expedition Guide



This is Carina, she grew up in the swiss capital of Bern far away from the sea. Her studies in renewable energies and environmental engineering gave her a curiosity in energy production and civil engineering. She would like to share this curiosity with you! Carina is a sports nut and runs triathlons in her spare time. But don't worry, she has vowed to slow down the tours to half-tempo.

Carinas favorite animal since childhood, was the penguin. In 2019 she finally hopped on a boat to the Antarctic to see them in their natural habitat. That journey bore in her a new fascination with these cute animals and their

dominion.

Being the happiest outside, Carina chose to make the world her workplace and to become an international guide for Oceanwide Expeditions.

Carina is a passionate and optimistic person who always likes to learn new things and has a broad interest in geography, history, archaeology, the arts and the natural sciences. As the cheesy Instagramposts say: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step". So step up and let Carina share her passion for civil engineering and penguins with you and take part in your once in a lifetime adventure!

Alexis Bellezze – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

He speaks fluently Spanish, Italian and English.

Julien Burellier – Sea Kayak Guide



Julien was born and raised in the Auvergne region in central France. He started kayaking and skiing as a child and never stopped.

Sea kayak instructor since 1998, he is also a whitewater kayak and ski instructor. He travelled all over the world paddling and guiding guests in various locations such as Papua, Oman, Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Sweden, Greece, Corsica... and of course Norway!

He visited North Norway for the first time in 2010 and fell in love with the sea and mountain mix. Snow and northern lights in the winter combined with midnight sun during summer produce many breathtaking moments. Since then, Julien goes several times a year to Norway either for kayaking, skiing or hiking.

When he is not traveling, Julien lives in the French Alps and teaches skiing at Serre Chevalier or supervises whitewater rafting activities on the local rivers. He is also passionate about photography which led him to collaborate with French outdoor and kayak magazines, writing articles and reporting on his trips.

Susan Eckhardt – Ship's doctor



Susan is a general Physician as well as a Paediatrician. She has over ten years' experience travelling the Arctic and Antarctic.

She is an instructor for Advanced Life support for adults and children and teaches this throughout Europe. Susan did her initial medical studies in Germany, Austria and Scotland, where she later met her husband.

She has worked in several European countries, in big teaching hospitals as well remote places relying on limited resources.

Currently Susan is working in Switzerland in a hospital as well as a private clinic.

She has been passionate about conservation issues, Climate change and the effect this has on particularly remote fragile ecosystems is close to her heart.

The journeys to the polar regions are a stark reminder to her, how important it is for people to become more aware of the human impact affecting the planet, and how everyone can make some steps to limit this impact.

As well as joining Oceanwide journeys, she loves skiing and cycling, taking part in several Etap du tours, and other cycle marathons.

Susan is married with three children and her husband feels she has four!



DAILY PROGRAM

Welcome aboard!

Date: Thursday 8th June 2023

Day: Day 1

- 1600 **Welcome on board!** Your luggage should be in your cabin when you arrive. Please check carefully if you are missing any luggage or if there is luggage in your cabin that does not belong to you then please let one of the staff know.
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.
- 1845 Please join us in the Lounge for an **introduction to the ship** from your Hotel Manager Volodymyr Cherednychenko.
This will be followed by **Captain's Cocktails**, a chance to meet your Captain for this voyage and then you will meet with your Expedition Leader Ali Liddle. She will explain the plans for the coming days, and it will be a chance to meet with your Expedition Team.
- 1930 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3 behind the Reception desk. Enjoy your meal.

After dinner we will hand out your rubber boots. We will do this by deck so please listen for announcements.



St Jonsfjord and Poolepynten

Date: Friday 9th June 2023

Day: Day 2

- 0715 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0830 **Zodiac Briefing and Polar Bear Safety** Please join Ali in the Lounge for the Zodiac safety briefing and Polar Bear safety briefing.
All Passengers must attend this briefing. We will also explain the plans for the morning landing.
- TBA **St Jonsfjord.** For our first landing we hope to be able to take you ashore at Gjertsenodden where there is an old trapper's hut, and we will offer guided walks along the shore or up onto the moraine for views onto the glacier.
We will offer a longer hike, a medium hike, a medium photography hike and a leisurely walk.
Please listen for announcements for zodiac boarding times.
- 1300 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- ~1530 **Poolepynten.** This is a known walrus haul out on a sandy beach. If they are at home, we hope to go ashore to see them. We need to do this in smaller groups.
1st group Gangway 1530
2nd group Gangway 1630
- 1830 **Recap and Plans.** Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for the daily recap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3 behind the Reception desk. Enjoy your meal.



