



Around Spitsbergen – in the Realm of Polar Bears and Pack Ice

on board
m/v Ortelius
28 July 2024 – 6th of August 2024



M/V *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 is sailing 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]
Second Officer:	Martin Hansson	[Sweden]
Chief Engineer:	Jerry Olsson	[Sweden]
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:	Dominique Swenker	[Netherlands]
Bosun:		[Philippines]
Bosun:	Neil Apawan	
	Philip Malang	[Philippines]
Expedition Leader:	Adam Burke	[United Kingdom]
Assistant Expedition Leader:	Allan White	[Falkland Islands]
Expedition Guide:	Li Yeng	[China]
Expedition Guide:	Rao Xinpeng	[China]
Expedition Guide:	Charlotte Taplin	[United Kingdom]
Expedition Guide:	Elizabeth Robinson	[United States]
Expedition Guide:	Simon Davies	[United Kingdom]
Expedition Guide:	Juan Berenstein	[Argentina]
Expedition Guide	Annelou Hulsker	[Netherlands]
Expedition Guide	Slava Nikitin	[Russia]
Expedition Guide	Jess Owen	[United Kingdom]
Expedition Guide	Chloe Wang	[China]
Kayak Guide	Julien Burellier	[France]

Welcome onboard!

Day 1: 28th of July 2024

Embarkation – Longyearbyen, Svalbard

GPS position at 1600: 78°14.6' N - 015°32.5' E

Wind: W9 Sea State: Smooth Weather: Partly cloudy

Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 9°C

Finally! The day had come; it was time for us to board our new home for our newly starting expedition, m/v *Ortelius*! We arrived at the port in Longyearbyen with calm waters. Some of us had only landed a few hours before, and now we were about to start our adventure onboard M/V *Ortelius*. The Expedition Team and Hotel Staff had helpfully brought our luggage aboard and taken it to our cabins earlier in the day. All that remained was for us to take a few photos of m/v *Ortelius* while we made our way up the gangway.



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, got our bearings, and grabbed 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 Adam and chief officer Romanas. We were given all the information we needed, such as moving safely around the ship, the things we could and could not do, and how to put on our emergency life jackets. Having learned this, 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 went 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.

After the drill, we headed to the bar, where hotel manager Vova and expedition leader Adam gave a welcome. With briefing formalities concluded, it was time to join Captain Per in the bar to raise a glass in celebration of the voyage. Then, it was time for our first evening meal, with a delicious buffet selection provided by Chef Heinz and his galley team and served by our friendly dining room staff. After dinner, we were given our muck boots, which we would use for going ashore; they were 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. However, the day was not over yet. A blue whale was spotted around 9! The blue whale is the largest animal to have ever lived that we currently know of, and quite rare to see. It was quite a spectacular sight! With all this excitement, we ended our first day.

Day 2: 29th of July 2024

Fjortende Julibukta & Ny-Ålesund

GPS position at 12:00: 79°06.0' N - 011°41.5' E

Wind: Light air Sea State: Calm rippled Weather: Partly cloudy

Air Temp: 8.4°C Sea Temp: 8°C

The morning began with our last mandatory safety briefing, the bear and Zodiac briefing in the lecture room. This was very important, as for most of us, this was the first time we got to experience the Arctic wilderness and all its potential dangers.

Meanwhile, we dropped anchor in Fjortende Julibukta, the 14th of July Bay. We went

for our first Zodiac cruise in the morning, seeing our first kittiwakes, northern fulmars, and many puffins! We also saw a glaucus gull with chicks. This site is one of the best places to see puffins in Svalbard. Fjortende Julibukta is further known for its green landscape and big glacier front.



After our first Zodiac cruise, we had to leave since we still had some transit time to Ny- Ålesund, the scientific town and the most northern community in the world. m/v *Ortelius* was alongside the pier, which made it very easy for us: no waterproofs and boots by choice! At Ny-A Ålesund, we were allowed to freely roam around town, within the borders. It was immediately seen that the water looked quite red. This had to do with the local geology,

with more iron-based minerals in the sediments, providing the water with a reddish hue.

The shop was opened for us, and we could all enjoy some retail therapy. We also saw the Amundsen bust, one of the most legendary explorers of all time. The Yellow River station, the Chinese base, is close to the bust, with two big lion statues in beautiful style next to it. We could see the historic remains of the zeppelin hangar from the town in the form of one big mast left.



For those of us who wanted a little walk, we could walk over to the working dogs used for all kinds of work, like sledding.

Near the dogs a chick of an Arctic tern could be spotted. It was interesting to see several scientists working during the afternoon. At 18:00, we were all back at the ship to hear the recap at 18:15. The plans for tomorrow were presented and afterwards Elisabeth told us a little bit more about the types of research that is being done at Ny-Ålesund.

Ready for the next day!

Day 3: 30th of July 2024

Texas Bar & Monacobreen

GPS position at 12:00: 79°33.9' N - 012°34.4' E

Wind: S2 Sea State: Smooth

Weather: Partly Cloudy

Air Temp: 8°C Sea Temp: 8°C

This morning, we woke up with a unique mix of excitement and calmness, eager for the day's adventures. After a hearty breakfast, we all prepared to go ashore for a hike to the historic Texas Bar, a remote cabin with stories etched into its wooden walls. The crisp Arctic air invigorated our spirits as we set out, the landscape around us a stunning expanse of untouched beauty.



The hike was serene, surrounded by the raw, rugged beauty of the Arctic wilderness. We paused to take in the history and the spectacular views. The cabin, a relic of past explorers, stood as a testament to human resilience in these remote, challenging conditions.



After a delicious lunch, we boarded the Zodiacs to cruise to the famous Monacobreen Glacier. The journey on the water was mesmerizing, with the ice-blue glacier looming ahead like a frozen giant. As we approached, the sheer size and beauty of Monacobreen left us in awe. The sound of calving ice echoed through the fjord, and the sight of the glacier reflecting in the

pristine waters was a memory we would cherish forever.

This all followed with a recap where Adam told us the plans for tomorrow – a day in the sea ice to look for polar bears! Then Charlotte, Simon and Juan filled us with facts and stories of what we saw today. We laughed and chatted over dinner, and then eased into the night in the bar as we started to become sleepy from the crisp, polar air and the day's activities.

