



East Greenland - Scoresby Sund - Aurora Borealis

9th September – 17th September 2023

M/V Hondius



Hondius was built in 2019 in Split, Croatia. She is 107.6m long, 17.6m wide, and has a maximum draught of 5.3m. With an ice class of PC6, a top speed 15 knots, and three diesel generators, she sails on low sulfur marine gas oil and has a capacity of 176 passengers in 83 cabins. This beautiful vessel is designed from the ground up for polar adventure.

Captain Ernesto Barria

and his international crew

Staff Captain:	Miia Holma	Finland
Chief Officer:	Diederik Scholten	Netherlands
2nd Officer:	Don Buren	Netherlands
3rd Officer:	Giovanie Simene	Phillipines
Chief Engineer:	Sebastian Alexandru	Romania
Hotel Manager:	William 'Will' Barnes	Netherlands/United Kingdom
Assist. Hotel Manager:	Albert Don	Netherlands
Head Chef:	Ralf Barthel	Germany
Ships Doctor:	Jacquelyn Martin	United Kingdom
Expedition Leader:	Hans Verdaat	Netherlands
Assist. Expedition Leader:	Hazel Pittwood	United Kingdom
Assist. Expedition Leader:	Laurence Dyke	United Kingdom
Expedition Guide:	Nicole Janinhoff-Verdaat	Germany
Expedition Guide:	Bitao (Jerry) Zhao	China
Expedition Guide:	William 'Bill' Smith	Scotland, United Kingdom
Expedition Guide:	Simone Eringfeld	Netherlands
Expedition Guide:	Hong (Rose) Li	China
Expedition Guide:	Koen Hoekemeijer	Netherlands
Expedition Guide:	Pelin Asfuroglu	Chile
Expedition Guide:	Marco Rosso	Italy
Expedition Guide:	Mikhail 'Misha' Barabanov	Luxembourg
Expedition Guide:	Pieter Beyens	Belgium
Expedition Guide:	Jakub Malecki	Poland
Expedition Guide:	Regis Perdriat	France
Expedition Guide:	Paolo Bellezze	Argentina
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Kayak Guide:	Loel Collins	United Kingdom
Kayak Guide:	Seda Tunca	Turkey

Day 1 – 9th September

Akureyri- Embarkation Day

12:00 GPS Position: 65°69.12'N / 018°08.68'W

Wind: N6, **Sea State:** Moderate, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** 8°C, **Sea Temp:** 10°C



Finally the day we long expected has arrived. Our expedition to the East Greenland was about to begin. We arrived from Reykjavik to Akureyri in the afternoon, having travelled from all over the world to reach this northern corner of Iceland. Once everyone was on board, we took part in the necessary safety briefings, including an emergency drill, and were shown where important safety features of the ship are, such as the lifeboats.

We then spent some time familiarising ourselves with the

layout of our new home, Hondius, got settled into our cabins, and enjoyed the views outside as we set sail towards Greenland. Before dinner, Captain Ernesto wished us well on our journey with a toast in the lounge, along with some delicious snacks and bites.



Later our Expedition Leader, Hans, introduced himself, and we got to know the entire expedition team: many interesting people with fascinating backgrounds. We then headed to the restaurant for a delicious first buffet dinner. After a lovely first dinner on the ship, we went to enjoy the views outside while the ship was cruising. Some of us went to bed early after a long day of travelling. We all were very excited for the trip to come.

Day 2 – 10th September

At Sea Denmark Strait

12:00 GPS Position: 68°57.1'N / 020°47.8'W

Wind: NNW3 , **Sea State:** Rippled, **Weather:** Sunny, **Air Temp:** 4°C, **Sea Temp:** 6°C



When we woke up this morning, we found ourselves steaming across the Denmark Strait at an impressive speed of 13 knots, taking advantage of the calm sea, light winds and good visibility. From the northern coast of Iceland, we had made good progress over the night towards the Eastern coast of Greenland, to the mouth of Scoresby Sound, which we aimed to reach around evening time. The moderate pitching over the

night was replaced by a gentle rolling during the morning and soon we were woken up by Hans's announcement of the PA system. From the bridge a small pod of Orcas had been spotted, thus we rushed out of bed, got quickly dressed and moved to the bow and the outer decks to witness this incredible moment. A small family of four individuals including a calf, swam from portside to starboard right in front of our eyes. Big white patches right upon the eyes of this spectacular marine mammals were clearly visible together with their prominent and point dorsal fins.

Captain Ernesto slowed down the vessel, and for a little while longer than fifteen minutes, the small pod kept the pace of the ship on the starboard side, less than 100m away. Then another individual, a big male, appeared on the portside. First in the distance, then slowly approaching us and finally cruising by the stern of the ship. His immense dorsal fin marked with scars and a beautiful grey saddle.

The morning continued smoothly with mandatory briefings about Zodiac operations, AECO guidelines and Polar Bear safety guidelines. Then time came to get our boots handed over by the incredible and funny expedition team, and right before lunch buffet was served in the dining room, we had the first glimpse of the coast of Eastern Greenland with some glimmering tabular icebergs popping out from the blue waters of a smooth Denmark Strait.



Right after lunch, Misha introduced us with the life of migratory birds, followed by Laurence and his marvellous introduction to “Greenland the greatest island in the world”, while the afternoon was wrapped up by Koen and his “Introduction to photography”. While gently gliding into the entrance of Scoresby Sund, we moved into the early evening and our daily recap. Hans, our expedition leader, presented

‘Plan A’ for tomorrow, followed by Nicole explaining the Orcas’ life and behaviour we had observed earlier in the morning. Simone presenting the workshop she will be holding during the next week and Bill wrapped up the evening with a sensational “Looking, Seeing, Thinking, Understanding” talk. A delicious dinner followed before everyone was again outside on the upper decks for a fantastic sunset over the immense Greenland Ice Sheet.

Day 3 – 11th September

Vikingebugt and Danmark Island

12:00 GPS Position: 70°28.1’N / 025°07.3’W

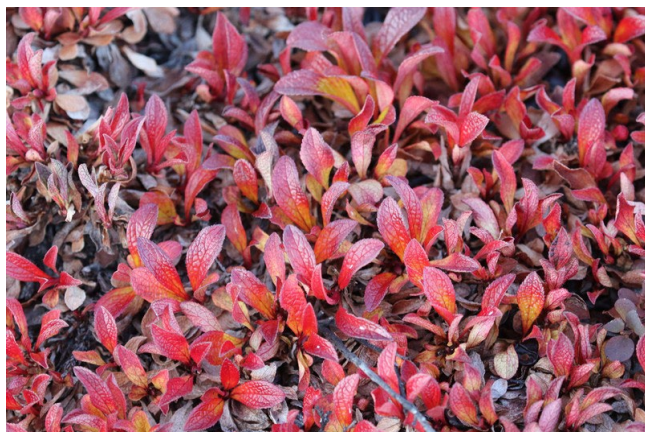
Wind: SW5 , **Sea State:** Slight, **Weather:** Sunny, **Air Temp:** 6°C, **Sea Temp:** 7°C



With images of last night's magical northern lights still fresh in our minds, some of us still had the courage to get up early and watch the sunrise over Vikingebugt, our next destination. After breakfast, the expedition team invited us for our first Zodiac outing. Weather conditions were perfect, and we head out into a huge fjord, lined with basalt cliffs bearing witness to past volcanic activity. As we advance, we could see the superb

glacier at the bottom of the fjord. A few glaucous gulls flew overhead, creating a magical atmosphere.