DAILY PROGRAM

Lillehöökbreen and 14 Julibukta

Date: Saturday 10th June 2023

Day: Day 3

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0915 **Lillehöökbreen.** This morning we hope to take you all out on a zodiac cruise along the face of the glacier. There may be seals on the ice and the scenery is beautiful. We will be out in the boats for maybe 2 hours, depending on what we find so please dress warmly!
English speaking group please come to the gangway first!
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- ~1500 **14 Julibukta.** We hope to be able to spend the afternoon in the bay of 14 Julibukta. We will offer a landing and a zodiac cruise. On shore we will walk to the base of the bird cliffs and see what we can find at the Hanging Gardens of Svalbard.
The zodiac cruise will take us past the bird cliffs and up towards the glacier.
The German speaking group will go to shore first and everyone else will go cruising. We will then swap. **We will all do both activities!**
- 1900 **Recap and Plans.** Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for the daily recap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1930 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3 behind Reception. Enjoy your meal!



Polar Pack Ice

Date: Sunday 11th June 2023

Day: Day 4

Today we will be arriving at the ice edge early in the morning. During the day we will navigate along the ice edge and search for wildlife. Please join the staff on deck to see what we can find!

During the day we may schedule lecture presentations so please listen for announcements.

0815 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.

0830 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

1830 **Recap and Plans.** Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for the daily recap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.

1900 **Arctic Dinner** will be served! Dress warmly and enjoy your meal!



Polar Pack Ice

Date: Monday 12th June 2023

Day: 5

Today we will continue to navigate along the ice edge towards the East. During the day we will navigate along the ice edge and search for wildlife, this route will take us closer to our destination the following day. Please join the staff on deck to see what we can find!

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1000 Staff will present a series of mini lectures in the Lounge. Please join them to find out more about the Arctic region and its wildlife.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1830 **Recap and Plans.** Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for the daily recap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** will be served! Enjoy your meal!



Ytre Norskøya and Fuglesongen

Date: Tuesday 13th June 2023

Day: Day 6

- 0715 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0845 **Ytre Norskøya.** This morning we hope to take you ashore on the island of Ytre Norskøya. This island was one of the places where whaling took place in the 16th century and on shore there are 165 graves. On shore we will offer a series of walks to explore the area.
Long hikers will hike to the summit of the island. It is steep and strenuous so please be realistic with your ability. **Please come to the gangway first.**
Medium and leisurely walkers will explore the coast and reach a viewpoint over the island and sea to the north.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1430 **Fuglesongen.** For the afternoon we hope to take you ashore at Fuglesongen where there is a colony of Little Auks. It is a short walk to the colony, and we will sit near the birds and enjoy the spectacle. The viewing area is small so we will do this in 2 groups.
The English group will go to shore first while our German speaking guests will go out on a zodiac cruise past the colony. We will then swap so that everyone does everything.
- 1900 **Recap and Plans.** Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for the daily recap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1930 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3 behind Reception. Enjoy your meal!



Tordenskjoldbukta and Alkhornet

Date: Wednesday 14th June 2023

Day: Day 7

We are expecting strong winds so please be aware that our programme will be very weather dependent.

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~0900 **Tordenskjoldbukta.** This morning we hope to take you ashore on the tundra at Tordenskjoldbukta. The coastal scenery is beautiful, and reindeer can often be seen on the tundra. We will offer our usual walking groups but the area is very flat so it is easy walking for everyone.
Long hikers please come to the gangway first.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- ~1500 **Alkhornet.** For our last landing we hope to take you ashore in the beautiful location of Alkhornet. There is a high cliff above the tundra where many seabirds nest in the summer. Reindeer are often seen and it is a good place to look for Arctic foxes.
Again, we will offer hiking groups and we ask that the long hikers come to the gangway first.
At the end of the landing, we will offer a Polar Plunge, the chance to swim in the Arctic Ocean around Svalbard. We'll bring the towels, you bring the insanity!
- 1845 **Captain's Cocktails** Please join the Expedition Team and our Captain in the Lounge to toast our Arctic voyage.
- 1930 **Farewell Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3 behind Reception. Enjoy your meal!



Disembarkation Longyearbyen

Date: Thursday 15th June 2023

Day: Day 8

0640 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.

0700 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
Before breakfast at 0700 please could you put your large check in luggage outside your cabin so that we can get it onto the pier for you.

If you are going to the airport for Flight SK4425 on June 8th, please put a GREEN RIBBON on your luggage.

0800 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.
We will be disembarking by zodiac so please wear waterproof clothing.

0900 You will all be taken to the centre of town – the Butikken. If you are staying in a hotel please make sure your luggage goes on the bus with you.
If you are going on the afternoon flight leave your luggage on the pier and it will be taken the airport ready to check-in for your flight at 1430.

1300 **The bus will collect passengers on the afternoon flight from the Butikken to take you to the airport. Your luggage will meet you there.**

**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!**