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Antarctica, Learning and Discovery Voyage

5th January 2024 - 15th January 2024



M/V Ortelius

Ortelius was built in 1989 and originally named Marina Svetaeva, serving as a special-purpose vessel for the Russian Academy of Science. She was rebuilt as a passenger vessel in 2019 and complies with all SOLAS (safety of life at sea) regulations. Ortelius is 90.95 meters long, 17.2 meters wide, and has a maximum draft of 5.4 meters. Her ice class is UL1 (equivalent to 1A), and her average cruising speed is 10.5 knots.

Captain Per Anderson

and his international crew

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Galina Nosachenko

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Day 1 – 5th January 2024

Ushuaia - Embarkation Day

12:00 GPS Position: 54°48.561'S / 68 18.070'W

Wind: SW 5/6, **Sea State:** Smooth **Weather:** Cloudy **Air t°:** 10°C, **Sea t°:** 12°C

Having explored the beautiful sights and sounds of Ushuaia, the most southern city in the world, we began to approach the port where we saw our first glimpse of Ortelius. This ship would be our home for the next eleven days, and we were excited to embark and get to know our ship mates. Throughout the afternoon, passengers from all over the world arrived onboard and settled in their cabins. Once everyone had arrived, we began a mandatory safety briefing in the lecture room. We then practiced an abandon ship safety drill. Once that was completed, we set sail from Ushuaia out into the Beagle Channel.

We celebrated this by gathering in the bar for welcome drinks. Here we met Captain Per, and he toasted to our voyage. Expedition Leader Marcel then introduced himself and the expedition team and gave us some more information about the ship and our journey. We were then invited to a buffet dinner in the restaurant where we met the restaurant stewards. We collected our muck boots, which would keep our feet warm and dry in the snow and ice. After a busy day of travel and anticipation, we retreated to our cabins and to the bar to relax and unwind and get ready for a very exciting adventure!



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Day 2 – 6th January 2024

At Sea towards Antarctica

12:00 GPS Position: 56°50.6'S / 66°27.1'W

Wind: W6, **Sea State:** Slight **Weather:** Overcast **Air t°:** 7°C, **Sea t°:** 10°C

Today we woke up from our first night at sea. Conditions overnight were very gentle, and everybody had a good sleep, perhaps helped by the patches or tablets used to counter seasickness or the rocking of the ship.

We got introduced to our delicious buffet breakfast, and the day passed with several briefings and lectures. This was the first chance to hear from our expedition guides. The lecture program started with Fritz presenting a talk about the birds we were likely to see in the Drake Passage and Antarctic Peninsula. Charlotte talked about the most common whales in this area and in the afternoon, Paolo introduced Antarctic Climate and what makes Antarctica the coldest, driest, and windiest continent on earth. Esther gave a very passionate and insightful account of the 'Race to the Pole', the pinnacle of adventures in the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration, a race between Norwegian Roald Amundsen and Englishman Robert Falcon Scott.

Today we also had our first glimpse at the wildlife in the Southern Ocean, and some of its most charismatic inhabitants made an appearance: the Wandering Albatross, world's largest bird; the Southern-royal Albatross, Black-browed Albatross, and Grey-headed Albatross.



Day 3 – 7th January 2024

At Sea towards Antarctica

12:00 GPS Position: 60°59.2'S / 60°54.5'W

Wind: W4/5, **Sea State:** Slight **Weather:** Overcast **Air t°:** 2°C, **Sea t°:** 5°C

Our second day on the notorious Drake Passage started with another rich breakfast buffet, which most of us were able to attend. The wind had died down a bit and the ship was rocking gently, so many were dealing with the motion of the sea quite well. After breakfast we were invited to the bar for our mandatory briefings that we all needed to attend to be allowed to land in Antarctica. The first briefing consisted of a video provided by IAATO, the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators, and showed us the best practices for our behaviour on land. This introduction to the rules and regulations were put into place to protect this unique natural environment. This was followed by a Zodiac safety briefing. Our Expedition Leader Marcel emphasised the



importance of always being careful around the small boats that brought us to shore and back to the ship every single day. Antarctica can be a hostile and harsh environment and we were far from any medical facility, therefore Oceanwide has set up very clear guidelines of how to behave and operate around the Zodiacs. A major rule to remember: “Sit and slide” – we finally got to practice this the next day.

Once we had all completed our compulsory briefings, we had time to relax a bit and enjoy a coffee or a hot chocolate in the bar. Some of us went up to the bridge to see if they could spot any new species of birds around the ship. And indeed, later that day we got to see a Light-Mantled Sooty Albatross, the plumage of this incredibly beautiful bird looks smooth like velvet and around its’ eyes it has a remarkable white moon-shaped patch. Before lunch we had the possibility to attend a lecture about the evolution of whales given by Jess. We learned so many new things in just about an hour! Whales are the descendants of a small, hoofed animal called the “Indohyus”. Strangely you can still see the connection with the whales’ terrestrial history in their skeleton today. They have “finger bones” in their fins and the remains of back legs are still visible.

Jess had a wonderful way of presenting this rather dry topic and made us all want to learn more about evolution and how living creatures have adapted to their environment over thousands of years. After this interesting talk, we enjoyed our lunch before we were all invited to deck 3 where we were given our rubber boots, loyal companions for snow, ice and water. We couldn’t wait to test them out. Afterwards we were invited to the bar again for our compulsory bio-security check. This meant bringing up all our outer layers, clearing all pockets, all Velcro, all backpacks to make sure that we wouldn’t introduce any foreign seeds or bacteria when going on land.

The afternoon was rounded off with a lecture given by Esther about Sealing and Whaling in Antarctica, dark chapters of Antarctic exploration. We learned how these industries evolved over the years and how many of the hunted animals were driven to near extinction. Some of the products that used to contain parts of seals or



whales were very surprising. A lot of the whale oil was used for illumination, as lubricants, to produce margarine, and cosmetics. The baleen could be found in corsets, umbrellas, hats, skirts, buggy whips, or fishing rods. The soft fur of the fur seals was mainly used for coats. In the second half of the 20th century protests started to get bigger and more and more conservation efforts came into place, together with the growing lack of

whales and seals, as well as the invention of alternative materials, the sealing and whaling industries slowly faded out. Esther concluded her lecture with a summary of today's developments and gave us some inspiration about what we can do to minimize our impacts on the planet. For example: reduce, reuse, repair, recycle.

