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In Search of the Emperor Penguin

20th – 30th November 2023



M/V Ortelius

M/V *Ortelius* was built in 1989 and served as a special-purpose vessel for the Russian Academy of Science named *Marina Svetaeva*. The vessel was completely rebuilt as a passenger vessel in 2019 and complies with the latest SOLAS regulations (Safety of Life at Sea). She is 90,95m long, 17.2m wide, and has a maximum draft of 5,4m. Her ice class is UL1 (Equivalent to 1A), and she sails 10,5 knots average cruising speed with a propulsion of 6 ZL 40/48 SULZER.

Captain Per Anderson

and his international crew

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Day 1 – 20th November

Ushuaia - Embarkation Day

12:00 GPS Position: 54°48.561'S / 068 18.070'W

Wind: NW 3, **Sea State:** Rippled, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** 14°C, **Sea Temp:** 8°C



Today was the start of something amazing: an expedition to the Weddell Sea in search of the Emperor Penguin! Snow Hill Island is where the most northerly Emperor Penguin colony exists, and this is where we will be going once we leave the port of Ushuaia.

The 102 guests embarked M/V Ortelius at 1400 with smiling faces and excited hearts. Sara the Expedition Leader started with a safety briefing, followed by a safety drill where everyone donned their giant big life vests and went to the

lifeboat station. This was shortly followed by the captain's cocktail with the Expedition Team, who eagerly handed out sparkling wine and canapés to welcome us all on board.

While we were cruising through the Beagle Channel, Captain Per toasted to a safe and fantastic voyage. It had begun, and we were off! We were all introduced to the Expedition Team. There were nine of them, all from different walks of life, with an array of knowledge and experience on birds, whales, Emperor Penguins, photography, and microorganisms.

That night there was a buffet dinner in the restaurant. There was everything you could possibly want to eat. We joined in the bar and chatted away as the ship slowly moved farther away from



land and into the notorious Drake Passage, a 620-mile (820 km) wide body of water with the roughest seas in the world.

Day 2 – 21st November

At Sea towards Antarctica

12:00 GPS Position: 57°14.9'S / 064°24.1'W

Wind: SSW8, **Sea State:** Moderate, **Weather:** Cloudy, **Air Temp:** 1°C, **Sea Temp:** 4°C



“Good morning, good morning, good morning.” It’s always a bit of a mystery when Sara wakes us up on the first morning of our journey. Overnight we’ve left the calm waters of the Beagle Channel, and we are out in the Drake Passage. Do we have the Drake Lake or Drake Shake? This morning we had a mild sea, but with sufficient movement of the ship the day before, quite a few of us felt that breakfast wasn’t a very attractive option. The swells were

only up to three meters, so seasoned sailors considered it a dawdle, while newly minted Antarctic explorers felt decidedly otherwise. Nevertheless, the show must go on. Up on the bridge, the bird watchers were steadily ticking off new species as the morning wore on: Light-mantled Albatross, Cape Petrel, Southern Fulmar, Blue Petrel, and many more. Starting mid-morning, we started the process of getting everyone ready for the next 10 days.

First, we had the great gumboot giveaway. Everyone was called down to the lecture room to receive their muck boots for the trip. Shortly after that, Martin gave us a well-illustrated talk on the seabirds in the Drake Passage. All the while, the ship was scooting along at about 11 knots towards our goal of the Weddell Sea. During the day, the seas built up over the morning to a little stronger swell. We even had a few high splashes at the bow, soaking the hardy souls down on the ship’s bow with sea spray. But then in the later part of the afternoon, the sea started to calm down a little, so the ship was moving less as the day progressed.

Unfortunately, immediately after lunch we had our roughest part of the day. This happened at the exact same time that we gathered in the lounge for the last of our mandatory briefings, important information on Zodiac and helicopter operations that everyone must hear in order to

get on and off the ship safely. It was a huge challenge for some, but those who felt the least well did a remarkable job of trying to finish the briefings. Everyone received their helicopter numbers and Liability release forms. We were now all set for the last of our required activities tomorrow, a dry run of getting into the helicopters and cleaning our equipment for biosecurity. Those things will take up the afternoon tomorrow. With



a big sigh of relief, those who needed to their cabins to get horizontal quickly did so. Those who were still able gathered at the bar at 16:00 for a good introduction to photography given by Werner. He gave us all excellent tips on composition and handling of our cameras.

By then the sea was calming slightly, so we had a lovely hour of watching the peaceful sea as we continued motoring southeast towards the South Shetland Islands. As dinner approached, we had our first of our daily recaps. Sara told us about the plan for tomorrow (mostly our dry run with the helicopters and the biosecurity cleaning), a bit about the weather, and our progress. Charlotte then gave us a thorough description of the Drake Passage, and Gary followed up with an explanation of the Antarctic convergence.

Sara finished the recap with a wonderful visual demonstration of just how large those seabirds are that we had been watching all day. It's so difficult to gauge their size while they are soaring over the featureless sea surface. Even the Cape Petrels, which appear to be quite small when seen from the ship, were just short of a meter in wingspan. But the most remarkable, of course, was the Wandering Albatross with its huge wingspan.

After our lovely dinner, we had free time. Things seemed to be looking up for the passengers who felt sick due to the rough seas. The bar was pretty well attended that evening, so perhaps the worst of the seas were finished for our southward trip.

Day 3 – 22nd November

At Sea towards Antarctica

12:00 GPS Position: 61°35.5'S / 060°04.0'W

Wind: WSW 4, **Sea State:** Low, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** 0°C, **Sea Temp:** 1°C



Today marked our second day navigating the waters of the Drake Passage. Unlike the turbulent conditions of a typical Drake, we experienced relatively calm seas with only two-meter waves. We emerged from our slumber to the presence of fin whales encircling the ship. Fin whales are the second-largest species of whales, surpassed only by the blue whale. Following breakfast, Sara presented an educational overview on the diverse penguin

species we could encounter during our journeys, exploring their breeding cycles and mating behaviours. Later in the morning, Massimo provided an insightful presentation on the ice in Antarctica, which plays a pivotal role in shaping the region's unique environment and encompasses about 70% of the world's fresh water.

Just before lunch, multiple humpback whales made an appearance, many of them gracefully displaying their flukes as they dove into the depths. In the evening, we gathered for our daily recap at the bar, where Sara outlined the plan for tomorrow. Charlotte introduced us to the "Happy Whale" citizen science project, encouraging us to submit our marine mammal pictures, particularly those capturing the distinctive flukes of humpback whales. To conclude the day, Chloe shared insights about the colossal squid, though her recap was interrupted by the thrilling sighting of whales near the ship.



Day 4 – 23rd November

Snow Hill Island

12:00 GPS Position: 64°37.2'S / 057°09.8'W

Wind: WNW 7/8, **Sea State:** Smooth/ice, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** -3°C, **Sea Temp:** -1°C



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The morning started, for many, much earlier than the wake up call. Many of us were keen to see the first morning in Antarctica. The weather was clearly Antarctic early in the morning with strong winds of 60 knots, snow, and poor visibility at times. As Sara announced the start of the day with her lovely wakeup call, the wind started to abate and the planned activities for the day became more possible. After

another wonderful breakfast, we were treated to a fascinating lecture from Gary about the Emperor Penguin and his studies of them over the years. This gave us a truly lovely introduction to a bird that we were about to see a lot of.

