



## Antarctica

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

### M/V Hondius



M/V Hondius was built in 2019, as the first-registered Polar Class 6 vessel in the world, meeting the latest and highest Lloyd's Register standards for ice-strengthened cruise ships. Surpassing the requirements of the Polar Code adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Hondius represents the most flexible, advanced, innovative touring vessel in the polar regions, thoroughly optimized for exploratory voyages that provide you the utmost first-hand contact with the Arctic and Antarctica. Hondius complies with the latest SOLAS-regulations (Safety of Life at Sea). M/V Hondius is 107.6 m long, 15.3 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5.3 m, Polar Class 6 (equivalent 1A-Super), 15 knots average cruising speed and has 2 x ABC main engines; total 4,200 kw

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# Day 1 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

## Embarkation – Ushuaia, Argentina

**GPS 12.00 Position:** 54° 51.8 'S / 068° 01.9'W

**Wind:** W6/7 **Sea State:** Rough **Weather:** Overcast **Air Temp:** +7°C **Sea Temp:** +10°C

It's embarkation day! The day we have been waiting for forever! It's a sunny but windy day in Ushuaia and as we approach the port, we can see our beautiful ship Hondius in prime position at the pier. We line up at the gangway to board the ship, the pier is very busy with ships, people and vehicles bustling about. We climb the gangway and are cheerfully greeted by the expedition and hotel teams. We check in and are quickly whisked away to our cabins, our new homes for the next 10 days. Some of us have room mates and we quickly make our introductions and get settled.



There's not too much time to get cosy, as soon as everyone has boarded, we are called to the lounge for our mandatory safety briefing.

Here we learn the rules of the ship and how to don our life jackets and where our lifeboat is located. After we complete the drill it's time for to return to the lounge for captain's welcome party and introductions from the expedition staff. Champagne and canapes are served as we are introduced to all the guides who will be taking care of us over the next few days. We are lucky to have a very multicultural team on board with a wide range of expertise.



Once captain's welcome is complete, we all file down to the restaurant for the first time to enjoy a delicious buffet prepared by the galley team. Everyone is making new friends and the whole restaurant is buzzing with excitement. Once we are done with our meals, we head up to the lounge for the final time to complete our mandatory IAATO and Zodiac briefings. It's a long day but

completing the briefing today means more time for fun tomorrow. Finally, we



are finished for the day, and we are free to explore the ship and settle into our cabins. We are nervous and excited about making the crossing of the infamous Drake Passage over the next two days, but the spirit of adventure is with us and we dream of what tomorrow will bring!

## Day 2 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

### At sea, sailing south across the Drake Passage

**12:00 GPS Position:** 57°01.8' S / 065°55.1' W

**Wind:** NW 4 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Overcast **Air Temp:** +4°C **Sea Temp:** +8°C

Today was the first full day at sea on the Drake Passage! The night was a bit wavy with 3 to 4-metre waves which lasted until the morning. Although some people were seasick, the majority slowly got used to the waves. The morning started with the first “good morning, good morning, good morning” wake up call from expedition leader Sara, after which breakfast was served between 8 and 9 AM.



At 09.30 AM, an announcement was made to bring our warm thick woollen socks to deck 3 to try on the warm, waterproof muck boots. Afterwards at 10.30 AM, you went outside with the guides to do a wildlife watch! No one will see wildlife from inside their cabins, so the best place to be is outside on deck! There was a bit of

fog unfortunately, but we did manage to see Wandering and Southern Royal Albatross, nonetheless. Furthermore, there were White-chinned Petrels and Blue Petrels flying around Hondius. Later, at 11.30 AM, Hazel presented a lecture in the observation lounge about

Albatrosses and other birds we might encounter during the rest of our voyage. Here we got to see the actual length of an Albatross, up to 3.5 meters (11.5 feet)!

Then, lunch was served between 12.30 and 13.30 PM, after which the kayakers had their mandatory kayak briefing. Here, information on safety and what (not) to do during kayaking trips was explained. And now, the kayakers are ready for their adventure!



Furthermore, time at sea was spent playing games, drinking tea and perhaps if you didn't get seasick, you might even read some books from the nice collection in the library. Martin held his



lecture with tips and tricks for photography in the observation lounge at 16.00 PM. Now you are all ready to take breathtakingly photos in the Antarctic Peninsula! The day ended with a brief recap of the day, and a small presentation of the history of the Antarctic Peninsula by Rose and a small lecture with tips on seasickness by Andres. Afterwards, a plated dinner was served in the Dining room with tiramisu as dessert, a classic! Now, the first day at sea on the Drake Passage has been

completed; one more, and then we're finally ready to set foot on the Antarctic Peninsula!

## Day 3 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### At sea, sailing south across the Drake Passage

**12:00 GPS Position:** 61°14.1' S / 064°54.1' W

**Wind:** NW 5 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** overcast **Air Temp:** 0°C **Sea Temp:** +6°C



The program for today is filled with a lot of preparation for our visit to Antarctica. As our second day at sea starts with Sara's wake-up call, we are already mid-way to Antarctica across the Drake Passage. Fortunately for most of us, Neptune is merciful and the sea is relatively calm.

After breakfast Felicity, one of our expedition guides, invites us for a lecture about the whales of the Southern Ocean during which she describes many surprising facts about the largest animals of our planet. In the meantime, another of our guides, Jerry, gives a talk about the same subject to Mandarin-speaking guests. Soon afterwards, Sara announces a half-an hour wildlife watch on the outer decks. All guides and guests move outside to get some fresh air with hopes to spot some interesting animals. We see some sea birds of the South Atlantic, but some lucky ones even spot a Fin Whale blow! Most of us gather in the aft of Hondius due to wind, but eventually all decks become busy and crowded, being a good opportunity to integrate and mingle with other guests and our expedition team. After the watch our guides Jakub and Rose start their presentations, respectively about the role of ice for the global environment in English, and about the heroic age of Antarctic exploration in Mandarin.

The next position of our daily schedule is lunch, after which Sara invites us to deck 3 for a mandatory biosecurity check. We bring our Muckboots, jackets, trousers, backpacks and all the gear we plan to use onshore in Antarctica. The expedition team is checking it thoroughly, making sure every tiny dust or seed is removed to minimize the risk of contamination of Antarctica with alien species. Soon afterwards, our camping guides, Saskia and Valeria, perform a camping briefing to those bravest (or the craziest) of us, who for any reason decided they will spend a night on snow and without a tent. The last mandatory meeting of the day is organized by our kayak guides, Adam and Nick, who invite all kayakers to get fitted with the kayaking gear.



Later in the afternoon we all gather again in the lounge for Sara's lecture about penguins and soon afterwards for a daily recap. Sara presents the plans for tomorrow – our first day on the white continent – which whets our appetites for landing. After another delicious dinner, we start the evening with popcorn watching a comedy movie about adorable penguins that we cannot wait to see in the wild – Happy Feet! Everybody is excited for tomorrow – the exploration finally starts!

## Day 4 – Thursday 25th January 2024

### Landings at Orne Harbour and Danco Island

**Orne Harbour GPS Position:** 64°38.4' S / 62°31.2' W

**Danco Island GPS Position:** 64°44.1' S / 62°35.4' W

**Wind:** NW4-5 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Overcast, regular snow flurries, brighter in afternoon **Air Temp:** 0°C **Sea Temp:** 2°C



As the clouds hugged the peaks of the surrounding mountains and light snow dusted the decks, we pulled up to Orne Harbour, the location of our first morning's operation. Due to strong winds, the expedition team organised a landing / lecture split, so with half the ship staying on the ship to begin with, they enjoyed a lecture by expedition guide, Saskia. The lecture was all about the Antarctic Belgica Expedition and the mapping of the Gerlache Strait, a popular area that we regularly transit

through.

Meanwhile on shore, many of us started zig-zagging our way up towards the Chinstrap Penguin colony that nest on the ridge. Once at the colony, we were presented with beautiful views across the Gerlache Strait and down into Orne Harbour. Looking down into the Gerlache, due to the wind whipping across the ridge, it created mini snow tornados, spires of snow whipping across the ground down the mountain.





This morning there was also an extremely impressive calving from a glacier in the bay, consequently, it released a lot of brash ice which was blown towards the landing site. Soon after the calving, the landing site had a solid 30 metre wide covering of brash ice, making for a challenging Zodiac shuttle! However, the Zodiacs are military grade and handed the brash ice brilliantly – an additional adventure for us all!

Eventually we were all back on board to warm up and enjoy a delicious lunch created by the galley team. Due to the ice slowing down the Zodiac shuttles, we were slightly delayed and so we transited round to Danco Island for our afternoon operation and arrived there by 14:30. Danco Island is nestled in the Errera Channel and so it was sheltered enough for a Zodiac cruise and landing split. Both groups of cruising were treated with an abundance of wildlife! We encountered not just one, but several Leopard Seals, Weddell Seals and even a Crabeater Seal. Many of the Zodiacs also encountered a resting Humpback Whale which fluked several times.



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On land, we were able to enjoy a short hike up to the main Gentoo Penguin colony and then continue further to the peak of Danco Island, an elevation of approximately 150m. Scattered throughout the colony, there were many Gentoo Penguin chicks, ranging from several days old to 3-4 weeks old. With Brown Skuas soaring above and making hunting sorties into the colony, it made for some very entertaining but tense viewing.

