



East Spitsbergen and Bear Island

Basecamp – Kayaking – Hiking – Cleaning the Shores – Diving

on board
m/v Ortelius
2nd July 2024 – 10th July 2024



MV Ortelius was named after the Dutch cartographer Abraham Ortelius (1527-1598) who published the first modern world atlas, the *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* (Theatre of the World) in 1570. *MV Ortelius* was built in 1989 in Gdynia, Poland, as a research vessel for the Russian Academy of Science and was named *Marina Svetaeva*. In 2011 she was purchased by Oceanwide Expeditions. The vessel was re-flagged and renamed *Ortelius*. Now the ship sails as a 108-passenger vessel. *Ortelius* is 91 m long, 17.6 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5.80 m, with an Ice Strength rating of UL1/1A, top speed of 12 knots and one diesel engine generating 3200 kW.



Captain Per Andersson

and his international crew.

Including:

Chief Officer:	Romanas Vicas	[Lithuania]
Second Officer:	Warren Villanueva	[Philippines]
Third Officer:	Archer Cultura	[Philippines]
Chief Engineer:	Aleksandr Bondarev	[Lithuania]
Hotel Manager:	Volodymyr 'Vova' Cherednychenko	[Ukraine]
Assistant Hotel Manager:	Alfredo Bonifaz	[Peru]
Head Chef:	Heinz Hacker	[Austria]
Sous Chef:	Edward Nunag	[Philippines]
Sous Chef:	Norman Estrada	[Philippines]
Ship's Physician:	Jeff Hersch	[U.S.A.]
Bosun:	Neil Apawan	[Philippines]
Bosun:	Philip Malang	[Philippines]
Expedition Leader:	Claudio Ghiglione	[Italy]
Assistant Expedition Leader:	Christophe Gourad	[France]
Dive Team Leader	Henrik Enckell	[Sweden]
Expedition Guide:	Werner Kruse	[South Africa]
Expedition Guide:	Koen Hoekemeijer	[Netherlands]
Expedition Guide:	Juan Berenstein	[Argentina]
Expedition Guide	Annelou Hulsker	[Netherlands]
Expedition Guide	Slava Nikitin	[Russia]
Expedition Guide	Mikhail Barbanov	[Luxembourg]
Expedition Guide	Allan White	[Falkland Islands]
Dive Guide	Tanja Bayer	[Germany]
Dive Guide	Clara Lachetti	[Argentina]
Dive Guide	Gonzalo Sabattini	[Argentina]
Kayak Guide	Loel Collins	[Wales]

Welcome onboard!

Day 1: 2nd July 2024

Embarkation – Longyearbyen, Svalbard

GPS position at 1200: 78°14.6' N - 015°32.5' E

Wind: NW 4 Sea State: Calm Weather: Partly Cloudy
Air Temp: +13°C Sea Temp: +7°C

Finally! The day had come, it was time for us to board our new home for our expedition, the Ortelius! We arrived at the port in Longyearbyen with to see calm, glassy waters. Some of us only had landed a few hours before and now we were about to start our set for our adventure! The hotel staff and crew had brought our luggage aboard and taken it to our cabins earlier in the day. So, all that remained was for us to take a few photos of Ortelius while we made our way up the gangway. It was a particular warm day, most of us arrived in our t-shirts and there was almost no wind! Not yet what we expected.



We were warmly welcomed by all the crew and staff who assisted us in finding our cabins. With some time left, we explored the ship and get our bearings and grab a tea or coffee in the bar.

Once everyone was onboard, it was time for the mandatory ship safety video and briefing presented by Expedition Leader Claudio and Chief Officer Romanas. We were given all the information we needed such how to move safely around the ship, the things we could and could not do, and how to put on our emergency life jackets.

With this in our minds, it was then time for an abandon ship drill. So, after hearing the seven short and one long blast of the ship's horn we went to our cabins, got our lifejackets, and proceeded to our muster station in the bar. Then we were led to our lifeboats so we would know where to go in case of a real emergency.

With the drill complete, we headed to the bar where Hotel Manager Vova and Expedition Leader Claudio welcomed up. With briefing formalities concluded, it was time to join Captain Per in the bar to raise a glass in celebration of the voyage. Our expedition leader Claudio and Captain Per switched uniforms in an attempt to prank us, but we quickly saw through them...Cheers everyone! After this came our first evening meal - a delicious buffet selection provided by Chef Heinz and his galley team, served by our friendly dining room staff. After dinner, we were given our muck boots which we would use for going ashore; comfortable but also, very importantly, waterproof for our wet zodiac landings!

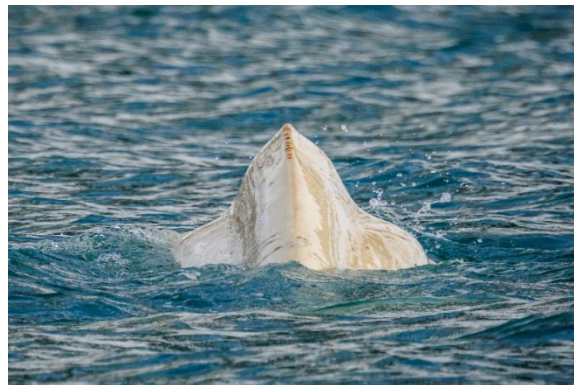
After a long day of travel for most of us it was time for bed to get some rest before the first full day of our trip tomorrow.

Day 2: 3rd July 2024

Burgerbukta & Treskélodden

GPS position at 1400: 77°00.41' N - 016°11.4' E
Wind: Light Air Sea State: Calm Weather: Overcast
Air Temp: +4.5°C Sea Temp: +5°C

Wow. A beautiful morning sailing into Hornsund and a spectacular introduction to the Arctic and Southern Spitzbergen. A few early risers were greeted by the sights of a minke whale and belugas. After breakfast, we were asked to join Claudio in the bar for the last of the mandatory briefings, which included the AECO regulations, polar bear safety and Zodiac operations.