As Gary was giving his lecture, the first members of the expedition team had flown out to the sea ice around Snow Hill in order to scout the area, confirm the location of the Emperor Penguin colony, and mark a route from the landing site to the colony. Then, group by group, we were called to the 'departure lounge' for our flight from Ortelius across sea ice towards the landing site. The flight itself was beautiful. We saw



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lines of marching or sliding penguins, and in a couple of places we saw holes in the ice surrounded



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by seals. For some it was the first flight in a helicopter, and what a first flight it was!

After landing, we collected our bags of camera equipment and headed along the poled route to the colony and the Emperor Penguins. On the way, we came across adults who had wandered away from the colony, which gave us our first views of these wonderful, charismatic of birds.

There had been a fresh fall of snow that was, in places, quite deep. This made the going quite hard work, but we all managed. As we got closer, we could hear a cacophony of calls from the huge amount of fluffy grey chicks, which were sometimes being answered by the adults. It made for a wonderful experience, as did the sight of all those gorgeous chicks, some wandering around in groups and



others with their parents. The larger chicks were very curious and kept approaching us, meaning we had to keep backing away in order to maintain the proper distances.

We spent as much time at the colony as possible, watching the birds and also some of the chicks being fed. It is amazing to think that the chicks, when fed by the adults, never see what they are eating, since they put their heads inside the mouth of the adult when the food is transferred. When the chicks finally get out to open sea, they have to work out what food is for themselves. We would often see Skuas and Gulls flying over the colony, looking for bits of spilt food. But of course, the Emperors were the main focus. Some of us were lucky enough to see an Adelie Penguin wandering around the colony as well.



When it came time to leave, we could hardly drag ourselves away. But we somehow managed and made the walk back to the helicopter, seeing the last few adult penguins on the way. It was then time to fly back to the ship. Watching Ortelius come into view was a beautiful sight amongst the sea ice and the water's edge. It was time to warm up and

have some food. Some had eaten lunch and some had been out at the colony, but there was food available upon our return, arranged by the wonderful hotel and kitchen staff. Sara rounded up the day and gave us the plans for tomorrow, along with an interesting insight into tourism in

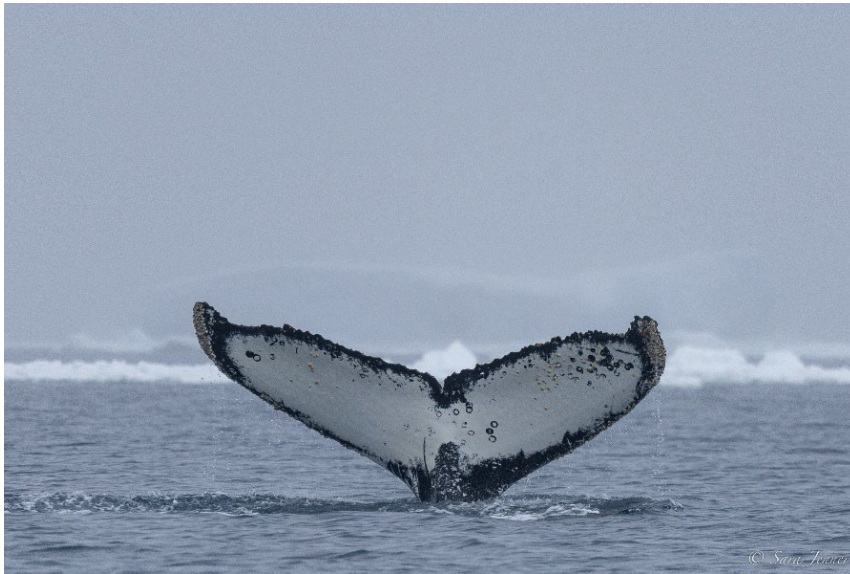
Antarctica. It was then time for another fantastic dinner and chance to reflect on what an amazing day we had experienced.

Day 5 – 24th November

Kinnes Cove and Hope Bay

12:00 GPS Position: 63°19.1'S / 056°42.5'W

Wind: SW 4, **Sea State:** Smooth, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** -3°C, **Sea Temp:** 0°C



This morning we woke up with very warm hearts after the incredible day we had yesterday. The plan this morning was supposed to be Hope Bay first, but because of the tides it got switched to Kinnes Cove and Madders Cliffs.

These red rocky cliffs are home to a colony of 20-30,000 breeding pairs of Adelie Penguins. There was a slight bit of snow in the air

which only made it feel more atmospheric. We heard a call on the radio from one of the staff 'Humpback Whale' in the bay! The Humpback surfaced very close to the Zodiacs, and then it showed us its beautiful huge fluke. It was next spotted on the other side of some brash ice, so we decided to leave the whale alone. We drove back to the



Coast and watched some beautiful Adélies as they contemplated which section of the water they wanted to jump into.



We all boarded back onto the ship to warm up and prepare for an afternoon at Hope Bay. This Bay was discovered in 1902 by the Swedish Expedition Nordenskiöld, where their ship was lost and crushed by the ice. Three men overwintered here in a hut they built out of stone. It is also where the Argentinian base 'Ésperanza' has been established since 1952. After lunch we all made it to shore. The weather was fantastic, no wind and it didn't feel cold in the slightest.

The staff made a big poled route for us, so we could have a good leg stretch whilst we admired these funny birds stealing each other's precious pebbles. Unfortunately, the landing got cut short because the chief of the base didn't want us at the landing. They were doing research, so we had to leave the landing a little earlier than expected. It was shame, but we came across some beautiful pack ice that made up for it!

It was ice as far as the eye could see, with huge icebergs and penguins running across the pack. Every now and again, there was a clearing of open water with an iceberg or mountain reflecting directly into the water. It was truly breathtaking.

Day 6 – 25th November

Iceberg Landing

12:00 GPS Position: 64°18.6'S / 056°31.5'W

Wind: ESE 5, **Sea State:** Calm/Ice, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** -2°C, **Sea Temp:** 0°C



Today's expedition into the Southern Ocean Sea ice promised unparalleled adventure. The morning started with a captivating lecture from Charlotte about the diverse and unique lives of whales inhabiting the Southern Ocean. Soon after, Sara, our expedition maestro, called us in the bar to reveal a bold plan – we were to land on an iceberg. The excitement reached a crescendo as the team organized us into groups, leading to a breathtaking scenic flight around massive icebergs and expansive sea ice.

Our helicopter pilot skilfully navigated us through the icy landscape before gently landing us on an iceberg, a surreal moment that will be etched into our memories.

After the exhilarating flight, we were welcomed back on board the Ortelius with a heartwarming touch – hot chocolate and rum served at the bow. As the day unfolded, the evening's daily recap provided a comprehensive overview. Sara outlined the plan for the next day, Massimo shared the team's scanning process to



select a safe iceberg, considering its flatness and strength while checking for crevasses. Gary delved into their fascinating dynamics, explaining their shapes.

