

Kayak Trip Log PLANCIUS 31

10th March Devil Island

Our first experience in the Antarctic!! Everyone was excited, the weather was challenging but we managed to do it in overcast conditions with a light cold breeze from the east coming directly from the Weddell sea.



We saw our first Adelie Penguins, some fur seals in the water and skuas flying over the colonies. Everybody happy and I could see that this group of kayakers is very solid.



11th March Morning Naze – Comb Ridge

Foggy conditions in this zone but not wind in the south eastern part of the Naze. We had the chance to paddle again in a very exposed area.



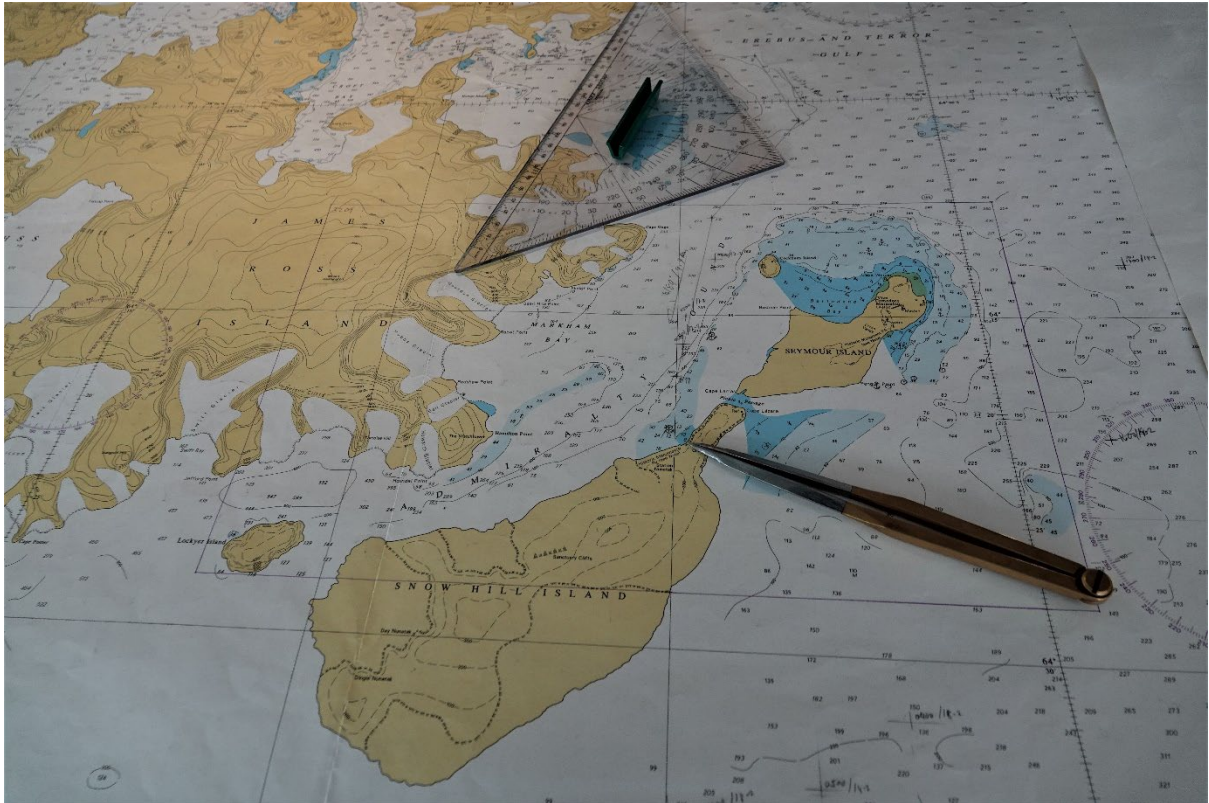
We follow the shoreline of this volcanic tip to find out that was a shelter for resting Weddell seals and some Fur seals. The weather changed for the second group and pushed us to explore the other

side of this rocky area. Several growlers, seals swimming around, kelp gulls parenting the new juvenals, skuas and our first Giant Petrel.



11th March Afternoon Snow Hill

The weather conditions didn't improve too much. We were just four kayakers this time.



Because of the small size of the group we decided to do a long paddling in front of the glacier, a short landing close to the moraine and then another one at the landing area to visit The Sweden / Argentine hut. Our first Historical site.





We had the chance to see some fossils and wildlife too!

13th March Morning Mikkelsen Harbour

We sailed to the western side of the Peninsula, more ice and glaciers, more wildlife, and windy.



We did a crossing from one glacier front to the other and we had the chance to experience the silence in front of this massive structures. A lot of brash ice around us and the current making our paddling more challenging.



13th March Afternoon Cierva Cove

This was a memorable afternoon. Tons of ice around us, our first leopard seal sighting and the circumnavigation of Penguino Island!



Everybody was nervous close to this big animal who was resting on an Iceflow and suddenly woke up to see and checked us... was a moment of silence in the group but we were safe.

The island was full of Chinstrap penguins, some Gentoos and less Adelines, but all this brush tail species were present in the same spot.



In the background was the Argentinian Scientific Base Primavera, one of the oldest settlements in the area.

14th March Morning Skontorp Cove. The Meca of the kayaking in Antarctica!!!

This morning was amazing, unique, unreal. I think we will never forget this one. We did our continental landing close to another Argentinian Scientific Base: Brown Station and then we start our paddling session to finish in the other side at Skontorp Cove.



Perfect conditions... no wind, no waves, just a mirror ocean around one of the icons of Paradise Bay. We had our Antarctic Silence Moment and we share the most beautiful landscape.



We will never forget this morning.



15th March Morning Fish Island

In our way to the Antarctic Polar Circle we did our last kayaking Session around the Crystal Sound. This time Fish Island.



Cristal clear icebergs, seals, mountains in the background, brash ice moving around us, whales in the distance, Adelie penguins swimming and walking in the ice over the island, moments of silence, grey clouds shaping a dramatic scenario. This is Antarctica.

I enjoyed very much to have the chance to celebrate life with all of you during this seven kayak sessions. We saw many animals, different landscapes, we paddle in real antarctic conditions and in the north east, north west, central and extreme south of the Antarctic Peninsula. Not many people on this planet had the chance like us to experience this. We were the lucky ones this time...

I hope that you will come back some day, and have the chance to see that everything looks the same. Pristine and Wild, like we saw it this time. It was a pleasure to guide you all. Enjoy life and see you soon!