10:15 - All done, and we are ready to explore. Our first activity was a Zodiac cruise in the beautiful west fjord of Burgerbukta. Named after the Austrian photographer, Wilhelm Burger that mapped the area. This trip started off with a great surprise.... belugas!! We were greeted by a pod swimming around in very close proximity to the ship. Some were very curious and swam close by our Zodiacs, treating us to a close view of these majestic creatures.

Cruising further into the 7km long bay we were greeted by flocks of kittiwakes sitting on ice flows, eider ducks and Arctic skuas. The magnificent glacier stretches about 3km wide. On our way back we passed a hanging glacier, and some spectacular waterfalls. We were treated to a final goodbye to the belugas who swam by.



Lunch onboard and a quick rest, recovery and photo-scan while the Bridge team navigated to Treskelodden. On our way we were greeted by Humpback whales.

After a short Zodiac shuttle to shore, we divided into groups for different levels of hiking. Various species of saxifrage, especially the purple variety were in full bloom – stunning! Some fossils were seen in the sandstone and nearby, two skuas were guarding their nest, making sure nothing approached. Those on the

long hiking activity were spoiled by breathtaking views of Hornsund from the top of the ridge and an old cairn. At the end of the landing, we were treated to four Humpback whales constantly fluking in the bay.

Back onboard and our first daily debriefing and recap. Claudio outlined the plans for tomorrow at Bear Island, and Misha introduced all the different species of whales around Svalbard that we might encounter. After dinner, one of our fellow guests, Pieter, gave a presentation on his vision of the Arctic and how we can think about conserving and saving this beautiful nature.

A truly magnificent first day!

Day 3: 4th July 2024

Sorhamna & Bjørnøya Meteo

GPS position at 1400: 74°27.4' N - 019°18.2' E

Wind: NE4 Sea State: Smooth Weather: Overcast

Air Temp: +2.2°C Sea Temp: 1.6°C

Good morning, M/V Ortelius!

After a smooth night sailing, we woke up in a very special location; Bjørnøya, or Bear Island. Not many ships visit this remote speck of land on the map, and that made our activities for the day even more special. For the morning a Zodiac cruise was planned and in the afternoon, we would try to set foot on land and tick this location off of our bucket lists.



The Zodiac cruise turned out to be very special and spectacular one. We were cruising steep and high cliffs along the south side of the island. And when we say high cliffs, we mean high cliffs. We found ourselves gazing at immense stone walls, more than 400 meters high and despite their steepness, full of life. A wide variety of birds use these cliffs as a breeding location. We saw common guillemots, Brunnich's guillemots, northern gannets, puffins and kittiwakes to name a few. Most of these birds have their breeding locations on these steep cliffs.



They don't actually build a nest, but they find small and narrow edges where they lay their eggs. And as the best breeding edges are in high demand, we could see birds congregating in the smallest places. Like in human real estate, with these birds it's also all about location, location, location. The reason why they seek these cliffs is to protect themselves and their eggs from

predators such as Arctic foxes and polar bears, but also birds such as glaucous gulls and skuas, which seek to steal the eggs, chicks, or even weak adult birds.

The scenery this morning was stunning and hard to accurately put into words. Even capturing it on photo or video was difficult, seeing it with one's own eyes was simply the best way. The fog came slowly down adding a mystical and dramatic feeling of this location and it didn't take much imagination to picture King Kong, or some Hollywood dinosaurs living atop the cliffs ;).



The icing on the cake this morning were the arches and long caves or tunnels formed by ocean swells over thousands of years. The swell allowed our Zodiac captains to drive through some of these arches with the highlight being a 150-meter-long tunnel that ended in paradise. At least that's how it felt and looked like!

After almost 2 ½ hours we gradually started to feel cold, so we slowly made our way back to the ship for a warm lunch and an extra sweater to warm up quickly.



Due to the fog and high swells on our next landing site, we had to put plan B into action. But it turned out to be a really great alternative. We received permission from Bjørnøya's weather station to make a visit. Visiting the station was fantastic, we found whale bones, old machinery that was used a long time ago and of course there was also a small post office. And although we were the first ship in a long time to visit the station, they did have a small souvenir shop. Many of us took the opportunity to buy postcards and stamps and send some old-school holiday greetings home.

The cherry on the cake for this afternoon was the surprise of breeding puffins close by. We found many puffins sitting in front of their burrows, and they posed perfectly for us. The puffin is such a beautiful bird with their bright orange beaks and faces that look like they have been painted with clown paint. Expedition leader Claudio arranged that we could extend our stay to have a bit more time with the birds.

To thank the people at the weather station, Oceanwide had organized a much needed thank you basket filled with beer, wine, and some snacks. For sure the station will welcome us back next time!

Today has been a very special day with many unforgettable impressions and beautiful memories. Tired, but happy, we went to bed smiling.

Good night!



Day 4: 5th July, 2024

Koefoedodden & Nilsebu (Hopen)

GPS position at 1400: 76°30.1' N - 025°030' E

Wind: S5 Sea State: Smooth Weather: Clear Sky

Air Temp: +11.9°C Sea Temp: +4°C

We awoke this morning to the most brilliant blue sky, the sunshine permeating and warming everything. After a sumptuous breakfast, everyone prepared for our landing at Koefoedodden, the southern tip of Hopen Island. This island is one of the breeding places for Svalbard polar bears and was once a preferred hunting spot for this ferocious animal. Notably, Henry Rudi, a famous Norwegian trapper, used this place and its cabin as one of his hunting grounds.



As our Zodiacs went to shore, you noticed the intense green of the soft moss covering this patch of land like a woolly carpet. There was not much wildlife, kittiwakes and eider ducks were flying overhead, the occasional skua could be spotted, and the place was littered with goose droppings, showcasing its importance for these migratory birds. However, with the perimeter we made, everyone had time to simply stand still, find a patch of land and enjoy the beautiful weather we were having, unheard of in Hopen.

Some took part in photo sessions around the lighthouse; others were simply laying on their bed of vegetation contemplating their life choices. It felt a bit like a beach holiday, time slowed down a bit, which, with the enormous tempo of these trips, was not a bad thing at all, as it is good to decelerate from time to time. Once lunchtime approached, we got everyone back to the mighty Ortelius to ravage the buffet.