Just as we're about to finish crossing the fjord and head for the Hondius, we were delighted to see two polar bears resting on the moss-covered slopes. Everyone had the chance to observe the kings of the Arctic before returning to the ship for a well-deserved lunch. After lunch, the ship moved to a position opposite to Danmark O, an island where we offered three hikes of varying lengths. Everyone could stretch their legs and set foot on a piece of Greenlandic land.



While some reached to a high point to enjoy the splendid panorama, others did photograph arctic hares and walked through typical arctic vegetation, slow-growing, century-old willows just a few centimetres tall, whose branches grow right on the ground to withstand the extreme winter weather. Then it was time to head back to the Hondius, where Hans presented us with tomorrow's program. Pieter talked about parhelia, an optical phenomenon observed

in the sky early in the day, and the reasons for the cold temperatures in polar regions. After dinner, some of us head off to bed early, having not forgotten to set an alarm for the middle of the night, so that we could once again enjoy the magical light that Arctic sky.

Day 4 – 12th September

Røde Island and Langenaes

12:00 GPS Position: 70°27.9'N / 028°08.5'E

Wind: Variable 1 , **Sea State:** Calm, **Weather:** Sunny, **Air Temp:** 4°C, **Sea Temp:** 5°C



Today was an emotional rollercoaster of a day in East Greenland. Once again, we were blessed with the most glorious sunny weather, which only added to the breathtaking beauty that unfolded before our eyes.

Our morning started with a Zodiac cruise along the shore of Red Island. It was like stepping into a dream. There, amid an "iceberg graveyard," twinkling and shimmering in millions of

blue and ice hues, we witnessed a spectacle like no other. It felt like we were sailing through a magical wonderland, where nature itself had painted the most glorious palette for our eyes to behold. We were left awe-struck, surrounded by towering icebergs that glistened under the sun's rays. It was a scene that will forever be etched in our hearts.

But the wonders of the day did not end there. We also had the incredible opportunity to step foot on Red Island itself. As we climbed its rugged hills, we were greeted with panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes. From high up, it seemed as if we were soaring with the birds, taking in the dramatic fjords and majestic icebergs. It was a perspective that filled our souls with a deep sense of gratitude and awe for the magnificence of Mother Nature.



In the afternoon, Hondius repositioned to the Rode Fjord area, and we eagerly set foot on the shore once again. This time, we embarked on a challenging journey up a high hill. Each step was a test of our determination and physical strength, but those who made it to the top were rewarded with a view that defied words. Beneath our feet stretched a monumental glacier, spanning a staggering 100 kilometres in length or more. It was a sight that left us breathless and humbled. The glacier's towering margin, standing more than 50 meters high, reminded us of its sheer power and relentless movement as massive icebergs floated nearby. It was a stark reminder of the delicate balance that exists within this icy kingdom.

Time seemed to stand still as we stood there in awe, absorbing the magnitude and fragility of our surroundings. Some of us couldn't resist the lure of exploration and embarked on an even longer hike around the glacier's margin. The experience was both thrilling and humbling, as we ventured further into the heart of this frozen wonderland.

As the day ended, we returned to the warmth and comfort of our ship, carrying within us a wealth of incredible experiences. And as the sun dipped below the horizon, casting a warm glow over the Arctic landscape, we couldn't help but be filled with a profound sense of gratitude. Gratitude for the opportunity to witness the raw beauty of East Greenland, gratitude for the resilience of this icy kingdom, and gratitude for the memories we have made together on this emotional journey. With hearts full and a newfound appreciation for the wonders of our world, we head to bed tonight, eagerly anticipating the adventures that await us tomorrow.

Day 5 – 13th September

Bjørneøer and Sydkap / Ingmikertikajik

12:00 GPS Position: 71°13.4'N / 025°0.'E

Wind: SW3 , Sea State: Calm, Weather: Sunny, Air Temp: 3°C, Sea Temp: 5°C



We, the guests aboard this incredible ship, had such an exciting day in Scoresby Sound! The morning began with a thrilling Zodiac cruise and a hike in Bjørneøer (Jytte Havn), and let us tell you, the sights were breathtaking. As we glided through the crystal-clear water, surrounded by magnificent icebergs, our cameras worked overtime to capture every angle of their majestic beauty. It was as if we had entered a frozen wonderland.

Later in the evening, during our daily recap session, our knowledgeable guide Marco shared with us his extensive knowledge about icebergs. We learned about the various shapes, sizes, and unique features that make these frozen giants so captivating. It was a fascinating insight into a world we had only glimpsed before.

During our hike, we were lucky to witness the remnants of a glacier, as we traced the path of its moraines. The U-shaped valley carved by this powerful force of nature left us awe-inspired, and we just had to capture the majestic scene in a photograph.

In the afternoon, we embarked on a hike in Sydkap, navigating the bumpy tundra with every step. Our trek led us through varied tundra, with stunning panoramic views of East Greenland. Little did we know that our adventure would conclude with an opportunity to take a polar plunge, jumping headfirst into the freezing arctic waters. But before we took the plunge into the icy waters, we enjoyed some warmth and comfort by sipping on delicious hot apple juice. It was an exhilarating and once-in-a-lifetime experience that will forever be etched in our memories.



As night fell, we gathered on deck for a delightful BBQ under the stars, accompanied by the sound of laughter and the joyful beats of music.

We danced and celebrated, cherishing the camaraderie among our fellow adventurers. East Greenland had truly stolen our hearts, and we couldn't help but feel grateful for this extraordinary journey.

Tomorrow, we eagerly await the surprises and wonders that Day 6 will bring. Stay tuned for our next thrilling update!