This afternoon was also the first kayaking outing! There were 23 lucky kayakers that braved the Errera Channel and paddled in amongst beautiful ice bergs and porpoising penguins. Just before heading back to the ship, everyone had the opportunity to polar plunge! Around 50 of us took the plunge and braved the icy Antarctic waters!

The end of the day was rounded off with the daily recap, detailing the plans for tomorrow, followed by a delicious plated dinner served by the dining team.

## Day 5 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Lemaire Channel, Petermann Island (almost) and Port Charcot

**Lemaire Channel GPS Position:** 65°05.5' S / 063° 58.4' W

**Port Charcot GPS Position:** 64°04.0' S / 064° 02.0' W

**Wind:** W5-6 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Windy and snowy **Air Temp:** -1°C **Sea Temp:** 2°C

We awoke early this morning as we were excited to see our ship *Hondius* pass through the famous Lemaire Channel. Many of us gathered on the bow and decks to see the towering mountains either side and the ship glided through the channel. The weather wasn't on our side as it was a bit



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windy and rainy but it added to the atmosphere as we observed the scenery around, still beautiful, even doused in cloud.

When we passed through the other side we made our way to our next landing site – Peterman Island. Whilst in transit we all attended the restaurant for a hearty breakfast. On arrival it was unfortunate to see



the weather was not playing ball. The wind was over 50 knots and the ship had to move a lot to avoid moving icebergs. Sadly, the weather was out of operational limits and Sara had to inform us that the landing would have to be cancelled but not to worry expedition guide Chloe Power gave us an interesting lecture on seals to pass the time.



Before we knew it, it was time for lunch. We enjoyed a delicious buffet before heading up to the lounge for a midday recap. During this recap the expedition staff answered all our questions from the question box. There were some really-good questions! During this time the ship repositioned to the location of our second landing. We were excited to hear from Sara that conditions looked good for a landing. Our expedition team went ashore and set up the site for us and then it was time to go ashore.

As we alighted our Zodiacs, we cruised past a huge iceberg graveyard to the shore. Port Charcot has an amazing history, it is the location of the second Charcot expedition which overwintered in the bay and built a magnetic hut and cairn on the island. We had a lovely walk up the hills to the artefacts from expedition and to the Gentoo colonies all around. We were very excited to find



some Adelie Penguins nesting among the Gentoo and Chinstraps – all three brushtails in one photo!

We enjoyed our time onshore and all too soon it was time to leave. We were excited to enjoy a short Zodiac cruise amongst the iceberg graveyard before returning to the ship to warm ourselves up and of course finished up with recap and a delicious buffet dinner.

To cap off a wonderful day, the intrepid campers headed out into the dark(ish) night to spend time sleeping (or just staring into the sky) in the heart of the majestic continent of Antarctica at the wonderfully named Hovgaard.

## Day 6 – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Damoy Point and Paradise Harbour

**Damoy Point GPS Position:** 64°48.5' S / 063°30.1' W

**Paradise Harbour GPS Position:** 64°53.5' S / 062°54.2' W

**Wind:** W3 **Sea State:** slight **Weather:** Beautiful **Air Temp:** 2°C **Sea Temp:** 2°C



Today, the campers came back from a night camping in the cold and windy outdoors, their first night of camping on the Antarctic continent! The day started with a 06:45 wake-up call then, after breakfast, the blue group was invited to join the expedition team ashore at a landing site called 'Damoy Point', while the orange group spent their morning listening to Joyce's lecture 'Antarctica below: exploring the wonders of the deep ocean floor'.

Today, the weather was stunning, a true summer day! Ashore, you could visit Damoy hut, which was used by the British Antarctic Survey. Near the hut was an airport strip that they used to transfer researchers which were coming from ships to Rothera Station. Here, you had the opportunity to look inside the hut where the researchers would stay for short periods of time. The walk was circular; next to seeing the hut, you walked past a Gentoo Penguin colony, and we even had a visit from a Weddell Seal! Of course, not only the





people on land enjoyed their visit; the kayakers had a great time kayaking near Damoy Point with very calm blue waters.

It was quite some transfer time to our next destination: Paradise Harbour! During the afternoon, the sun kept on shining, which was perfect for our zodiac cruise in the region. Here, an Argentinian research station called Brown Station could be spotted from our Zodiacs. During the Zodiac cruise, you were told the story about the research station; it was built in 1951 and was rebuilt in 1984 after it was burnt down, by the station's doctor who did not want to spend another winter there! But other than that, Paradise Harbour truly is a paradise on its own, especially with the good



weather that accompanied us. Both the people enjoying a Zodiac cruise and kayakers enjoyed the great views the bay has to offer. In the middle of Paradise Harbour, we were given Chai tea with whiskey to enjoy next to the beautiful views and sounds of ice calving all around us! At the end, we were surprised by a Weddell Seal laying in the sun and even a Humpback Whale who was feeding in the area.

Back onboard, a BBQ was waiting for you! There was lots of food outside on Deck 5, where hotel staff and crew did their absolute best to provide wonderful food for you! It was amazing to have delicious food served outside while looking over Paradise Harbour with Humpback Whales showing up here and there. The day ended up on the dance floor, which marked the end of Day 6 of the cruise, for some later than others!



## Day 7 – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Foyn Harbour and Palaver Point

**Foyn Harbour GPS Position:** 64° 32.2' S / 062° 00.1' W

**Palaver Point GPS Position:** 64° 08.5' S / 061° 45.2' W

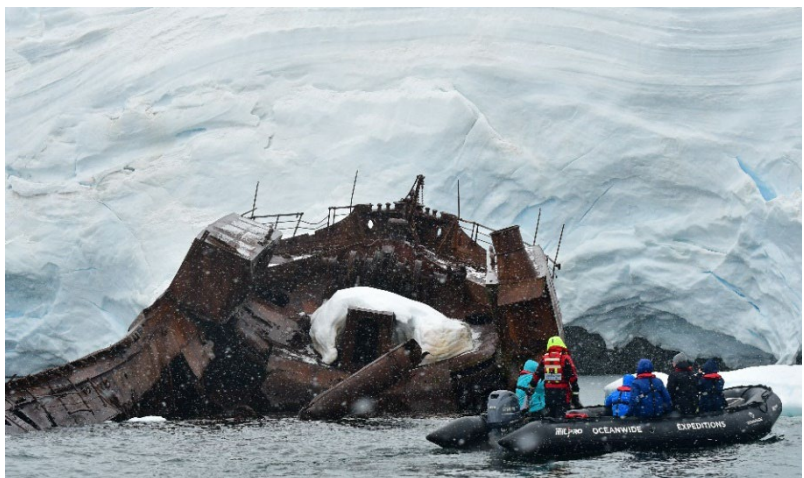
**Wind:** N2 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** foggy, overcast with snow showers, beautiful bright sunshine from mid-afternoon **Air Temp:** 1°C **Sea Temp:** 2°C

Good morning, good morning, good morning!

A difficult wake up especially after last night's party, what a fun time!!! This ship has given us one after another experience to keep in our memories.

One more good breakfast and we are ready to go! The first stop is Foyn Harbour. They have told us the story of the wreckage of the *Governoren*, a gigantic moving whaling station that was set on fire during the wrap up party

(lucky for us there were no oil lamps last night!!). And we are going where it lies in waiting for the passengers to visit.



The moment we were about to launch the zodiac a call from the bridge came by. WHALES!!!!



It was a snowy, cold and windy morning but our guides managed to bring us close to them. It was a magnificent and emotional sighting. They are beautiful and majestic animals, just dancing in the waves, but soon it was time to let them be. We headed to the shipwreck and gazed into the remains of the ship, sunk more than a hundred years ago, a piece of rusted metal bent by the power of heat and fire and just when

we turn around to return to the ship to our surprise there were three Fur Seals under the near cliff. First time in the journey, sleepy and not even curious about us, but of course we started the machine gun of photographs until our kind guide said it was time to go.

Next to us passed a fast orange line, it was the kayak group, what brave people struggling with the waves, enjoying with us this amazing expedition. Of course, because it was the day appointed for that, on the return the guides spotted more whales, so they made a final approach for our amusement. We were thrilled in happiness.





After a delicious lunch from Bawa the head chef, we headed to Palaver Point, a colony of Chinstrap Penguins. The afternoon was windy, snowy, and foggy – almost a white-out! Doesn't matter though, we headed there on the Zodiacs with our fierce drivers and landed with the welcoming braying of a busy colony and that now familiar smell in the air...

After an hour or so struggling in the climate, the merciful sun appeared on the horizon and suddenly it all cleared up. No more wind, no more cold, no more fog, blue sky, a whole new day in the same day, that is Antarctica, a beautiful last afternoon in the peninsula, with the bonus of gazing at yet more whales in the distance while we were returning, with a warm breeze in our face, and a big smile in our hearts.



# Day 8 – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Whaler's Bay, Deception Island

**Whaler's Bay GPS Position:** 62° 59.0' S / 060° 33.4' W

**Wind:** N-2 **Sea State:** Calm **Weather:** Rain **Air Temp:** 1°C **Sea Temp:** 4°C



The day started very early, with an early wake up. We arrived at Deception Island; this ring-shaped island, which is the caldera of an active volcano which has a narrow entrance, just 230 meters (755 feet) wide, called Neptune's Bellows. The moment of traversing this spectacular entrance is breathtaking.

From the beginning we knew that's its was going to be a very special landing. Since the Deception Island

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

The beautiful beach with steam, gave us the opportunity to take amazing pictures, along the beach were some Fur Seals; they were little curious about us, and with some "noises" they just were telling us to maintain distance.