Everyone feeling slightly heavier than usual, we set our eyes to the landing at Nilsebu, or Hopen Radio, the permanently manned Norwegian station on the island. They only allowed 20 people ashore at a time, so we opted for a staggered approach by dividing people into Zodiac cruises and landings.

On shore, you could explore some of the grounds, write a postcard and buy some souvenirs, as well as admire Suggen, the station dog and

look at the eider ducks nesting right by the buildings.

Then on the Zodiac cruise, we approached the bird cliffs littered with thousands of kittiwakes nesting, some glaucous gulls, Brunnichs guillemots, and others.

The weather was still perfect, and it just felt like a gentle repose after the craziness of the past days, while still offering the beautiful landscapes of Hopen's sedimentary mountains. As soon as everyone had done their rounds at the station, we returned to our lovely vessel, rested, attended the briefings and recaps, and ended the day with dinner and a cold, invigorating drink. Sunny days in Svalbard are few and far between, and we were lucky enough to be the witness of one.

Day 5: 6th July 2024

Andreetangen & Ardalstangen (polar bear!)

GPS position at 1400: 77°24.4' N - 021°03.5' E

Wind: N6 Sea State: Smooth Weather: Overcast

Air Temp: +1.9°C Sea Temp: 3°C

Good morning, Ortelius!

We have a special day ahead of us today. We will spend the whole day in the southeast. After a wake-up call from our expedition leader Claudio, the day began with a delicious breakfast, after which we ventured onto the outer decks and the bridge to enjoy the beauty of the Arctic, as well as admire the wild animals living in this polar region.

As always, the first who met us in the morning



were the birds of the Arctic: Northern fulmar, black-legged ktiwake, Brunnich guillemot, black guillemot, Arctic skua, but the main highlight, to the delight of fans of marine biology, was a meeting with walrus.

Today our first destination was the landing on Andreetangen.

The plan was a split landing and Zodiac cruise. On land we saw an old hunter's hut and a lot of bones and skulls of walrus left here from the time of the trappers. After landing, we went on a Zodiac cruise through the icy waters to watch

walrus resting on the ice and swimming around us in the water. Already on the way back, we were lucky to spot Steller's eider, a very rare bird for this region.

After we returned on board, Peter Prokosch gave his presentation on "The East Atlantic Flyway of Coastal Birds", from which we learned a lot of interesting things about the work of ornithologists in the Arctic, after which we went to lunch.

Immediately after, we spotted a polar bear on the shore of Ardalstangen and decided to go on a Zodiac cruise. The bear was magnificent, as were the arctic fox, walrus, beluga whales and reindeer. It was an

incredible cruise, we got a good sight from the water, and it even looked like the bear posed for



us on the rocks! After this incredible encounter we needed some time to process, while cheering as we got back on board.

At 19.00, our expedition leader Claudio summed up the day, and we also learned about our plans for tomorrow. After the recap, we enjoyed a fantastic barbecue dinner outdoors with stunning views of the Arctic expanse, and even some very enthusiastic dancers.

An amazing end to a great day. Good night, Ortelius. Tomorrow we will have another day full of new discoveries.



Day 6: 7th July 2024

Hornsund

GPS position at 1200: 70°55.3' N - 015°28.2' E

Wind: NE8 Sea State: Calm Rippled Weather: Fog

Air Temp: +0°C Sea Temp: +3.1°C

We awoke to a dull, damp, and windy day as *Ortelius* romped along in a very strong tail wind off southern Spitsbergen. Expedition Leader Claudio gave us a weather update during the wake-up call, which informed us that the wind speed was more than 45 knots. Good thing we were going with it! The strong northerly winds brought us cold air off the Arctic Ocean and resulted in a temperature that struggled to rise above 1° Celsius. A visit to the Bridge revealed that *Ortelius* was weaving her way through a maze of broken ice, which kept the Bridge lookouts busy. The wild scene outside reminded us how lucky we had been with all



the good weather of the previous days. As *Ortelius* gently rolled along, breakfast was announced, where it was noticed that a few seats remained empty!



It was not a day to be outside, so Captain Per decided to use this period of inclement weather to gain some miles back in the general direction of Longyearbyen. He and Claudio hoped that some shelter might be found in one of the fjords near the southern end of Spitsbergen, where we hoped to arrive sometime in the afternoon. In the meantime, a couple of lectures were on offer from the highly talented expedition team. First up was expedition guide and marine mammalogist Misha with an

enlightening presentation about 'Marine Mammal Acoustics'. Later in the morning we enjoyed an enthusiastic presentation by expedition guide and geologist Annelou who talked about one of her favorite subjects - Ice.

The lunchtime announcement soon echoed around the ship, as the ever-attentive hotel department served up another fantastic meal. *Ortelius*, meanwhile, was entering the relatively sheltered waters of Hornsund, the southernmost fjord in Svalbard that cuts some 25km into the western side of Spitsbergen. The name "Horn Sound" dates back to 1610 and was given by an English ship whose crew returned from an excursion ashore with some "deeres horne" (reindeer antler).

Renowned for its spectacular scenery, it was shelter that we sought in Hornsund today. The low cloud and rain hid the towering mountains from view, but that didn't stop a good number of hardy adventurers from donning their raincoats and heading for the outer decks where they were met by a cold, bracing wind. *Ortelius* headed deeper into Hornsund and took a turn to the south into Samarinvågen, a small fjord of about 5km in length. Much to everyone's delight, the shelter we sought was found, and the wind fell away. *Ortelius* came to anchor in just over 85 meters of water at the head of the fjord directly in front of the Samarin Glacier (Samarinbreen).

Although we had lost the wind, unfortunately the heavy rain continued. Claudio, our ever-considerate expedition leader sensed limited enthusiasm for an excursion, so offered a mixed program that was sure to please everyone. The divers and kayakers were given the chance to indulge in their passions, and a Zodiac cruise was offered for those prepared to brave the elements. Finally, there was an on-board program for those who just wanted to relax on this cold, wet Sunday afternoon. Expedition guide Koen shared his top tips for wildlife photography with a lecture full of stunning images, and later in the afternoon a moving polar bear documentary was accompanied by popcorn.