The day continued to surprise us as Sara interrupted our dinner with an exhilarating announcement – orcas had been spotted in front of the ship. Rushing out, we were greeted with a mesmerizing sight. About 15 orcas gracefully circled around icebergs, creating a majestic spectacle. As we retire for the night, the collective sentiment is one of gratitude and awe. From the enchanting tales of Southern Ocean whales to the surreal experience of landing on an iceberg and the unexpected encounter with orcas. What a truly magnificent day in the heart of the Southern Ocean!

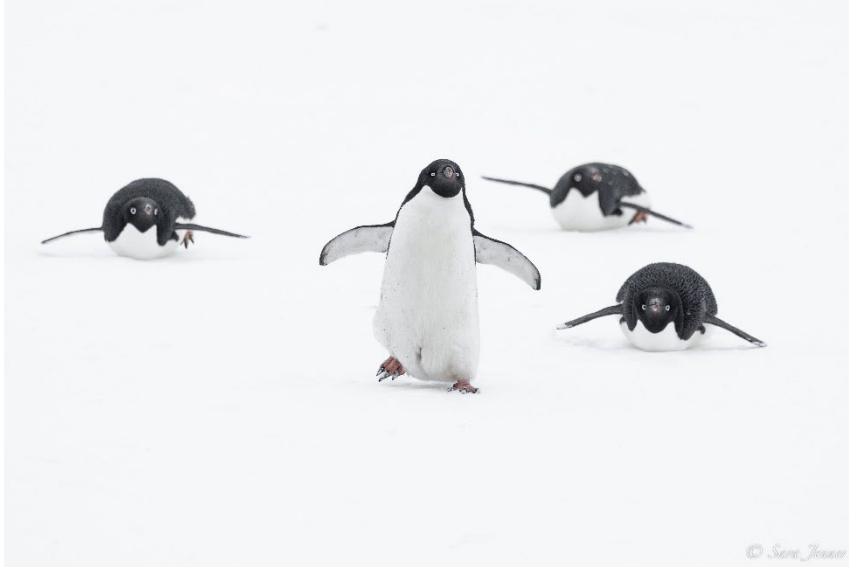


Day 7 – 26th November

Brown Bluff and Gourdin Island

12:00 GPS Position: 63°19.1'S / 056°57.9'W

Wind: W 7, **Sea State:** Slight, **Weather:** Partly Cloudy, **Air Temp:** 2°C, **Sea Temp:** 0°C



The day started with another wake up call from Sara. We had moved overnight from the Weddell Sea to the Antarctic Sound and to Brown Bluff. The weather was sunny and calm. The view of the Bluff was spectacular. After breakfast we were taken over to Brown Bluff and the landing site, we were greeted by a large number of Adelie and Gentoos. The walk around the snow gave us a

lovely view of Ortelius and great views of the breeding penguins.

As the tide dropped, we also had the chance to walk along the beach and find a little solitude to contemplate the huge scale of the scenery and the quiet. Later in the morning it was time to return to Ortelius for lunch and to move to our afternoon destination. On arrival at Gourdin Island the wind had increased to 30 knots, and we were warned that our zodiac cruise would be a little bumpy and, as a result, wet from spray. As we waited to board a Humpback whale cruised by right at the stern of the ship!

Nevertheless, we all gathered for our last zodiac cruise of the trip. It was a little wet at times, but the conditions were not too bad at all. We were treated to great views of Chinstrap penguins alongside Adelies and Gentoos. We also had excellent views of Weddell Seals and spectacular Ice. We watched as some of the penguins jumped so high to get out of the water onto the ice. It was quite comical watching as some penguins missed the landing and fell back into the water, fortunately they are hardy souls and would try again and again until they got it right. Upon our safe return to Ortelius it was time to grab a hot drink and before long it was time for recap and the plans for tomorrow and then BBQ! The bridge team were able to find a sheltered spot for our evening outside in the sunshine, eating, chatting, and drinking. The Captain was serving the wine as some of the first few hardy souls hit the dance floor as the glistening snowy mountains loomed upon us.



Day 8 – 27th November

Whalers Bay, Deception Island

12:00 GPS Position: 62°59.0'S / 060°33.7'W

Wind: NW 8, **Sea State:** Slight, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** 1°C, **Sea Temp:** 1°C

Well I think there were a few people who started a bit more slowly than usual this morning—and perhaps a couple of sore heads after our lovely BBQ last night. Even the very reasonable 7am wake up call seemed a bit early for many. But it was well worth the effort as Captain Per navigated the narrow Neptune's Bellows to bring the ship into the flooded caldera of Deception Island. The already narrow passage is made narrower by the fact that there is a rocky shoal with a shipwreck blocking about half of the passage on the western side and this morning it was made even more challenging with a small iceberg in the way.



As we cleared the entrance, we quickly took a hard right turn to enter Whaler's Bay. We could immediately spot the remains of the old whaling station and some of the additional buildings that were used by the British Antarctic Survey as a research station since WWII. There was even a yacht sitting peacefully at anchor—just where we would have dropped our anchor. We had a beautiful morning ahead of us with the sun shining and very little wind. Even with the fine weather, the whole scene looked a desolate place to think of living and working—especially for something as hard as the whaling industry. Whaler's Bay has a long history for Antarctica. Deception Island was one of the first places discovered in Antarctica and very soon sealers and whalers were regular visitors to the





protected area in the caldera. It wasn't until 1911 that the full-on whaling station started operations and by 1936 when the selling price for whale oil dropped—and the whales had been hunted out of the immediate area that Whaler's Bay stopped operation. The whalers were Norwegian, but they worked under permit with the UK who administered the island with a Magistrate living on the island.

Early in WWII, the UK started a program called Operation Tabarin where they manned several stations around then Antarctic Peninsula to conduct research and watch for enemy shipping. When the war ended, they continued their presence with research based at the old whaling station.

During the whaling days Sir Hubert Wilkins made history in 1928 with the first ever flight over Antarctica. He took off from a gravel runway at the north end of the bay. The aircraft hangar we visited wasn't built until 1965 when the UK began a busy program of mapping the peninsula using aerial photographs. They also serviced some of their other stations from the airfield at Deception. That all came to an abrupt halt when in 1967 there was a minor eruption on the island and operations closed for the season. They reopened in 1968-1969 season only to have the station destroyed by the last big eruption on 23rd Feb 1969 with the 4 men there just escaping with their lives.

On shore, everyone had a good stretch of their legs with a large scope for walking the steam-shrouded beach. Many enjoyed the view from Neptune's Window where several whales were spotted. And the big excitement was a male leopard seal hauled out near the very end of the beach. He certainly drew a crowd, but simply napped through all the attention. Finally, before heading back to the ship, many



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of us decided to take part in the little bit of craziness and took a dip in the decidedly cold water at Whaler's Bay.

Leaving the caldera was just as serious a navigation as coming in, but having done it on the way in it just didn't seem to have the tension of entering. Shortly after getting clear of Neptune's Bellows we had a wonderful session with humpback and fin whales near the ship. With the forecast (from our recap) of some rougher seas crossing the Drake Passage, everyone started to consider their strategy for finishing the trip. Maybe start packing now? At least take some medication? But during dinner a final bit of excitement for the day. Antarctic Petrels (at least 2) flying around the ship. Our keen birders immediately stopped eating to rush out on deck. For most it was a first look at the species. Success!