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

The first group started the morning with a very special Zodiac cruise across the Bellows with the kayakers close behind, the landscape making us take hundreds more pictures, caverns, funny Chinstraps trying to climb an iceberg (with varying degrees





of success!) made of this morning something that we are going to remember for the rest of our life. After we changed groups so, everyone had the opportunity to see the island from land and sea.



After this amazing morning, we return to Hondius to enjoy an amazing buffet. At two o'clock we had the opportunity to learn more about Deception Island, Tiphanie presents "Intro to Deception" and Julia talked about "Whaling", plus a fascinating video of the last eruption. One more surprise awaited us - hot chocolate on the deck before the Drake was calling us one more time!

Once in the lounge we listen carefully to some of Expedition team talking about their favourite Antarctic wildlife: Fizz (Leopard Seals and Wedell seals), Simon (Sheathbills), Joyce (Humpbacks), Hazel (Krill) and Sara (Orcas).

At the recap, Sara showed to us how big are the Whales using a string (a very long one!) the Blue Whale crossing the lounge into the Lecture room. Jacob explained to us "Why Antarctica is so cold" and Saskia brought us a real sized 1:1 of a young whale...nine metres long carried in by the expedition team. To finish this amazing day, we enjoyed a gorgeous dinner whilst sharing stories.

## Day 9 – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### At sea, heading north across the Drake Passage

**12:00 GPS Position:** 59°31.7' S / 063°56.4' W

**Wind:** NW4 **Sea State:** Slight **Weather:** Clear **Air Temp:** 6°C **Sea Temp:** 5°C

'Good morning, good morning, good morning'. We've been woken up today by Sara at 07:45, but shortly later Simon announced, there were three Fin Whales to be seen approaching the ship. And a few minutes after, the call came that there were a few quite close to Hondius. Some of you were already awake and enjoyed the sightings from the bridge. The Fin Whales hung around the ship for about an hour. A perfect way to start this first sea day across the Drake Passage.

A full day with several lectures was planned for today. We've started with a great lecture from Felicity where she told you the different Marine Threats to marine mammals and she shared her

passion for, in her eyes, the solution to the worldwide carbon dioxide problem, being the importance of having many whales in our oceans. At the same time Rose shared her knowledge about Ocean Pollution in the lecture room for our Mandarin speaking guests.



The weather was just amazing today. A lot of you went out on deck again at 10:15 to join the Expedition Team outside for our Wildlife Watch while at the Drake Passage. Thirty minutes of fresh air, having a chat and to look for wildlife. It was quiet around us at this time, but the sun was lovely to enjoy being on the outer decks.

As we are unfortunately heading back to Ushuaia, we don't need our Muck Boots anymore and we had to return them to Deck 3. Some of us ventured into the lounge for a coffee and others enjoyed the presentation of Sara about different women working and living in Antarctica. Followed by another delicious buffet lunch in the dining room.



At 14:00 there was another presentation from Hazel this time. Some of us were really interested to hear from her 'Where in the world to watch whales, to get us excited for another holiday. At 16:00 Adam (in English) and Jerry (in Mandarin) both shared their passion for the history of the early exploring days in their lectures titled 'Quest for the South Pole'. With the snowy weather that we had on this trip we could get a tiny bit of a feel to what these men had to go through on their great adventure to be the first to the South Pole in 1911.

We all gathered in the lounge again at 18:15 to hear about the plans for tomorrow, but more so even the weather for another day at the Drake. During recap kayak guides Adam and Nick showed a video they made from the days when they went out, Chris explained the theory behind the latitude and longitude and Rose told us about the Antarctica geopolitics. We then all went for dinner - this time without soup as the weather predicted didn't allow soup to stay in the bowls! Luckily it wasn't that bad though, we enjoyed the other courses and another interesting day was over.

## Day 10 – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

### At sea, sailing north across the Drake Passage

12:00 GPS Position: 55°35.6' S / 066°04.5' W

**Wind:** NW4 **Sea State:** Moderate **Weather:** Sunny **Air Temp:** 6°C **Sea Temp:** 4°C

We awoke by the gentle roll of the Southern Ocean and a few Wandering and Southern Royal Albatrosses flying around the Hondius.



Valeria started the morning off with an entertaining presentation about The Swedish Antarctic Expedition of 1901–1903 led by Otto Nordenskjöld. The expeditions' ship, the *Antarctic*, captained by CA Larsen, sailed to Snow Hill Island to establish a research station where six members of the expedition overwintered and conducted various scientific studies. The rest of the expedition set sail for the South Orkney

Islands. However, after the winter on the way back to Snow Hill Island, the *Antarctic* got crushed in the ice and sank. At this point, the expedition members were divided into three groups. One of these overwintered an extra year on Snow Hill Island, and the other two groups were forced to build stone huts in order to overwinter at Hope Bay and Paulet Island. By complete chance, the party at Hope Bay and Snow Hill Island met on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 1903, at Cape Well-met, commemorating the long-delayed union after twenty months of enforced separation. An Argentinean vessel, Uruguay, then rescued all three parties in November 1903. The expedition team on board the Hondius had fun acting these scenes out, under Valeria's enthusiastic directing and narration.

By mid-morning it was time for our 'Wildlife Watch', to get some fresh air and scan through the troughs and crests for marine and seabird life. The weather was sunny again today and it was nice to be on the outer decks enjoying our final day crossing the Drake Passage.





Chris then gave a talk about his time as a Field Trainer at New Zealand's research station, Scott Base, in the Ross Sea region of Antarctica. He told us many stories of blizzard like conditions, encounters with wildlife, and how he trained scientists and other station personnel to work and survive in the coldest and windiest continent on Earth. Jerry also gave a talk about Chinese research stations and some

of the incredible work that is conducted by Chinese scientists in Antarctica.

After another delicious buffet lunch in the dining room, Jakub and Jerry gave us insightful talks about the future of ice on our planet. They told us about the projected retreat of some of the world's glaciers and how this will affect our world's sea level.

Some of us spent the rest of the day playing board and card games in the Main Lounge, keeping a keen eye out on deck for wildlife, exchanging contacts with new friendships made, or sitting back with a cuppa tea enjoying the easing swell as we approached the South American continent. Sara then gave us an exciting talk about other destinations Oceanwide offers. It definitely made some of us eager and excited to think about another holiday!



In the evening, Captain welcomed us in the Main Lounge for a farewell cocktail, where we got to say our goodbyes and thank yous to the whole crew and staff of the Hondius. We then got to watch the incredible slideshow of our trip put together by the wonderful Martin and his impressive photography skills. It was such a special way to celebrate our fantastic 10 days in this spectacular part of the world.

## Day 11 – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

### Disembarkation back in Ushuaia

**12:00 GPS Position:** 54° 35' S / 35° 46' W

**Wind:** SW-4 **Sea State:** Calm **Weather:** Cloudy **Air Temp:** 8°C **Sea Temp:** 3.5°C

Early in the morning we arrived back in the port of Ushuaia. Our bags were packed, and we were ready to disembark the Hondius for the last time. We were feeling a mixture of sadness that our journey to Antarctica had come to an end, but also a feeling of satisfaction that our travels were over, and we could head home to rest. We waved goodbye to the crew and staff and then dispersed into the city. Over the last three weeks we have seen some incredibly remote and wild places and the creatures that defy the odds and called them home. We have learnt inspiring new things about the polar environment and our precious oceans, and we have memories that will live forever in our minds. Hopefully many of us will think of these special habitats and species for years to come and endeavour to protect wildlife and the spectacular earth that we share with it.

