



Around Spitsbergen – Kvitøya, In the realm of Polar Bear and Ice

8 – 17 August 2024

M/V Hondius



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Day 1 – Thursday 8th August 2024

Embarkation – Longyearbyen, Svalbard

GPS position at 16:00: 78°15.3'N, 015°35.0'E

Wind: Calm, Sea State: Calm, Weather: Overcast, Air Temp: 12°C, Sea Temp: 12°C

Finally, the day had come, it was time for us to board M/V Hondius, our new home for our newly starting expedition.

We arrived with our cases packed full of winter clothing, but it was a beautiful warm, sunny afternoon as we arrived at the port in Longyearbyen.

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 the ship 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 and enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee in the bar. Once everyone was onboard, it was time for the mandatory ship safety video and briefing. 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. Then we were led to our lifeboats so we would know where to go in case of a real emergency.

Following the drill we headed to the bar for a welcome drink and canapes where hotel manager William and expedition leader Hans gave a welcome. After we had cast off from the pier, Captain Remmert joined us, and we raised a glass in celebration of the voyage. It was then time for our first evening meal, a delicious buffet selection provided by Chef Baba and his galley team.



After dinner many of us headed out onto the bow to

soak up the sunshine and take photos in the beautiful golden light. With the calm conditions we were able



to spot many whale blows from a distance, and the Captain steered the ship so we could get close to some of them. We saw Humpback, Minke, and distant Blue whales, however Fin whales were the star of the show, with many being seen close to the ship.

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 – Friday 9th August 2024

Location: Lilliehöökreen and Ny Ålesund

GPS position at 12:00: 79°04.4'N, 011°20.7' E

Wind: S-2, Sea State: Calm, Weather: P. Cloudy, Air Temp: 16°C, Sea Temp: 9°C

This morning before breakfast M/V Hondius slowly entered Lilliehookfjorden under sunny skies and calm waters. The ship stopped in front of the stunning glacier, Lilliehookreen, while we enjoyed our morning meal. What a great first morning scene to wake up to in the Arctic!



Right after breakfast we walked onto the outer decks to enjoy this marvel of nature while absorbing the warm Arctic sun. Lilliehookreen with its 8km width is a valley glacier belonging to the icefield Isachenfonna which is located on the northwesternmost part of Spitsbergen. The glacier snout tumbles into the murky waters of

the fjord creating a stark contrast between the serene azure and turquoise colour of the ice and the brownish colour of the water's fjord filled with glacier flour transported by this massive river of ice.

After enjoying a bit more than an hour outside, we were called to the lounge for the mandatory AECO briefing, followed by briefings for zodiac operations and polar bear safety. We were now almost ready for our first landing, knowing that the only thing missing was our boots! However, we soon learned what expedition cruising means; a polar bear was spotted by our bridge team right on the eastern shore of Kapp Mitra, at the entrance of Krossfjorden. Boot fitting would have to wait!

A splendid and fit male polar bear was feeding on a carcass which it had found about fifty meters above sea level on the tundra. It was most likely a reindeer, but some of us thought it could also have been a seal. Captain Remmert brought us very close to shore despite the shallow waters; this allowed everyone to enjoy this fantastic animal not only through binoculars, scopes and cameras, but we could see it very well with our own eyes as well! Surely a scene we would not easily forget during the continuation of our trip.



Leaving the bear behind we headed down to the restaurant for lunch whilst Hondius got alongside the pier in the small settlement of Ny Ålesund, which is now a research village used for a wide variety of projects. Some of these projects require the use of very sensitive measuring equipment, so the ship and all guests were requested to turn off all Wi-Fi and Bluetooth functions to not interfere with these measurements.



We were able to freely roam the little town and take a guided walk towards Amundsen's mast, which is certainly one of the most historical monuments of the Svalbard archipelago from where the first overflying trip to the North Pole started in 1926.

In town we enjoyed magnificent views across Kongsfjorden of the glaciers Kongsbreen and Kronebreen, while the elegant and fierce Arctic terns flew above

our heads. For those that were looking for an opportunity to do some souvenir shopping, the gift shop was open for a few hours and from what it looked like they definitely had excellent sales. The museum was also open for those interested in learning more about the coal mining and scientific history of the settlement.

After a lovely visit in town, it was time to head back to Hondius for our first daily recap followed by dinner and eventually our Muck boots were delivered to us! Tomorrow an exciting day was awaiting us with new adventures on the Seven islands!