Finally, a bit later in the evening we left the shelter of the South Shetland Islands and started north towards Ushuaia. We did feel the ship pitch more, but seemingly not as rough as we feared. Maybe we all have our sea legs now. Tomorrow just might be OK for most of us.

Day 9 – 28th November

At sea towards Ushuaia

12:00 GPS Position: 59°31.7'S / 064°36.0'W

Wind: NW 6/7, **Sea State:** Moderate, **Weather:** P.Cloudy, **Air Temp:** 4°C, **Sea Temp:** 3°C



Awakening on our second day in the Drake Passage, we found ourselves shrouded in the mist of the fog Drake Passage. The day unfolded with a captivating lecture by Martin, focusing on the renowned ships HMS Terror and Erebus. These stalwart vessels played a pivotal role in the Ross expedition—a scientific exploration of Antarctica led by James Clark Ross from 1839 to 1843. Following Martin's engaging

talk, Gary provided a comprehensive overview of seals, enhancing our understanding of the adaptability of these marine mammals to the extreme conditions of the southernmost continent.

Claudio led the afternoon session with an insightful lecture on climate change, delving into the urgent environmental challenges facing Antarctica and emphasizing the importance of addressing and understanding these issues for the region's future. As the day neared its end, we gathered for our final daily recap. Answering a question from the "questions box", Sara shared a video of Metallica performing in Antarctica. Chris



then offered insights into weather forecasting in this challenging region. To conclude, Chloe provided an intriguing talk about the sole bear found in Antarctica: the water bear!

Day 10 – 29th November

Drake Passage

12:00 GPS Position: 56°14.6'S / 067°06.9'W

Wind: W 6, **Sea State:** Moderate, **Weather:** Overcast, **Air Temp:** 6°C, **Sea Temp:** 5°C



We woke this morning not to Sara's wakeup call but to Felipe and Marco, part of our helicopter team, with their farewell "Good morning". The DAP helicopter team are due to leave later today. The weather had improved remarkably from the fog of yesterday and was now bright and breezy. There were lots of birds this morning to keep the birders happy, including the largest of the Albatross, the Wandering

Albatross, and the Southern Royal Albatross. They were joined by a large number of Giant Petrels, Cape Petrels, and some Black browed Albatross giving us the opportunity to see the size difference between the two Albatross species. Chloe gave us a fascinating insight into the world

underwater with her lecture on diving in Antarctica, a great opportunity to see what lies beneath the waves.

We were then treated to our first sight of land, Cape Horn! This was followed by Sara and her lecture on marine threats. A very interesting, eye opening, but depressing story of how we are affecting our oceans and the animals that live within. It was the topic of discussion as we enjoyed our last lunch on board. We don't really want to think about leaving lovely Ortelius.....

After lunch we were all called to the bridge. Captain Per was determined to beat his record for the number of people on the bridge at the same time. We managed 110 people, beating the last record by four people! We were delighted with the views of Cape Horn. We were about three miles off the coast, with great visibility. Gary explained about the monument to the missing seamen, the lighthouse, and the accompanying buildings. He then went on to recite the poem written by Sara Vial that is inscribed on the monument, followed by the ships horn being sounded.

A ballot then took place for some very attractive prizes, the first being the ship's flag. It was then decided to have a photo taken of everyone on the bow. We gathered in our jackets and coats just in time for the photo to be taken, followed by a hailstorm. It was then time to warm up with a hot drink and watch our transit along the coast of South America. The alternative was to pay our final bills and do the necessary packing of cases and bags in time for our farewell drinks and the showing of the slideshow put together by the expedition team. The slideshow was fantastic, and it made us quite emotional being reminded of the wonderful journey we had all shared together.



We then went to dinner for the final time, a great meal prepared by the wonderful team in the kitchen. A great way to end our final whole day as we entered the Beagle Channel.

Day 11 – 30th November

Disembarkation Day- Ushuaia Port

12:00 GPS Position: 54°48.6'S / 068°18.0'W

Wind: SW 7, **Sea State:** Slight, **Weather:** Cloudy, **Air Temp:** 4°C, **Sea Temp:** 9°C

It's always sad saying goodbye to the guests we have spent so much heartfelt time with, but the time had come to disembark the ship. At 0830 this morning, after the staff had put all the luggage outside, it was time to say farewell and see you next time. This trip has been incredibly special and one we will remember for a lifetime.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support, but most of all for joining us on this adventurous Arctic voyage. We hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!