The lecture was interrupted halfway by our first giant iceberg! We finally entered real Antarctic waters. Captain



Per took the time to circumnavigate the massive tabular iceberg which simply looked like a majestic piece of art.

Before dinner we were invited for our daily recap, where Marcel presented the plans for the next day: Deception Island! We couldn't wait to finally get off the ship and really start our adventure. In the evening, we got our first views of beautiful humpback whales

feeding.

Day 4 – 8th January 2024

Telefon Bay and Whalers Bay, Deception Island

12:00 GPS Position: 62°55.5'S / 60°39.7'W

Wind: NE4, **Sea State:** Calm **Weather:** Overcast/Snow **Air t°:** 2°C, **Sea t°:** 4°C

Today we were woken up by Marcel at 0645 to tell us we were about to go through Neptune's Bellows at Deception Island, South Shetland Islands. The Bellows are a 500-metre-wide gap that needs to be carefully navigated because there is a shipwreck 2.5 metres below the surface. Captain Per did a fantastic job of getting us through safely. We were all out on deck at the bow in good spirits watching as we quietly sneaked our way through this passage and passed the beautiful rock pinnacle standing tall and mighty. Today was to be our first landing of the voyage. Deception Island is an active volcano and a place with a deep dark history; it is where a whaling station was set up to slaughter many hundreds of whales from 1912 to 1931.



After a delicious breakfast of fruit, hash browns, and fried eggs, we all prepared for a landing at Telefon Bay. At 0830 the Expedition Team were already on-route to set up the landing for us and shortly afterwards we boarded the Zodiacs for our first Zodiac shuttle. We were dressed up to the eyeballs in warm gear, and it's a good thing we did, because it started snowing! We did a fantastic walk around a crater, which certainly

worked up an appetite for lunch and burned off a few calories from the last two days!

The snow was coming in, but it felt very atmospheric as we climbed higher and higher up to the viewpoint. After meandering back down, we passed a beautiful turquoise lake before boarding the Zodiacs to return to our temporary floating hot chocolate palace. We loaded up on carbs and cheese and once again donned our life jackets for our second outing this afternoon. This time we headed to Whalers Bay, the whaling station. Marcel immediately told us there was a Leopard Seal at the other end of the beach, so we walked as quickly as we could to see him. Wow, what a magnificent animal lying so peacefully in front of us, just occasionally showing us his incredibly sharp and large teeth!



We got a fantastic view over the Caldera at Neptune's Window, and after this we walked to the other end of the beach to really witness the remains of the whaling station. It felt very eerie as these huge whale oil tanks towered above us, it was very hard to imagine what it was like here 100 years ago, but we could get a sense of the life the whalers might have experienced. A few other species honoured us with their presence: two Antarctic Skuas, two Kelp Gulls with a chick, and a few Chinstrap Penguins walking like they owned the beach.

Immediately after leaving Deception Island, several Humpback Whales popped up by the ship. It is a known hot spot for them feeding, and wow they were close, fluking and showing us just how big and impressive they really are. At recap Marcel and the team informed us of the plans for tomorrow. Esther presented us with a video on the history of Deception Island, and Charlotte told us a few interesting facts about the Antarctic Seals. Dinner was another delicious one, you could sense the mood in the dining room was on top form from the loud bustling



sound. What a day.

Day 5 – 9th January 2024

Portal Point and Foyn Harbour

12:00 GPS Position: 64°29.7'S / 61°45.9'W

Wind: NW1, **Sea State:** Calm **Weather:** P. Cloudy **Air t°:** 5°C, **Sea t°:** 3°C



We woke up to sunny and calm weather, with the temperature steadily increasing. The day promised to be wonderful, but we had no idea just how wonderful it would be! After breakfast, which was delicious as always, we landed at Portal Point. This is a special place, as it is one of the few landings on the Antarctic mainland. We had all morning to explore the short walks and marvel at the beautiful views and weather. For many of us, this was our seventh continent. Very few people returned to the ship; everyone wanted to enjoy the wonderful weather for longer. It

was getting hotter, and many people found themselves taking off layers. There were both Weddell seals and elephant seals hauled out and resting on the snow that we could observe and photograph. The views of the mountains and glaciers around us were stunning and the light was magnificent.

After lunch the expedition team took us out for a Zodiac cruise in the same vicinity where the landing took place in the morning. We went to a place called Foyn Harbour. The weather remained amazingly calm, and we first headed off to look at a shipwreck from 1915, half submerged in a small bay with the ice cap overhanging it on three sides. This was a Norwegian whaling vessel called the *Governoran* that was run aground after catching fire. Since the whaling ship has long been out of action, families of Antarctic terns have moved in to build their nests there, and excellent



spot to raise their chicks. We cruised along the coast, where we could see nesting Antarctic Imperial shags and stunning mini blue icebergs.

But the most interesting part of the cruise began later. First, we spotted a lone humpback whale on the other side of the harbour. Almost all the Zodiacs gathered to see this ocean giant, and for some time we watched in silence as it fed, dived, surfaced, breathed, and dived again, showing its huge tail. It is always a privilege to be in the presence of a whale, and we would have been very happy with this one encounter. But then we discovered several more



groups of humpback whales. We could hear the eerie sounds of their blows echoing from the mountains and we went to investigate. Over the afternoon, we discovered around five separate pods with four to six individuals in each, all coming together to feed.