Day 3 – Saturday 10th August 2024

Location: Parryøya and Phippsøya

GPS position at 12:00: 80°40.6'N, 020°44.3'E

Wind: NE-4, Sea State: Calm, Weather: P. Cloudy, Air Temp: 15°C, Sea Temp: 2°C

After leaving the northernmost village Ny Ålesund, we set our course further north to an archipelago called the Seven Islands. Nothing lies between the Seven Islands and the top of the world. When we woke up it was a beautiful sunny morning and we found ourselves less than 1000 km south from the North pole.

Right after breakfast, we were able to enjoy not only the scenery, but we also observed and photographed Walruses - the kings of the Arctic. We split into two groups, with the first half of the ship going ashore hiking while the second half went for a zodiac cruise. Groups swapped, so everyone got to experience both sites.



One group began the morning with a landing on an island called Parryøya (Parry island) named after the English explore William Edward Parry. We went for a 45-minute-long hike in rocky terrain and reached a small saddle to enjoy magnificent views over lakes, the ocean, and another of the seven islands called Phippsøya. We observed Kittiwakes on a lake, and an Arctic Skua was posing for us on a big rock. Later we found the skua flying right above our heads, giving us a perfect photo opportunity. We continued our hike alongside a mountain towards a polar bear carcass. This bear was found last year, and

back then it looked like it had died very recently. A year later only bones, its skull, and pieces of skin were what was remaining of this once impressive arctic predator.

The second activity of the morning was a zodiac cruise to a walrus colony. Walruses are very social animals and are often seen in groups. We observed a group of them resting ashore, and some in the sea. The sight, sound, and the typical smell of a large group of walruses were quite an impressive experience.



Our plan for the afternoon was to visit Phippsøya, named after an English explorer, called Constantine John Phipps. However, we experienced a typical sudden Arctic weather shift. Blue sky was quickly replaced by thick fog. The expedition team went out to check conditions on the planned landing site hoping for the fog to lift. Unfortunately, very poor visibility on Phippsøya made it challenging to safely scout for polar bears, and therefore the landing operation had to be cancelled. Instead, we were entertained by Jakub, our Ice Man. Jakub provided us with an insightful lecture on the glaciers around Svalbard and informed us how important ice and glaciers are in relation to global warming.



After Jakub, Chloe talked about some of the smaller creatures we can find in the ocean, plankton! Chloe shared her passion with us, and she explained the importance of plankton and its key role in the oceanic food web. Chloe took some water samples during the morning zodiac cruise and showed us the normally invisible organisms found in the sea water through a microscope. A very interesting lecture for sure. At the end of the day, we had our daily recap where KJ gave us more information about Svalbard, Julian talked about the origins of Svalbard's oldest rocks and Misha entertained us with facts and funny videos of walruses.

Time for dinner!

Good night M/V Hondius!

Day 4 – Sunday 11th August 2024

Location: Pack Ice

GPS position at 12:00: 81°40.0'N, 022°35.0'E

Wind: NE-4, Sea State: Calm, Weather: Fog, Air Temp: 0°C, Sea Temp: 2°C

Good morning everyone! Today it wasn't Hans that woke us up, but ice as is shook us awake. We had arrived at the edge of the pack ice and our rugged ship was pushing the ice floes away. This often comes with vibration, shaking and noise when it involves larger pieces, but we wouldn't have to be worried as our beautiful Hondius is ice strengthened and it can withstand *collisions* with ice of up to one meter thickness and still with an impressive speed of 6 knots. To keep things structured and organised Hans still officially woke us up and gave us the latest weather forecast and outside temperature before breakfast was announced.

The expedition team was up early today, and they entered the bridge around 06:00 AM ready and motivated to find a bear.

After breakfast a lot of us went outside to enjoy the abstract reality of being in the beautiful pack ice. From here you can basically walk towards the North Pole, although it might not be a good idea in summer as it would include quite a bit of swimming in the ice-cold water. Visibility changed rapidly today, but we managed to spot a



good number of Bearded seals, Ringed seals, and groups of Harp seals in the water. Plenty of food for bears around! The ice itself looked fantastic and seeing it stretching out all towards the horizon was an image we wouldn't soon forget.

After standing outside for some hours, the cold had slowly gotten to us. But no panic as the expedition and hotel team had anticipated this so at 11:00 AM it was time for hot chocolate with whipped cream on the bow. To add a bit of flavour Bailey's coffee liquor was poured richly and suddenly we felt a bit warmer again. The ship continued to move and some of us were wondering if it was simply more ice being pushed by the bow or if the Baileys liquor had something to do with it!