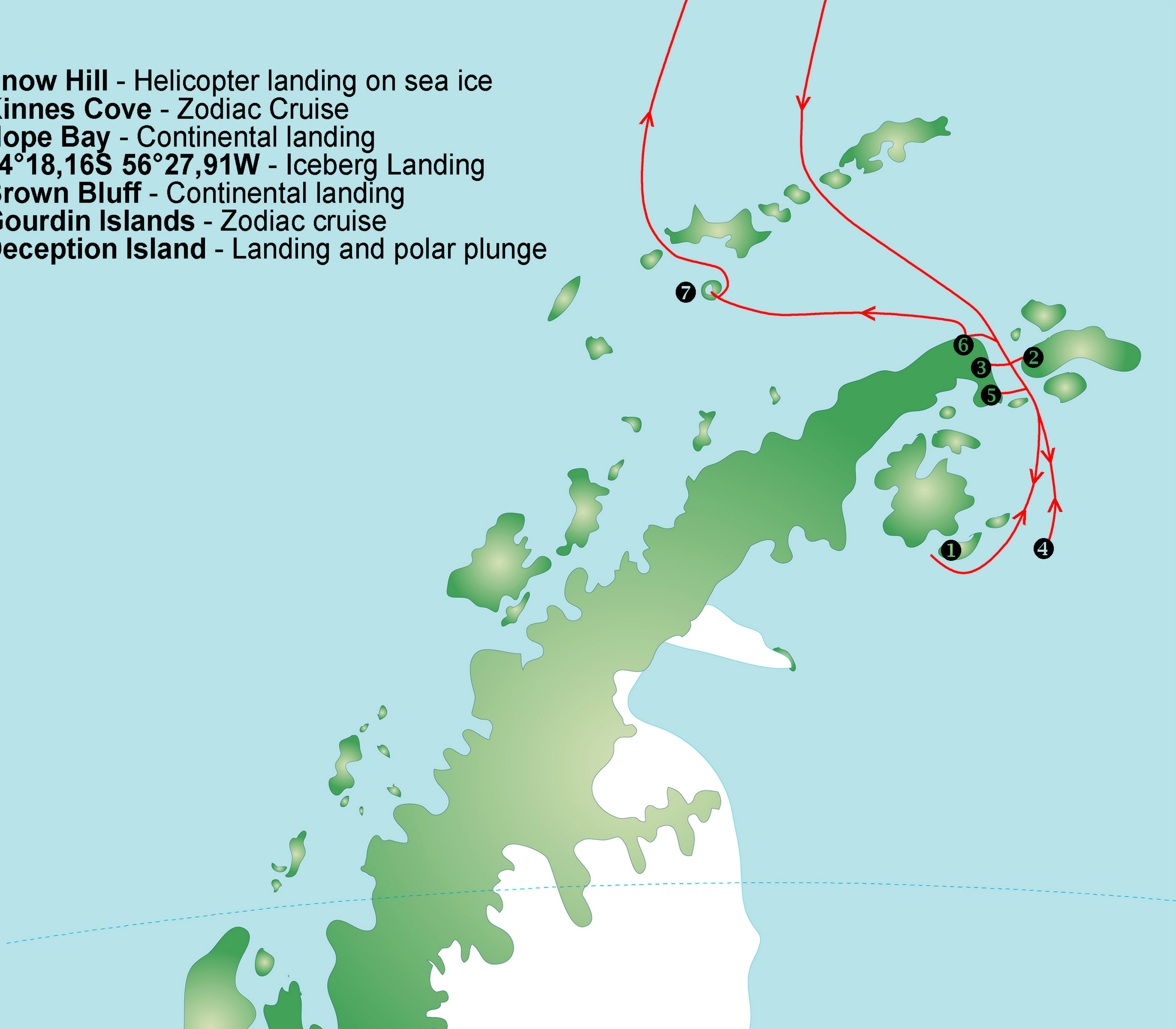




Total distance sailed: 1787 nautical miles
Farthest south: 64°37.3'S / 057°09.8'W

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Per Anderson, Expedition Leader Sara Jenner, Hotel Manager Volodymyr Cherednychenko, and all the crew, staff, and pilots of M/V Ortelius, it has been a pleasure travelling with you!

- ① Snow Hill - Helicopter landing on sea ice
- ② Kinnes Cove - Zodiac Cruise
- ③ Hope Bay - Continental landing
- ④ 64°18,16S 56°27,91W - Iceberg Landing
- ⑤ Brown Bluff - Continental landing
- ⑥ Gourdin Islands - Zodiac cruise
- ⑦ Deception Island - Landing and polar plunge



BIRD AND MAMMAL LIST

Ortelius: Weddell Sea Emperors 20-30 November

BIRDS	Latin name	November												
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29			
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>				X		X							
King Penguin	<i>A. patagonicus</i>		X											
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Adelie Penguin	<i>P. adeliae</i>			X		X	X	X						
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>P. antarctica</i>			X				X	X					
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	X										X		
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>		X						X					
Rockhopper Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysoce</i>		X											
Snowy Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>									X	X			
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>D. epomophora</i>											X		
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>D. sanfordi</i>									X	X			
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophrys</i>	X	X	X						X	X			
Grey-headed Albatross	<i>T. chrysoloma</i>		X	X						X	X			
Light-mantled Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>		X	X						X	X			
Cape/Pintado Petrel	<i>Capense capense</i>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>					X				X				
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>				X	X	X	X						
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	X	X	X						X		X		
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>									X		X		
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>M. giganteus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>		X	X						X	X	X		
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>													
Slender-billed Prion	<i>P. belcheri</i>			X									X	
Antarctic Prion	<i>P. desolata</i>		X	X						X	X			
White-headed Petrel	<i>Pterodroma lessoni</i>													
Mottled Petrel	<i>P. inexpectata</i>									X	X	X		
Soft-plumaged Petrel (dark)	<i>P. mollis</i>		X	X										
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>		X							X	X			
White-chinned Petrel	<i>P. aequinoctialis</i>		X	X						X	X			
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Fuegian Storm-petrel	<i>O. chilensis</i>													
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregatta tropica</i>		X	X										
Grey-backed Storm-petrel	<i>Garrodia nereis</i>													
Common Diving-petrel	<i>Pelacanoidea urinatrix</i>		X											
Imperial Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>	X	X										X	
Antarctic Shag	<i>P. bransfieldensis</i>			X		X		X	X					
Chilean Skua	<i>Catharacta chilensis</i>	X									X	X		
Subantarctic skua	<i>C. antarctica</i>			X										
South Polar Skua	<i>C. maccormicki</i>													
Dolphin Gull	<i>Larus scoresbii</i>	X											X	
Kelp Gull	<i>L. dominicanus</i>	X							X	X				
Antarctic Tern	<i>S. vittata</i>				X	X	X	X	X					
South American Tern	<i>S. hirundinacea</i>	X											X	
Arctic Tern	<i>S. paradisaea</i>				X									
Pale-faced Sheathbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>		X	X		X		X	X					

MAMMALS	Latin name	November												
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
Southern Right Whale	<i>Eubalaena australis</i>													
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>			X		X		X	X					
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>		X	X					X					
Sei Whale	<i>B. borealis</i>													
Antarctic Minke Whale	<i>B. bonaerensis</i>													
Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>													
Antarctic Killer (type A)	<i>Orcinus species</i>													
Antarctic Killer (type B)	<i>Orcinus species</i>								X					
Hourglass Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i>													
Peale's Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>	X												
Dusky Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i>													
Dolphins	<i>Unidentified Species</i>													
Arnoux's Beaked Whale	<i>Berardius arnuxii</i>													
Beaked Whale-	<i>Cuvier's or Grey's</i>													
South American Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus australis</i>	X												
Antarctic Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus gazella</i>													
Southern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga leonina</i>													
Crabeater Seal	<i>Lobodon carcinophaga</i>				X									
Weddell Seal	<i>Leptonychotes weddellii</i>				X	X	X	X						
Leopard Seal	<i>Hydrurga leptonyx</i>								X					
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Sara Jenner – Expedition Leader



For as long as Sara could remember she has had a passion for travel and searching for the wildest and most remote places on earth.

Back in the UK when she was only 10, she remembers trading in her favourite pink bicycle for the money to start her travel fund. Every birthday and Christmas she added a little more in the kitty and finally, at 18 she realised her dream of diving at the Great Barrier Reef! At that point the travel addiction was born. Ever since Sara has been travelling the globe in search of wild and remote places and has spent many

months volunteering on wildlife conservation projects in a bid to help some of our most iconic and endangered species.

Sara's love of wildlife and the great outdoors has taken her to all seven continents, and she has travelled extensively in the polar regions including the Antarctic Peninsula, Weddell Sea, Ross Sea, Falklands, South Georgia, NZ and Australian Sub Antarctic Islands, Spitsbergen, Greenland, Iceland, Baffin Island and Canadian High Arctic. Returning to the UK, Sara used this knowledge to work in the travel industry as a polar specialist for several years, until the travel bug hit again, when she decided to swap life on the land for a life at sea and joined the Oceanwide Expedition Team in 2016.

During 2020-2021 she worked extensively on a leopard seal identification project and took the opportunity to fulfil a lifetime dream of visiting South Georgia in winter by working on the M/V Pharos, which is deployed by the South Georgia Government as a fishery patrol vessel.

Sara is a keen wildlife photographer and when she is not wrapped up warm in the polar regions she enjoys working as a photographic guide in Botswana, on the beautiful Chobe River and Okavango Delta, so really has a life of two halves.

Chris Long – Assistant Expedition Leader



Chris grew up as a part of New Zealand's remotest family two long days hike from the nearest road at a place called Gorge River, on the South Islands West Coast, New Zealand.

His family lives as self-sufficiently as possible in a small cabin surrounded by the jungled rainforest, the rough rugged coastline, and an untouched emerald green river. Most of their food comes from a huge vegetable garden or is fished from the ocean. This wild untouched natural corner of New Zealand was Chris's home for the first 17 years of his life, until, one day, he set

off to explore what the rest of the world had to offer.