Day 4: 31st of July 2024

Sea ice day & polar bear!

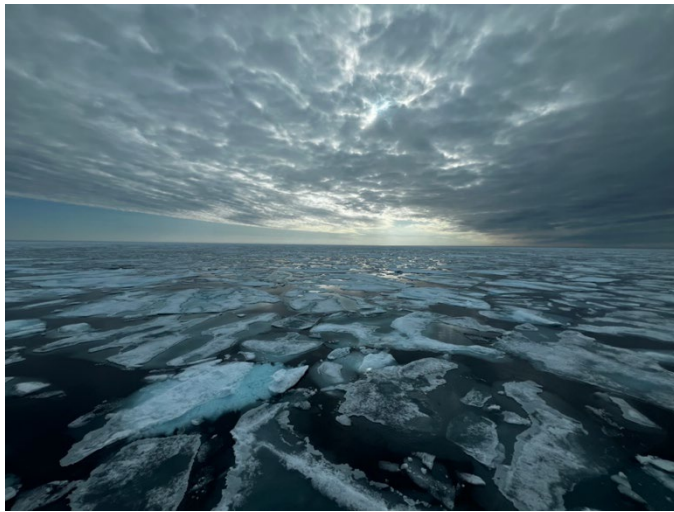
GPS position at 13:00: 81°04.5' N - 015°31.2' E

Wind: S5 Sea State: Calm sea Weather: Partly cloudy

Air Temp: 5°C Sea Temp: -2°C

The fourth day of the trip began with a chance to sleep in!

Passengers woke up at 07:45 to expedition leader Adam's soothing voice and ice scraping along the hulls of our good ol' ship. The goal for the day is to spend time on the outside decks in search along the ice edge for wildlife, specifically polar bears. We had been waiting for the Norwegian Meteorological Institute to publish the most up-to-date ice chart for Svalbard and the surrounding areas. It would give us an idea of if it would be possible to reach the pack ice, an



accumulation of drifting sea ice. The ice chart gives a numerical value depicting the sea surface covered by ice. To our delight, the current ice chart showed 70% ice and 30% water, represented by the color orange. This area was NE of our current position and started at latitude 81, longitude 015, a location achievable for MV Ortelius. Our ship is categorized as a polar ice class 6, meaning we can think of her more as an 'ice pusher' than an 'ice breaker.' Further north of the orange color on the ice chart, you see the color red. This means the sea is 90% ice and 10% water, a situation unachievable for *Ortelius*.

Our bridge team navigated the ship wonderfully to the ice edge, with an arrival at 01:00 under the beautiful midnight sun. The first sight for passengers was a horizon filled with multi-year ice flows intertwined with first-year ice, frazil ice, and melt ponds. We traveled an average of 2-3.5 knots, covering around eight nautical miles throughout the day. We took a searching break at 15:00 to rest our eyes and enjoyed hot chocolate on the top deck. The hot chocolate must have worked its magic because shortly after our break, the first bear of the trip was seen! Expedition guide Juan brilliantly spotted a bear on the ice behind an ice ridge. For the next hour and a half, everyone was dressed warmly, cameras in hand, on the outside decks watching our first polar bear walk along the ice. A bit of curiosity kicked in, and the bear came to get a closer view of the ship. All the guests stayed quiet on the decks watching the bear, but inside, we were cheering with excitement!



In the evening, we had a recap where the expedition team explained two subjects from our eventful day. First, Elizabeth presented how important the ice edge is for polar bears. She showed research conducted by the Norwegian Polar Institute, where they tracked bears using GPS and watched how female polar bears followed along the ice edge for most of the year. Annelou then presented the different types of sea ice. Today, the air temperature was 0C, and the seawater temperature was -2C, meaning we could see frazil ice forming, a phenomenon she discussed in her recap! Another eventful day onboard m/v *Ortelius* concluded with a tasty dinner in the dining room. More to come tomorrow!



Day 5: 1st of August 2024

Phippsøya & Parryøya

GPS position at 12:00: 80°40.0' N - 020°41.6' E

Wind: SW4 Sea State: Smooth Weather: Partly cloudy

Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 10°C

We arrived at Phippsøya Island in the early morning. The weather was overcast but very calm, providing a serene and mystical ambiance as we disembarked. The stillness of the air and the soft, diffused light created an ethereal atmosphere perfect for exploring the island's natural beauty.

Our primary activity on Phippsøya was a guided walk to the bird cliffs, one of the island's most renowned features. The journey began with a stroll through the tundra, where we observed various plant species adapted to the harsh Arctic environment. Our guide provided insightful



commentary on the flora and fauna, enhancing our appreciation of the island's ecosystem. The cliffs offered breathtaking views of the surrounding seascape, with the calm waters reflecting the island's rugged beauty. A stroll back to the landing site produced excellent views of Arctic skua and snow buntings, making this polar desert their home for the summer months.



After a satisfying morning on Phippsøya, we returned to our vessel for lunch and a brief rest. In the early afternoon, we embarked on a Zodiac cruise to explore the waters around Parryøya Island, specifically aiming to see the walrus population on a small island off the main island. The sea conditions remained calm, making for a smooth and pleasant ride. The overcast sky persisted, but occasional breaks in the clouds allowed glimpses of the sun, casting a soft glow on the ocean surface.

As we approached the small island near Parryøya, we were greeted by numerous walruses lounging on the rocky shore. The sheer size and presence of these majestic creatures were awe-inspiring. Our guide carefully maneuvered the Zodiac to maintain a respectful distance, ensuring we could observe without disturbing them. The walruses exhibited various behaviors, from

basking in the sun to engaging in playful sparring matches. Their grunts and bellows added to the sensory landscape, providing a soundtrack to our observations, and when we drifted downwind, their ripe odors certainly completed the immersive experience! We learned about their social structures, feeding habits, and challenges due to climate change and diminishing sea ice.

Our day exploring Phippsøya and Parryøya Islands was filled with unforgettable moments and enriching experiences. The overcast weather did not diminish the beauty of the landscapes or the thrill of wildlife encounters. It also reminded us of the delicate balance of nature and the impact of human activity on these remote and fragile ecosystems. Our visit to Phippsøya and Parryøya will be cherished as a testament to the wonders of the Arctic and the profound experiences it offers to those who venture into it.