While the team were looking all around to find wildlife, Jakub continued to share his ice expertise with us as he gave another lecture about ice. Yesterday he talked about glaciers, today he told us more about the pack ice. He delivered it with his usual passion, and he created awareness about the important role of sea ice in our eco systems.

Lunch was then served and today we had homemade hamburgers with French fries, what a nice treat!

After lunch it was time for some more fresh air or maybe a small nap. However, for those interested in wildlife photography Koen had a lecture about improving your wildlife photos. Koen gave us useful tips and illustrated them with his own photos and anecdotes.

After Koen it was Misha's turn to tell the fascinating story of Salomon Andrée. Andrée was a Swedish explorer who in 1896 tried to reach the North Pole by using a balloon filled with helium. Unfortunately, you can't steer very well with a balloon and Andrée and his team were far of course before the balloon eventually crashed onto the ice. However, the team survived the crash and started walking the pack ice hoping they would find land and rescue soon. They did find land, but the place they had arrived at was Kvitøya, a harsh and uninhabited island east of Nordauslandet. It is believed that Andrée and his men perished within two weeks after their arrival at Kvitøya.



Later that afternoon the weather had cleared up and visibility had improved significantly. The team and many of us continued to scout the ice for wildlife, but it seemed today wasn't going to be our lucky day. It had been decided to find our way out of the ice and to set course towards Kvitøya. But then our luck changed, whale blows were spotted and as luck would have it, we were treated with a very rare sighting of Bowhead whales. This whale species lives in and around the ice and they are very elusive. As they have been hunted almost to extinction their numbers are also very low and this means spotting them and having such a great sighting is very rare. What a great ending of our day in the pack ice.

Dinner was served and the dining room was buzzing with excitement.

Good night everyone!

Day 5 – Monday 12th August 2024

Location: Kvitøya & Ships Cruise

GPS position at 12:00: 80°06.2'N, 031°22.6'E

Wind: SSE-6, Sea State: Moderate, Weather: P. Cloudy, Air Temp: 4°C, Sea Temp: 4.3°C

Today we arrived at Kvitøya. One of the most remote areas of Svalbard and an area notorious for bad weather. If there is no wind, there might be fog. And if there's no fog or wind, then there might be big swells. And even if the weather is perfect then there might be bears on land which prevents us from landing. All in all, a great place to find an adventure ;).

We arrived early and the expedition team started planning the morning taking into consideration the conditions and of course they had to scout the coastal areas for polar bears. And bears were found, so no landing this morning, but a thrilling zodiac cruise was awaiting us. There was quite a bit of wind and swell, so boarding the zodiacs at the shell door was not easy, but we all did perfectly. Time to see some bears and other wildlife.



All zodiacs made their way towards the sleeping bear which we named bear no. 1. While approaching the coastline we spotted walruses so we slowed down as walruses can become quite protective and later this morning one of the guides experienced what can happen then as his boat got punctured.



Our first bear was quite close to shore and was facing us sleeping up in a curl. It was fast asleep and as such it didn't move much. Normally we would wait for the bear to start moving, but today we moved on as we had information that there were more bears along the coast. Following the shoreline, we saw many walruses in the water, and some were hauling out on a small island. We were also able to get great views of the glacier cap laying on top of Kvitøya. At the top it's more than 400 meters high.



On our way to see more bears further down the shoreline, we spotted yet another one which we called bear no. 2. This one was also sleeping, but not as deeply and it lifted its head a few times before laying down again. The sightings were getting better! With this bear we were following a *snake formation* of zodiacs in front on the bear to make sure everybody had a good view without disturbing it. Sometimes we wonder what those bears must be thinking when they see us.

We continued our route along the coastline and passed by a large group of walruses relaxing on a small island. They were a bit startled with our presence, so we had to keep our distance to avoid scaring them. Then to our surprise we found 3 more sleeping bears around the corner right behind the sandy beach. These were bears no. 3, 4 and 5. 5 bears in one morning is exceptional! From a research vessel nearby, we received information that there was a whale carcass on the beach, so this explained why we were so lucky this morning. A whale carcass is the jackpot for polar bears as the carcass contains a lot of blubber, and this is what the bears are after. They need calories so whale blubber is the perfect food for them.