Those that ventured out in the Zodiacs returned with the good news that the rain eased off for them, and they were treated to a cruise along the edge of very thin fast ice that was still locked to the land and glacier front. The breath-taking wall of ice that is the face of the Samarin Glacier, is backed up by a colossal 14km of ice. Both the glacier and the fjord into which it flows are named after a Russian fisherman from the White Sea region, who was attached as a craftsman to the Russian element of the Swedish-Russian Arc-of-Meridian Expedition to Spitsbergen in 1899-1902 that was based nearby at a spot called Gåshamna.

Back on board, we got ready for the briefing that would prepare us for the next day's activities, before heading off to dinner. And so, ends another expedition day in the high Arctic, which saw us go from Plan A to Plan B to Plan C, as the Svalbard weather flexed its muscles. That's what true expedition cruising is all about, and it's what *Ortelius* does so well.

Day 7: 8th July 2024

Fragerbukta & Bamsebu

GPS position at 1100: 77°29.7' N - 015°28.2' E

Wind: SSE 4 Sea State: Calm Weather: Overcast

Air Temp: +3.3°C Sea Temp: +6°C



We started our day with an amazing breakfast in the dining room of the M/V *Ortelius*, setting the tone for another exciting day of exploration in the Arctic wilderness of Svalbard. Energized and eager, we prepared for our first adventure, boarding the Zodiacs, and setting out to find a sheltered area to land, as the strong winds presented a challenge.

Our persistence paid off as we found a more protected spot and landed in front of a stunning glacier in Fragerbukta. The icy scenery was breathtaking, with beached icebergs and growlers dotting the shoreline. Some guests chose to explore these natural ice sculptures up close, while a small group embarked on a longer route towards the nearby cliffs. The beauty and silence of the Arctic landscape left everyone in awe.

After our morning excursion, we returned to the ship for a delicious lunch, where the conversation buzzed with excitement from the morning experiences. Refuelled and ready for more, we set out in search of another landing site for our afternoon activities. The wind continued to challenge us, but our determined crew managed to drop the long hikers ashore for their adventure.



Meanwhile, the rest of us attempted to go ashore at Bamsebu, a historic beluga whaling station. Unfortunately, the weather conditions were too severe, and we had to abandon our plans to land. However, the day was far from disappointing. Back on the ship, Allan offered an amazing historical lecture about Fridtjof Nansen's Fram expedition, where he and his crew drifted on the ice for an astounding 2.5 years. The tale of endurance and exploration captivated everyone.



The day concluded with the daily recap, where the plan for the next day was outlined, filling us with anticipation for more adventures to come. We then enjoyed a great dinner, sharing stories and reflecting on the incredible sights and experiences of the day. As the Arctic night settled in, we retired to our cabins, grateful for the unforgettable memories made aboard the M/V *Ortelius*.

Day 8: 9th July 2024

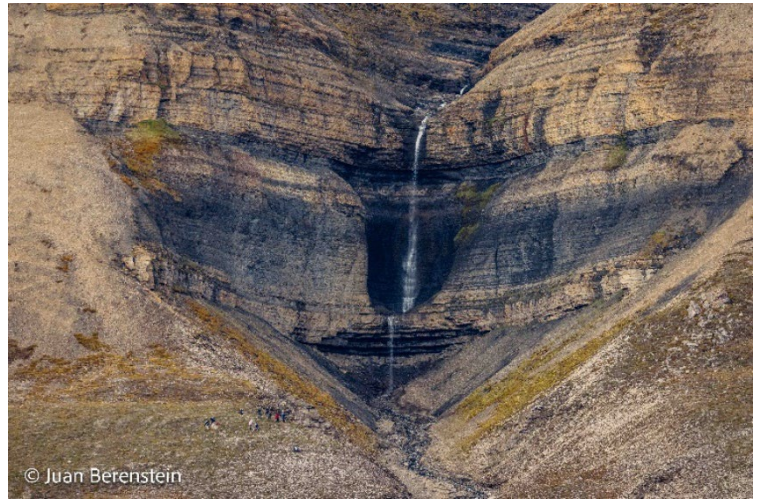
Skansbukta & Adolfbukta

GPS position at 1300: 78°31.7' N - 016°15.0' E

Wind: S6 Sea State: Smooth Weather: Overcast

Air Temp: +6.3°C Sea Temp: +8°C

After all the wind we had yesterday, it was a relief to wake up with almost utter silence around us! With a very calm sea and almost no clouds it promised to be a very good day. The long hikers got a second opportunity today to make some kilometers. Everybody who was feeling less adventurous, got the opportunity to land ashore and halfway swap for a Zodiac cruise for the bird cliffs. Onshore were many historical remains of the old mines that used to dot the landscape here. A modern hut was also present, which was privately owned. Next to the hut was a beautiful patch of boreal Jacobs-ladder, a plant native to the high Arctic and one of the first of this summer season. Some also spotted some reindeer up on the slope.



For the Zodiac cruise going to the bird cliffs, a lot of puffins were spotted!

For those who felt brave enough, or crazy enough, the polar plunge was organised. With only a few clouds and calm seas there would not be a better chance to enjoy some fine refreshing Arctic water. For those who did not dare to go, it was some good entertainment.

After a good lunch, we arrived at Adolfbukta. Adolfbukta is located in Billefjorden, near

Longyearbyen. We did a Zodiac cruise near the Nordenskiöld glacier, where we soon spotted a very tiny ring seal! We also got the special treat of the long-tailed skua, quite a rare species. As the wind picked up quite a bit, we got some choppy swell with all the consequences of that, some of us got soaked! Most of us did not mind, as we were weathered by our expedition now. Returning to the ship, Ortelius did a fly-by of the ghost town of Pyramiden. Pyramiden used to be a Russian town focused on mining, but at the end of the 20th century it was abandoned. Sara, one of our guests who has been living in Longyearbyen for 12 years and also an experienced guide, told us more about this fascinating ghost town on the bridge as we passed it by.

After this last cruise and fly by, it was really time to set sail to Longyearbyen. We toasted with champagne (and snacks of course) with our Captain Per and expedition leader Claudio. A round of applause was held for the expedition team. Juan showed us the slide show he had been making during the trip; a beautiful compilation of all our memories we had made so far. Lucky for us, we can take them home! During dinner, we finally got to see almost all the crew; everyone who has contributed to this amazing adventure. Our final evening of the trip was at an end!