Day 6: 2nd of August 2024

Alkefjellet & Hinlopen Strait

GPS position at 12:00: 79°30.3' N - 018°52.9' E

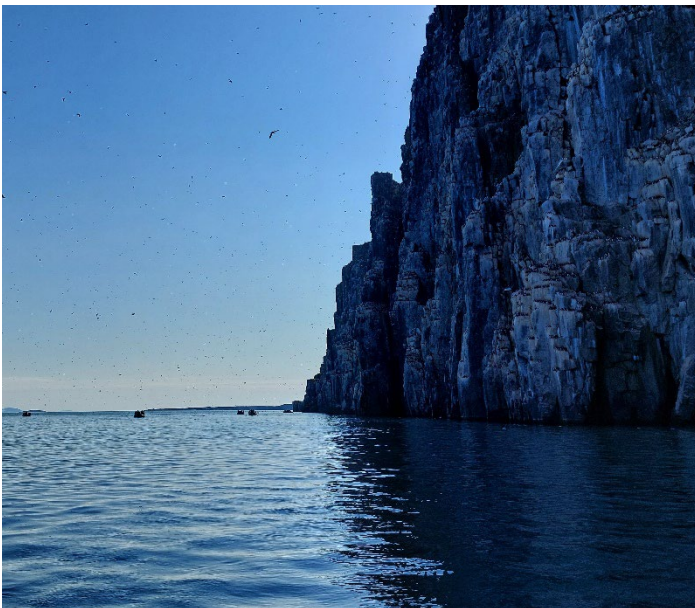
Wind: Calm Sea State: Calm Weather: Partly cloudy

Air Temp: 8°C Sea Temp: 8°C

Today, we woke up to hear our beloved leader, Adam, informing us that it was yet another beautiful day outside, with sunshine, comfortable temperatures, and low wind.

We began the day with a zodiac cruise along the cliffs of Alkefjellet. This is a famous location in Svalbard where many nature documentary makers have come to film the spectacular seabird colony. The majority of the birds nesting here are Brunnich's guillemots, of which there are 60,000 breeding pairs at Alkefjellet. This site is one of

142 breeding sites for Brunnich's guillemots in Svalbard, and there are approximately 850,000 breeding pairs across the archipelago. We could also see nesting kittiwakes, black guillemots, fulmars, and glaucous gulls. We cruised along the bottom of the cliffs, admiring the incredible geology and rock formations and watching the birds interacting with each other.



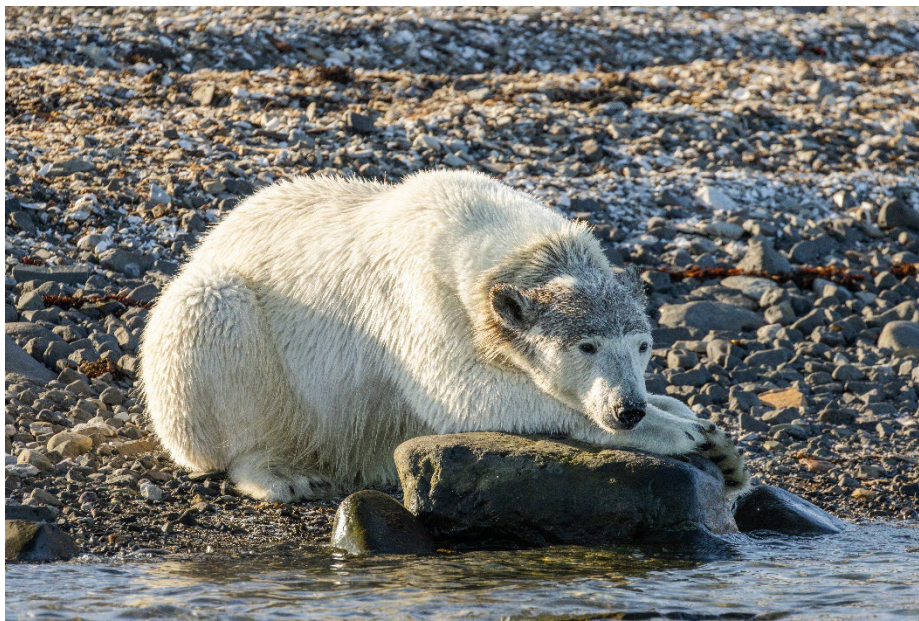
Some boats were lucky to see a very distant Arctic fox right at the top of the slope. Foxes are often seen here as they take advantage of the guillemot chicks. When the chicks are ready to leave the nest, they will dramatically jump from the ledge that has been their home for around 20 days. The birds nesting near the sea can land straight in the water, but some land on the grassy slopes and then have to walk the rest of the way. This is when the foxes strike, and they will take chicks, adults, and eggs if they can reach them. Some of the Zodiacs got to watch a glaucous gull eating an unlucky guillemot.

At the end of the cruise, we could admire a glacier before heading back to the ship for lunch. After lunch, we began a cruise through Hinlopen Strait, a beautiful area where we hoped to see bears, walrus, and maybe even whales.

We spent a few hours watching the reflections of the landscape in the mirror calm sea, enjoying seeing walrus swimming and hauled out at Andreeneset, and little auks and guillemots bouncing on the water.



At around 4 pm, we saw what we had been hoping for. A polar bear was spotted on the Island of Von Otteroya. The crew began lowering the Zodiacs so that we could try to head closer to see the bear. We arrived in a bay and found the bear walking along the stoney beach. We watched from a distance until all the Zodiacs had arrived, and we began to slowly edge closer to the shoreline. We watched in silent amazement as the bear came to inspect us right at the edge of the beach. It was such a thrill to see this beautiful apex predator in its natural



habitat, relaxing and lying down in front of us. It was an extremely special moment and one we will never forget. The bear stood up and began heading to the other side of the small outcrop. Arctic skuas were very upset by the bear's presence as it got closer to their nest site, and they started dive-bombing it.

We drove around the other side of the outcrop and watched the bear settle down for a long sleep. There

were also three large male walrus relaxing on the beach, but the two large mammal species didn't seem to mind each other. Buzzing with excitement, we returned to the ship to find that the hotel crew had organized a barbeque for us on the helideck. We celebrated our fantastic and successful day by dancing the night away.