We turned off our Zodiac engines and watched the whales, holding our breath as they swam closer and closer to us. Some of them were “bubblenet” feeding. This is where they blow bubbles in a circle to confuse and contain their prey before lunging up in the middle of the bubblenet with their huge mouths, filling up their expanding throats with food and sea water. The experience was exhilarating! The action from the whales was so amazing that Expedition Leader Marcel arranged for us to stay out longer with the whales. Four hours on the Zodiac flew



by as the whales wowed us, swimming under our Zodiacs, lifting their tail flukes high in the air, feeding, and vocalizing. It was a truly magical afternoon, and for many of the guides this was their closest and most special encounter with humpback whales. We returned to the ship feeling completely elated, buzzing with excitement at dinner as we compared experiences from our

different Zodiac groups. What an unbelievable day in Antarctica.

Day 6 – 10th January 2024

Danco Island and Orne Harbour

12:00 GPS Position: 64°43.5'S / 62°36.9'W

Wind: NE2, Sea State: Minor Weather: Overcast Air t°: 1°C, Sea t°: 3°C



Today Marcel woke us up to a beautifully sunny day and calm seas. After breakfast, Ortelius anchored in front of Danco Island and we were shuttled to shore for our landing. There were gentoo penguins nesting right on the beach. As we climbed to the top, we went from one colony to the next, stopping at the penguin highways as penguins always have the right of way. Every single colony is a little penguin city of its own, with some penguins sitting on their

nests, some others relentlessly trying to steel pebbles from each other, and the rest coming and going from their colony. And there are also skuas patiently waiting for a moment of inattention in order to steal an egg or a chick. Some chicks had already hatched, and we were able to have short glimpses of them when a parent would stand up from the nest. From the upper colony, the view to the high peaks surrounding us was unbeatable. At the end of the landing, we all made our way to the beach for our polar plunge, and almost everybody did it, including some staff members.

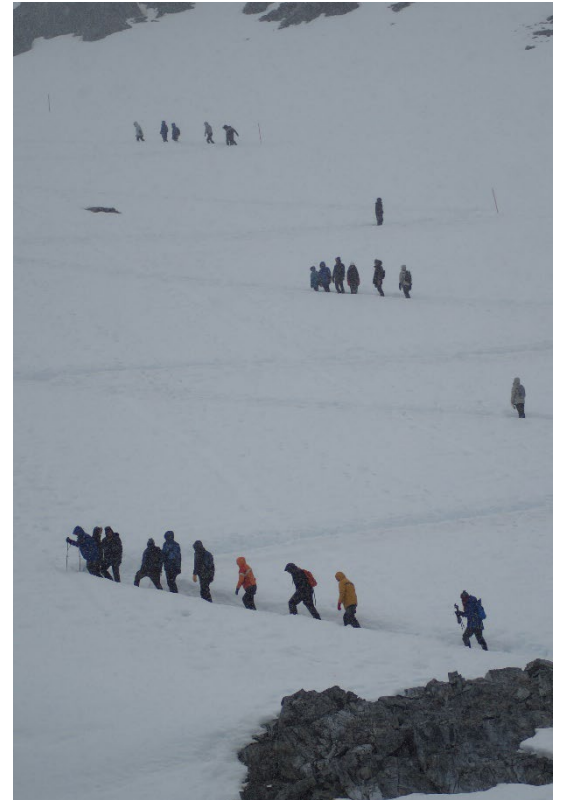
During lunch the ship repositioned itself for our next stop, which was Orne Harbour. It was our second continental landing. We ascended a hill where on the top we found many chinstrap penguin colonies!



They were still busy with hatching their eggs and building their nests out of pebbles. The view from the top was

quite limited because of the fog and snow. After taking many pictures, we descended back to the landing site and went back to our ship *Ortelius* for a little rest before we listened to our daily recap in the bar. Fritz gave us a short presentation about chinstrap penguins and Gentoo penguins, the two star species of the day. He showed us a very entertaining video of how both these species will sometimes steal the pebbles from each other's nest, turning to a life of crime rather than looking for them themselves. Paolo also told us the story of Emile Danco and how much of this coastline came to be named after him.

Tonight was a special dinner, the barbecue – but because of the wind and snow, we had to have it in the dining room. It was nevertheless a very nice dinner, and we started playing music and dancing in the restaurant. We then moved the party to the bar, where we had some music playing.



Day 7 – 11th January 2024

Peterman Island and Pleneau Island.

12:00 GPS Position: 65°10.3'S / 64°07.2'W

Wind: SW4, **Sea State:** Calm **Weather:** P. Cloud **Air t°:** 2°C, **Sea t°:** 1°C

Our day started with a friendly wake-up call from our Expedition Leader, Marcel. After a strong breakfast, we were ready for action. From 9 a.m. on we started embarkation with our Zodiacs and made our way to Peterman Island, a 1km-long Island with an icecap which rises to 150 m (about 492.13 ft) above sea level. The main attraction, along with a Gentoo colony, was a rookery of Adelie penguins and Blue-eyed shags. They all had chicks at that time, of different ages and sizes. Furthermore, an almost purely white Giant Petrel showed up. We spent several hours there, and it became quite chilly in the end.



There was just a short break after lunch. From 14.00 we went into the Zodiacs to start a Zodiac cruise around Pléneau Island. We started our tour by visiting a leopard seal resting on an ice flow, which Captain Per had spotted from the bridge. After that, we drove with our Zodiacs around the Island through tiny little channels which were very shallow. Our Zodiac drivers navigated the Zodiacs very well through the shallow and narrow channels between Pléneau and the neighbouring Island. Suddenly we found ourselves in a little bay partly covered with fast ice, and on and around that ice there were Weddell seals scattered all over the place.

They were sleeping and resting on the ice, a perfect spot for them to rest, safe from predators like orcas as they would not be able to enter the shallow bay. After watching them intensively, we made our way further around the Island and ended up in a huge iceberg graveyard. What a fantastic spot! Icebergs in various shapes and sizes had been pushed in here by the wind and currents and now gathered here in what felt like an ice sculpture park.



Some appeared blue, but most of them were white, and the passengers and guides enjoyed looking at the patterns and shapes that had been created.