Day 6 – 14th September

Ittoqqortoormiit and Nøkkedal, Hurry Fjord

12:00 GPS Position: 70°26.0'N / 022°09.8'E

Wind: Variable 1 , **Sea State:** Calm, **Weather:** Sunny, **Air Temp:** 3°C, **Sea Temp:** 5°C



And so began our sixth full day aboard the ship! After a night of Northern lights galore, stretching across the skies all above us and dancing merrily, we awoke to perfect light conditions, a clear blue sky in Scoresbysund. In front of us stretched the town of Ittoqqortoormiit, the only settlement of native people in the east of Greenland. Colorful houses cover the landscape, each of them

having a specific role due to their coloration. After a lovely breakfast, we set off to explore the ways of life of this remote part of the world.

As we arrive, the sun shining, the people go about in their busy lives. There is a bearded seal roped to the pier, hunted somewhat previously, as well as polar bear hides and musk ox skulls, hinting at a different relation to nature than the one we have in our homes. You could visit the church, the shop to buy some locally made handicrafts, the museum, and just walk around and try to imagine existing in a place like this. At 10. am, the sledge dogs were fed, causing howls to permeate throughout the village. Ravens flew over, husky pups were petted, and then it was already time to go home. Usually, this place has a rather somber feel about it, but today the locals seemed cheerful, perhaps caused by the changing seasons and blissful weather.



After an amazing lunch as per usual, acknowledged by many as the best meal on the ship, we relocated to Hurry Fjord. Here, we were separated into different hikes of varying difficulty. The long hikers went up the slope, encountering Arctic Hares and Rock Ptarmigan along the route, whereas the medium hikers went deep into the valley for a nice leg stretch. The short hikers went on a gentle tour, making many stops and basking in the silence of the arctic as often as possible. The time was favorable, gentle, the seas flat calm, it was a time of bliss. Back on the ship, everyone proceeded to dinner and then busied themselves with photos, reading, drinks or just enjoying the outside. Another lovely day in Greenland, another day full of natural insights and spectacular scenery.

Day 7 – 15th September

Rømer Fjord and Turner Sund

12:00 GPS Position: 69°13.0'N / 023°37.7'E

Wind: SE4 , Sea State: Calm, Weather: Sunny, Air Temp: 3°C, Sea Temp: 5°C



Unbelievable... beyond belief... amazing! We woke up to another superb day, what a trip we were having, great weather every day. Hondius edged slowly into the mouth of Romer Fjord and Turner Sund whilst the dark masses of the mountains loomed majestically over. A perfectly calm dark sea... These were ideal conditions for the kayak group who were to set off on a major all-day expedition to the end of the Fjord .

Everyone else boarded Zodiacs for a short cruise to a perimeter landing beside the hot springs in Romer Fjord. Guides [heavily armed!]were posted as guards on high ground in an arc around the site enabling us the freedom to wander at will... perusing the profusion of colourful plants sprouting healthily from the rocky landscape around the bubbling springs. It was a truly spectacular sight. Steam rose into the air from the hot rocks, in some places the extruded water exceeded 55 degrees. Musk Ox and Arctic Hare were sighted in the distance on the tundra landscape. After this landing everyone returned for lunch on board the ship.

Meanwhile we in the kayaks paddled steadily up the fjord encountering sheet ice forming on the surface after the half-way point . Water temperature was 2.8 degrees and the air temperature fluctuated around 2 degrees. Zodiacs and kayaks churned through this crisp transparent layer to reach the base of a multi-drop waterfall cascading down, a series of rocky terraces on the rugged mountain side on the right. We landed and had leisurely picnic lunch before being led by Bill up to the base of the falls. We left the kayaks on the beach Zodiac cruised through the crackling ice towards the head of the Fjord. After-which we started the long paddle back to vessel which was a distant image sandwiched between the towering mountains on the horizon ...somewhat dauntingly miles away at the head of the Fjord.



Eventually as the sun vanished behind the mountains, it became much colder, and as this coincided with our flagging strength, we all decided to opt to board the Zodiacs and to tow the kayaks the remaining distance to our distant home. As this was happening the 'landing group' on a lengthy Zodiac cruise first in Romer Fjord then in Turner Sund.

Sadly, for the last time on this expedition as the activities ended and our adrenaline slumped, we all returned to Hondius feeling tired but once again incredibly happy.

The evening ended with the viewing and judging of the creative entries in the various categories of the photo competition. It was another memorable Oceanwide Expedition Day.

Day 8 – 16th September

At Sea Denmark Strait

12:00 GPS Position: 67°09.1'N / 019°20.2'W

Wind: E6 , **Sea State:** Slight, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** 5°C, **Sea Temp:** 9°C



There and back again... Once more we woke up to a gentle rolling of the ship while Hondius crossed over the Denmark Strait into open ocean. It was hard to believe that we were in these same waters just a week ago. We had such an unforgettable week of adventures in East Greenland, it felt like it was ages ago when we last were in the open ocean. Early risers were rewarded with a sight of a wonderful breaching Minke Whale just before breakfast. All of us had a long leisurely breakfast chatting with the friends we

made during this wonderful voyage. Morning was slow and peaceful.

Our expedition team had a very interesting lecture program prepared for us. We first heard from Regis. He talked about the time he spent in the Northeast Greenland National Park, where he was involved in a research project studying various Arctic bird species. It was a very well-prepared talk with lots of interesting information. Then we were delighted to hear from Hazel, who talked about Polar Bears, the true kings of the Arctic. We learnt all about these amazing critters and felt very lucky and privileged for having seen not one but two of them early in the voyage. Before lunch we were called to return our muck boots. It was a sad affair, since it meant that our expedition was coming to an end. Lunch was excellent as always. Our Galley team went beyond and above to feed us with the most delicious food every single day of the journey. After lunch, our Captain Ernesto informed us that because of a heart-breaking development we had to cancel our plan to cruise around Grimsey Island. Instead, we were heading to Akureyri full speed.



Afternoon we heard from Bill and Jakub respectively. Bill talked about art in the sea and made us rethink our significance in the grand scheme of things. As one of the glaciologists on board, Jakub presented us with a lecture on the future of ice. Around 6pm, we were invited to the lounge once more by the Captain Ernesto himself. Just like we did the first day of the voyage, we raised our glasses to the wonderful journey we had together. We also had a chance to see Koen's marvelous slideshow. It brought tears to our eyes. Such a wonderful expedition we had!

Day 9 – 17th September

Akureyri- Disembarkation Day

08:00 GPS Position: 65.6912° N, 18.0868° W

Wind: SW2 , Sea State: Calm, Weather: Sunny, Air Temp: 7°C, Sea Temp: 10°C

Today we were gently awakened by Hans's voice for the last time, heading to the restaurant for our final breakfast. We gave our fond farewells to the wonderful hotel and restaurant crew who had helped make our voyage unforgettable.

As the buses arrived at the pier, it was time to disembark. We stepped off onto dry land and back into the real world. We said goodbye to the expedition team, the crew, and the ship of Hondius. Some of us shed a tear at the bittersweet moment. We had shared such an incredible trip and were sad for it to end, but we were leaving with memories to treasure forever!