Day 9: 10th July 2024
Longyearbyen - Disembarkation

GPS position at 0800: 78°14.6' N - 015°32.5' E

Wind: N1 Sea State: Smooth Weather: Overcast

Air Temp: +7°C Sea Temp: +7°C

After eight superb days, our Svalbard expedition was over, but the memories we had made would live with us forever. With our luggage left outside our cabins ready for the staff and crew to take down the gangway, we headed to breakfast. After saying goodbye to the dining room crew, we took our remaining belongings and disembarked onto the coal pier. There was just enough time to say farewell to the expedition team before we boarded the buses and left for our onward travel.

Thank you all for such a memorable voyage, for your company, good humor, enthusiasm, and patience when the weather decided we should do something different. We hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!

Total distance sailed on our voyage: 1052 nm



On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Per Andersson, Expedition Leader Claudio Ghiglione, Hotel Manager Volodymyr 'Vova' Cherednychenko and all the crew and expedition staff, it has been a pleasure travelling with you! We look forward to seeing you again on one of our ships for another adventure.

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1. Longyearbyen
2. Burgerbukta
3. Treskelodden
4. Bjørnøya (Sørnhamna-Stappen)
5. Bjørnøya Radio
6. Hopen (Koefoedodden)
7. Hopen Radio
8. Andreetangen
9. Ardalstangen/Habenichtbukta
10. Samarinvågen
11. Recherchebreen
12. Fagerbukta
13. Skansbukta
14. Adolfbukta
15. Longyearbyen

English Name	Scientific Name	2 July	3 July	4 July	5 July	6 July	7 July	8 July	9 July
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>								
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>		X	X		X		X	X
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>			X					
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>					X		X	X
Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>								
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>		X	X		X		X	X
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>					X		X	X
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>			X		X			X
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>								
European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>								
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>							X	X
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>								
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>								
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>		X			X		X	X
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>								
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>								
Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>								
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>								
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>								X?
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>			X					
Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>								X?
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>			X					
Lesser black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			X	X				
Great black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>			X	X				
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ross' Gull	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>								
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>						X		
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>			X	X				
Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>			X	X				

Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	X	X	X	X				X
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>		X	X		X		X	X
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>			X					
Steller's Eider	<i>Polysticta stelleri</i>					X			
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>								
Taiga Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabalis fabalis</i>					X			
English	Latin	2 July	3 July	4 July	5 July	6 July	7 July	8 July	9 July
Walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>					X	X	X	
Bearded seal	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>						X		
Ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>								X
Harp seal	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>						X?		
Hooded seal	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>								
Common /Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>								
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	X		X					
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>								
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>								
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>								
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>		X						
Bowhead whale	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>								
Sperm Whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>								
Narwhal	<i>Monodon monoceros</i>								
Northern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>								
Orca (Killer Whale)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>								
White-beaked Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>		X	X					
Beluga	<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>		X			X		X	X
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>					X			
Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>					X		X	X
Spitsbergen Reindeer	<i>Rangifer tarandus platyrhynchus</i>					X		X	X

Claudio Ghiglione – Assistant Expedition Leader



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

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

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

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

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

Christophe Gouraud - Assistant Expedition Leader



Christophe was born in France and has been passionate about birds ever since he was a child. After spending five years in Canada studying ecology, Christophe travelled to Alaska. He lived on the tiny Middleton Island as a research assistant to study the ecology of seabirds, mainly the Black-legged Kittiwake. He explores polar and tropical regions since 2007 and joined many cruises from Spitsbergen to the Russian Far East, from Antarctica to South Georgia, and from Amazonia to the Seychelles.

Christophe also worked with birds as a biologist field worker in Morocco, United Arab Emirates and Kazakhstan. Christophe found another way to travel by inventorying collections of birds that have been collected worldwide during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Henrik Enckell – Assistant Expedition Leader



Henrik is an experienced dive instructor and rebreather instructor trainer. He was one of the first persons to bring tourists diving in Antarctica.

He has been diving for over 30 years and as a Rebreather Instructor Trainer he is teaching all levels of recreational and technical diving up to Advanced Trimix CCR.

Henrik is a keen wreck diver and has been involved in deep wreck expeditions all over the world. Some of the interesting wrecks he has visited are the WW2 disasters General von Steuben and Wilhelm Gustloff

in the Baltic and HMS Victoria ("the vertical wreck") at 145 meters/475 feet off the Lebanese coast.

He has a military background having served in peace keeping and peace enforcing missions in the Middle East and former Yugoslavia. He has also led dive expeditions in the Antarctic and Arctic regions for more than 20 years and has supervised thousands of dives in polar waters. Henrik also works as a submersible pilot and surface officer.

Henrik holds a M.Sc. degree in Electrical Engineering and has previously lived and worked in Japan and India several years before becoming an expedition guide full time. He now lives in Sweden with his wife, his three daughters and his son.

Werner Kruse - Expedition Guide



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

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

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

Koen Hoekemeijer - Expedition Guide



Koen Hoekemeijer was born in 1974 in The Netherlands. When it comes to nature and wildlife Koen was quite a late bloomer as he had always been more into nightlife and sunny beaches. But that all changed when he discovered his passion for wildlife and photography in 2009 in Costa Rica. It was during this trip that Koen saw his first humpback whales and he fell in love with them instantly. Not only did it make him eager to see more and different types of whales in locations all over the world, but he also wanted to learn to take better photos of these amazing creatures. And with the love for whales

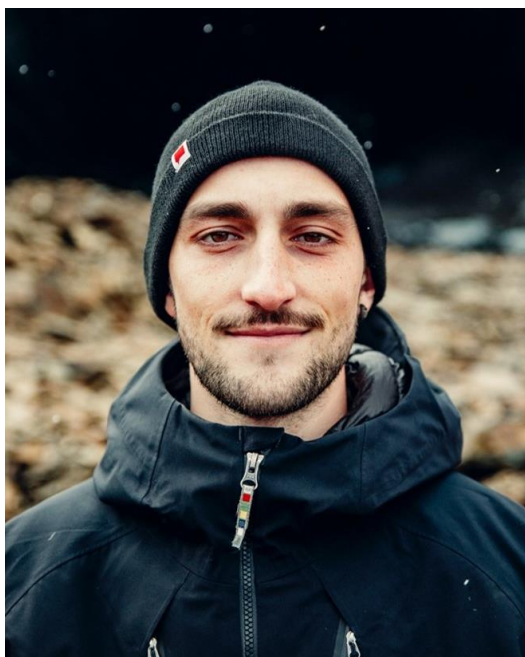
and photography, came a broader passion for all sorts of wildlife.