These bears were almost all quite close to the coast and one was sitting up like an arctic sphinx looking at us go by. Our morning was passing by quite fast since we found so much and such a diversity of wildlife. On the way back we hit the jackpot ourselves. One of the bears had gotten up and had walked straight onto the beach. Initially, we thought it was a polar bear we had seen earlier, but then we figured out that all the other bears were still sleeping in the same places where we first found them. So, this was our 6th bear of this morning. It was very close to the boats, and we got amazing views of the bear that was showing a lot of curiosity towards us. Until it turned around, dropped a few turds and walked away. A very funny moment to end an incredible and unbelievable encounter. It was also incredible how easily the bear disappeared from our view once it walked to lower land right behind the beach. This is why our expedition team scouts our landing areas before every activity.



On the way back we were all smiling from happiness and excitement of having such a close encounter. We did check to see if any of the other sleeping bears showed more activity, but they were all in dreamland and in the meantime, we had gotten quite cold. Time to head back to the ship for a hot chocolate and a warm shower. What a spectacular morning!

After lunch we were invited to a lecture from Marcel. He explained everything there is to know about the Polar Bear. This way we could understand much better how incredible these animals are and the hardships they must endure during their life.

We also got a lecture from Misha about bird migrations. He showed us with moving maps how the birds of this planet migrate throughout the seasons and how they are under constant threats of humans and human pets' activity.

Outside we had been able to see the Kvitoya the whole time on our port side. The sun came out quite often which made for beautiful views.

During recap we were treated to more interesting stories from the expedition team. Hana told us from personal experience about life on a scientific vessel. A weeklong trip that she had helped coordinating in the Hornsund fjord system. KJ told us more about the tracking devices that scientists use to track polar bears. There were quite a few things changing in the new technology to interfere less with the bears lives. Finally, Chloe told us about one of the smallest animals on this world, the water bear. An incredible animal that can survive in all environments that scientist have tested it in.

Enjoy your dinner and good night!

Day 6 – Tuesday 13th August 2024

Location: Storøya & Isisøya

GPS position at 12:00: 79°41.5 N, 26°32.8 E

Wind: SW-3, Sea State: Calm, Weather: Overcast, Air Temp: 4°C, Sea Temp: 6°C

We began this day, as usual, being woken up by Hans' sweet, velvety voice over the Tanoy. As people headed to deck 4 to gorge themselves on breakfast, one couldn't help but notice the thick fog all around us. The fog together with strong winds meant that our morning landing at Storøya was cancelled. Instead, we were heading towards Isispynten, a new landing place for all of us. As we had plenty of time, people could relax a bit or head towards the lounge to listen to Chloé's lecture on Svalbard's Marine Mammals and this was followed by Jens' lecture on weather patterns. After all this very interesting information we had worked up quite a bit of appetite. Luckily lunch was soon announced and once more it was a delicious selection and that meant eating way too much, again ;).

Weighing considerably more than before, we were ready to disembark to head towards Isispynten, a small patch of land very close to Austfonna, the third largest icecap in the world. Weather conditions were interesting and challenging though.

Thick fog came in and out, the big swells around the ship made it impossible to disembark people safely at first, so we had to wait for the weather to improve. Luckily for us it did improve soon after and suddenly we could see the ice cap in its full glory.



Thanks to the bridge team being able to provide enough shelter from the swells, we could disembark passengers on the port side via the gangway and head off to land. On land, there were vast numbers of different bird species, ranging from Arctic Terns to Red-throated Divers, Geese, and others. These birds were all using this tiny patch of rock to breed in relative safety.

Arctic Tern chicks were seen running around, and the view over the glacier, spanning the horizon, was spectacular. On the zodiac cruise, you could get closer to the face of the glacier. Some guides put their zodiacs into the brash ice which was a fun experience with the swell moving us up and down at regular intervals.



The weather improved even further with the sun coming out and visibility extended finally all around. With the sun standing quite low on the horizon the light was spectacular which was perfect for a few more photos. All in all, it was a truly special place to land and discover, Isispynten definitely made up for the cancellation of the morning.

After our true expedition afternoon, we came back onboard. As the expedition team maximized our afternoon there was no recap today and we went straight to dinner. Our officers on the bridge in the meantime had started to head towards the Southeast along Austfonna, to get to our next destination in the morning. Another absolutely beautiful day in the Arctic, experiencing all the weather that can be found in these parts.



Day 7 – Wednesday 14th August 2024

Location: Alkefjellet & Torrelneset

GPS position at 12:00: 79°32.9'N, 019°17.0'E

Wind: SSE-5, Sea State: Slight, Weather: Rain, Air Temp: 4°C, Sea Temp: 6°C

Today would be another eventful day for us. Early in the morning, we were awakened by the sound of birds. However, this time it wasn't a rooster or the usual garden songbirds. No, this time it was the sound of hundreds of Brünnich's guillemots flying over and close to our ship.