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

Total distance sailed: 1072 Nautical Miles

Farthest north: 71°13.04'N / 0°25.0'W

**On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Ernesto Barria,
Expedition Leader Hans Verdaat, Hotel Manager William Barnes,
and all the crew and staff of M/V Hondius, it has been a pleasure travelling with you!**

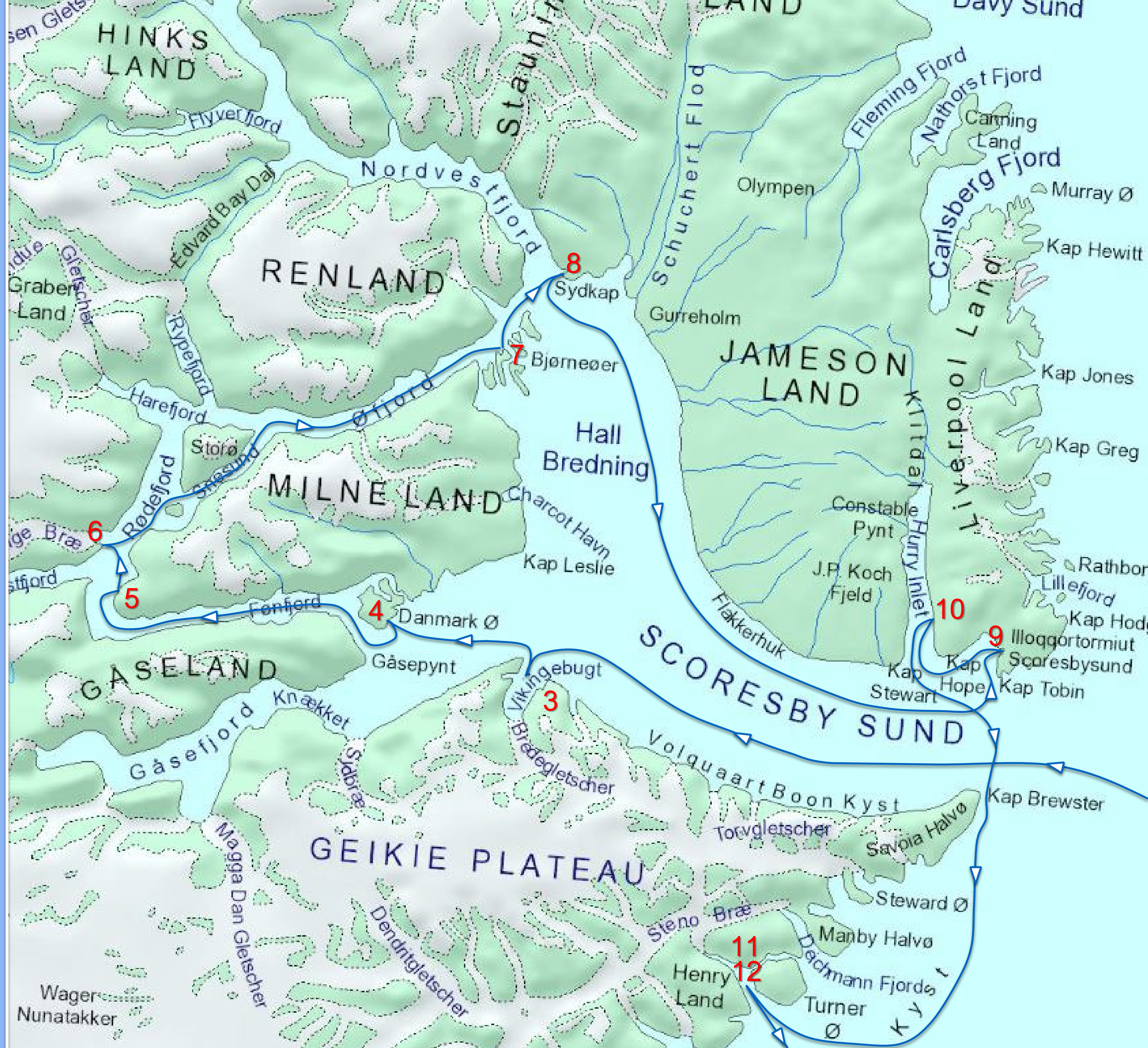


EAST GREENLAND SCORESBY SUNN

Aurora borealis

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Birds & Mammals of Greenland

Breeding Transient Vagrant

English Name	Latin		9-Sep	10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	V					x			
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	B	x	x				x		x
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	T		x						x
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	B		x			x	x		x
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	B						x	x	
Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	B							x	
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	B				x	x	x	x	
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	B					x		x	
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>	B						x		
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	B					x	x		
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	B							x	
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	B			x					
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	B						x	x	
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	T		x						
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	B		x						
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	B		x						
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	B		x						
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	B			x	x	x	x	x	
Iceland gull	<i>Larus glaucooides</i>	T							x	
Great black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	B						x		
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	B		x				x	x	x
Sooty shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>	V		x						x
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	B			x					
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	B		x						x
Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	B		x						x
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	V		x		x				
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	B			x	x		x		
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	B			x	x	x	x		
Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	V			x	x	x	x	x	
Gyr Falcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	V						x		
Common raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	B				x	x	x		
Canada goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	V							x	

MAMMALS

English	Latin	Breeding / Transient / Vagrant	9-Sep	10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep
Ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>	B				x			x	
Long-finned pilot whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>	B								x
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	T		x						x
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	T		x						
Orca (Killer Whale)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	V		x						
Polar bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	B			x					
Arctic fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	B				x	x			
Arctic hare	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	B			x		x	x	x	

Hans Verdaat – Expedition Leader



His fascination for nature and traveling has been present all of his life. From a young age on he has been an active birder traveling across Europe. He studied Coastal Zone Management in The Netherlands and as part of that study lived half a year in Norway. In 2006 he moved to the Dutch island Texel where he has been working ever since as a field researcher for a marine research institute. In his research he specialises in seabirds and marine mammals.

Since 2004 he has participated in seabird and marine mammal surveys in the Caribbean, West-Africa, Antarctica, Spitsbergen and European waters. He has always been fascinated with the polar regions and has participated in several scientific expeditions both to the Arctic and Antarctic.

Since 1999 he started working as a (birding) guide. The last years he has combined his full-time research job with guiding. During expedition cruises he is a guide, lecturer and zodiac driver.

In his free time Hans is a keen nature photographer and as seabird- & mammal admin active on Waarneming.nl / Observation.org

Hans speaks: English, Dutch and German

Hazel Pittwood - Expedition Guide



Hazel grew up in the county of Dorset on the South coast of the UK. A childhood spent pond dipping, bug hunting and exploring the countryside and coast nurtured her love of the natural world.