Since leaving Gorge River, Chris has set out to see, explore and experience as much of the globe as possible. This constant search for adventure has seen him travel to over 65 countries on all seven continents. Along this journey, he spent two full summer seasons living and working as a field trainer at Scott Base, a New Zealand research station in Antarctica, as well as multiple voyages to the Ross Sea, Antarctic Peninsula, East Antarctica and the Atlantic Ocean.

Chris is also no stranger to the arctic. He once sailed the notorious northwest passage across the top of Greenland, Canada, and Alaska on a small yacht and spent much of the covid pandemic living with 150 husky dogs in Tromso, northern Norway. Here he endured two long cold dark arctic winters training for long distance dog races. He also guides with Oceanwide in Svalbard each summer.

In 2022, Chris published a best-selling autobiography "*The Boy From Gorge River*" and when he is not at sea you will find him training for his commercial fixed-wing pilot's license or exploring a new corner of the globe.

Claudio Ghiglione – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

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

Martin Anstee - Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

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

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

Chloé Maréchal – Expedition Guide



Chloé is a dedicated diver with an insatiable passion for marine life and exploration. Armed with a European master's degree in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, she's on a mission to share her expertise and promote the conservation of the marine environment. But here's the twist—while everyone else is busy oohing and aahing over flashy dolphins and majestic whales, Chloé's heart belongs to the unsung heroes of the ocean, the often-undererrated world of plankton and the mysteries of unseen microbes. She's here to show that even the tiniest organisms can have big personalities!

In April 2013, Chloé's dedication and skills were recognized when she was chosen as the prestigious 2013-14 European Rolex Our World Underwater Scholar. This remarkable opportunity allowed her to work alongside renowned leaders in the fields of marine science and diving industry, providing her with diverse experiences and invaluable insights. During this transformative year, her first encounter with Antarctica left an indelible mark, igniting a lifelong passion for polar exploration.

Chloé isn't just a science nerd with a thing for plankton. She's an adventurous soul with an insatiable curiosity. She's dived across all continents, lived in 20 countries, and now sails on her 12-meter aluminum boat. Together with her partner she has recently crossed the challenging waters of the North Sea.

Currently, Chloé calls northern Norway her home, residing just above the polar circle. When not guiding, she explores underwater wonders, uncovers forgotten wrecks, and maps uncharted underwater caves. Her passion for the ocean, sailing, and work with Oceanwide Expeditions fuel her relentless pursuit of adventure.

Charlotte Taplin – Expedition Guide



Charlotte grew up by the Coast in Cornwall, United Kingdom. From a young age she has always been fascinated by wildlife and the ocean. She studied Wildlife Conservation at University and then spent the next 10 years travelling through South America, Australasia and Africa. Charlotte's love for boats began in 2013 where she worked on research and dive vessels visiting remote regions of the Great Barrier Reef. Her interest in Marine Biology grew in Australia and New Zealand while studying Humpback, Minke and Sperm Whales.

After driving overland in a land rover from South Africa to Jordan she then moved to Mozambique in 2018 where she started her own backpacker hostel. In her spare time Charlotte worked as a Researcher studying Whale sharks and Manta Rays along the Coast of Mozambique. During 2020-2022 she worked as a Deckhand/Divemaster on superyachts and ice breaker explorer vessels. Her hobbies include scuba-diving, surfing, free-diving and hiking. Being surrounded by the ocean is Charlotte's favourite place to be and she is so excited to have started her first season with Oceanwide in 2022.

Gary Miller – Expedition Guide



Gary's love of the polar regions began over 40 years ago when he studied polar bears in Canada for his MA in Zoology. He started by following an academic career as a scientist studying wildlife. During that time he also worked on bowhead whales and gray whales in Alaska and Mexico and then a 3-year study of desert bighorn sheep in Arizona for his PhD in Behavioral Ecology in 1986. After that his life took a dramatic turn to the south when he began research on Antarctic penguins and skuas. He immediately fell in love with the Antarctic and has continued to work there for his career. Starting with 6

summers of research on Ross Island, deep in the Ross Sea, he has logged 10 summers and one winter at research stations studying South Polar Skuas, Adelie, Gentoo, Chinstrap, Royal, King, and Emperor penguins. Gary has tremendous experience with Emperors having spent an entire winter studying the emperor penguins at Auster colony in East Antarctica.

For the past 30 years, Gary has split his time between research expeditions and ship-based tours to the polar regions. He enjoys sharing his knowledge, enthusiasm and experience with passengers from all over the world. In his many years he has circumnavigated Antarctica, visited a wide range of penguin colonies in different parts of Antarctica, and has managed to visit 10 different Emperor penguin colonies. Gary is one of the most experienced naturalist/guides working today.

Werner Kruse - Expedition Guide



Werner Kruse is a well-seasoned traveller and an experienced filmmaker, photographer and expedition guide. He has worked on numerous international productions and produced travel documentaries, including wildlife and expedition documentaries in Africa. His film, *The Boy from the Wild*, premiered at the Royal Geographic Society in London as well as the Wildlife Conservation Film Festival in New York City. Currently the film is available on Amazon Prime Video.

After completing his studies, he travelled extensively, making documentaries all over the world. He explored places such as Petra, Machu Picchu, Great Barrier Reef and Rapa Nui, Spitsbergen, Iceland as well as his favourites, the Hawaiian and Tahitian Islands. He is currently based in Cape Town, South Africa, working on TV shows, documentaries, commercials and corporate productions. He frequently travels abroad for various video and photographic assignments.

Werner is extremely passionate about conservation, particularly wildlife and the ocean and supports various environmental causes. His work depicting Gentoo penguins in Antarctica was featured by National Geographic, and his annual return to Antarctica remains a highlight for him. His travels have taken him to 112 countries, enabling him to capture a richly diverse spectrum of images.

Massimo Candolini – Expedition Guide



I have been climbing mountains since I was young, doing activities in the Alps, especially in the winter, such as winter ascents, icefalls, ski touring, freeride, and steep ski.

In 2001, I left my job of programming computers/electronics and I attended the Italian Mountain Guide National Course. I was qualified in 2003 and ever since have been working as a professional Mountain Guide.

In 2010 I founded the Mont - Mountain Guiding, Mountaineering School and Adventure Travels company, which focuses on climbing in the Alps (rock climbing, ski touring, high mountain), consultancy (Natural Parks Organizations, Snow and Avalanche Office Forecast, via Ferrata building and maintenance), publishing (I wrote several ski touring and rock climbing guide books) and adventure expeditions organization (Nepal, Perú, Bolivia, Norway, Greenland, Alaska, Spitzbergen, Peninsula Antarctica, Russia, Kyrgyzstan and others).

Having skied all the continents and summited several mountains, I chose the extreme north and the white slopes as my mountaineering home. In 2015 I started to work on board of Rembrandt Van Rijn in Greenland and Spitzbergen. I continue to travel searching to push my skis over untouched snow trying to calm my desire of adventure into a natural, wild and savage environments. I am definitively convinced, my favourite mountain is the next one!