Since that memorable vacation in 2009, Koen has been travelling the planet to see and photograph the world's most beautiful places. Usually from boats, jeeps or simply face down in the mud, but since 2016 also underwater. Snorkelling in the presence of whales and orcas is bringing Koen pure happiness.

Among his favourite animals are whales, orcas, penguins, tigers and jaguars. But in between safaris, he also likes to do street photography and capture life and portraits of people all over the world.

Koen believes that travelling does not only enrich your life, it also makes you more humble, more appreciative and it provides new levels of perspective and understanding. Koen has won the prestigious WWF Frans Lanting Photo contest, and in 2020 he won the Ellen Fitzgibbon Memorial Photography competition. It's Koen's dream to one day have a Vizsla dog and own a small cabin somewhere in northern Norway surrounded by snow and trees ;).

Juan Berenstein – Expedition Guide



Juan is a professional photographer and drone pilot born in Ushuaia, Argentina. He is embarking on his first Antarctic Expedition Cruise with Oceanwide Expeditions.

He is a young and highly motivated person, who loves enjoying outdoors and on the mountains. His hobbies are trekking, camping, FPV drone flying and photography.

His passion for nature started at an early age with his family, who enjoyed the weekends camping at the end of the world and travelling around the country

on holidays. Nowadays he enjoys discovering new landscapes around the end of the Andes chain with his friends.

He studied photography in Buenos Aires and decided to return to his hometown to start his career and develop an independent way of life.

Juan has been working in tourism for more than 5 years in Ushuaia and has amazing skills related to guest management, being a sociable and talkative person. He speaks natively Spanish, English and some German as he did an exchange back in 2014 after finishing high school.

Going to Antarctica has been a lifetime dream of his, as being born at the southernmost city in the world and the nearest city to the white continent really set the path for the years to come. He plans on starting a Polar career learning from every aspect, from wildlife to history, and someday become an Expedition expert.

Annelou Hulsker – Expedition Guide



Annelou grew up in a seaside town in the Netherlands known for its navy base and fisheries. There she spent most of her time sailing, hiking, or looking for shiny rocks and shells on the beach. This is where her passion for the Earth began, which she decided to turn into her career.

Annelou specialized in Earth Sciences and graduated from Utrecht University. She specialized in physical geography, where her focus is on land-surface processes, natural hazards, geomorphology, climate reconstruction and climate changes and a minor in sustainability.

The connection between the academic and practical aspects of Earth Sciences, which involves a lot of fieldwork and is highly hands-on, is what she enjoys most. She loves to share her understanding of the Earth in general and the Arctic in particular. She also got a special interest in the history of whaling as it played a large role in her hometown's history.

She is overjoyed to be able to combine her passion for the Earth with traveling the seas by ship.

In her free time she still loves to collect shiny rocks. Most of the time she can be found on the water sailing somewhere in Europe with her family, hiking, or, when at home, bouldering and climbing.

Slava Nikitin – Expedition guide



Slava was born in Russian town Sergiev-Posad (Moscow region).

Studied in Moscow University of sport: Teacher of physical education, swimming teacher, rehabilitation, management of sport. Started to travel in school years and still looking to expand the geography of his trips. Slava's travel credo is to get closer to every new country, using the local transport or hitchhiking to find out more about local people, their culture and history. He threw down many shoes on backpacker's paths in Russia, Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South

America, Australia, Arctic and Antarctic.

For much of the last 15 years he was traveling around the World as a photographer, writer, guide and translator. During his travels he loves to do lots of activities such as trekking mountain (Mt Elbrus (5642m), Mt Everest base camp, Mt Annapurna base camp, Mt Cook base camp etc), white water rafting, kayaking, diving, surfing, snowboarding etc. Known as a photographer, travel-writer, guide and translator in Russia, he also made presentations and photo exhibitions at school and university. His mountaineering and lifeguard skills on the water and recent experience in a rescue operation are very useful for client's security in crevasse rescue team. In 2013 he got an opportunity to visit Antarctica on a sail boat for the first time and to dive (literally and mentally) in Antarctic waters. It was the starting point of his idea to work in the cruise industry in Antarctic and Arctic on board of the expedition ships. Afterwards he made another dream come true, he put his feet on the North Pole. At this moment, Slava spent 4 full seasons working in Polar regions (Arctic and Antarctic) on board of expedition ships as a guide and found a use for his long-time interest of sea kayaking and polar history. Slava also has presentations about: R. Amundsen, F. Nansen, R. Scott, E. Shackleton, R. Peary, F. Cook, F. Bellingshausen...

Slava is very happy to share his experience and positive vibe with people.

Mikhail Barabanov – Expedition Guide



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

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

latitudes.

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

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

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

Allan White - Expedition Guide



Allan was born and raised in the Falkland Islands. He's a fifth generation Islander, and a descendant of one of the original British colonists in 1840. His higher education was completed in England, after which he embarked on a military career.

He joined the British Army aged 17. After serving in West Germany for two years during the Cold War period, he completed deployments in Northern Ireland, Cyprus as a United Nations peace-keeper, and with British Forces South Atlantic Islands. He left the Army to settle back in the Falklands.

While working as a Port Agent, Allan worked with the late Lars-Eric Lindblad, the inspirational pioneer of the small-ship expedition cruising concept. He encouraged Allan to become a Zodiac driver and go to sea for a year. Thirty years later, he's still at it. His voyages have taken him all over the world, with particular focus on the Polar regions. His travel experience ranges from 90° North to 78° South.