Day 7: 3rd of August 2024

Kapp Waldburg & Kapp Lee

GPS position at 12:00: 78°15.29' N - 022°01.51' E

Wind: SE3 Sea State: Smooth Weather: Partially cloudy

Air Temp: 10°C Sea Temp: 9°C

We started the day with a delectable breakfast onboard *Ortelius*, fuelling ourselves for the exciting adventures ahead. The expedition team assembled on the bridge, meticulously scouting the surroundings as we navigated toward Kapp Waldburg, hoping for a promising landing.

As we neared the bird cliffs of Kapp Waldburg, our plans shifted dramatically. To our delight, we spotted two majestic polar bears roaming along the rugged



landscape. One bear, curious and unhurried, approached the coastline, offering us an unforgettable close-up view. We observed this magnificent creature respectfully, maintaining silence to ensure we did not disturb its natural behavior. After some time, the bear decided to rest, providing us with the perfect opportunity to continue our journey up the coast. Our expedition then led us to a walrus haulout. The sight of these impressive marine mammals lounging in their natural habitat added to the morning's remarkable experiences. We marveled at the walrus, appreciating the diversity of wildlife Svalbard offers. After our fulfilling morning excursions, we returned to the *Ortelius* for a well-deserved lunch. The meal provided a moment to relax and reflect on the incredible wildlife encounters we had witnessed.



With the afternoon sun casting a golden glow, we set our sights on Kapp Lee. The expedition team went ashore to scout the area, their keen eyes soon discovering another polar bear in the distance. Excitement buzzed through the group as we prepared for another Zodiac cruise. We embarked on the Zodiacs, cruising along the coast to explore the historical huts and the walrus haulouts. Although the polar bear remained

far away, the thrill of the chase and the beauty of the landscape made the experience memorable. The presence of the walrus added to the serene yet wild atmosphere of Kapp Lee.

As the day ended, we returned to m/v *Ortelius* to recap the day's adventures. Sharing stories and highlights, the group relived the awe-inspiring moments, from the curious polar bear's approach to the serene walrus sightings. Dinner was a delightful end to an extraordinary day in the Arctic wilderness. We retired to our cabins, eager for what the next day would bring, filled with the promise of more Arctic wonders and unforgettable experiences on this remarkable expedition cruise.

Day 8: 4th of August 2024

Gnålodden & Samarinbreen

GPS position at 12:00: 77° 0' 58" - 015° 54' 15"

Wind: Calm Sea State: Calm Weather: Sunny

Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 9°C

After a wake-up call from our expedition leader, Adam, the day continued with a delicious breakfast. After that, we went out on the outer decks and onto the bridge to enjoy the beauty of the Arctic and admire the wild animals living in this polar region.

As always, the first to greet us in the morning were birds: puffin, Northern fulmar, black-legged kittiwake, Brunnich guillemot, black guillemot, and Arctic skua. Today, our first destination was landing on Gnålodden. There is a trapper's hut, built by Norwegian trappers in 1907 because Hornsund had a reputation as a good hunting area for polar bears and Arctic foxes.



Wanny Woldstad, a woman from north Norway, lived here with her partner from 1932 to 1937. For two years, she also brought her two sons along.



The north side of central Hornsund is something like "Spitsbergen in a nutshell," with wild scenery with impressive mountains and glaciers, a bird cliff, and a lonely trapper hut in picturesque surroundings. We were lucky enough to spot a group of beluga whales from the land; it was quite a special encounter. At the end of our landing time, we were offered a polar plunge for those who were brave enough to swim in the iced cold water.

After our polar plunge, we returned to the ship to recharge our batteries and rest a little.

In the afternoon, we planned to land on the western side of Samarinvagen, but our landing was canceled due to a message from Slava, who was scouting and found a polar bear



close to the landing site. It was already the sixth bear on our voyage! With this great news, we went on a Zodiac cruise to see the king of the Arctic, and it was combined with incredible navigation along Samarinbreen glacier, which was stunning. During our cruise, we learned a lot about the history, geology, biology, and glaciology of this remote Arctic region.

At 6.15 p.m., we had a daily recap and plans for tomorrow with our expedition leader, Adam, and the expedition team. After the recap, we were invited to a restaurant for a great dinner. Ready for the last full day tomorrow!

Day 9: 5th of August 2024

Bamsebu & Ingeborgfellet

GPS position at 09:00: 77°29.7' N - 015°28.2' E

Wind: Light air Sea State: Calm Weather: Fog

Air Temp: +3.3°C Sea Temp: +6°C

Today, we woke up to a blanket of fog surrounding our ship, a first for this trip, and we felt fortunate that it hadn't happened earlier. As we sipped our morning coffee, we waited for the fog to lift. During this time, Charlotte gave us a fascinating lecture on the Whales of the Arctic. She spoke about blue whales, which we were lucky enough to have seen, and introduced us to species we hadn't encountered, such as humpback whales.

Finally, the fog cleared, revealing a stunning view of Ingeborgfellet, our landing site for the afternoon. This beautiful mountain is home to a colony of little auks. Upon landing, we were surrounded by Svalbard Reindeer grazing on the vegetation, and we even caught a glimpse of an Arctic fox. The scenery was breathtaking, providing a perfect conclusion to our trip.



Back onboard, we showered and dressed up for the Captain's cocktail. We expressed our gratitude to the staff for the fantastic trip and were moved by the incredible slideshow Jess had created for us, which brought tears to our eyes. A plated dinner followed, and we thanked the crew for their hard work and dedication.



What a trip it has been! It will take quite some time to absorb all our amazing experiences.

Day 10: 6th of August 2024

Longyearbyen - Disembarkation

GPS position at 1600: 78°14.6' N - 015°32.5' E

Wind: W9 Sea State: Smooth Weather: Partly cloudy

Air Temp: 7°C Sea Temp: 9°C

After nine superb days, our Svalbard expedition was over, but the memories we had made will 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 humour, 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!