After three hours outside in the cold wind, we returned to Ortelius. Marcel told us about our plans for the next day, Charlotte talked about penguin adaptations, Galina about skuas, and Fritz

introduced the Adelie penguin and the Snowy Sheathbill. All these bird species we had seen in the morning.



We were having a nice and cozy time in the bar, when suddenly we got the message from the bridge that five Orcas had been spotted in the distance. Two of them were males, recognizable by the long dorsal fin. The group of orcas were close to a humpback whale. The humpback breached, that means it jumped out of the water, showing us almost the whole body and falling back with a big splash. The Humpback did this very often and made us think that the whale had probably the intention to keep the orcas away from it by making loud noises and showing its strength.

Many of the passengers watched the orcas from the bridge, while some brave souls watched from the bow in biting cold wind. The people outside were rewarded for their resilience as one of the orcas came right over to Ortelius and swam under the bow. After this fantastic encounter, we were in very high spirits and were ready for the Open MIC night to start in the helicopter hangar of Ortelius.



At the very beginning and end, the expedition team sang a sailor's sea shanty. In between, there were 14 presentations performed by the crew and passengers, ranging from artistic shows to dancing, guitar playing, and singing performances. There was a wonderful atmosphere and we had so much fun. Our guests were thrilled to bits. Thanks to Paolo for organizing this great show! At around midnight, the show was over, and we went to bed with a big smile on our faces.



Day 8 – 12th January 2024

Cuverville Island

12:00 GPS Position: 64°40.4'S / 62°37.9'W

Wind: NE1, **Sea State:** Calm **Weather:** Overcast **Air t°:** 1°C, **Sea t°:** 1°C

We awoke to find beautifully calm weather again! The sea was like a mirror, and we could see the distinctive shape of Cuverville Island where we would be landing in Antarctica for the final time. Cuverville is in the spectacular Gerlache Strait, where there are many penguin breeding colonies and visiting humpback whales.



As our Zodiacs shuttled us to the shore, we could see gentoo penguins porpoising and swimming in the crystal-clear water surrounded by blue icebergs. On Cuverville we found the largest of the gentoo penguin colonies in the area, and we could smell them too! We watched skuas soar over them, intimidating them and occasionally managing to swipe an egg from underneath them. Many gentoos were using the highways and bringing pebbles back to create the perfect nest. There was an option to

climb higher up the hill to a very beautiful viewpoint where behind the penguins there was a backdrop to snowy mountains and stunning icebergs. Many of us enjoyed the beach while we waited for the Zodiacs to return us for lunch.

On the way back to the ship, we stumbled upon an amazing sight. A fully grown adult leopard seal was hauled out and resting on an iceberg. It was enormous. It raised its huge head to inspect us as we approached and quickly returned to resting when it realised we were just mere humans. Leopard seals can reach almost four meters long. A large part of their diet is krill, but they are famous for hunting penguins.

Once we had eaten our lunch, we then took a scenic ships cruise past Brabant Island through brilliantly calm waters, perfect conditions for spotting wildlife. At 4pm we were invited out onto the helideck for a treat. The hotel and expedition staff gave us some hot chocolate with a warming hint of rum and some cream on top. We savoured our final views of the white continent that many of us had dreamed of coming to for years. In the evening, we gathered for a recap where Fritz entertained us with facts about the record-breaking birds of the world and Esther taught us more about sustainable tourism.



After our last day of activities and the previous late night of singing, dancing, and acrobatics at the Heli hanger talent show, we had an early night after dinner, resting and mentally preparing ourselves for what might be a 'Drake Shake' the following day.



Day 9 –13th January 2024

At sea, sailing towards Ushuaia

12:00 GPS Position: 60°36.6'S / 64°43.9'W

Wind: NW5, Sea State: Slight Weather: Overcast Air t°: 1°C, Sea t°: 3°C

Our journey back into civilization had begun. This was the first morning of the trip where we didn't get woken up by Marcel's "Good morning, good morning, good morning". Many of us profited from the late start and enjoyed a good sleep in. Ortelius was rocking quite a bit throughout the night and some of us struggled with the



different movement of the ship.

After breakfast we were invited to the bar: the students of the Iowa State University shared some insights with us about their studies and what their highlights of the trip were. It was beautiful to see how much every one of them seems to take home from this incredible journey – a feeling that we can all relate to. A bit later, Jess gave an interesting lecture

about why whales are so important for the marine ecosystem and how they can help in the fight against climate change. There's an official terminology for the process of a whale dying and eventually sinking down to the bottom of the ocean. It's called a "Whale Fall". Jess illuminated the different stages of this whale fall and how hundreds of other living organisms benefit from it.

Another amazing fact we learned was that throughout their lifespan, one whale can absorb up to 33 tons of CO₂! The economic importance of whales is growing and nowadays, the Whale Watching industry is economically stronger than the whaling industry has ever been. Nevertheless, cetaceans are facing many new threats, such as overfishing, chemical, noise, and physical pollution, habitat destruction, disturbance, and climate change. Jess rounded off her lecture by summarizing the extreme importance of whales and giving us some inspiration for how to actively take part in the conservation and protection of these majestic animals.

After the morning programme, we enjoyed our lunch buffet and many of us went for a little nap to catch up on some sleep. Outside, we were accompanied by some Black Browed and Grey Headed Albatross. Later, Fritz shared some experiences with us that he made during his "Inspection at the end of the world" talk. Together with colleagues from Germany and South Africa, he participated in an inspection that was aiming to assure that specific research stations act in compliance with the Antarctic Treaty. He showed us some photos of the different research stations he got to see during this journey and shared some insights about their fields of research, the logistics behind, and the operations in the remoteness of Dronning Maud Land.

In the afternoon we could enjoy a cup of coffee and some chocolate in the bar, go through our photos, read a book, talk about our experiences throughout the trip, and just relax. Pierre finished off the lecture programme for today with a very interesting talk about Humpback Whales and shared a lot of his personal experiences with these fantastic animals. Especially his amazing videos he took while doing research in different areas of the world left a deep impression.