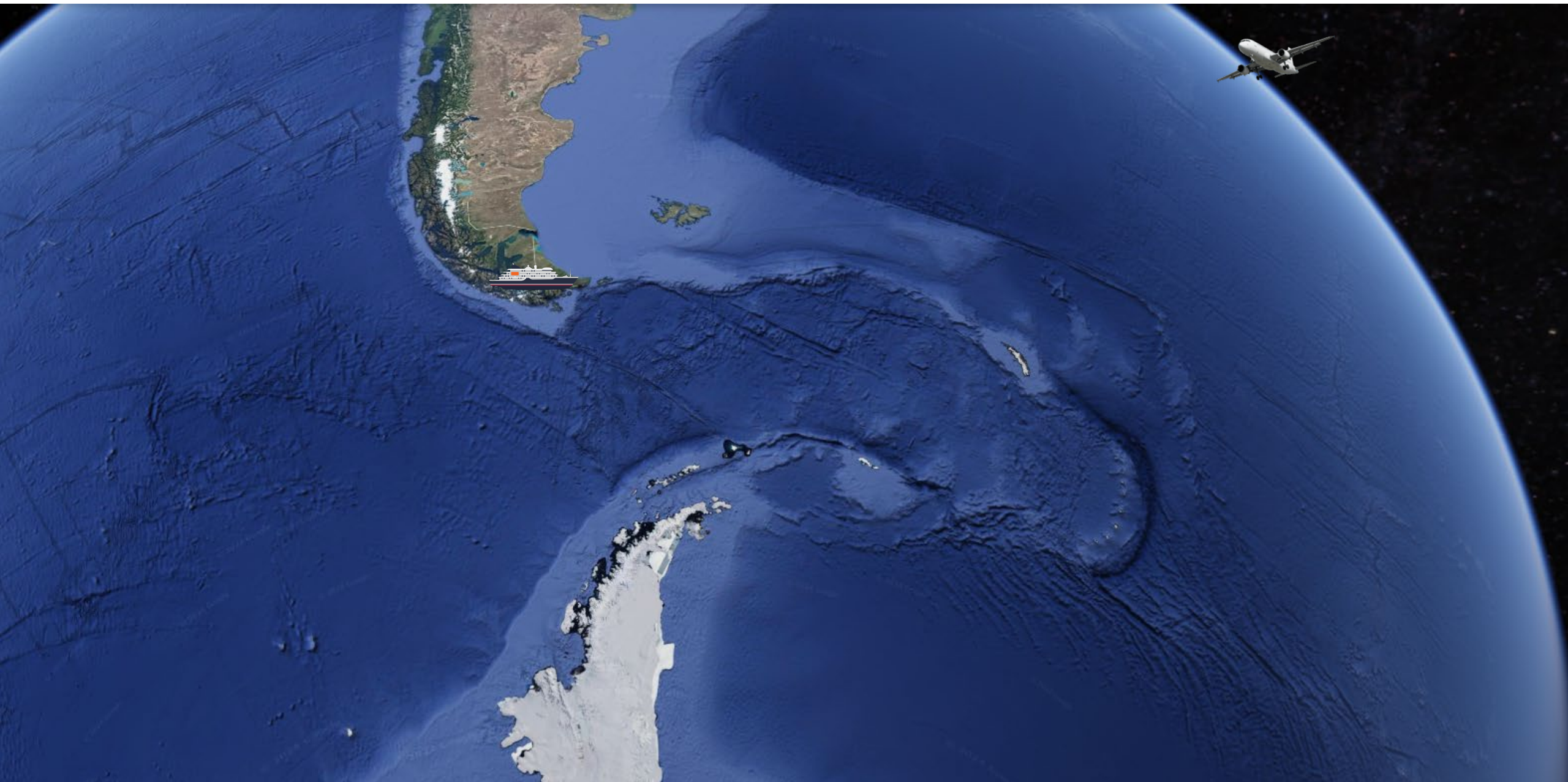
With that in mind, here is a quote from the British naturalist and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough - *"It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living."*

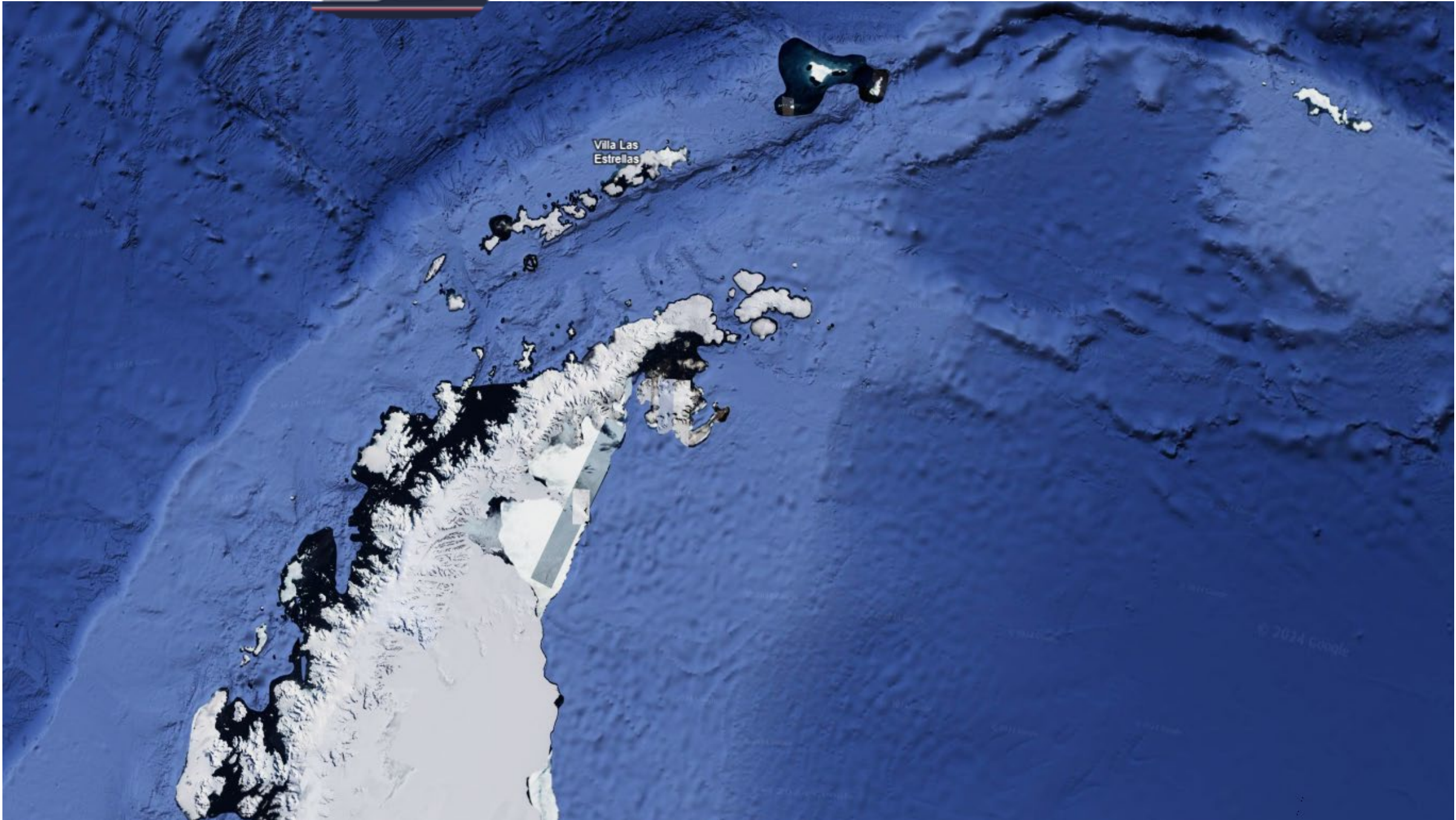
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Total distance travelled: 1,623.3 NM



On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Artur Iakovlev, Expedition Leader Sara Jenner, and her team, Hotel Manager Ingrid Van de Loo, and all the crew and staff of M/V Hondius, it has been a pleasure travelling with you!