She has worked in practical conservation and community engagement roles for a variety of habitats, including heathland and coastal nature reserves. Hazel also has experience surveying rare protected species and is a trained wildlife rescue volunteer and marine mammal medic.

Whilst she is broadly learned about the natural world, Hazel has specialised in marine mammals and seabirds since 2014. At that time, she began volunteering as a marine mammal and seabird surveyor, collecting sightings data regarding these animals for UK based conservation charities. In 2017 she worked on a passenger ship travelling between the UK and Spain across the Bay of Biscay for six months, delivering talks and leading wildlife watching sessions out on deck.

Hazel has been working as a guide and lecturer on cruise ships for over three years. This role has taken her to Norway and Svalbard, Iceland, Alaska, Canada, the Faroe Islands, the Canary Islands, the Caribbean and Central America. She is a World Cetacean Alliance certified responsible whale watching guide, championing the highest standards of wildlife experiences.

The polar regions host an incredible diversity of seabird and marine mammal species, and Hazel looks forward enhancing your encounters with these incredible animals with her knowledge, skills and enthusiasm.

Laurence Dyke – Expedition Guide



Laurence is from Cornwall in the far southwest of the UK and grew up on the coast, never far from the water and boats.

Laurence has a background as a geographer with a special focus in glaciology, a choice inspired by seeing a glacier up close for the first time in the Austrian Alps.

For the last 7 years he has worked in science, both in the UK and Denmark, working to understand how and why huge glacier systems in Greenland have changed in the past. Understanding how

the cryosphere has changed is crucial for predicting what will happen in the future.

Laurence first visited the Arctic in 2010 whilst undertaking research for his PhD and was immediately captivated by the wild landscapes of the high latitudes. His subsequent research has taken him on numerous expeditions to remote areas of Greenland, Svalbard, and Arctic Canada.

Laurence is also a passionate advocate for polar science, when time allows he produces videos and articles about research from Greenland and the wider Arctic. Laurence lectures in glaciology and geography.

Nicole Janinhoff - Expedition Guide



Growing up in the Northern part of Germany, Nicole developed a fascination for animals and nature at a very young age. She studied Landscape Ecology and lived a year in Norway.

For ten years she worked as a freelance ecologist in Germany and The Netherlands mainly monitoring plants, biotopes, birds and bats.

In 2009 she joined the aerial survey team from Wageningen Marine Research and has been participating in marine mammal surveys on the North

Sea, Atlantic Ocean, Ireland, Dutch Caribbean and Antarctica.

Since 2014 Nicole has been working for the Ministry of nature conservation of the federal state of Lower Saxony, Germany (NLWKN). Her specialisation within the biotope conservation department is coastal biotopes and mires.

After having first been to Antarctica, her visit to the high Arctic and to Svalbard enhanced her fascination for the polar regions even more.

Jerry Zhao - Expedition Guide



Jerry has been in love with nature and wildlife and traveling all his life. Soon after completed his degree in Business Administration at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Jerry began a career in the travel industry. Jerry first started as an international travel consultant and tour leader and led exclusive small high-end groups throughout Europe.

He then became partner in an international traveling consulting firm and focused on route planning and employee training.

As he searched for more adventure, He collected skills and knowledge while he traveled around to world. Finally, his step stopped at Polar regions, and joined Oceanwide Expeditions as Expeditions Guides, He has guided expeditions to the North Pole, Svalbard, Greenland, Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia many times.

Along the way as he spent more time in polar regions, learns more about polar regions, he is more interested in polar regions. He has self-studied the geography, wildlife and history of the Polar regions. He is beginning to learn wildlife photography.

When he is not in polar regions, he likes to spend his time in the forest, dessert, and plains in Northwestern part of China. He loves nature, wildlife, and he loves to share all that he knows to everyone who comes across.

Bill Smith - Expedition Guide



“Super Bill” as described by his colleagues and clients, is a fun-loving outdoor pursuits enthusiast, cartoonist and former Head of Art and Design Education at Ellon Academy Aberdeenshire.

Bill joined Oceanwide Expeditions as a guide when Plancius was built and over the last few years has become addicted to the Polar Regions.

He has 55 years’ experience of Art and Design Education and Design for Industry. Plus 55 years leading and instructing a range of outdoor pursuits.

He has the following qualifications: -

- Royal Yachting Association Advanced Powerboat Instructor
 - Royal Yachting Association Senior Sailing Instructor
 - Royal Yachting Association Windsurfing Instructor
 - British Canoe Union Open Canoe Instructor
 - British Association of Ski Patrollers National Patroller
 - British Association of Ski Patrollers First Aid Trainer
- Snow Sport Scotland Ski leader
 - President of the Assynt Highland Games
 - Honorary member of Assynt Crofters Trust
 - Member of the Federation Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski

Bill delights in producing humorous cartoon logs of each trip.

Deutsch

“Super Bill” wie er von seinen Mitarbeiter und Mitreisenden genannt wird, ist ein spassiger Aussenwelt Enthusiast, Karikaturist und früherer Leiter von Kunst und Design Ausbildung am Ellon Academy Aberdeenshire.

Bill kam zu Oceanwide Expeditions als Führer als die Plancius gebaut und über den letzten Jahre ist er süchtig nach den Polargegenden geworden.

Er hat 55 Jahre Erfahrung in Kunst und Design für die Industrie. Er hat auch über 55 Jahre Erfahrung als Führer und Instruktor in verschiedenen Aussenwelt Aktivitäten.

Bill genießt es für jede Reise Karikaturen für den Log zu entwickeln.

Simone Eringfeld – Expedition Guide



Simone grew up in The Netherlands, and has been drawn to adventure and the outdoors ever since she was a child. She was particularly into winter weather: any time it snowed, her parents would have a hard time getting her to come back inside.

As soon as Simone turned 18 and finished high school, she started traveling the world, and she hasn't stopped since.

Simone properly caught the 'polar bug' when she first travelled to Antarctica in 2014. Other adventures have led her to

a wide range of experiences, from kayaking on glacial lakes in Patagonia and climbing volcanos in the Andes, to scuba diving in Indonesia and crossing the Atlantic from south to north on a tall ship.

Besides an outdoor enthusiast, Simone is a polar researcher currently undertaking a PhD at the Scott Polar Research Institute, which is part of the University of Cambridge (UK). Her research focuses on polar acoustic ecologies, visitor experiences of the sounds and silences of 'the silent continent', and polar soundscape conservation.

She is also an award-winning storyteller who is passionate about combining science with art and creative communication to enable as many people as possible to enjoy polar sounds. That is why she combines her academic work with her skills in field recording, podcasting, and music production.