During the recap, Hotel Manager Volodomyr had the unpleasant task to inform us about how to settle our accounts with the bar, followed by Jess who talked about citizen science and different programmes that we could participate in in order to actively contribute to science – for example, by uploading our photos of whale flukes to happywhale.com, counting walrus in the Arctic on the website “Walrus from Space”, or checking out different scientific programmes on Zooniverse. The evening was rounded off by an amazing photo slide show prepared by Tijmen, who was on the ship as photographer and videographer for the NOMAD Cruise group who have been part of this journey. Afterwards we went down to the restaurant once again to enjoy a delicious dinner. The evening ended with live music in the bar and some drinks before the Drake was slowly shaking us to sleep.



Day 10 – 14th January 2024

At sea, sailing towards Ushuaia

12:00 GPS Position: 56°00.5'S / 67°13.5'W

Wind: SW 6, **Sea State:** Slight **Weather:** Overcast **Air t°:** 4°C, **Sea t°:** 7°C

We woke up to the final full day of our adventure feeling worn out but content. It was a rocky night as Ortelius cut through 4.5-meter waves and swell. After a quiet breakfast, with many guests taking advantage of the time to rest, we watched a wandering albatross soar past the ship along with black-browed albatross and blue petrels. The weather was quite wild outside with waves spraying over the bow and sheets of horizontal hail stones hitting the port side of the ship.

Galina started the lectures with a talk about the penguin species of the world. Then at midmorning Marcel gave us some information on the other kinds of trips and itineraries OceanWide has to offer. Just before lunch, we had a pleasant surprise as Marcel announced we were sailing past Cape Horn. Cape Horn, on the Southern tip of Chile, is famous among seafarers for its gale force winds and rough seas, which over the years have claimed the lives of around twenty thousand mariners. It was an exciting and unique moment, and Paolo and Esther read us a poem on the Albatross memorial at Cape Horn.

'I am the albatross that waits for you
at the end of the world.
I am the forgotten souls of dead mariners
who passed Cape Horn
from all the oceans of the earth.
But they did not die
in the furious waves.
Today they sail on my wings
toward eternity,
in the last crack
of Antarctic winds.'

– Sara Vial



After another brilliant buffet lunch, it was time to return to our trusty muck boots that had protected our feet from the cold and water for the last ten days. Then Captain Per gave us a unique opportunity to ask him questions in 'An Audience with Captain Per' session in the bar. We then gathered in the bar before dinner for our final recap. We all toasted to an unbelievable voyage together with the Captains Farewell Cocktails and then viewed the beautiful slideshow of our experience, made by Charlotte and Esther.

We dined together for one final time, saying farewell to our dining room stewards and hotel staff. We retreated to our cabins to pack our belongings and get ready for disembarkation. Many of us gathered in the bar for a final evening together, chatting about our incredible experiences and exchanging details with our new friends. We also started to see distance views of the Beagle Channel and we sailed closer to Ushuaia. It was hard to believe it had only been ten days since we had last been there and begun this journey together.

Day 11 – 15th January 2024

Disembarkation Day - Ushuaia Port

12:00 GPS Position: 60°27.1'S / 62°49.7'W

Wind: Light, **Sea State:** Calm **Weather:** Cloudy **Air t°:** 5°C, **Sea t°:** 11°C

We woke up to hear Marcel's voice for a final time. All packed and ready to disembark, we headed down to have our last breakfast and say farewell to our new friends before leaving the ship. The Expedition Team waved farewell to us at the pier, and we dispersed into Ushuaia, some on route to the airport, others staying to explore Argentina. We could not have asked for a better experience, beautiful weather, spectacular views of humpback whales and orcas, three encounters with leopard seals, and a surplus of the famous penguin species, Adelie penguins, Chinstrap penguins, and Gentoo penguins. We will all remember this journey for many years. Our phones and cameras have only caught a small fraction of the scenery and wildlife that has surrounded us, and we hope that you will treasure these memories and go on to help protect the precious and unique place that is Antarctica.

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



Distance sailed: 1693 Nautical Miles
Farthest south: 65°11.7'S / 64°07.8'W

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



Birds and Marine Mammals of the Antarctic region

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English	Latin	5-Jan	6-Jan	7-Jan	8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>										
King Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes patagonicus</i>										
Adélie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>						X	X			
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua papua</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X		
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>			X	X		X		X		
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>										
Southern Rockhopper	<i>Eudyptes chrysocome</i>										
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	X									X
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>		X	X							X
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>		X								
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>		X								X
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	X	X	X						X	X
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>		X	X						X	X
Bullers Albatross	<i>Thalassarche bulleri</i>	X								X	
Light-Mantled Sooty Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>			X						X	
Northern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>			X							
Southern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	X		X		X	X	X	X		X
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>				X	X	X	X	X		
Cape Petrel (Pintado)	<i>Daption capensis</i>			X	X	X	X		X		
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>										
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>										
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>		X	X						X	X
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>			X						X	X
Soft-Plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>			X							
Great-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma macroptera</i>										
Atlantic Petrel	<i>Pterodroma incerta</i>										
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>		X								X
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>										
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>		X	X							X
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>										
Slender-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila belcheri</i>			X							
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>			X							
Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites nereis</i>										
Common Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides (urinatrix) berard</i>	X									
Magellanic Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides magellani</i>	X									
Imperial (Blue Eyed) Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>	X									X
Antarctic Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis</i>				X	X	X	X	X		
Snowy (Pale-faced) Shearwater	<i>Chionis alba</i>						X	X			
Chilean Skua	<i>Catharacta chilensis</i>										X
South Polar Skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>				X			X	X		
Sub-Antarctic (Brown) Skua	<i>Catharacta lonnbergi</i>				X	X	X	X	X		X
Dolphin Gull	<i>Larus scoresbii</i>	X									X
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	X			X	X	X	X	X		X

Marcel Paul - Expedition Leader



From his teens Marcel has been a keen traveller. After camping and trekking with friends, he led groups trekking to Austria, Switzerland, England, Wales, and Scotland.

His own travels over the last 30 years brought him to more than 65 countries on all 7 continents.