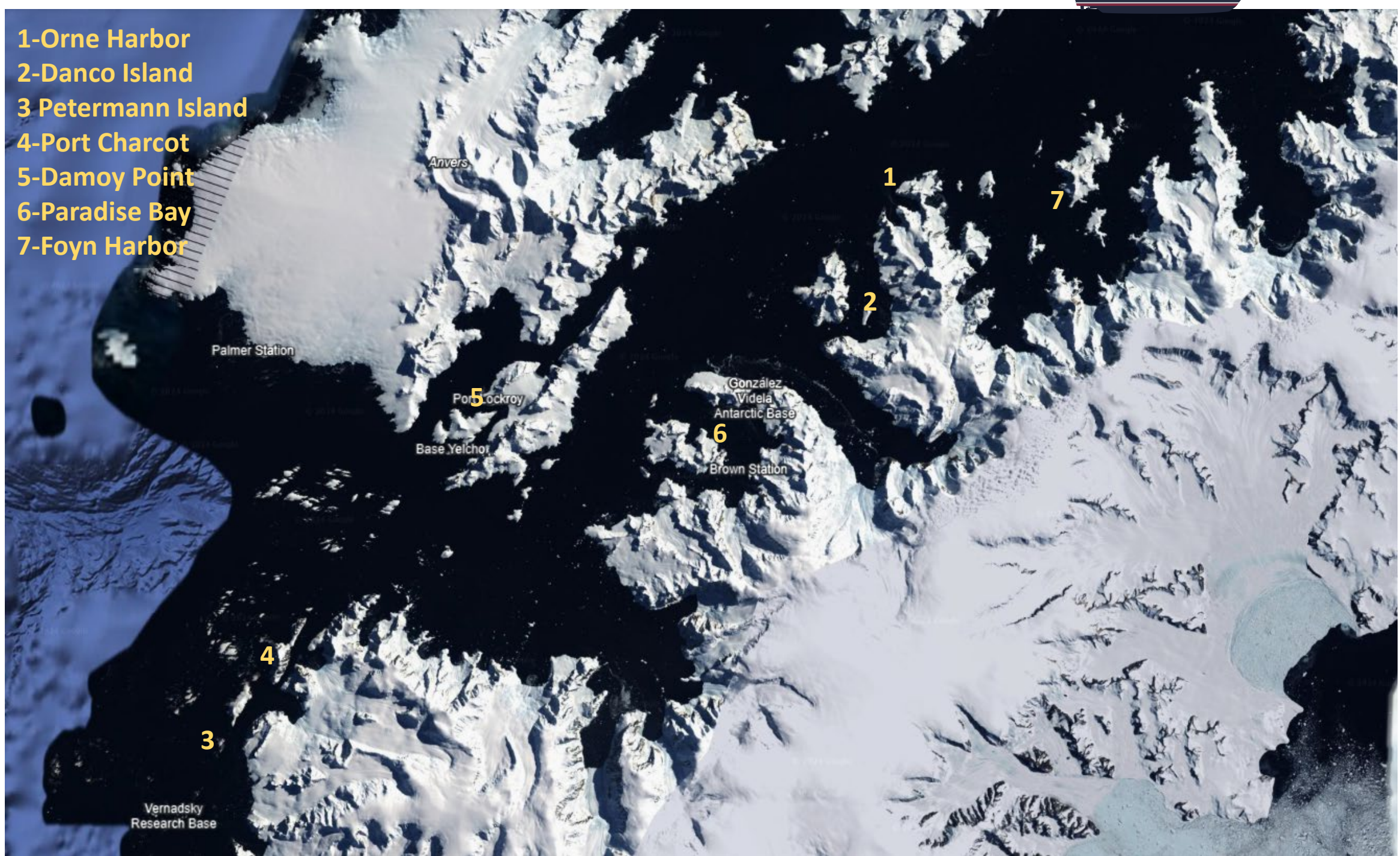


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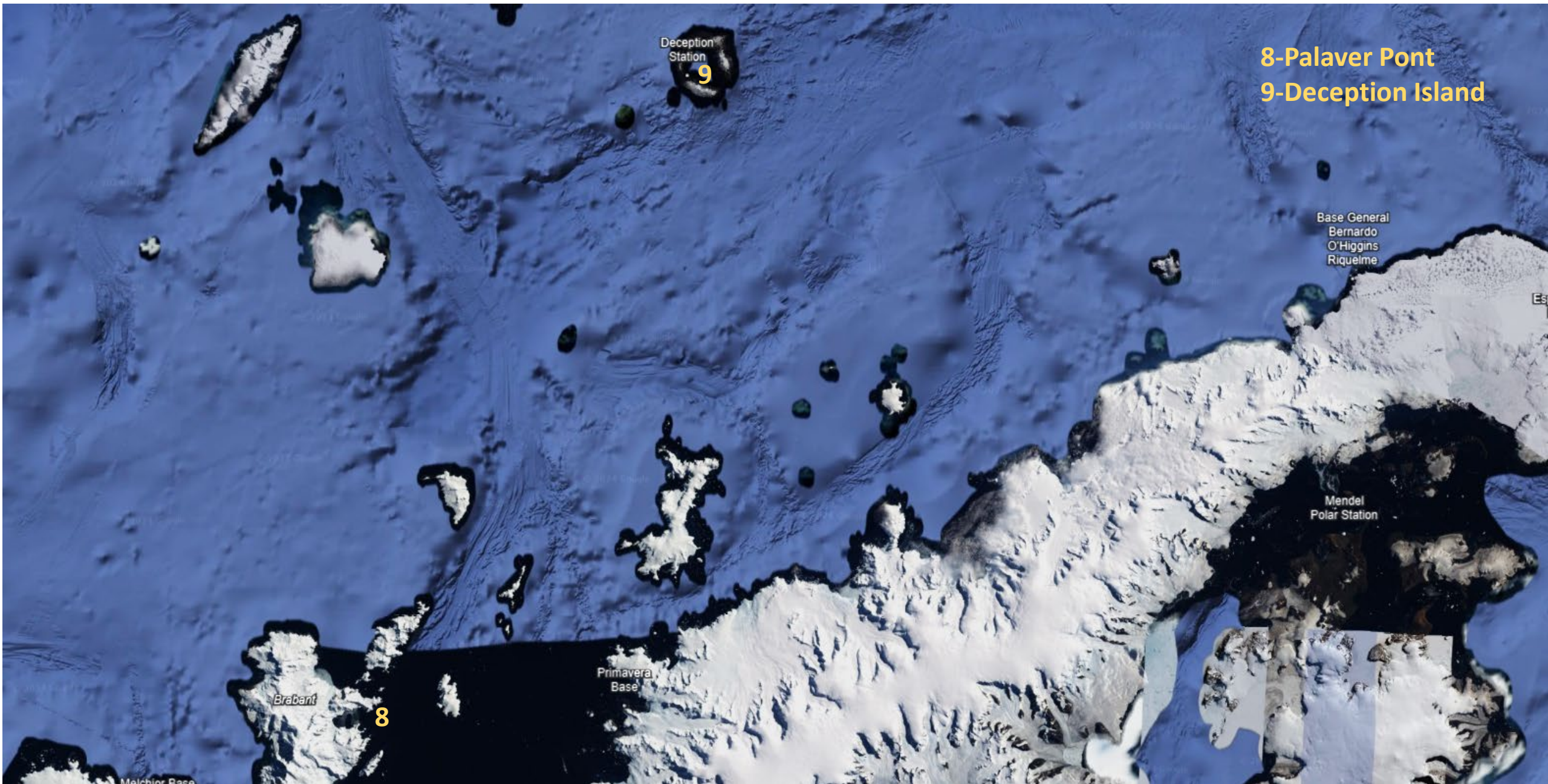
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English	Latin	22-jan	23-jan	24-jan	25-jan	26-jan	27-jan	28-jan	29-jan	30-jan	31-jan	1-feb	German	French	Dutch
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>												Kaiserpinguin	Manchot Empereur	Keizerpinguin
King Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes patagonicus</i>												Königspinguin	Manchot royal	Koningspinguin
Adélie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>					x							Adéliepinguin	Manchot Adélie	Adélie-pinguin
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua papua</i>				x	x	x	x	x				Eselspinguin	Manchot Papou	Ezelspinguin
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>				x	x		x	x				Kehlstreifpinguin (Zügelpinguin)	Manchot à jugulaire	Kinbandpinguin
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>												Goldschopfpinguin	Gorfou doré	Macaroniepinguin
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	x										x	Magellanpinguin	Manchot de Magellan	Magelhaenpinguin
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>		x									x	Wanderalbatros	Albatros hurleur	Grote albatros
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>												Nördlicher Königsalbatros	Albatros royal du Nord	Noordelijke koningsalbatros
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>		x									x	Königsalbatros	Albatros royal du Sud	Zuidelijke koningsalbatros
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	x	x	x						x	x	x	Schwarzbrauenalbatros	Albatros à sourcils noirs	Wenkbraualbatros
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>			x									Graukopfalbatros	Albatros à tête grise	Grijskopalbatros
Light-mantled Sooty Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>			x									Graumantel-Rußalbatros	Albatros fuligineux	Roetkopalbatros
Northern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>												Nördlicher Riesensturmvogel	Pétrel de Hall	Noordelijke reuzensturmvogel
Southern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Südlicher Riesensturmvogel	Pétrel géant	Zuidelijke reuzensturmvogel
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialisoides</i>							x					Silbersturmvogel	Fulmar argenté	Zuidelijke stormvogel
Cape Petrel (Pintado)	<i>Daption capensis</i>		x		x			x					Kapsturmvogel	Damier du Cap	Kaapse duif
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>												Weißflügelsturmvogel	Pétrel Antarctique	Antarctische stormvogel
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>				x								Schneesturmvogel	Pétrel des neiges	Sneeuwstormvogel
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>		x	x						x	x		Blausturmvogel	Pétrel bleu	Blauwe stormvogel
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>		x	x						x	x		Weißkinnsturmvogel	Puffin à menton blanc	Witkinnsturmvogel; Witkeelstormvogel
Soft-Plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>									x			Weichfedersturmvogel	Pétrel Soyeux	Donsstormvogel
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>		x									x	Dunkelsturmtaucher	Puffin fuligineux	Grauwe pijlstormvogel
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>												Großer Sturmtaucher	Puffin majeur	Grote pijlstormvogel
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>			x								x	Taubensturmvogel	Prion de la désolation	Antarctische prion
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>												Feensturmvogel	Le Prion colombe	Duifprion
Slender-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila belcheri</i>												Belcher-Sturmvogel	Le Prion de Belcher	Dunbekprion
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		Buntfußsturmschwalbe	Océanite de Wilson	Wilson stormvogeltje
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>			x									Schwarzbauchmeerläufer	Océanite à ventre noir	Zwartbuikstormvogeltje
Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites nereis</i>												Graurücken-Sturmschwalbe	Océanite néréide	Grijsrugstormvogeltje
Common Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecyanoides (urinator) berard</i>			x									Lummensturmvogel	Puffinure plongeur	Alkstormvogeltje
Magellanic Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecyanoides magellani</i>												Magellan-Lummensturmvogel	Puffinure de Magellan	Magelhaen Alkstormvogeltje
Imperial (Blue Eyed) Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>		x									x	Blaaugenscharbe	Cormoran impérial	Keizeraalscholver; Blauwoogaalscholver
Antarctic Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis</i>				x	x	x	x	x				Antarktischscharbe	Cormoran (impérial) antarctique	Keizeraalscholver; Blauwoogaalscholver
Snowy (Pale-faced) Shearwater	<i>Chionis alba</i>				x	x	x		x				Weißgesicht-Scheidenschnabel	Chionis – Bec en fourreau	Poolkip
Chilean Skua	<i>Catharacta chilensis</i>		x									x	Chileskua	Labbe du Chili	Chileense skua
South Polar Skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>				x	x	x	x					Südpolarskua	Labbe de Mac Cormick	Zuidpooljager
Sub-Antarctic (Brown) Skua	<i>Catharacta lonnbergi</i>			x	x	x	x	x	x				Braune Skua (Subantarktiskua)	Labbe brun	Subantarktische Grote Jager
Dolphin Gull	<i>Larus scoresbii</i>		x									x	Blutschnabelmöwe	Goéland de Scoresby	Dolfinmeeuw
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>		x		x	x	x	x	x			x	Dominikanermöwe	Goéland dominicain	Kelpmeeuw
South American Tern	<i>Sterna hirundinacea</i>		x									x	Falklandseeschwalbe	Sterne hirundinacée	Zuid-Amerikaanse visdief
Antarctic Tern	<i>Sterna vittata</i>				x	x	x	x	x				Antarktiseeschwalbe (Antipoden-)	Sterne couronnée	Zuidpoolstern
<b>Marine mammals</b>		22-jan	23-jan	24-jan	25-jan	26-jan	27-jan	28-jan	29-jan	30-jan	31-jan	1-feb	<b>Meeressäuger</b>	<b>Mammifères Marin</b>	<b>Zeezoogdieren</b>
Southern Right Whale	<i>Eubalaena australis</i>												Südkaper	Baleine franche australe	Zuidkaper
Antarctic Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera bonaerensis</i>				x								Zwergwal	Petit Rorqual antarctique	Antarctische Dwergvinvis
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>			x	x	x	x	x	x				Buckelwal	Mégaptère (Baleine à bosse)	Bultrug
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>												Blauwal	Baleine bleue	Blauwe Vinvis
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>			x						x			Finnwal	Rorqual commun	Gewone Vinvis
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>											x	Seiwal	Rorqual boréal	Zuidelijke Noordse Vinvis
Southern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon planifrons</i>												Südlicher Entenwal	Baleine à bec australe	Zuidelijke Butskop
Long Finned Pilot whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>			x									Grindwal	Globicéphale noir	Griend
Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>						x						Schwertwal	Orque (épaulard)	Orka; Zwaardwalvis
Hourglass Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i>												Stundenglasdelfin	Lagénorhynque sablier	Zandloperdelfin
Peale's Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>												Pealedelfin	Lagénorhynque à menton noir	Dolfin van Peale
Dusky Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i>												Schwarzdelfin	Dauphin obscur	Donkergestreepte dolfin
Commerson's Dolphin	<i>Cephalorhynchus commersonii</i>										x		Commersondelfin	Dauphin de Commerson	Kortsnuitdelfin
Leopard Seal	<i>Hydrurga leptonyx</i>				x	x							Seeleopard	Léopard de mer	Zeelupaard