Dr Andrew Darby-Smith – Doctor



Andrew is a British expedition doctor, with experience providing emergency healthcare in a variety of remote environments (including; altitude, diving and polar cruise environments) and leading a high-altitude medical research expedition to the High Atlas Mountains in Morocco (2022).

For 5 years, he was Course Director of the 'Remote Medicine BSc' programme at Imperial College London and was awarded Fellowship to the Royal Geographical Society (FRGS) for commitment to purposeful exploration.

In his UK clinical practice, Andrew is an anaesthetist and intensive care doctor. More recently, he has undergone additional training to become an air ambulance doctor, fulfilling his desire to provide critical care wherever and whenever it's needed.

Andrew loves working with passionate, small teams on expeditions and first visited Antarctica with Oceanwide Expeditions in 2020. He found the experience wonderful and is delighted to be returning in 2023. The addition of helicopter transfers to explore areas of the Weddell Sea will be a particular highlight.



Weddell Sea - In search of emperor penguins Welcome aboard!

Date: 20 November 2023

Day 1: Ushuaia - Embarkation

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 6.

PLEASE LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 15:15+/- Ship safety briefing, in the **Lecture Room on Deck 3**. 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 will go to their **MUSTER STATION** which is either the Bar on Deck 6 or the Restaurant on Deck 4, please check your cabin room card to see which station you are assigned to. If you are assigned **Lifeboat 1** you will muster in the Bar and if you are assigned **Lifeboat 2** you will muster in the Restaurant.
- 16:30+/- 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. This will take place in the **Lecture Room on Deck 3**.
- 18:00+/- Please join the Expedition Team in the **Bar on Deck 6** for staff introductions, this will be followed by Captain's Cocktail, a toast to the forthcoming voyage.
- 18:30 Buffet dinner in the **Restaurant on Deck 4**.
- 19:45 The Expedition Team welcomes you the **Lecture Room on Deck 3** for the **MANDATORY IAATO** briefing. Attendance will be checked.

Please note that tonight we will be sailing into the open sea. Take your seasickness medication before you really feel the movements of the vessel, the doctor will be available in the bar after dinner to assist with such matters.

Make sure that all your belongings are put away safely and that doors and drawers in your cabin are tightly closed. Walk slowly on the ship, always use one hand for yourself and one for the ship and beware of your fingers because of doors slamming!

"All things considered there are only two kinds of men in the world; those that stay at home and those that do not, the latter are more interesting." - Rudyard Kipling



DAILY PROGRAM

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Date: 21 November 2023

Day 2: Drake Passage - At Sea

- 07:45 Wake-up call.
- 08:00-09:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 09:15 The Expedition team will hand out your rubber boots. You will be called, deck-by-deck to the **Lecture Room**, so please listen to announcements. Bring your thick socks to find the best-sized boots for you!
- 11:00 Martin will give a lecture about Sea Birds in the Bar on Deck 6.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 14:00 The Expedition Team invites you to the **Lecture Room** for the **MANDATORY** Helicopter and Zodiac briefing. Attendance will be checked.
- 16:00 Please join Werner in the Bar for a presentation about Photography -Tips on how to take great photos on this voyage.
- 18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the bar for recap, this is a daily event where we go through what we have seen during the day and plans for tomorrow.
- 19:00 Plated dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

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

"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore"
- Christoph Columbus



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Date: 22 November 2023

Day 3: Approaching Antarctica – At Sea

- 07:45 Wake-up call.
- 08:00-09:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 09:15 Sara invites you to join her in the Bar for a lecture about Penguins.
- 11:15 Please join Massimo in the Bar for a presentation titled 'Glaciers, Ice sheet, Ice shelf, Sea ice and Icebergs.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the dining room on Deck 4.
- 13:45+/- During the course of the afternoon you will be called to the **Bar** by your activity group number for the **MANDATORY Helicopter Drill**. We will gather you in groups of either 4 or 5 people, at which point you will be escorted to the Heli deck. Please wear your Muck boots, waterproof clothing, helicopter life jackets and bring your helicopter key card and signed helicopter declaration form. We will start with Group 1 and work upwards (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10).
- Simultaneously, we will also be calling activity groups for the **MANDATORY IATTO Biosecurity** in the **Lecture Room**, we will start with Group 5 and work upwards (5,6,7,8,9,10,1,2,3,4). When called, please bring all your outer garments, bags, boots, life jackets etc. that you plan to use in Antarctica for the Expedition Staff to check. Please ensure everything is clean before proceeding to the Lecture room and ensure you sign the self-declaration form once you have approved by the Expedition Team.
- IT IS IMPORTANT YOU LISTEN TO ANNOUCEMENTS, AND ONLY ATTEND EACH ACTIVITY WHEN YOUR GROUP IS CALLED.**
- 18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.
- 19:00 Plated dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 20:30 Movie Night in the Lecture Room – A screening of the animated musical comedy, Happy Feet 1.

"When your feet are cold, cover your head." - Inuit proverb



Weddell Sea - In search of emperor penguins

Date: 23 November 2023

Day 4: Snow Hill.

07:45 Wake-up call.

08:00-09:00 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

09:15 Gary welcomes you to the bar for his lecture about Emperor Penguins.

12:30-13:30 A buffet lunch is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

We hope to take you ashore at Snow Hill Island, please listen to announcements for exact timings. As you appreciate, helicopter operations take a significant time, so please be patient.

As and when your group is called, please proceed to the bar, ensuring you have your numbered helicopter card with you and clearly visible. Please dress warmly, in waterproof clothing and with your Muck boots. On arrival in the bar, we will deactivate both canisters in your lifejacket.

We will be starting with activity Group 10 and working downwards in the following order 10,9, 8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1.

Your allocated time at the colony will be dependent on weather conditions and the flight time from the ship to the landing site.

At the landing site, one person from each flight will be assigned a landing card, which will state what time your flight group needs to be back at the landing site for their return flight to the ship. **PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE.**

When you return to the ship, please ensure you are swiped back in, and your canisters are reactivated in your lifejacket by a member of staff.

Please listen to announcements for exact timings.

18:30 Daily recap in the Bar with the Expedition Team.

19:00 Buffet dinner is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

"An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered." - G. K. Chesterton



DAILY PROGRAM

Weddell Sea - In search of emperor penguins

Date: 24 November 2023

Day 5: Kinnes Cove and Hope Bay

07:15 Wake-up call.

07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

08:45+/- We hope to offer you a Zodiac cruise at Kinnes Cove, Madder Cliff.

12:00-13:00 A buffet lunch is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

14:00+/- We invite you to the gangway on Deck 4 for a Continental landing at Hope Bay.

Please ensure your lifejackets are fitted correctly before approaching the reception area, remember to swipe out with our cabin key card and to clean your boots/walking sticks in the Virkon solution provided.

On your return to the ship, once again remember to clean your boots, walking sticks etc in the Virkon solution provided.

18:15 Join the Expedition Staff in the Bar for recap!

19:00 Dinner is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

During the evening we will navigate into Erebus and Terror, we encourage you to join the expedition staff on the bridge and outside decks to look for wildlife and enjoy the magnificent scenery and ice that this area offers.