With his interest in history, ice, cartography, exploration, and as a keen hobby photographer, the Polar Regions have always been drawing his attention.

At his first arrival to Svalbard in 2011 and a second trip in 2013, he felt connected with the remoteness of the place and the dynamics of the polar nature. At that time the idea started to grow to become a polar guide and give up a job that was keeping him indoors most of the time.

When the Dutch organised a scientific polar expedition to Edgeøya it seemed the perfect opportunity to gain more knowledge about Spitsbergen, the uniqueness of the islands and their eco systems by working with the scientists.

He joined the expedition in 2015 as field assistant and participated in various fields of research. In 2016 he spent time in the summer at the Dutch polar station in Ny Ålesund, again as field assistant. From 2017 Marcel has been working as a polar guide in the Arctic followed by Antarctica in 2018.

Today he still spends about half the year onboard with Oceanwide whilst sailing around Spitsbergen, Greenland, Jan Mayen, Antarctica, Falklands, and South Georgia. The rest of the year is spent either at his homes in Holland and Slovakia or traveling with his wife and their dog.

Pierre Gallego – Assistant Expedition Leader



Pierre is a veterinarian specialized in marine mammal medicine. He has been working in the field of marine biology for 18 years, and has been organizing marine mammal research internships around the world since 2004. He represents the Government of Luxembourg at the International Whaling Commission and CCAMLR, and works with numerous international NGOs to promote marine mammal conservation and to fight cetacean captivity.

He is currently carrying out his PhD with the Oceanology Lab of the University of Liege, Belgium. His PhD thesis deals with pollutants and stable isotopes in humpback whales off Ecuador and Mozambique.

He is a keen birdwatcher and enjoys photography. The ocean is his passion, and water is his element!

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.

Galya Nosachenko - Expedition Guide



Galya was born and grew up in the Amur Region of the Russian Far East. In the same region, she studied and started my carrier.

In 2007, she graduated from Far East State Agricultural University with a degree in biology.

She worked in protected areas (in nature reserves) of Russia for 10 years as a biologist and guide in several places located in two different parts of Russia with different natural conditions: in the Far East of Russia and in the European part of Russia.

During her environmental career, Galya worked with captive birds, prepared materials on environmental education, led scientific research in this area, conducted environmental excursions and lectures for children and adults, and also worked as a caretaker with sled dogs.

She also participated in the environmental conservation programs of the non-governmental organizations of the US (EarthCorps) and Spain (Amigos de Gallocanta).

Galina has always been attracted to the Arctic region, as a result, she had the opportunity to fulfill her dream. Since 2018, she has worked in the Arctic as a guide in Svalbard for a Russian travel company, where she learned a lot about the history and nature of the Arctic.

Jess Owen - Expedition Guide



Jess is from the South East of England and lives on the Isle of Skye in Scotland. Since graduating from a degree in Wildlife and Media, Jess has been working in environmental research and education roles with wildlife conservation charities in the UK, with a focus on marine mammals and birds. Jess is a passionate science communicator, wildlife guide, and nature enthusiast. She has delivered lectures, workshops, tours, school lessons, and training courses to a wide variety of audiences on subjects such as birds, insects, marine mammals, marine and terrestrial conservation,

citizen science, and gardening for wildlife. She is particularly passionate about citizen science and helping inspire people to become connected to their local wildlife and active in its conservation.

Jess now specialises in whales, dolphins, and porpoises, having worked as a marine mammal surveyor and whale watching guide since 2015. This work has taken her to the Bay of Biscay, the West Coast of Scotland, the Southern Ocean, the Falkland Islands, and the Antarctic Peninsula and she is very excited to be returning to the Arctic this season.

When she is not out at sea, Jess spends her time gardening, reading, making films, snorkelling, and bird watching, and loves to spend time with her nieces and nephew.

Fritz Hertel - Expedition Guide



Fritz Hertel from Germany is an enthusiastic bird watcher with almost worldwide birding experiences.

Throughout his life he has had a deep passion for nature and its conservation. Fritz is an ecologist (M.Sc.) and he has been working for more than ten years as a governmental environmentalist for the German Federal Environment Agency where he is responsible for the protection of the Polar Regions. This job already led him in the maritime part of the Antarctic while supervising a research project and to remote scientific stations in East Antarctica as member of

an international inspection team.

Since several years Fritz has casually been working as a guide and lecturer on different cruise ships in the Arctic and Antarctic.

Esther Josten – Expedition Guide



The place she calls home is a small village in a western German hillside area called Eifel. It's surrounded by extinct volcanoes, vast forests and steep valleys. From this base she started exploring the world and found my great passion in the travel industry and outdoor life.

She studied International Tourism Management in the Netherlands, lived in France, Spain, and New Zealand for a while. She worked as a guide for over 7 years now and in many different countries. My recent time I spent working as an outdoor guide and

skipper for a small locally owned tour company in the beautiful fjord lands of Southern Norway.

What she loves about her job is not only getting out into nature and being in touch with the elements, but also the meaningful connections with people from all corners of the world. Travelling opens our eyes and expands our horizon. She personally takes a lot of inspiration from all the beautiful people and experiences along the way. Besides all natural beauties our planet offers, she is fascinated by its' history, cultures and languages. And at the end of the day, she believes there's nothing better than sharing stories and memories with your travel companions and eventually with your beloved ones back home.

She is grateful for all the opportunities and chances she has been given in life and she loves to share her enthusiasm and knowledge with other passionate globetrotters. One of her biggest motivations for every tour is to help create a truly unforgettable experience for the travellers she guides.

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.

Veronique Verhoeven – Ship's doctor



No one wants to get sick on the ship!!

....but if you do, you are in the good hands of ship's doctor Veronique.

When she was nine years old, her grandma gave her for Christmas a book on Christopher Columbus, which fascinated her so much that she decided she wanted to become an explorer too.

For years she fell asleep at night dreaming of future great adventures.

However, soon she found out that many of these explorers die young, poor and miserable, and she decided to change career.