When Simone is not at work in the polar regions, or writing papers from her office in Cambridge, she loves to spend time on her creative interests. She is part of a band, and loves to perform, dance, and produce new music. She is also an avid reader and writer, and is always happy to chat to you about her work and anything polar-related.

Rose Li Hong - Expedition Guide



Originally from China, Rose Li Graduated from Wuhan college with a major in Interior Design. She has worked on well-known international cruise ships since 2014 as an expedition guide and in Asia as a VIP services shift leader and Head cruise ambassador on a Mediterranean cruise line.

She has worked in the polar regions since 2017, as expedition guide, Zodiac driver, Chinese interpreter and guest services manager.

She has many talents such as dancing, drawing, skiing, hosting, and loves creating new activities. Her two academic passions are history and geology.

During her spare time, she has continued to develop her passion for traveling, and has visited more than 40 countries and looks forward to visiting many others in the near future.

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 ;).

Pelin Asfuroglu – Expedition Guide



Pelin was born and raised in Istanbul, Turkey.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marco Rosso – Expedition Guide



Marco was born in the country of Pasta & Pizza. He graduated in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Padua, his native city in Italy and after a few years working in the industry he decided to embark himself on a quest.

For two years he carried his tent and camping equipment, backpacking from the steamy jungle of Mexico and Central America, through the snowy peaks of the Peruvian Andes and the dry highlands of Bolivia; rolling all the way down to the tip of South America.

The raw and powerful beauty of Patagonia convinced him to swap Mother Nature wonders for mankind and machine artifacts.

During the last seven years he has been leading groups as a trekking and camping guide in some of the most beautiful and rugged trails of Patagonia such as Torres del Paine W trek, Paine Massif O Circuit, Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre circuit as well as the southernmost trekking in the world, Dientes de Navarino trail.

One step further from Patagonia lies the Antarctica peninsula, where he is willing to share with you an incredible camping experience in this truly pristine and untouched environment.

Mikhail Barabanov – Expedition Guide



Born in St Petersburg, Russia, but raised in Luxemburg, Mikhail now lives in Switzerland, where he delights in camping all over the local mountainscape.

He spent quite some time in the academic world, obtaining master's degrees in Marine Mammal Science and in Ecology and Nature Conservation. After working for several field seasons as a scientist in distant places on marine mammals and birds, he was keen to pursue a way to combine his passion for travelling, outreach and the higher latitudes.

His deep interest for the polar regions was formed on a visit to Antarctica with Oceanwide in 2018 as part of a university course. At the time, he was stunned by the pristineness and the vibrance of life found in the Southern Ocean and wanted to find a way to return in a professional capacity. As he prefers the world's colder regions, Oceanwide provided the opportunity to immerse himself in the polar world.

No stranger to adverse weather and difficult living conditions, Mikhail is always looking to find places and moments that exude true calm and serenity. As an avid photographer and videographer, he is always seen carrying his gear around from place to place, trying to improve his craft and capture wildlife in their natural behaviour.

Usually in high spirits, he works as a guide on a variety of expeditions, on which he can be found always ready to help and looking to increase his savoir-faire in all things ocean and wildlife.

Pieter Beyens – Expedition Guide



Nature already had a central place in Pieter's life in his young years. A home filled with books about science, nature, the Arctic and its fauna and flora, must have been the source of his later interests.

And indeed, in 1996 he graduated in Biology. Intrigued by artificial life and intelligence, he completed a degree in Computer Science as well, giving him a broad and unusual academic background.

He is mainly interested in the principles behind things i.e. the workings of nature, explanation of phenomena etc. and he prefers in-depth knowledge and analysis.

After his studies he went backpacking for a year, going east this time, a great adventure ahead. Also in hobbies - diving, whitewater kayaking, bouldering (climbing) - he was always after a challenge.

Last years, fascinated by atmospheric phenomena such as halos, rainbows, mirages, clouds etc., he specialized in atmospheric optics and observing the sky in daylight. That study broadened to the more general climate science.

The idea of becoming a guide came to his mind a few years ago after looking again at pictures of his travels to northern countries (Greenland, Svalbard, Norway) and being impressed once more by the vastness and beauty of the Arctic landscape. Attracted by the unique combination of nature experiences, scientific study and adventure, he decided to apply for guide.

Pieter lives in Antwerp, Belgium, next to a small nature reserve called Hobokense polder. As a guide, he is excited to help and support you on your Polar adventure!

Jakub Małecki - Expedition Guide



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

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

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

Regis Perdriat - Expedition Guide



Regis has always been passionate about nature and wildlife conservation.

After a master's degree in Ecology, he first specialized in seabird rehabilitation after oil spills for BirdLife France. Then he joined the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, studying endangered species.

In Brittany he worked seven years for the Sept-Iles National Nature Reserve, driving zodiac, counting seabirds and seals in this wild and protected archipelago.

His polar experiences go as far back as 2007, when he spent 15 months working as a field researcher studying the seabirds and marine mammals of the remote Kerguelen Islands, a French subantarctic territory.

In love with those isolated environments he carried out several fieldwork missions in subantarctic islands. He finally joined the management team of French Southern and Antarctic Lands and became Head of the Southern Lands National Nature Reserve.

He now proposes his experience as a freelance biologist for scientific expeditions and share his passion for birds as often as he can. His last expeditions took him to North-East Greenland, Central Asia or Antarctic Peninsula.

Looking for him? Try outside, you should find him and his binoculars searching for birds or whales.

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.

Alexis Bellezze - Kayak Leader



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 works as a Polar Kayak Guide and Expedition Guide.

He has guided in the Antarctic Peninsula many times, reached the Antarctic Polar Circle, South Shetland Islands, South Georgia, The Falklands (Islas Malvinas), Fair Island, Jan Mayen, Svalbard, North Spitsbergen into the Pack Ice, circumnavigated Spitzbergen, West and East coast of Greenland, Canada, Iceland, Ibiza (Spain), Telluride (Colorado, USA) and many lakes in Patagonia.

He travelled the south and north of Chile and Argentina as a Wilderness First Responder instructor working in different environments like the jungle of Paraguay, the Patagonian mountain range, the windy Patagonian estepa and the desert of Atacama.

Since 2014 Alexis is the owner and Director of endurance kayak expeditions based in Patagonia Argentina, offering multiple day kayak trips in this pristine area.

He speaks fluently Spanish, Italian and English.

Zack Kruzins – Kayak Guide



Hailing from Canada, Zack has worked as an outdoor wilderness guide and experiential education instructor around the world. He holds double Honours Bachelor degrees in Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism & Geography from Lakehead University. Zack has worked in the industry since 2004 and now manages his own Outdoor Adventure paddling business based along the Canadian north shore of Lake Superior near Thunder Bay Ontario. When he is not in Northwestern Ontario he finds himself drawn to the Polar Regions.