“A journey is a person in itself, no two are alike. And all plans, safeguards, policies and coercion are fruitless. We find after years of struggle that we do not take a trip, a trip takes us.” - John Steinbeck



Weddell Sea - In search of emperor penguins

Date: 25 November 2023

Day 6: Weddell Sea

07:15 Wake-up call.

07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

08:45 Charlotte welcomes you to the Bar for her lecture about Whales of the Southern Ocean.

A day of polar exploration!

We are going to spend the day exploring the Weddell Sea and looking for wildlife. When a suitable opportunity arises, we hope to offer an activity off the ship, this might be in the form of a Zodiac cruise, Helicopter or Zodiac Landing, this will be dependent on the weather and sea ice conditions.

It is important you listen to announcements as timings are likely to change depending on what we find and how we decide to operate.

12:30-13:30 A buffet lunch is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

18:15 Join the Expedition Staff in the Bar for recap!

19:00 Dinner is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

"It must be remembered that the men whose desires lead them to the untrodden paths of the world have generally marked individuality." - Sir Ernest Shackleton



DAILY PROGRAM

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Date: 26 November 2023

Day 7: Brown Bluff and Gourdin Island

07:15 Wake-up call.

07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

08:45+/- Depending on shore conditions and wildlife densities we hope to either offer you a landing or Zodiac cruise at Brown Bluff, please listen to announcements over breakfast for details of the activity type.

Please ensure your lifejackets are fitted correctly before approaching the reception area, remember to swipe out with our cabin key card and to clean your boots/walking sticks in the Virkon solution provided.

On your return to the ship, once again remember to clean your boots, walking sticks etc in the Virkon solution provided.

12:00-13:00 A buffet lunch is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

13:30 Chloe invites you to the Bar for her lecture titled 'The Wonder of Drifting Life in the Southern Ocean'.

15:30+/- We invite you to the gangway on Deck 4 for a Zodiac cruise at Gourdin, please dress warmly.

18:30 Join the Expedition Staff in the Bar for recap!

19:00 Dinner is served.

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." - Robert Swan OBE



Weddell Sea - In search of emperor penguins

Date: 27 November 2023

Day 8: Deception Island, Whalers Bay.

07:00 Wake-up call.

07:15 We will sail into Deception Island; we encourage you to be on the outside decks to enjoy this remarkable navigation. The caldera has a narrow entrance, just 230 metres (755 feet) wide, called Neptune's Bellows. Navigating a ship through the bellows can be very tricky, adding to the hazard is Ravn Rock, which lies 2.5 metres (8.2 feet) below the water in the middle of the channel. Remains of a shipwreck, a Norwegian whale catcher that hit Ravn Rock in 1957, can still be seen in the passage.

07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

08:30+/- We hope to take you ashore at Whalers Bay in Deception Island.

We plan to offer a **polar plunge** at the end of the activity, please wear your swimwear underneath your expedition clothing, we will provide the towels, please do not bring the ones from your cabin.

12:30-13:30 A buffet lunch is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

13:45 We will show a short film (10 mins) about the last eruption of Deception Island and its whaling history.

After lunch we will sail out through Boyd Strait, this area has been very productive for whales in the recent weeks and we encourage you to spend some time on the outside decks, enjoying your last views of Antarctica.

16:00 Gary invites you to the Bar for his presentation about Overwintering in Antarctica with Emperor Penguins.

18:15 Join the Expedition Staff in the Bar for recap!

19:00 Dinner is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

"Anything more wonderful than the polar night does not exist. It is a dream-like sight. It is a light poem of all the finest and most delicate tones of the soul.

-Fritjof Nansen



Weddell Sea - In search of emperor penguins

Date: 28 November 2023

Day 9: Drake Passage – At Sea

07:45 Wake-up call.

08:00-09:00 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

09:15 Martin welcomes you to the Bar for his presentation titled 'Erebus and Terror – A Tale of Two Ships.'

11:15 Gary invites you to the Bar for his lecture about Seals of the Southern Ocean.

12:15 We will call you deck by deck to the Lecture Room to return your Muck boots and Helicopter Key Cards, please listen for announcements.

12:30-13:30 A buffet lunch is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

16:00 Please join Claudio in the Bar for his lecture about Climate Change.

18:15 Join the Expedition Staff in the Bar for recap! There will be some important information given about disembarkation, settling accounts etc. therefore, we encourage at least one person from each group to attend.

19:00 Dinner is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

PLEASE NOTE: Upon arrival in Ushuaia, we will provide free busses to the airport for morning flights only, at 09:00 a.m. Please get from Reception a **Blue** luggage tag if you would like this service. For the Guests with afternoon flights, we will transfer your luggage to the drop-off center, and you will need to pick up your luggage before 14:00 hrs. Please get from Reception an **Orange** luggage tag if you wish to do this. For guests who have their own transportation or planning to stay in Ushuaia, please wait till the ship is cleared by the port agent and you are free to go, no luggage tag is required for this.

*“One must never be in haste to end a day; there are too few of them in a lifetime.” -
Sir Francis Drake*



DAILY PROGRAM

Weddell Sea - In search of emperor penguins

Date: 29 November 2023

Day 10: Heading towards Ushuaia – At Sea

07:45 Wake-up call.

08:00-09:00 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

09:15 Chloe welcomes you to the Bar for her presentation about Diving in Antarctica.

11:15 Sara would like you to join her in the Bar for her presentation about Marine Threats.

12:30-13:30 A buffet lunch is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

16:00 Gary invites you to the Bar for his lecture about Wildlife Adaptations for Antarctica.

During the day the Hotel Department will call you deck by deck to settle your accounts, please listen to announcements.

18:15 Join the Expedition Staff in the Bar for Captain's Farewell Cocktails and a viewing of the slideshow.

A copy of the voyage slideshow will be available for collection from the Bar after dinner, please bring a USB or similar, or we can help airdrop it to Apple devices.

19:00 Dinner is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

"An Antarctic expedition is the worst way to have the best time of your life." - Apsley Cherry-Garrard



DAILY PROGRAM

Weddell Sea - In search of emperor penguins

Date: 30 November 2023

Day 11: Ushuaia

07:15 Wake-up call.
Please ensure your luggage is outside your room before going to breakfast.

07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

PLEASE NOTE: Upon arrival in Ushuaia, we will provide free busses to the airport for morning flights only, at 09:00 a.m. Please get from Reception a **Blue** luggage tag if you would like this service. For the Guests with afternoon flights, we will transfer your luggage to the drop-off center, and you will need to pick up your luggage before 14:00 hrs. Please get from Reception an **Orange** luggage tag if you wish to do this. For guests who have their own transportation or planning to stay in Ushuaia, please wait till the ship is cleared by the port agent and you are free to go, no luggage tag is required for this.

09:00+/- We invite those guests going straight to the airport to disembark. Please identify your luggage on the pier and ensure it is placed in the bus with you going to the airport.

09:15+/- We invite all other guests to disembark. You can either choose to take your luggage with you into town or you can place it in the luggage truck which will take it to a storage facility in Ushuaia.

From all the Expedition Team and Crew on board the MV Ortelius, we wish you safe onward travel, and thank you for sharing this incredible voyage with us. We look forward to sailing with you again in the future.

"It's when you are safe at home that you're having an adventure. When you're having an adventure, you wish you were safe at home." - Thorton Wilder