In the Falklands, Allan and his wife owned and operated their own tourist lodge for over a decade. More recently they managed a privately owned island, where they were the sole residents for almost 5 years, with thousands of albatrosses, penguins and seals for neighbours.

Allan is an experienced guide and Zodiac driver, with a keen interest in natural history and heroic age polar exploration. He lives in the Falklands capital Stanley, with his wife Jacqui.

Tanja Bayer - Dive Guide



Tanja is at home in Oberursel, which is near Frankfurt / Main in Germany. She has been diving since 1990 and has more than 4200 dives. In Oberursel she is running her own Diving Center 'TaWo Diving' since 1996.

As a Master Instructor and Course Director she teaches Diving and also trains Diving Instructors.

Her 'second' profession is being a Doctor in General Practice, Accident & Emergency and Diving Medicine.

She has been working as a ships doctor since 2009 in Antarctica and since 2015 also in the Arctic with Oceanwide Expeditions.

As a Dive Guide and Diving Expedition Leader she takes divers all around the world. Asked for her favourite dive sites, she mentions 'Planeau Bay' in Antarctica. Cold water diving is really something special and challenging.

You have to be experienced and always aware of hypothermia. But it is a great feeling to touch an iceberg or to see all this colorful animals surviving in this harsh regions.

Clara Iachetti – Dive Guide



Clara is Argentinean, who is born in Buenos Aires. Since she was a child Clara loved the ocean and the adventure. In 2011 she obtained her bachelor's Marine Biology-oriented degree in Biological Sciences, at the Universidad de Buenos Aires and a European M.Sc. in Marine Environment and Resources (MER) in 2012. Since 2012 she has been working in the Austral Centre of Scientific Investigations (CADIV- CONICET) at Ushuaia, Tierra de Fuego (Argentina). Firstly, on her PhD on plankton dynamics, then with her postdoctoral project on harmful algal blooms, and nowadays as a researcher at CADIC. For the last 10 years she has participated of several research expeditions to the South Atlantic and Antarctica, even spending some time in the Shetland Islands, at the Argentinean Base "Carlini".

On top of her scientist career, she is a member of Beagle Secretos del Mar, a non-profit organisation that supports marine conservation in which she is responsible for the education program, lecturing and diving. Living in Ushuaia (and previously in Bariloche) has also led her passion towards mountaineering, mainly backcountry skiing and climbing.

Gonzalo Sabattini - Dive Guide



Gonzalo Sabattini was born in Córdoba, Argentina in 1987. Son of Cecilia and Juan and brother to Matias and Marcos.

Since a young kid his life was connected to water because his family owns fishing boats in Los Molinos Lake in Córdoba. Summers and weekends were endless among friends and family, swimming, and fishing.

As time passed by, swimming in the lake evolved into diving; Gonzalo received his first diving certification as a Argentinian Federation of Subaquatic

Activities (FAAS_CMAS)-One Star Diver at the age of 16.

During his twenty's Gonzalo was an active member of the local diving school collaborating as a volunteer as he continued his formation as a diver.

In 2013 he was invited to work to Cozumel, Mexico as a dive guide guiding certificate and first-time divers. At the island, he gained a lot of experience working with international tourism and he spent more than a year diving daily.

When he came back to his country, he set sails to a new adventure. Decided to move to Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, where diving and weather conditions are a challenge. For the last 6 years he has become a cold-water diver, mastering the dry suit and the rest of cold-water equipment. On 2018 he was certified as a dive instructor (FAAS – CMAS) and since then, works at a diving school lecturing new cold-water divers and guiding national and international divers who marvel with the kelp forests that characterize dives in the Beagle Channel.

On top of diving Gonzalo has always been as sportive person, he loves snowboarding, fishing, and spending time in nature and wilderness, and he found in Ushuaia a perfect playground.

Loel Collins - Kayak Guide



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

He has a background as a performance psychologist with a focus on performance in expedition and adventure. He lectures at The University of Edinburgh in Moray House, the School of Education and Sport where he teaches and researches in adventure sports coaching and leadership.

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

Jeff Hersh PhD, MD- Ships Doctor



Jeff has more than 30 years as a practicing physician, primarily as an Attending Physician in the Emergency Department and as the Chief Medical Officer of one of the United States' Disaster Medical Assist Teams responding to disasters around the world. He has been board certified in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, and Disaster Medicine.

He is also somewhat of an academic geek, and holds a medical degree from the University of Miami as well as numerous other degrees including a PhD in Theoretical Physics from Yale University and a MS in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University. He has held faculty appointments at Yale, Dartmouth, Cornell, Tufts, U Mass, and Harvard.

Jeff enjoys paragliding (he is an advanced pilot), diving (PADI open water), running, swimming, and exploring the theoretical analysis of the fundamentals of time. He is an avid traveler and looking forward to working with Oceanwide Expeditions.



DAILY PROGRAM

Welcome on Board!

Date: 2nd July 2024

Day 1 Longyearbyen

Please make yourselves at home in your cabins and check you have received all your luggage! Tea/coffee is available in the Bar located on Deck 6.

PLEASE LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

17:00+/- Ship safety briefing, in the **Lecture Room on Deck 3**. Attendance to this is MANDATORY.

After the briefing the emergency alarm will be sounded, and you will need to go back to your cabin and get your life jacket and dress warmly. All guests will go to their **MUSTER STATION** which is the **Bar on Deck 6**. Please ensure you have your own room key with you as this will be needed to muster, and it will also indicate which lifeboat you are assigned.

18:00+/- Please join the Expedition Team and Captain in the **Bar on Deck 6** for a celebratory toast to the forthcoming voyage. This will be followed by a welcome briefing by the Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader to orientate you to life on board and explain the plan for the forthcoming days.

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

20:15 You will be called deck by deck to collect your Muck boots from the **Lecture Room on Deck 3**, please bring your thick socks so you can try them for size.

Please note that we will be sailing into open seas. If you are concerned about sea sickness, please take your medication before you really feel the movement of the vessel. Also, ensure that all your belongings are put away safely and that doors and drawers in your cabin are tightly closed. Whilst at sea please walk slowly around the ship, keep one hand 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

Date: 3rd July 2024

Day 2 – Burgerbukta (Hornsund)

07:45 Wake-up call.