That is how she ended up being an emergency doctor and a Professor in general practice at the University of Antwerp, Belgium.

Her first experience in the polar regions was a trekking expedition with scientists in Svalbard in 2005, where she acted, besides as the doctor, also as a cook and a watch keeper for polar bears at night. Since this wonderful experience, she has returned to the Arctic and the Antarctic every year, with Oceanwide Expeditions.

Among her hobbies are whitewater kayaking, kitesurfing and playing the oboe in an orchestra.

WELCOME ABOARD!

Luggage will be delivered to your cabin. Please make check to make sure you have received all your luggage. If you have any extra luggage in your cabin – please notify a crew member.

**** Tea and coffee are always available in the bar on deck 6 ****

Please listen to announcements

+/-1700 Safety briefing - Please join us in the **lecture room** (deck 3, forward) for a welcome to the voyage, followed by a **mandatory** safety briefing and lifeboat drill.

Lifeboat Drill - 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

+/-1800 Departure from Ushuaia.
The bridge will be closed during these operations.

+/-1830 Expedition Introduction & Captain's Welcome – Please join us in **the bar (deck 6)** for an introduction to the expedition, a welcome to your new home from the Hotel manager, the captain's toast and to meet your expedition team.

1930 Buffet dinner is served in the **dining room (deck 4)**

2045 Muck Boots - We will call you by deck to collect your **Muck boots** from the **Lecture room (deck 3)**. Please bring your thick socks to make sure you have the perfect fit! Please listen for announcements.

We will sail into open sea this evening and the ship may move – please secure your belongings and be careful when moving around the ship.

Take your seasickness medication before we head out into open sea- the doctor will be available in the lounge after dinner to assist.

- 0745 **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!
- 0800-0900 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 0930 **Lecture** – Fritz invites you to the **lounge** (Deck 6) for an introduction to the birds we can see on the crossing to Antarctica and the birds we hope to see around the Antarctic Peninsula.
- 1100 **Lecture** – Charlotte invites you to the **lounge** (Deck 6) for her lecture on the whales we hope to see on this trip.
- 1230-1330 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 1430 **Lecture** – Paolo invites you to the **lounge** (Deck 6) for a lecture on Antarctic climate. Obviously, a topic that is of great importance these days.
- 1600 **Lecture** – As we are heading South, Esther invites you to the **lounge** (Deck 6) to tell you the fascinating tales of the early explorers and the race to the South Pole.
- 1815 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **Bar** (deck 6) for our first daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4) – *Tonight's dinner will be plated – please make your way to the dining room promptly.*

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- 0745 **Wakeup Call** – Good Morning!
- 0800-0900 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 0915 **Zodiac & IAATO Briefing** - Please join us in the **Lounge** (deck 6) for the **mandatory** zodiac and IAATO briefings.
- 1100 **Lecture** – Jess invites you into the **Lounge** (deck 6) for her lecture; Where did Whales come from? The Evolution of Whales. A good preparation for all of us to understand evolution of these species before we hope to see them and their adaptations to their marine environment.
- 1230-1330 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 1400 **Biosecurity:** We will call you by deck to the **Lounge** (deck 6) to complete our biosecurity cleaning – please bring all your outerwear, backpacks, muck boots and tripods/walking sticks to be cleaned and/or checked. *Please listen for announcements.*
- 1630 **Lecture** – Tomorrow we will be visiting the remains of a former Norwegian whaling station. There is a rich history of whaling and sealing in Antarctica and for you to get some more background on this, Esther invites you to the **Lounge** (deck 6) for her lecture on Sealing & Whaling in Antarctica.
- 1830 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition Team in **the Bar** (deck 6) for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4) – *Tonight's dinner will be plated – please make your way to the dining room promptly.*

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0645 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0700 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.

0730-0830 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

Please listen to announcements

0900 +/- **Landing** - Please come to the gangway (deck 4) for our first landing of the trip at **Telefon bay** - There is the possibility for a good walk with some elevation on Volcanic terrain for all of you that want a leg stretch. Please dress accordingly.

1230-1330 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

1400 +/- **Landing** - Please come to the gangway (deck 4) for a Landing at **Whalers bay** - There is the possibility for a good walk again but also the remains of a former whaling station and various whaling remains along the beach to see.

1730 +/- We will sail back out through Neptune's Bellows so be out on deck for our second transit through this extremely narrow passageway.

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

1900 Dinner is served, bon appetite!

“The paradox of volcanoes was that they were symbols of destruction but also life. Once the lava slows and cools, it solidifies and then breaks down over time to become soil”

Matt Haig

0745 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0800-0900 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

Please listen to announcements

0930 +/- **Landing** - Please come to the gangway (deck 4) for our first landing at Antarctica, Portal Point.

We hope to offer you an accessible glacier walk whilst enjoying glacial scenery all around.

Furthermore, this is one of the few places on the peninsula that is a continental landing!

1230-1330 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

1430 +/- **Zodiac cruise** - Please come to the gangway (deck 4) for our first zodiac cruise of this voyage.

We are planning to take you around Foyen harbour and Enterprise Island. Wildlife is obviously not guaranteed but we have good hopes for whales.

Dress warm as you will be sitting still for most of the time, Depending on what we encounter on our outing, we will be out for 2 to 3 hours.

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

1900 Dinner is served, bon appetite!

0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0730-0830 **Breakfast** buffet is available in the **dining room**.

*This morning, our plan is to embark on a landing at **Danco Islands**. For the adventurous soul, we would like to offer a **polar plunge** at the end of your landing or activity, please wear your swimwear underneath your expedition clothing, we will provide the towels.
please do not bring the ones from your cabin.*

0900 **Landing** - Please come to the gangway (deck 4) for our landing Danco Island. We will be visiting our first Penguin colony. We also have the opportunity for a walk with panoramic views of Errera Channel and we can see our first Penguin highways.

1115 Polar Plunge 😊

1230-1330 **Lunch** buffet is available **in the dining room**.