Northernmost position: 81°06.67' N - 016°27.32' E

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Per Andersson, Expedition Leader Adam Burke, 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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Species list: Birds and Mammals of Svalbard and Franz Josph Land				
English Name	Scientific	German	French	Dutch
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Eistaucher	Plongeon imbrin	Ijsduiker
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Sterntaucher	Plongeon catmarin	Roodkeel duiker
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Eissturmvogel	Fulmar boréal	Noordse stormvogel
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Weisswangengans	Bernache nonnette	Brandgans
Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	Ringelgans	Bernache cravant	Rotgans
White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Blässgans	Oie rieuse	Kolgans
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Kurzschnabelgans	Oie à bec court	Kleine rietgans
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	Graugans	Oie cendrée	Grauwe gans
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Eiderente	Eider à duvet	Eider eend
King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	Prachteiderente	Eider à tête grise	Konings eider
Gyrfalcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Gerfalke	Faucon gerfaut	Giervalk
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Eisente	Harelde de Miquelon	Ilseend
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>	Alpensneehuhn	Lagopède alpin	Sneeuw hoen
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Sandregenpfeifer	Pluvier Grand-gravelot	Bontbek plevier
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sanderling	Bécasseau sanderling	Drieteen strandloper
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Meerstrandläufer	Bécasseau violet	Paarse strandloper
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Knutt	Bécasseau maubèche	Kanoetstrandloper
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Alpenstrandläufer	Bécasseau variable	Bonte strandloper
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Steinwälder	Tournepierre à collier	Steenloper
Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	Thorshühnchen	Phalarope à bec large	Rosse franjepoot
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Spatelraubmöwe	Labbe pomarin	Middelste jager
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Schmarotzerraub-möwe	Labbe parasite	Kleine jager
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Falkenraubmöwe	Labbe à longue queue	Kleinste jager
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Skua	Grande Labbe	Grote jager
Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	Schwalbenmöwe	Mouette de Sabine	Vorkstaart meeuw
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Eismöwe	Goéland bourgmestre	Grote Burgemeester
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Sturmmöwe	Goéland cendré	Stormmeeuw
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Silbermöwe	Goéland argenté	Zilvermeeuw
Lesser black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Heringsmöwe	Goéland brun	Kleine mantelmeeuw
Great black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Mantelmöwe	Goéland marin	Grote mantelmeeuw
Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Dreizehenmöwe	Mouette tridactyle	Drieteenmeeuw
Ross' Gull	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>	Rosenmöwe	Mouette de Ross	Rossmeeuw
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	Elfenbeinmöwe	Mouette blanche	Ivoor meeuw

Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Küstenseeschwalbe	Sterne arctique	Noordse stern
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Trottellumme	Guillemot marmette	Zeekoet
Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	Dickschnabellumme	Guillemot de Brunnich	Dikbekzeekoet
Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	Gryllteiste	Guillemot à miroir	Zwarte zeekoet
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Krabbentaucher	Mergule nain	Kleine alk
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Papageitaucher	Macareux moine	Papegaai duiker
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Schneeammer	Plectrophane des neiges	Sneeuwgor
Common Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	Birkenzeisig	Sizerin flammé	Barmsijs
Arctic Redpoll	<i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>	Polarbirkenzeisig	Sizerin blanchâtre	Witstuitbarmsijs
Raven	<i>Covus corax</i>	Kolkrabe	Grand Corbeau	Raaf
Northern wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Steinschmätzer	Traquet motteux	Tapuit
English	Scientific	German	French	Dutch
Walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	Walross	Morse	Walrus
Bearded seal	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>	Bartrobbe	Phoque barbu	Baardrob
Ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>	Ringelrobbe	Phoque marbré	Ringelrob
Harp seal	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>	Sattelrobbe	Phoque du Groenland	Zadelrob
Hooded seal	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>	Klappmütze	Phoque à capuchon	Klapmuts
Common /Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Seehund	Phoque commun	Gewone zeehond
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Zwergwal	Petit rorqual	Dwergvinvis
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Seiwal	Rorqual boréal	Noordse vinvis
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blauwal	Baleine bleue	Blauwe vinvis
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Finnwal	Rorqual commun	Gewone vinvis
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Buckelwal	Baleine à bosse	Bultrug
Bowhead whale	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>	Grönlandwal	Baleine du Groenland	Groenlandse walvis
Sperm Whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Pottwal	Cachelot	Potvis
Narwhal	<i>Monodon monoceros</i>	Narwal	Narval	Narwal
Northern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>	Entenwal (Dögling)	Hyperoden arctique	Butskop
Orca (Killer Whale)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Schwertwal (Orca)	Orque	Zwaardwalvis
White-beaked Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>	Weisschnauzendelphin	Lagenorhynque	Witsnuitdolfijn
Beluga	<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>	Weisswal	Marsouin ou Dauphin blanc	Beloega
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Eisbär	Ours blanc	Ijsbeer
Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	Polarfuchs	Renard arctique	Poolvos
Spitsbergen Reindeer	<i>Rangifer tarandus platyrhynchus</i>	Svalbard Renntier	Renne du Spitzberg	Rendier
Sibling vole	<i>Microtus rossiaemeridionalis</i>	Südfeldmaus	Campagnol des champs	Oostelijke veldmuis
Short tailed Vole	<i>Microtus agrestis</i>	Erdmaus	Campagnol agreste	Aardmuis

English Name	Chinese	Scientific Name	28 July	29 July	30 July	31 July	1 Aug	2 Aug	3 Aug	4 Aug	5 Aug	6 Aug
Great Northern Diver	北方大潜鸟	<i>Gavia immer</i>										
Red-throated diver	紅喉潜鸟	<i>Gavia stellata</i>										
Northern Fulmar	暴风鰲	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Northern Gannet	北方鰲鸟	<i>Morus bassanus</i>										
Barnacle Goose	白颊黑雁	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>		X	X					X		
Brent Goose	黑雁	<i>Branta bernicla</i>										
Pink-footed Goose	粉脚雁	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>		X					X		X	
Common Eider	欧绒鸭	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
King Eider	王绒鸭	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>		X								
Long-tailed Duck	长尾鸭	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>		X								
Rock Ptarmigan	岩雷鸟	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>										
European Golden Plover	欧金鸻	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>										
Common Ringed Plover	剑鸻	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		X								
Red Knot	红腹滨鹬	<i>Calidris canutus</i>										
Sanderling	三趾鹬	<i>Calidris alba</i>										
Purple Sandpiper	紫鹬	<i>Calidris maritima</i>		X						X	X	
Dunlin	黑腹滨鹬	<i>Calidris alpina</i>										
Whimbrel	中杓鹬	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>										
Ruddy Turnstone	翻石鹬	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>										
Grey Phalarope	瓣蹼鹬	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>										
Pomarine Skua	中贼鸥	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>				X						
Arctic Skua	短尾贼鸥	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Long-tailed Skua	长尾贼鸥	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>				X						
Great Skua	大贼鸥	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>		X								
Sabine's Gull	叉尾鸥	<i>Xema sabini</i>										
Glaucous Gull	北极鸥	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Herring Gull	银鸥	<i>Larus argentatus</i>										
Lesser black-backed Gull	小黑背鸥	<i>Larus fuscus</i>										
Great black-backed Gull	大黑背鸥	<i>Larus marinus</i>										
Black-legged Kittiwake	三趾鸥	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ross' Gull	羅斯鸥	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>										
Ivory Gull	白鸥	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>			X	X				X		
Arctic Tern	北极燕鸥	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Common Guillemot	崖海鸦	<i>Uria aalge</i>										