Crabeater Seal	<i>Lobodon carcinophagus</i>				x		x						Krabbenfresserrobbe	Phoque crabier	Krabbeneter
Weddell Seal	<i>Leptonychotes weddelli</i>				x	x	x	x					Weddelirobbe	Phoque de Weddell	Weddell-zeehond
Southern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga leonin</i>											x	Südlicher Seeelefant	Éléphant de mer austral	Zuidelijke Zeeolifant
Antarctic Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus gazella</i>											x	Antarktischer Seebär	Otarie à fourrure des Kerguelen	Antarctische Pelsrob
Southern Sea Lion	<i>Otaria flavescens</i>												Mähnenrobbe	Lion de mer d'Amérique du Sud	Patagonische Zeeleeuw

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# Sara Jenner – Expedition Leader

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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.

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# Hazel Pittwood -Assistant Expedition Leader

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

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

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

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

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

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# Chris Long – Assistant Expedition Leader

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Chris grew up as a part of New Zealand's remotest family, a two-day 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 emerald green river. Most of their food came from a huge vegetable garden or was 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 out 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 60 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 and East Antarctica.

Chris is also no stranger to the arctic. He once sailed the notorious northwest passage across the top of Greenland, Canada, and Alaska and spent much of the covid pandemic living with 150 husky dogs in Tromso, northern Norway, enduring two long cold dark arctic winters training for long distance dog races.

Since recently returning to New Zealand, he has published an autobiography and is training for his commercial fixed-wing pilot's license.



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# Jakub Małecki - Expedition Guide

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

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

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

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# Martin Anstee - Expedition Guide

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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.

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# Andres Garcia Diaz – Expedition Guide

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Andres was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His father always took him on trips around the country doing trekking ever since he was old enough to walk, and the same with sports, being a multidisciplinary player in football, basket, handball, tennis, swimming and taekwondo.

He studied at the University of Buenos Aires to become a doctor and then later he became an Orthopedic Surgeon with two Fellowships on Arthroscopy.

He never stopped doing outdoor activities and started to get more involved in the mountain with guide friends, learning rock and ice climbing and ski touring. He then decided to move with his family to Ushuaia to keep up the outdoor adventures. Since moving to Ushuaia, he then got his Nautic driving license and started to gaze more often to the sea.

He went to Huaraz, Peru and did the Diploma in Mountain Medicine (DIMM) to rescue in extreme conditions.

Wanting to go further and keeping to his passion, he started to apply his skills and knowledge after several courses and became an expedition team member in Antarctica and the Southern islands.

He has now visited the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Antarctica multiple times as an expedition member, medic and zodiac driver and is excited to share the next adventure with you.

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# Tiphanie May - Expedition Guide

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Tiphanie is an 8<sup>th</sup> generation Falkland Islander living in Stanley. She was raised on a small group of islands called Speedwell Island Group, owned and worked by her parents as a sheep farm and family crab business.

Tiphanie was raised surrounded by Falkland's wildlife with her family island boasting rookeries of Magellanic penguins, Gentoo penguins as well as several other breeding birds. The islands also include haul outs of South American sealions and elephant seals. Surrounded by all this wildlife it was of no surprise that she found nature

fascinating. From the penguin couple that lived under her house to the wonderful variety of creatures found in the crab pots, marine life was a theme. This led to her to travel to the UK at 16 to study to be a marine biologist.

Tiph spent 6 years in the UK studying to get her BSc (HONS) Marine Biology and MSc in Marine Biology. Using her holidays to volunteer in the Falklands for various conservation projects to gain experience. Upon completing her studies, she joined the Government Fisheries Department, spending 200 days per year at sea monitoring seabird activity and collecting research material. The sea has been a big part of her life, from a young age she worked to haul crab pots with her father's boat. Later she went on to work for an experimental sustainable fish farm which allowed her to get her RYA qualifications in Power Boat. Tiph currently works full time operating a small boat in the Falklands.

Tiphanie started working in the tourist industry at the age of 23. Having grown up with no roads her whole life, 4X4 tour driving just made sense. Tiph has worked to provide a variety of tours such as hiking, 4X4 and penguin colony visits. In 2018, Tiphanie was offered the amazing opportunity to go to Antarctica and South Georgia with Oceanwide as guide. She fell in love with the scale of the landscape and has never looked back.

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# Joyce Mulder – Expedition Guide

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Joyce is a passionate guide with an interest for exploring and understanding the marine life in polar regions. Her journey began in 2018 as a whale-watching guide in the Azores, where she developed a deep appreciation for marine life. After this, she studied the Arctic snowfall variability at the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, laying the foundation for her future career in Polar research.

Continuing her academic pursuits, Joyce studied Arctic biology at the University Centre in Svalbard in 2019, acquiring insights into the valuable ecosystems of the far north. With a bachelor's degree in Coastal and Marine Management, she followed a master's program in the same field in Ísafjörður, Iceland, making it her home from 2021 to 2023.

Her academic journey also brought her to the Norwegian town of Tromsø, where she studied fish migrations, further honing her expertise in marine biology. For her master thesis, she joined a research vessel in Greenland, where she studied the benthic communities by mapping the seabed in previously unexplored regions in both 2022 and 2023.

Now, Joyce brings her knowledge and interest for marine wildlife to Oceanwide Expeditions as an expedition guide. Through her role, she shares her expertise and fosters a deeper appreciation for the polar regions.

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# Jerry Zhao - Expedition Guide

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

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

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

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

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

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# Julia Angermeier - Expedition Guide

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Julia was born Germany in a small village outside of Frankfurt.

She has always had a love of the outdoors. Camping, hiking, mountaineering, kayaking have been her favorite activities since her childhood.

She started her professional career as an Intensive Care Nurse in 1998 and finished her studies in 2003. She continues this profession today in her time off.

The majority of her time, however, is spent in Puerto Natales (Chile) where

she works as a trekking and outdoor guide in Torres Del Paine Nationalpark and other regions in Patagonia some of the most remote and beautiful parts of the world.

In 2019 she started working as a camping- and expedition guide for Oceanwide Expeditions in Antarctica. From the first day on she fell in love with the beautiful and breathtaking nature of the deep south. Becoming a Polar guide was now her goal.

Julia's "Speciality" are still people...telling the known and unknown stories of the most interesting people in the history of exploration of the polar regions became her passion.

Another passion of her is connecting people with nature, and showing the beauty around them. Getting people away from their computers, social media and stress, and giving them a life changing experience.

Julia looks forward to sharing these amazing adventures with her guests on every trip.

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# Simon Davies - Expedition Guide

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Simon is a life-long birder and naturalist and after achieving a master's degree in Ecology focusing on seabirds, he has undertaken a broad range of wildlife related contracts around the world.

His career has predominantly been focused on birds (with the only notable 'blip' coming during a year researching Meerkats in South Africa) during which his focus has ranged from research to conservation to guiding and much in between. Most recently he has been working in Scotland and Sweden studying both breeding birds and migratory species through

ringing/banding, a wide range of surveys and other tracking methods.

He is an experienced guide, having led bird and wildlife tours in Australia and many tours, walks and talks in his native UK, enthusiastic about sharing the wide range of seabirds in the colonies he loves.

Among the recent studies he has participated in has included putting geolocators on Black Guillemots in Scotland to find out where they are foraging, fixing satellite transmitters on migratory wading birds in Australia to track their movements as they move up and down the East Asia flyway and affixing geolocators on Great Reed Warblers in Sweden to work out migratory routes.

A large part of his recent work has also been training others in bird ringing/banding and surveying, hopefully inspiring others to a career in research or conservation.

Most of his spare time is also spent birding and wildlife watching and he has undertaken many trips around the world including Australia, Europe, India, Venezuela and the USA, always chasing the next bird!