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

09:15 **MANDATORY AECO, Zodiac and Polar Bear Safety Briefing** in the Lecture Room on Deck 3. Attendance will be checked.

10:30+/- We hope to disembark you by the gangway from Deck 4 for a zodiac cruise in Burgerbukta in the front of it's beautiful glacier.

Please ensure you are dressed in waterproofs and your life jacket is fastened securely before approaching Reception.
Remember to swipe out with your cabin card.

13:00-14:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

15:00+/- We hope to start disembarkation by gangway, for a landing at Treskelodden.

19:00 Please join the expedition team in the lounge for daily recap.

19:30 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 4th July 2024

Sørhamna & Kvalrossbukta (Bjornøya)

07:45 Wake-up call from our Expedition Leader Claudio

08:00 Breakfast in the Restaurant on Deck 4
09:00

Morning activities

09:30+/- We hope to start disembarkation by gangway, for a **Zodiac cruise** at Sørhamna.

12:00 Everybody back onboard

12:30 Lunch will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4
13:30

Afternoon activities

14:30+/- We hope to start disembarkation by gangway for a **landing** at Kvalrossbukta.

18:00 Everybody back onboard

18:30 Please join the expedition team in the lounge for daily recap.

19:00 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 5th July 2024

Hopen Island

07:45 Wake-up call from our Expedition Leader Claudio

08:00 Breakfast in the Restaurant on Deck 4
09:00

Morning activities

09:30+/- We hope to start disembarkation by gangway, for a **landing** at Koefoedodden.

09:45+/- We invite **kayakers & Divers** to the gangway to join the activity.

12:00 Everybody back onboard

12:30 Lunch will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4
13:30

Afternoon activities

14:30+/- We want to explore Hopen Island and the surrounding area.

14:45+/- We invite **kayakers & Divers** to the gangway to join the activity.

18:00 Everybody back onboard

18:30 Please join the expedition team in the lounge for daily recap.

19:00 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 6th July 2024

Edgeøya

06:15 Wake-up call from our Expedition Leader Claudio

06:30 Breakfast in the Restaurant on Deck 4

07:30

Morning activities

07:45+/- We hope to start disembarkation by gangway, for a **landing** at Andréetangen to visit a walrus haul-out. We are planning to do two different groups in the front of the colony. One group is going first, and the second one is going at the cabin, then we swap.

10:00 Everybody back onboard

10:45 Lecture in the bar. **Peter Prokosch** invites all of us in the bar!

12:00 Lunch will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4

13:00

Afternoon activities

14:30+/- We hope to start disembarkation by gangway, for a **landing** at Russebukta/Habenichbukta where we would like to try to offer a long hike.

14:45+/- We invite **kayakers & Divers** to the gangway to join the activity. Please listen for announcements before getting ready for your activities.

18:45 Everybody back onboard

19:00 Please join the expedition team in the lounge for daily recap.

19:30 Dinner will be served outside on the Helideck.



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 7th July 2024

Day 6. Hornsund

- 07:45 Wake-up call.
- 08:00 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
09:00
- 09:30 Join **Misha** in Bar for a lecture on **Marine Mammals Acoustics!**
- 10:30 If you want to know more about the **World of Ice**, join **Annelou** in the bar!
- 12:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
13:30
- TBA* We hope to offer all activities this afternoon in Hornsund. Pay attention to announcements on the Public Announcement system.
- 18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the bar for recap.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

“And now there came both mist and snow, the ice was here, the ice was there, and it grew wondrous cold, the ice was all around, and ice, mast high, came floating by, it cracked and growled, and roared and howled, as green as emerald, like noises in a swound!” - Samuel Taylor Coleridge

* TBA = To Be Announced



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 8th July 2024

Day 7. Bellsund

- 07:15 Wake-up call.
- 07:30 Breakfast buffet in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
08:30
- 08:45 **Long hikers** we hope to start disembarkation by gangway, for a **landing** at Camp Bell. You'll be picked-up at Van Muydenbukta.
- 9:00 We hope to start disembarkation with the remaining passengers by gangway, for a **landing** at Camp Bell.
- 9:30+/- We invite **kayakers & Divers** to the gangway to join the activity. Please listen for announcements before getting ready for your activities.
- 12:15 All back onboard!
- 12:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
13:30
- 14:30 **Long hikers** we hope to start disembarkation by gangway, for a **landing** at Bamsebu.
- 14:45 We hope to start disembarkation with the remaining passengers by gangway, for a **landing** at Bamsebu.
- 15:15+/- We invite **kayakers & Divers** to the gangway to join the activity. Please listen for announcements before getting ready for your activities.
- 17:45 All back onboard!
- 18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the bar for recap.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 9th July 2024

Day 8. Isfjorden

07:15 Wake-up call.

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

Morning activities

08:45 We hope to start disembarkation by gangway, for a **landing** at Skansbukta.

9:00+/- We invite **kayakers & divers** to the gangway to join the activity.

11:30 Polar plunge at the landing site. PLEASE don't bring your towels, we'll provide towels for you at the beach.

Any time after breakfast you can pass by Reception to settle your account, please ensure this is done before 17:00

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

Afternoon activities

14:30 We hope to start disembarkation with all passengers by gangway, for a **zodiac cruise** at Adolfbukta.

14:45+/- We invite **kayakers & divers** to the gangway to join the activity.

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

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

19:00 A farewell gala dinner is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

Please double check one more time your flight as well as your colour tag for your check-in luggage.



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 10th July 2024

Longyearbyen Disembarkation

Please ensure your luggage is outside your room at 7:00 as we will need to shuttle it to the pier while you have breakfast.

07:15 Wakeup call.

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

08:30+ We will start disembarkation. There will be buses to run everyone into the centre of Longyearbyen around 09:00.

All luggage with tags need to be placed in the right place.

For those guests staying in Longyearbyen please ensure your luggage is placed in the bus with you when you go to town.

For those guests joining us for the next voyage, you can either choose to stay on board or have the day in town, if you disembark, please ensure you are back to the jetty before 16:00 and 17:00.

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