Zack has travelled extensively exploring the lands, rivers, lakes and oceans of this wonderful planet. He is an accomplished expedition paddler having led and conducted major sea kayak expeditions in Canada, USA, Baja Mexico, Argentine Patagonia, Antarctica, Australia, and French Polynesia. Many of these trips he has used his Trak folding sea kayak.

Zack is very passionate about water and its importance in our lives. He feels the more time one spends on, in or near water, the greater the connection becomes to the world around us. Along with being a highly experienced guide and seasoned mariner, Zack is a certified Polar Guide with the Polar Tourism Guides Association (PTGA) and Paddle Canada Sea Kayak Instructor. His enthusiasm and zest for life is contagious and he looks forward to sharing some of his knowledge and experiences with you!

Loel Collins – Sea Kayak Guide



Loel comes from a small village in the mountains of Snowdonia National Park, North Wales in the UK. Over a forty-year career he has worked around the globe, in North and South America, Europe, the middle East and the far East as a kayak and canoe guide and coach. In the winter you can find him telemark skiing and training other outdoor professionals in rescue and emergency care.

He also lectures at The University of Edinburgh in Moray House, the School of Education and Sport where he teaches and researches in adventure sports coaching and leadership.

He has several first kayak descents of remote gorges to his name as well as many expeditions to wilderness areas, among them the highland rain forests of Papua New Guinea, the Himalaya in Northern Pakistan, and the tundra of Northern Canada.

Seda Tunca - Kayak Guide



Seda was born in Istanbul. She has always been curious about different cultures and wildlife since her childhood.

This curiosity led her to start her overseas adventures with studying abroad in Spain and Malta. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Tourism Management. She has been working as an outdoor educator and sea kayak guide around the world for 10 years now.

She guided trips in South Africa, Namibia, Antarctica, Chile, Kenya, Australia, Hong Kong, Iceland, Svalbard, UK, Malaysia, Thailand and Turkiye. She has worked as an Outdoor Educator at UWC, helping young people to build a connection with nature.

When Seda is not guiding, she can be found in her permaculture garden where she is turning a degraded land into a little food forest and an oasis for wildlife.

Seda is also a mixed media artist. She reflects her experiences onto canvas with her paints during or after trips.

Seda is very excited to share her passion for the outdoors with Oceanwide guests.

Jaye Martin – Ships Doctor



Jaye graduated from the University of Nottingham in the UK then worked as a junior doctor there for 5 years before emigrating to Western Australia, where she has been based ever since. She completed her specialist training in Perth and has worked as a Consultant Physician (Internist) since, both in the city teaching hospitals but predominantly in rural and remote parts of the state. For the past 18 years she has lived in the remote Kimberley (2500km from Perth) in the north west of the state, travelling by 4WD and light plane to provide clinics in small isolated towns and Aboriginal communities. She

also works in the region's hospitals, providing clinics and acute medical care.

Jaye has been travelling to the polar regions since 2003, when she visited East Antarctica as a tourist to view a total solar eclipse. Since then she has made numerous trips to Antarctica on expedition cruise ships, working sometimes as doctor and sometimes as Assistant Expedition Leader. She has visited the peninsula many times, including once by a 60 foot sail boat, has made 3 trips to the Ross Sea Region and visited many of the subantarctic islands around the continent. In the northern hemisphere she has travelled to Svalbard and crossed the NE passage in the Russian Arctic, a trip on which she gave history lectures as well as working as the doctor.

Back home in Australia Jaye has worked as Expedition Leader on Kimberley coastal cruises. When not working Jaye enjoys competitive yacht racing, 4WD treks and camping in remote outback Australia.



East Greenland Scoresby Sund

Aurora Borealis

Welcome Aboard!

Date: Saturday 9th September 2023

Day 1: Embarkation – Akureyri

Please make yourselves at home in your cabins and check you have received all your luggage! Tea/coffee is available in the bar located on Deck 5.

PLEASE LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

+/-1715 Ship safety briefing, in the Observation Lounge on Deck 5. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY**.

After the briefing the emergency alarm will be sounded, and you will need to go back to your cabin and get your life jacket.

All guests accommodated on Deck 3 (Cabins 301-337) will go to **MUSTER STATION A** which is the Restaurant on Deck 4

All guests accommodated on decks 4, 6, and 7 (Cabins 401-414, 601-619, 701-714) will go to **MUSTER STATION B** which is the Observation Lounge on Deck 5

+/-1815 We would like to invite you to the Captains Welcome in the **Observation Lounge** on Deck 5. The Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader will do a welcome briefing, to orientate you to life on board and explain the plan for the forthcoming days and you will meet your Expedition Team.

+/-1930 Buffet dinner in the **Restaurant** on Deck 4.



East Greenland Scoresby Sund

Aurora Borealis

Date: Sunday 10th September 2023

Day 2: At sea – en-route to Greenland

- 07:30 Wake-up call.
- 08:00-9:00 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 09:15 **MANDATORY** AECO, Zodiac, and Polar Bear Safety Briefing in the Observation **Lounge** on Deck 5. Attendance will be checked.
- 11:00 The Expedition Team will hand out your **rubber boots**. You will be called deck-by-deck to **Deck 3**, so please listen to announcements. Bring your thick socks to find the best-sized boots for you!
- 11:30 **MANDATORY** kayak briefing in the **Lecture Room**.
- 12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.
- 13:30 Please join Mikhail in the **Lounge** for a lecture about bird migration titled: 'Impossible Journeys'.
- 15:00 Please join Laurence in the **Lounge** for his presentation: 'The largest island on Earth - An introduction to Greenland'.
- 16:30 Please join Koen in the **Lounge** for a lecture 'An introduction to Photography'.
- 18:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the **Lounge** for the **daily recap**.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.
- 21:00 Please join Simone in the **Lecture Room** for the introduction to her workshop on sound recordings called 'Listening to Polar Landscapes'.



East Greenland & Scoresbysund

Date: Monday 11th September

Day 3: Vikingebugt & Danmark Ø

Sunrise **06:21** - Sunset **20:25**

0630 Wake - up call.

0700-0800 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant.

This morning we hope to offer a zodiac cruise & kayaking at Vikingebugt.

0800 All kayakers please be ready for boarding the zodiacs at deck 3, forward shell door.

+/-0810 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Vikingebugt. **Please listen for announcements.**

+/-0820 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Vikingebugt. **Please listen for announcements.**

1130 Please join photography guide Koen in the **lecture room** for his workshop regarding photographing the Northern Lights

1230-1330 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant.