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# Saskia van der Meij – Expedition Guide

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Saskia is an enthusiastic girl born in The Netherlands. With a huge national park in her backyard, she felt at a young age how great it is to be active in & part of nature.

Multiple-day hikes in the Andes or the Himalayas, kayaking around remote islands in Canada or camping on mountain tops overlooking Alaska's glaciers.

Saskia has a background in tourism and hospitality. For almost twenty years she was a product manager for a nature-oriented tour operator. She travelled to develop interesting products in Alaska, Canada, Argentina, Chili, Southern Africa, Australia and New Zealand. In that time, while co-guiding a trip in Iceland, she knew she wanted to be a nature guide.

In 2019 she worked for three months in Namibia as an assistant hotel manager in two different private game lodges. Two fantastic years followed while spending her time in North Norway, Spitsbergen and the Baltic Sea as a hotel manager on a three mast Barque (Tallship).

But her heart told her to go guiding. She spent almost every season in Spitsbergen and became an expedition guide on several ships. She called Antarctica home for three months last winter/summer. As a camping guide she took guests out for a night on this amazing continent.

She has a wide interest and understanding, from animals and landscapes to ice and history with its interesting explorer stories.

Hospitality lies in her core and her ongoing 'sunshine' is what guests remember Saskia by. She welcomes you on board and likes to share her knowledge and enthusiasm for these breathtaking destinations.

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# Chloe Power - Expedition Guide

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Chloe is a marine scientist turned high school science teacher and thinks of science as just 'measurable magic'.

Chloe believes that enthusiasm and passion are key qualities in communicating science, which can hopefully make it more enjoyable and digestible for conservation efforts.

Her background is undergrad studies in marine biology at Southern Cross University in the Northern Rivers region of NSW Australia - where she focused on intertidal zones and mollusc ecology.

She then completed a master's in marine and Antarctic science at the University of Tasmania in Hobart where she studied plankton communities and the effects of sea ice on Antarctic food webs.

Chloe travelled down to Antarctica in 2018 with Antarctica New Zealand where her obsession for the ice began, and she well and truly caught the 'polar bug'. She has guided in the Kimberley region of north-western Australia, the Antarctic Peninsula, the Subantarctic Islands and the Ross Sea.

Chloe also delves into a bit of social science, with a focus on connections between the Antarctic Gateway Cities and in her role as the Hobart representative for the 'Antarctic Youth Coalition' which aims to inspire and educate youth on Antarctic related matters.

When Chloe is not telling off teenagers on how to use a Bunsen burner correctly, you'll find her in the ocean - surfing, diving, or fossicking through the intertidal zone for ocean treasures. She can't wait to explore this incredible part of the world with you.

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# Felicity Johnson – Assistant Expedition Leader

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Felicity, a marine biologist, commercial skipper, and guide, is driven by a strong commitment to marine mammal conservation. With a decade of experience, she has developed expertise in marine mammal research, including cetacean entanglement studies, biopsy collection and analysis, and global photo identification projects.

Currently residing in Vancouver, Canada, Felicity takes on several roles. She serves as an Environmental Educator at Sea Smart Schools, a non-profit organization focused on educating the next generation about the importance of our oceans and our changing climate. Additionally, Felicity is a dedicated crew member and research assistant on board an Environment Canada research vessel, aligning with her mission to protect marine ecosystems.

Having grown up in Scotland, Felicity's appreciation for the outdoors grew during childhood holidays along the Scottish coast and hills. Her journey led her from teaching sailing during school breaks to pursuing a degree in marine biology. During her master's degree, she earned certifications as a commercial skipper, marine mammal observer, advanced diver, and wilderness first aider.

This period also sparked Felicity's concern about marine pollution, prompting her to focus her professional and personal responsibilities in raising awareness, coordinating events, talks and organising clean-ups, all geared towards addressing the challenges posed by our changing climate.

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# Galya Nosachenko - Expedition Guide

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Galya was born and grew up in the Amur Region of the Russian Far East. In the same region, she studied and started her career. In 2007, she graduated from Far East State Agricultural University with a degree in biology.

She worked as a biologist and a guide in nature protected areas in Russia for 10 years. These were 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, 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 polar regions, as a result, she had the opportunity to fulfill her dream and since 2018, she has worked in the polar regions as a guide, where she learned a lot about the history and nature of the areas.

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# Rose Li Hong - Expedition Guide

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

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

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

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

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# Valeria Sainz Herrera- Expedition Guide

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

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

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

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

The Antarctic and the Arctic were always a dream for her, and now are part of her life.

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# Adam Harmer – Kayak Leader

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Adam has been paddling for over 20 years and this includes on all seven Continents. He calls the mountains and the Ocean his home.

Currently Adam lives in North Wales UK. He spends much of his life training and assessing outdoor instructors around the world.

Whether that is sea kayaking in Canada or Chile or raft guides and instructors on rivers in Africa.

Adam is also more than happy when he is working at home, where he shares his passion and extensive outdoor experience in training outdoor professionals and guides.

A previous winner of the Yukon 1000, the World's Longest Kayak race, first descents in Africa and South America and coaching under the Golden Gate Bridge and Antarctica so some of his highlights.

Adam also loves sharing the outdoors with people, sharing the interaction of nature, the sounds of waves crashing or seeing something special means the world to Adam.

He has two children and loves taking his family on 'Outdoor Adventures'.

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# Nick Cunliffe – Kayak Guide

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Nick is a professional sea kayak guide in North Wales, United Kingdom. He has been paddling for about 30 years and owes many rewarding experiences to his involvement in sea kayaking.

Nick's background in sea kayaking includes many expedition experiences: Arctic Norway Lofoten islands outer coast: Å to Svolvær Chilean Patagonia Chonos archipelago / San Rafael glacier British Columbia Mainland coast / Vancouver Island W coast SE Alaska Sitka to Glacier Bay / Admiralty Island.

Nick has also led many sea kayaking expeditions in Scotland's Outer Hebrides. Personal highlights include the Barra island group, St Kilda archipelago, and the Isle of Skye. In addition to wilderness sea kayaking, Nick loves to explore mountain environments, as a skier and climber in the European Alps. Closer to home, Wales' Snowdonia peaks remain a personal favourite playground.

Nick loves to share the experience of exploring wilderness places and encountering coastal & marine life in its natural environments. He places great value on the rewards that such encounters can offer - the Antarctic Peninsula provides these experiences in abundance. Nick looks forward to sharing unforgettable Antarctic experiences with his Oceanwide Expeditions guests.



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## Miriam Wellsandt – Medical Doctor

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Dr. Miriam Wellsandt is a specialist in general surgery with additional qualifications in emergency and diving medicine. She completed her medical studies at the Charité Berlin, studying abroad in Madrid (Spain) and Chur (Switzerland). She is a general surgeon with additional qualifications in emergency and diving medicine. Currently she is working as an emergency physician in a major emergency department in Berlin and in prehospital emergency care.

Miriam loves her profession because it surrounds her every day with unpredictable turns of events that make life adventurous and beautiful. She has a passion for asynchronous learning, evidence-based medicine, lifelong education and every day efforts to find that elusive peak performance.

Privately, she enjoys the challenges of alpine hikes, and the unknown of deep blue waters and misery of outback experiences. And because only a few of those things would be possible in Berlin, travelling must be added to the list.



## Antarctica Welcome aboard!

Date: 22 January 2024

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 5.

### PLEASE LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

17:00+/- Ship safety briefing, in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY**.

After the briefing the emergency alarm will be sounded, and you will need to go back to your cabin and get your life jacket. All guests accommodated on Deck 3 (Cabins 301-337) will go to **MUSTER STATION A** which is the **Restaurant on Deck 4** All guests accommodated on decks 4, 6, and 7 will go to **MUSTER STATION B** which is the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**.

18:00+/- We would like to invite you to **Captains Cocktails** in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**. The Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader will do a welcome briefing, to orientate you to life on board and explain the plan for the forthcoming days and you will meet your Expedition Team.

19:00 Buffet dinner in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

20:15 The Expedition Team invites you the Observation Lounge on Deck 5 for the **MANDATORY IAATO and Zodiac** 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

## Antarctica

Date: 23 January 2024

Day 2: Drake Passage

- 07:45 Wake-up call.
- 08:00-09:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 09:30 The Expedition team will hand out your rubber boots. You will be called deck-by-deck to Deck 3, so please listen to announcements. Bring your thick socks to find the best-sized boots for you.
- 10:30 Please join the Expedition Team outside for **Wildlife Watch** - 30 mins of fresh air and to look for wildlife.
- 11:30 Please join Hazel in the Observation Lounge for a lecture about Albatross and other birds of the Drake Passage.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 14:00 Please could the kayakers meet your Kayak leaders in the Lecture Room for the **Mandatory Kayak briefing**, attendance will be checked.
- 16:00 Please join Martin in the Lounge for a presentation about Photography.
- 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*



# DAILY PROGRAM

## Antarctica

Date: 24 January 2024

Day 3: Approaching Antarctica

- 07:45 Wake-up call.
- 08:00-09:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 09:15 Please join Felicity in the Lounge for a lecture about Whales of the Southern Ocean.
- 09:15 Jerry will give a lecture about Whales of the Southern Ocean in the Lecture Room in Mandarin.
- 10:30 Please join the Expedition Team outside for **30 mins Wildlife Watch**.
- 11:30 Please join Jakub in the Observation Lounge for a lecture titled 'On thin ice – why do we need it?'
- 11:30 Please join Rose in the Lecture Room for a presentation about the Heroic age of Antarctic Exploration, this will be given in Mandarin.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 13:30+ We will call you deck by deck for the **MANDATORY IAATO Biosecurity** down on Deck 3, excluding the campers who will be called first. When called, please bring all your outer garments, bags, boots, life jackets, tripods, etc. that you plan to use in Antarctica for the expedition staff to check. Please make sure everything is clean before proceeding to Deck 3 and ensure you sign the self-declaration form once you have approved.
- 14:15 Please could the campers meet your camping leaders in the Lecture Room for the **Mandatory Camping Briefing**.
- 15:15 Please can the **kayakers** meet the kayak leaders on Deck 3 to get fitted.
- 16:30 Please join Sara in the Lounge for a presentation about Penguins.
- 18:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.
- 19:00 Buffet dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 20:15+/- There will be a screening of the animated musical comedy, Happy Feet Part 1 in the Lecture Room with Popcorn!