Brunnich's Guillemot	厚嘴海鸦	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Razorbill	刀嘴海雀	<i>Alca torda</i>										
Black Guillemot	黑海鸠	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Little Auk	小海雀	<i>Alle alle</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Atlantic Puffin	大西洋海鸮	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	
Snow Bunting	雪鹀	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	X	X	X		X			X	X	X
English	Chinese	Latin	28 July	29 July	30 July	31 July	1 Aug	2 Aug	3 Aug	4 Aug	5 Aug	6 Aug
Walrus	海象	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>					X	X	X			
Bearded seal	髯海豹	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>			X							
Ringed seal	环斑海豹	<i>Phoca hispida</i>										
Harp seal	竖琴海豹	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>				X						
Hooded seal	冠海豹	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>										
Common /Harbour seal	港海豹	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		X							X	
Minke Whale	小鳁鲸	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>										
Sei Whale	塞鲸	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>										
Blue Whale	蓝鲸	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	X									
Fin Whale	长须鲸	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>										
Humpback Whale	座头鲸	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>										
Bowhead whale	弓头鲸	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>										
Sperm Whale	抹香鲸	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>										
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Orca (Killer Whale)	虎鲸	<i>Orcinus orca</i>										
White-beaked Dolphin	白喙斑纹海豚	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>										
Beluga	白鲸	<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>								X		
Polar Bear	北极熊	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>				X		X	X	X		
Arctic Fox	北极狐	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>						X	X		X	
Spitsbergen Reindeer	北极驯鹿	<i>Rangifer tarandus platyrhynchus</i>	X	X	X				X		X	X

Adam Burke – Expedition Leader



Adam has always had a love of the outdoors and adventure, from an early age he dreamt of visiting exotic places and immersing himself in other cultures.

This love of the outdoors led him to work teaching adventurous activities and for over fifteen years this pursuit has given him the opportunity to live and work all over the globe. He has taught sailing in Australia, paddle sports on Europe's rivers and led expeditions in Africa.

After spending five years teaching white water safety & rescue and boat handling techniques to the fire brigade, he moved

on to providing marine science support in Antarctica. He has spent over five years living between the Antarctic continent and the island of South Georgia, including overwintering twice.

Whilst providing science support he spent his time in Antarctica managing boating operations and helming RIBs for diving operations. This covered understanding environmental changes and its effects, wildlife monitoring and counting as well as water sampling for a long-term data collection.

Adam enjoys travelling with his partner who shares the same values and love of the outdoors. This has taken them from deserts to rain forests and ultramarathons in the mountains.

Allan White – Assistant Expedition Leader



Allan was born and raised in the Falkland Islands, where his family have lived for 7 generations. At the age of 10 his parents took him to England, where he completed his high school education.

He joined the British Army aged 17 and served in West Germany for two years during the Cold War period. He then completed tours of duty in Northern Ireland, Cyprus with U.N. peacekeeping forces, and with the British Forces garrison in the Falklands. After 7 years service, he left the Army to return home. After a few years working as a Port & Tour

Agent, he pursued a career in expedition cruising. During 12 years at sea, Allan escorted travelers to all 7 continents and more than 120 countries, completing over 140 shipboard expeditions along the way. These have taken him to the Geographic North Pole, continental Antarctica, and many areas in between. Over 40 of his voyages have been to Antarctica, with many also taking in South Georgia and other remote Southern Ocean islands. His polar regions experience also includes over 30 Arctic voyages. Between 2003 and 2014, Allan and his wife Jacqui owned and operated Pebble Island Lodge in the Falklands, completing 11 consecutive seasons of accommodating international visitors and conducting 4x4 off-road tours. Having sold the business, they enjoyed a period of travel before taking over the management of privately owned West Point Island in the Falklands. Between 2016 and 2021 they completed 5 seasons of sheep farming and hosting expedition cruise vessel visits on this remote island, where they were the only residents.

Allan is an experienced guide, competent all-weather small boat operator with a Powerboat Instructor background, and a keen amateur naturalist. Today he makes his home in the Falklands with his wife Jacqui and their Labrador Bosun.

Li Ye - Translator



Li was born and raised in China, her childhood's dream was to travel the world and she had visited more than 50 cities in more than 20 countries around the world.

She fell in love with polar expedition on her first trip to the Antarctica and plans to continue her career in this field to become a professional expedition guide.

Li has wide range of hobbies, she likes calligraphy, incense, tea, sports and travel. When not working in the polar region, Li also likes to try and challenge

new things. It's hard to imagine such a slim girl like her once went to Chiang Mai, Thailand, to learn Muay Thai by herself. Li is also an influencer who loves to share her experiences traveling around the world and working in the polar regions.

Rao Xinpeng – Expedition Guide



He was born in Harbin China, a city full of snow and ice. When he was a child his favourite hobby was skiing.

After he retired from CAPF Army and finished college in 2012, he worked as an international tour leader in a Chinese U-tour company for 6 years, he took thousands of tour guest to more than 80 countries, including the polar regions to explore different cultures and wildlife.

When he is not working, he likes to do self-driving adventures in different wild area or goes to Cambodia to take learning tools to underprivileged children.