This afternoon we hope to offer a landing & kayaking at Danmark Ø

1400 Please can all kayakers be ready at the deck 3, forward shell door

1400 Please can all long hikers be ready at the deck 3, rear shell door

+/-1410 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a landing at Danmark Ø. **Please listen for announcements.**

+/-1420 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a landing at Danmark Ø. **Please listen for announcements.**

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

1900 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant.

2100 Please join Simone in the **Lecture Room** for a sound workshop (*only for those who have participated in recording during today*)



DAILY PROGRAM

East Greenland & Scoresbysund

Date: Monday 12th September

Day 4: Røde Ø & Rødefjord Expedition Afternoon

Sunrise **06:30** - Sunset **20:20**

0630 Wake-up call.

0700-0800 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant.

This morning we hope to offer a Zodiac cruise, landing, & kayaking at Røde Ø.

0800 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Røde Ø. **Please listen for announcements.**

0820 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a Zodiac cruise at Røde Ø. **Please listen for announcements.**

0845 All kayakers please be ready for boarding the Zodiacs at Deck 3, forward shell door.

The Red and Blue groups will swap halfway through the morning.

1230-1330 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant.

This afternoon we hope to offer a landing & kayaking at Langenaes in Rødefjord.

We will assess ice conditions in the morning and update you in the early afternoon.

13:30 Join Hans in the **Observation Lounge** for an update on the afternoon's activities.

1900 Please join the expedition team in the **Lounge** for daily recap.

1930 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant.



East Greenland & Scoresbysund

Date: Wednesday 13th September

Day 5: Bjørneøer & Sydkap / Ingmikertikajik

Sunrise **06:29** - Sunset **20:15**

0630 Wake-up call.

0700-0800 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant.

This morning we hope to offer a Zodiac cruise, landing, & kayaking at Bjørneøer

0800 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a landing at Bjørneøer. **Please listen for announcements.**

0820 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on Deck 3 for a Zodiac cruise at Bjørneøer. **Please listen for announcements.**

0845 All kayakers please be ready for boarding the Zodiacs at Deck 3, forward shell door.

The Blue and Red groups will swap halfway through the morning.

1230-1330 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant.

This afternoon we hope to offer a landing & kayaking at Sydkap / Ingmikertikajik

1400 Please can all long hikers be ready for boarding the Zodiacs at the shell doors at Deck 3.

1415 Please can all guests for medium/short hikers be ready for boarding the Zodiacs at the shell doors at Deck 3.

1430 All kayakers please be ready for boarding the Zodiacs at Deck 3, forward shell door.

1830 Please join the expedition team in the **Lounge** for daily recap.

1900 A special Arctic dinner will be served...



East Greenland & Scoresbysund

Date: Thursday 14th September

Day 6: Ittoqqortoormiit

Sunrise **06:33** - Sunset **20:10**

- 0730 Wake-up call.
- 0800-0900 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant.

This morning we hope to offer a landing at Ittoqqortoormiit.

- +/-0900 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a landing at Ittoqqortoormiit. **Please listen for announcements.**
- +/-0915 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a landing at Ittoqqortoormiit. **Please listen for announcements.**
- 1230-1330 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant.
- 1330–1400 Photo submission for photograph competition: if you wish to submit photos for the competition please meet Misha in the Lecture Room during this time

This afternoon we hope to offer a landing at Nøkkedal, Hurry Fjord. We would like to offer a long hike for those who wish to walk long and fast. If you would like to take more photographs, and inspect the plant life please join the medium or short hiking groups.

- +/-1500 Please can the **long hikers** be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a landing at Nøkkedal, Hurry Fjord. **Please listen for announcements.**
- +/-1515 Please can the **medium & short hikers** be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a landing at Nøkkedal, Hurry Fjord. **Please listen for announcements.**
- 1430 Please can the kayakers be ready at the shell doors on deck 3
- 1815 Please join the expedition team in the lounge for daily recap.
- 1900 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant.
- 2100 Please join Simone in the Lecture Room for a workshop about the sound recordings made during this trip



Noordoost-Groenland en Scoresbysund

Date: Friday 14th September

Day 7: Rømer Fjord & Turner Sund

- 0730 Wake - up call.
- 0800-0900 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant.
- +/-0900 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a landing at Rømerfjord. **Please listen for announcements.**
- +/-0915 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a landing at Rømerfjord. **Please listen for announcements.**
- 0930 Please can the kayakers be ready at the shell doors on deck 3.
- 1230-1330 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant.
- +/-1400 Please can the **Blue** Group be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Turner Sund. **Please listen for announcements.**
- +/-1415 Please can the **Red** Group be ready at the shell doors on deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Turner Sund. **Please listen for announcements.**
- 1815 Please join the expedition team in the lounge for daily recap.
- 1900 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant.
- 2100 Photo competition – Please join Misha in the Observation Lounge for the results of the photo competition



DAILY PROGRAM

Northeast Greenland & Scoresbysund

Date: Saturday 16th September

Day 8: At sea: Denmark Strait

- 0730 Wake-up call.
- 0800-0900 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant.
- 0915 Please join Regis in the Observation Lounge for his presentation 'An endless day', about undertaking scientific field work on birds and Arctic foxes in northeast Greenland.
- 1100 Please join Hazel in the Observation Lounge for her presentation 'Polar bear: icon of the Arctic'.
- 1200 We will collect your muck boots; please rinse them in your shower beforehand and bring them to Deck 3. We will call you deck-by-deck.
- 1200 ***The onboard souvenir shop will close. Please purchase anything you wish before this time.***
- 1230-1330 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant.
- 1400 Please join Bill in the Observation Lounge for his presentation 'Paintings of the Sea'.
- 1600-1700 Grimsey Island; wildlife watching. Please join the Expedition Team on the outside decks to look for whales and birds, while we cross the Arctic Circle.
- 1800 We welcome you to the Lounge for the Captains farewell and to view the trip slideshow (this will be available after dinner).
- 1900 A farewell dinner will be served in the Restaurant.



DAILY PROGRAM

Northeast Greenland & Scoresbysund

Date: Sunday 17th September 2023

Day 9: Disembarkation - Akureyri

- 0700 Wake up call.
- 0730 Please leave your large luggage in the corridor outside your room for the staff to collect no later than **0730**.
- Crew and staff will bring it to the pier, where you will need to personally identify it and bring it to the bus/take on your onward travel.
- You can leave your hand luggage in your room to take yourself.
- 0730-0830 A breakfast buffet is served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.
- 0900 +/- Please be ready for disembarkation via the gangway at deck 4. please listen for announcements before gathering at reception.

Thank you for a wonderful voyage, for your company, good humour, and enthusiasm. We hope to see you again in the future and share more polar adventures with you.

Safe Travels from all staff & crew aboard Hondius.