*"The greatest adventure of all is life itself" - Bertrand Piccard.*



# DAILY PROGRAM

## Antarctica

Date: 25 January 2024

Day 4: Orne Harbour and Danco Island

- 06:45 Wake-up call.
- 07:00-08:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 08:15+/- We invite the **Blue** Group for a Continental landing at Orne Harbour.
- 08:30+/- We invite the **Orange** Group for a Zodiac cruise of Orne Harbour.
- Please note the groups will swap during the morning.
- 08:45+/- We invite the **kayakers** to be dressed and ready to go at the forward shell door on Deck 3.
- 12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 14:00+/- We invite the **Orange** Group for a landing at Danco Island.
- 14:15+/- We invite the **Blue** group for a Zodiac cruise around Danco Island.
- Please note the groups will swap during the afternoon.
- 14:30+/- We invite the **kayakers** to be dressed and ready to go at the forward shell door on Deck 3.
- We hope to offer a polar plunge at the end of the landing, so you need to wear your swimwear under your regular expedition clothing. We will provide the towels so please do not bring them from your cabins.
- 18:45 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.
- 19:30 Plated dinner will be served in the Dining Room.

*“For speed and efficiency of travel, give me Amundsen, for scientific discovery, give me Scott, but when all hope is lost get down on your knees and pray for Shackleton.”*  
– Raymond Priestley



# DAILY PROGRAM

## Antarctica

Date: 26 January 2024

Day 5: Lemaire Channel, Petermann Island and Port Charcot.

- 06:15 Wake-up call.  
Before breakfast we will transit down the Lemaire Channel, nicknamed Kodiak Gap, as it is considered one of the most photographic parts of the Antarctica Peninsula. We encourage you to enjoy this remarkable navigation from the outside decks.
- 07:00-08:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 08:15+/- We invite the **Orange** Group for a landing at Petermann Island.
- 08:30+/- We invite the **Blue** Group for a Zodiac cruise around Peterman Island.
- 08:45 We invite the **kayakers** to meet their kayak instructors on Deck 3, fully dressed and ready to go.
- Please note the groups will swap during the morning. If we are unable to Zodiac Cruise, Chloe will give a lecture about Seals in the Lounge.
- 12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 14:00+/- We invite the **Blue** Group for a landing at Port Charcot.
- 14:15+/- We invite the **Orange** group for a Zodiac cruise around the iceberg graveyard.
- 14:30 We invite the **kayakers** to meet their kayak instructors on Deck 3, fully dressed and ready to go.
- Please note the groups will swap during the afternoon.
- 18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.  
19:00 Buffet dinner will be served in the Dining Room.
- 21:00+/- Depending on the weather we hope to take the **campers** ashore for a night on the ice, exact timings and details will be confirmed at recap.

*"The difficult is what takes a little time; the impossible is what takes a little longer" –  
Fridjof Nansen*



# DAILY PROGRAM

## Antarctica

Date: 27 January 2024

Day 6: Damoy Point, Brown Station and Paradise Harbour

- 04:00+ Pick up campers.
- 05:00+ Transit the Lemaire Channel.
- 06:45 Wake-up call.
- 07:00-08:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 08:00+/- We invite the **Blue** Group for a landing at Damoy Point.
- 08:15+/- We invite the **kayakers** to be dressed and ready to go at the Shell doors on Deck 3.
- 08:30 Joyce invites the **Orange** Group to the Lecture Room for her presentation titled 'Antarctica below: exploring the wonders of the deep ocean floor'.
- 09:45+/- We invite the **Orange** Group for a landing at Damoy Point.
- 11:30 Joyce invites the **Blue** Group to the lecture room for her presentation titled 'Antarctica below: exploring the wonders of the deep ocean floor'.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 15:30+/- We invite the **Orange** Group for a Zodiac cruise in Paradise Harbour.
- 15:45+/- We invite the **Blue** group for a Zodiac cruise in Paradise Harbour.
- 16:00+/- We invite the **kayakers** to be dressed and ready to go at the Shell doors on Deck 3.
- 18:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.
- 19:00 Plated dinner will be served in the Dining Room.

*"Half the fascination an Antarctic expedition possesses is to be found in the sharpness of the contrasts experienced during its course, for it appears to be true that a hell one day is liable to make a heaven the next." - Raymond Priestley.*



# DAILY PROGRAM

## Antarctica

Date: 28 January 2024

Day 7: Foyn Harbour and Cuverville Island

- 07:15 Wake-up call.
- 07:30-08:30 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 08:30+/- We invite the **Orange** Group for a Zodiac cruise in Foyn Harbour.
- 08:45+/- We invite the **Blue** group for a Zodiac cruise in Foyn Harbour.
- 09:00+/- We invite the **kayakers** to be dressed and ready to go at the Shell doors on Deck 3.
- 12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 15:00+/- We invite the **Blue** Group for a landing at Palaver Point.
- 15:15+/- We invite the **Orange** group for a Zodiac cruise at Palaver Point.
- Please note groups will swap during the afternoon.
- 15:30+/- We invite the **kayakers** to be dressed and ready to go at the Shell doors on Deck 3.
- 19:00 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.
- 19:30 Plated dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

*"In Antarctica you get to know people so well that in comparison you do not seem to know the people in civilization at all." - Apsley Cherry-Garrard.*





# DAILY PROGRAM

## Antarctica

Date: 29 January 2024

Day 8: Whalers Bay, Deception Island

06:30 Wake-up call.

Before breakfast 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.

07:00-08:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

08:00+/- We invite the **Orange** Group for a Landing at Whalers Bay.

08:15+/- We invite the **Blue** group for a Zodiac cruise in Deception Island.

Please note groups will swap during the morning.

08:30+/- We invite the kayakers to be dressed and ready to go at the Shell doors on Deck 3.

12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

14:00 Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a joint presentation about Deception Island and a short video showing the last eruption.

16:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a mini series of presentations about some of the Iconic Antarctic Wildlife we have seen during this voyage.

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!

*"Neither nature nor art has partitioned the sea into empires. The ocean and its treasures are the common property of all men." - John Adams*



# DAILY PROGRAM

## Antarctica

Date: 30 January 2024

Day 9: Drake Passage

- 07:45 Wake-up call.
- 08:00-09:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 09:15 Felicity welcomes you to the Lounge for her presentation about Marine Threats.
- 09:15 Rose welcomes the Mandarin Speakers to a lecture about Ocean Pollution in the Lecture Room
- 10:15 Please join the Expedition Team outside for **Wildlife Watch** - 30 mins of fresh air and to look for wildlife.
- 11:00 Please return your Muck Boots to Deck 3, please wait until you are called before doing this.
- 11:30 Please join Sara in the Lecture Room for her presentation about Women in Antarctica.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 14:00 Join Hazel in the Lounge for a presentation about Where in the World to Watch Whales.
- 16:00 Join Adam in the Lounge for his lecture titled 'Quest for the South Pole.
- 16:00 Jerry invites the Mandarin speakers to the Lecture Room for his lecture 'Race to the South Pole'.
- 18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4!

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



# DAILY PROGRAM

## Antarctica

Date: 31 January 2024

Day 10: Approaching South America

- 07:45 Wake-up call.
- 08:00-09:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 09:15 Join Valarie in the Lounge for a presentation about Otto Nordenskjold: Swedish Antarctic Expedition 1901-1903.
- 10:30 Please join the Expedition Team outside for **Wildlife Watch** - 30 mins of fresh air and to look for wildlife.
- 11:30 Chris invites you to the Lecture Room for his presentation about Living in Antarctica – Working at New Zealand’s Research Station, Scott Base.
- 11:30 Rose invites the Mandarin speakers to the Lecture Room for a presentation about Chinese Research Stations.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 14:00 Join Jakub in the Lounge for his presentation titled ‘The Future of Ice’.
- 14:00 Jerry will do a Lecture about Ice in the Lecture Room for the Mandarin speakers.
- During the afternoon the Hotel Department will call you deck by deck to settle your accounts at Reception, please listen to announcements.
- 16:15 Sara invites you to the Lounge for a presentation about Oceanwides’ other destinations.
- 18:15 Please join the Captain and Expedition Team in the Bar for a farewell toast to the voyage and a viewing of the slideshow that the team have made for you. The slideshow will be available after dinner from the computers in the Lecture Room, or if you have an Apple branded device, we will be able to airdrop it to you.
- 19:00 A farewell gala dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4!

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



# DAILY PROGRAM

## Antarctica

Date: 1 February 2024

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 an **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.

08:30+/- 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.

08:45+/- 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 Hondius, 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*