中文

他出生在中国的哈尔滨，一个冰雪覆盖的城市。他小时候的爱好是滑雪。

2012 年从陆军退役和大学毕业后，他在中国 U-tour 公司做了 6 年的国际旅游领队，带领数千名游客到 80 多个国家和极地地区，探索不同的文化和野生动物。

业余期间，他喜欢在不同国家的野外自驾游，或者去柬埔寨给贫穷但仍在学习的孩子们带去物资和学习工具。

Charlotte Taplin – Expedition Guide



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

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

Elizabeth Robinson – Expedition Guide



Elizabeth was born and raised in Minnesota, a state in the middle north of the United States. Minnesota is known for having over 10,000 lakes and nature around every corner; something she took full advantage of growing up. Before the age of eighteen, Elizabeth travelled to all fifty US states, and became a Junior Park Ranger at over thirty National Parks.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Mammalogy, accompanied by additional degrees in Psychology, English Writing and Environmental Studies. Her undergraduate research focused on African elephants and squirrels. Recently, she graduated from the University of Bristol (UK) with a Master of Science degree in Global Wildlife Health and Conservation. Her dissertation focused on cetacean conservation and understanding how policy is integrated within conservation efforts.

Elizabeth has lived and studied whales in many places such as Hawaii, British Columbia, Alaska, Norway, and the UK. She has previously worked as an orca kayak guide, a snorkel guide in Hawaii, a wildlife documentary co-producer, and a marine mammal researcher. She has spent the last eight years studying species such as orcas, humpback whales, right whales, porpoises, and pinnipeds. She is passionate about cetacean conservation, specifically endangered species. Elizabeth currently calls both the US and the UK home and is happiest at sea.

Simon Davies - Expedition Guide



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.

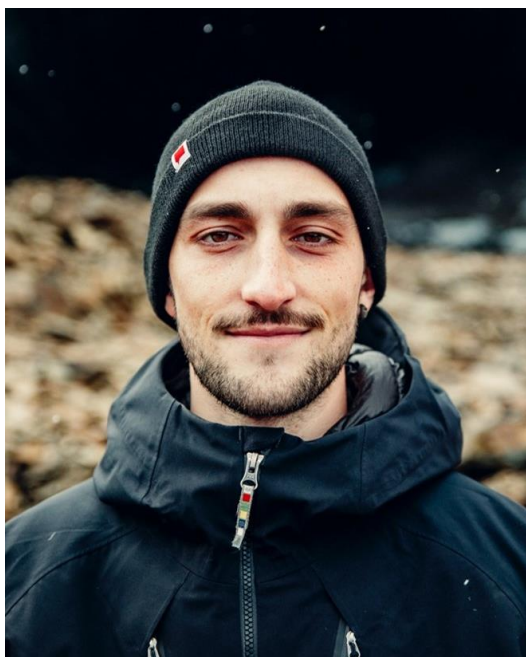
He is an experienced guide, having led bird and wildlife tours in Australia and many tours, walks and talks in his native UK, enthusiastic about sharing the wide range of seabirds in the colonies he loves.

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!

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. Slavas 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 a 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 photographer, travel-writer, guide and translator in Russia, he also made a 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 starting point of his idea to work in 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 a 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.

Jess Owen – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

Chloe Wang - Translator



Chloe, originally from China, has always had a profound passion for nature and its diverse living creatures. She earned a Master's degree in marine microbiology and biogeochemistry in Denmark, which allowed her to explore her fascination with the ocean's mysteries. Her interest in polar ecosystems and landscapes peaked during a three-month research project in Arctic biology in Svalbard university centre. Following this, she worked as a marine biologist or translator, guiding in polar regions.

Chloe hopes to use her scientific expertise and linguistic skills to bridge

the gap between complex scientific concepts and the broader public. She is dedicated to raising awareness and support for environmental and biodiversity conservation in our planet's fragile polar ecosystems.

Outside of her research and work, Chloe enjoys outdoor adventures, freediving, and photography.

来自中国的 Chloe 一直对大自然和各种生物怀有深厚的热情。她在丹麦攻读海洋微生物学硕士学位，这让她有机会探索海洋的奥秘。在斯瓦尔巴大学中心进行的为期三个月的北极生物学研究项目，让她对极地生态系统和地貌的兴趣达到了顶峰。随后她选择在极地地区担任向导。

Chloe希望利用她的科学专业知识和语言技能，为来到极地的人们架起一座沟通的桥梁。她致力于提高人们对生物多样性和环境的认知，以保护我们星球脆弱的极地生态系统。

在研究和工作之余，Chloe喜欢户外运动、自由潜水和摄影。

Julien Burellier – Sea Kayak Guide



Julien was born and raised in the Auvergne region in central France. He started kayaking and skiing as a child and never stopped.

Sea kayak instructor since 1998, he is also a whitewater kayak and ski instructor. He travelled all over the world paddling and guiding guests in various locations such as Papua, Oman, Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Sweden, Greece, Corsica... and of course Norway!

He visited North Norway for the first time in 2010 and fell in love with the sea and mountain mix. Snow and northern lights in the winter combined with midnight sun during summer produce many breathtaking moments. Since then, Julien goes several times a year to Norway either for kayaking, skiing or hiking.

When he is not traveling, Julien lives in the French Alps and teaches skiing at Serre Chevalier or supervises whitewater rafting activities on the local rivers. He is also passionate about photography which led him to collaborate with French outdoor and kayak magazines, writing articles and reporting on his trips.



Welcome on Board!

Date: 28th 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!



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 29th July 2024

Day 2 – 14th Julibukta & Ny-Alesund

07:15 Wake-up call.

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

08:45 **MANDATORY AECO, Zodiac and Polar Bear Safety Briefing** in the Lecture Room on Deck 3. Attendance will be checked.

10:00+/- We hope to disembark you by the gangway from Deck 4 for a Zodiac cruise at 14th Julibukta in front of this 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.

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

13:45+/- We hope to start disembarkation by gangway, for a landing at Ny-Alesund.

PLEASE REMEMBER:
No mobile phones, Bluetooth and/or GPS devices to go ashore.

18:15 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: 30th July 2024.

Texas Bar & Monacobreen.

07:15 Wake-up call from our Expedition Leader Adam.

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

Morning activities

08:45+/- We hope to start disembarkation by gangway for a **landing & hiking** at Texas Bar.

12:00 Everybody back onboard.

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

Afternoon activities

14:00+/- We hope to start disembarkation by gangway, for a **Zodiac cruise** in the front of the famous and iconic Monacobreen.