*In the afternoon we hope to offer a landing at **Orne Harbour** – a picturesque and sheltered bay located on the western side of the Antarctic Peninsula. This second **continental landing** presents a great chance to observe **Chinstrap Penguins**.*

1430 **Landing** - Please come to the gangway (deck 4) for our landing at Orne Harbour.

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

1900 Our special Antarctic dinner is served, bon Appetit!

“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

0645 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0700 **Lemaire Chanel**

Early morning, we will ship cruise Lemaire Chanel, a famous passage along the Antarctic Peninsula which is nicknamed the 'Kodak Gap' for its spartan wilderness of snow and ice amid rugged peaks rising 1000 meters high.

0730-0830 **Breakfast** buffet is available in the **dining room**.

After breakfast we hope to land on Peterman Island where we can fine Gentoo and Adélie Penguins. This is also the Site of Charcot's second French Antarctic Expedition. There is also a cairn and Commemorative Cross to remember the death of three members of the British Antarctic Survey in 1982

0900 **Landing** - Please come to the gangway (deck 4) for our planned landing at Petermann Island. We will set out various walks for you to the different colonies and viewpoints.

1230-1330 **Lunch** buffet is available **in** the **dining room**.

This afternoon we aim to zodiac cruise around Pléneau island. One of Antarctica's most spectacular "iceberg graveyards".

1430 **Zodiac cruise** - Please come to the gangway (deck 4) for our zodiac cruise. Dress warmly as we expect a lot more wind than on the previous zodiac cruise we did!

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

1900 Dinner is served, bon Appetit!

"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



Antarctica Learning and Discovery
Friday 12th January 2024
Cuverville & Melchior Islands

0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0730-0830 **Breakfast** buffet is available in the **dining room**.

*This morning, our plan is to embark on a landing at **Cuverville Island**, – one of the largest Gentoo Penguin colonies on the Peninsula. Please join the team for your last landing of this voyage and your last chance to wonder around on snow.*

0900 **Landing** - Please come to the gangway (deck 4) for our planned landing at Cuverville Island. We will set out various walks for you to the different colonies and viewpoints.

1230-1330 **Lunch** buffet is available **in the dining room**.

*This afternoon, our plan is to embark on a zodiac cruise around **Melchior Islands**, a group of many low, ice-covered islands. They are also known as the “Venice of Antarctica” because of their many narrow canals and islands. Please come and join us for the last off the ship activity of this voyage.*

1430 **Zodiac cruise** - Please come to the gangway (deck 4) for our last zodiac cruise of this trip.

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

1900 Dinner is served, bon appetit!

During the night we will sail into open waters and the ship will start moving, so please secure all your belongings in your cabin. Remember to walk slowly on the ship, never rush. Keep one hand for yourself and at least one hand for the ship. Shut all doors firmly and keep fingers away from door frames.

No wakeup call – Enjoy your long sleep!

0800-0900 **Breakfast** buffet is available in the **dining room**.

0915 **Lecture** – We have had a group of students on board from Iowa state university joining our expedition. They are inviting you into the bar to hear about their studies and what they have learned during this voyage.

1100 **Lecture** – Jess invites you into the bar to tell you how whales can save us. The Importance of whales in our oceans.

1230-1330 **Lunch** buffet is available in the **dining room**.

1430 **Lecture** – Fritz invites you into the bar for his lecture on Inspections on the end of the world. In the past Fritz has spent some time in Antarctica inspecting various scientific bases and how they work.

1630 **Lecture** – We have been very lucky to see many Humpback whales this trip. If you want to learn more about these fascinating species, please come to see Pierre's lecture on Humpback whales in the bar.

1815 **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the bar** for our daily recap.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**. Bon Appetit!

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 **Orange** 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 a **Blue** 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.

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

No wakeup call – Have a lovely morning!

0800-0900 **Breakfast** buffet is available in the **dining room**.

After breakfast you will be able to settle your accounts at reception, please ensure your account is settled before 17:00 at the latest.

0930 **Lecture** – Galina invites you into the bar for her lecture on Penguins and which other penguin species there are in Antarctica besides the ones we saw.

1100 **Oceanwide** – As we have had many questions about other trips that we do with Oceanwide outside Antarctica. Marcel invites you into the lounge for an overview of the other expeditions and to try and answer your questions.

1230-1330 **Lunch** buffet is available in the **dining room**.

1400 **Muck Boot & Rental Gear Collection** – We will call you by deck to return your muck boots and any rental gear to the **lecture room on deck 3**. Please ensure your boots are clean and the rental gear is packed in the same bags as you received it in.

1600 **An audience with Captain Per**, please meet the captain of your voyage in de bar to answer all the questions you might have. You can ask him about the ship, live at sea, navigating in polar regions or anything else related to this.

1815 **Recap** – Please join the captain and the expedition team in **the lounge** for our final re-cap, Captains farewell cocktail and the slideshow of our amazing trip.

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.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**. Bon Appetit!

We will still be at sea for most of the day so please walk slowly on the ship, never rush. Keep one hand for yourself but at least one hand for the ship.



Antarctica Learning and Discovery
Monday 15th January 2024
Disembarkation in Ushuaia

0715 **Wake up call.** Your final Good morning, Good morning Good morning from Ortelius for this trip.

0730-0830 **Breakfast** buffet is available in the **dining room**.

Please place your large/check-in luggage outside your cabin no later than 0730. During breakfast we will collect your luggage and deposit it on the pier where it will be your responsibility to identify and collect each item.

0900 +/- We will make an announcement if the ship is cleared for disembarkation. Please do not wait at reception till we have made the announcement.

For those guests going straight to the airport; Please identify your luggage on the pier (**Orange tags**) and ensure it is placed in the bus with you going to the airport.

For those guests wanting their luggage taken to the depot; Please identify your luggage (**Blue tags**) and place it in the luggage truck, you do need to pick up your luggage before 14:00!

For all others, please identify your luggage (**No tags**) and take it with you.

On behalf of all at Oceanwide Expeditions and all on board Ortelius, we thank you for a truly incredible expedition. Safe travels home or onwards, and we hope to see you again onboard in the future!