17:00 Everybody back onboard

18:15 Please join the expedition team in the lounge for daily recap.

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



Date: 31st July 2024

Day 4. Along the Ice Edge.

07:45 Wake-up call by Expedition Leader Adam.

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

Expedition Day in the Ice

We will spend the day along the ice edge looking for wildlife. We encourage you to spend as much time as possible on the outside decks and on the bridge to help search.

Please note, we will decide upon a lecture programme as the day unfolds, depending on weather, visibility, and sightings, so please listen to announcements.

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

18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the bar for briefing & recap.

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

*“And now there came both mist and snow, and it grew wonderous cold.
And ice mast high came floating by, as green as emerald.
The ice was here, the ice was there, the ice was all around.
It cracked and growled, and roared and howled, like noises in a swound!”*

*- from ‘The Rime of the Ancient Mariner’
by Samuel Taylor Coleridge*



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 1st August 2024.

Phippsøya & Parryøya.

07:15 Wake-up call by Expedition Leader Adam.

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

Morning activities:

09:00 Disembarkation for a **Zodiac landing** at Phippsøya, where we hope to be able to explore the beautiful landscape.

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

Afternoon activities:

14:00 Disembarkation for an exploratory **Zodiac cruise** at Parryøya. We will cruise this magical island in search of wildlife.

18:15 Please join the expedition team in the lounge for a briefing and recap.

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

Phippsøya & Parryøya are part of a small archipelago called **Sjuøyane** (The Seven Islands). They are the northernmost part of Norway, located just 1024km (553 nautical miles) from the North Pole. To put that into perspective, when Captain Robert Falcon Scott started his ill-fated trek to the South Pole, he was 1374km (742 nautical miles) from his goal. Many of the Seven Islands are named after early British explorers, including Horatio Nelson who served as a young midshipman on HMS Carcass during the Phipps Expedition in 1773. Visits to the remote Seven Islands are rare due to challenges often experienced with weather, sea ice or Polar Bears.



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 2nd August 2024

Alkefjellet and Hinlopen Strait.

07:15 Wake-up call by Expedition Leader Adam.

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

Morning activities

09:00 Disembarkation for an exploratory **Zodiac cruise** of the spectacular bird cliffs at Alkefjellet. Nick-named 'Mount Guillemot' it is a spectacle of around 60,000 breeding pairs of Brúnnich's Guillemots in one small area.

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

Afternoon activities

We will do an exploratory ship cruise through Hinlopen Strait in search of wildlife. Please join us on the bridge or out on deck.

18:15 Please join the expedition team in the bar for a briefing on tomorrow's activities, and a recap of today.

19:00 Join us out on the helicopter deck for an Arctic barbecue for dinner.



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 3rd August 2024

Kapp Waldburg & Kapp Lee.

07:15 Wake-up call by Expedition Leader Adam.

07:30 Breakfast in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

08:30

Morning activities

09:00+/- Disembarkation for a **Zodiac landing** at Kapp Waldburg, where we hope to visit a Kittiwake colony (bird cliffs).

12:00 Everybody back onboard.

12:30 - Lunch is served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

13:30

Afternoon activities

14:15+/- Disembarkation for a **Zodiac landing & hike** at Kapp Lee, to visit an iconic Arctic location and the local Walrus colony.

17:45 Everybody back onboard

18:15 Please join the expedition team in the bar for a briefing on tomorrow's activities, and a recap on today.

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



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 4th August 2024

Gnålodden & Samarinbreen - Hornsund.

07:15 Wake-up call by Expedition Leader Adam.

07:30 Breakfast in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

08:30

Morning activities:

09:00+/- Disembarkation for a Zodiac landing at **Gnålodden**, followed by a '**Polar Plunge**' for those brave souls who wish to rise to the challenge! Please don't bring towels from your cabin, we will provide them for you.

12:00 Everybody back onboard.

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

Afternoon activities:

14:00+/- Disembarkation for a landing and Zodiac cruise at **Samarinbreen**. We will take half of you ashore, and the other half on a Zodiac cruise. Then we will swap the two groups halfway through the afternoon.

17:30 Everybody back onboard.

18:15 Please join the expedition team in the lounge for a briefing on tomorrow's activities, and a recap on today.

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



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 5th August 2024

Bamsebu & Ingeborgfjellet.

07:15 Wake-up call by Expedition Leader Adam.

07:30 Breakfast in the Restaurant on Deck 4

08:30

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

Morning activities:

09:00+/- Disembarkation for a landing at **Bamsebu**, a site of historical importance with a Whaling background from the 1930s.

12:00 Everybody back onboard.

12:30 - Lunch is served in the Restaurant on Deck 4.
13:30

Afternoon activities

14:00+/- Disembarkation for a visit to **Ingeborgfjellet**, where we will walk to see a Little Auk colony.

17:30+/- We will collect your Muck Boots. Please wait until your deck is called to return them to the Lecture Room on Deck 3.

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

A copy of the slideshow will be available in the Bar after dinner. Please bring a USB device or similar, or we can Airdrop it to Apple devices.

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



DAILY PROGRAM

Date: 6th August 2024

Longyearbyen – Disembarkation.

Please ensure your luggage is placed outside your cabin no later than 07:00 so we can move it to the pier.

07:00 Final wakeup call by Expedition Leader Adam.

07:30 Breakfast buffet is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING ON THE BEDS WHEN YOU GO TO BREAKFAST SO THE CABIN STEWARDESSES CAN BEGIN THE TASK OF CLEANING.

08:30 Disembarkation for those going direct to the airport for flight SK4491 departing for Oslo at 10:40. Luggage tags: **ORANGE**.

09:00 General disembarkation for all remaining guests.

PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR LUGGAGE ON THE PIER WHEN YOU LEAVE THE SHIP. EXPEDITION STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST WITH MOVEMENT AND LOADING.

For those on flight SK4493 to Oslo at 14:30, a bus will take you into Longyearbyen and drop you at the Svalbard Butikken. An airport transfer will depart from the same location at 13:00. Luggage tags: **BLUE**.

PLEASE TRY TO AVOID PUTTING TAGS ON THE MAIN CARRY HANDLES AS THEY MAY BE TORN OFF DURING HANDLING.

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