Overnight, we passed along the ice edge of the Bråsvellbreen en route to the Hinlopen Strait. Now, we were facing massive basalt cliffs, inhabited by hundreds of thousands of birds. We were in beautiful Alkefjellet.

After breakfast, we boarded the zodiacs and set out for our cruise. It was raining, but that didn't prevent us from witnessing this amazing spectacle of nature. We approached the cliffs while groups of birds

were flying around us. We first admired the waterfalls cascading down the steep rocks. Even without the large numbers of birds, the cliffs were impressive. The rock masses, consisting of basalt and sandstone, plunged steeply downwards. In some spots, even white marble could be seen.

Soon, we spotted the first birds on the cliffs. These animals, resembling penguins in colour, were Brünnich's guillemots. A seabird commonly found in Svalbard, with about 120,000 individuals in this spectacular colony. The guillemots were lined up tightly on the bare rock, making it difficult to spot the chicks behind the parent birds. The Brünnich's guillemot doesn't build a nest, they simply incubate their egg on the rocks. They prefer very steep cliffs with small edges as this protects them better from potential predators such as foxes and glaucous gulls. In some places it resembles a big city centre with high rise buildings and many people living in small apartments.



As we continued along the cliffs, we observed other nesting birds, such as the kittiwake. Unlike the guillemots, these birds build proper nests in which they lay two to three eggs. They are easily recognizable by their black wingtips.

The Glaucous gull also nests here, the largest gull species in Svalbard often found at the top or bottom of bird colonies. It is one of the most dangerous predators for birds in the colonies, preying on eggs, chicks, or weak birds. We observed their chicks, which were brown compared to the grey-white adult birds, making their first attempts at flying.

Once we reached the best breeding locations on the steepest cliffs, thousands of birds were flying over our heads. The colony was bustling with activity, making it difficult to focus on individual animals or moments. It was an incredible sighting to witness and a highlight of this trip for many of us. Alkefjellet has been documented in many nature documentaries and that tells you how special this place is. To top it off, a minke whale bid us farewell, passing right by our zodiacs.

In the afternoon we reached our next destination, Torrelneset. Seeing only a few walruses on the beach and not wanting to disturb them, we opted to visit the nearby glacier which is part of the Glitnefonna ice cap.

We decided to do a split landing. The red group would go on land first while the blue group was invited to a lecture about Svalbard's arctic birdlife by Marcel. After the changeover the red group had the opportunity to listen to a similar lecture by Rao.



Once on land, we explored the new territory as it was our first-time setting foot on Nordaustlandet. While we had navigated around the island in the past days and visited nearby islands, the mainland had been unexplored until today.

Our short trip involved crossing several small rivers, with fast currents posing a fun challenge for some of us. Despite the effort, reaching the glacier edge was very much worth the efforts. Along the way, we came across polar bear skeletons, reindeer antlers, and even some fossils like petrified shells or fern leaves dating back hundreds of

millions of years.

At the end of the hike, some of us braved the icy waters for a Polar Plunge, an unforgettable experience despite the chilly conditions. Some of us walked in as if they were walking into tropical waters while others expressed a more common reaction with loud screams and accelerated breathing.

Back on the ship, it was time to celebrate our so far very successful expedition. We had planned a nice barbeque dinner outside, but unfortunately it was still raining and with strong winds this wasn't the setting we were hoping for. But that couldn't spoil the program, the barbeque meat was still grilled outside, and it was simply brought to our warm and cosy restaurant. Although we had stretched our legs already quite a bit during the day, it was now time to move a bit more and dance in the observation lounge!

Another wonderful day, good night everyone!

Day 8 – Thursday 15th August 2024

Location: Freemansundet & Storfjorden

GPS position at 12:00: 77°30.9'N, 019°03.1'E

Wind: SSE-5, Sea State: Slight, Weather: Fog, Air Temp: 6°C, Sea Temp: 10°C

We began the day very early with Hondius entering Freemansundet, the channel between Barentsøya and Edgeøya Island. The channel is a common route for bears to travel through, so the staff got up early to scan the coastline, not an easy task through the patchy fog. We passed through within 2 hours where we looked at Kapp Lee on Edgeøya and managed to see some reindeer.

We kept sailing further south through the Storfjorden towards the location of our intended afternoon activities. On our way south, we had two lectures from our expedition team.

Misha gave the first lecture with his favourite talk about marine mammal acoustics. The sounds made below the surface are sometimes very strange and created in unexpected ways. However, most of these sounds can travel long distances underwater which enables marine mammals to communicate and hear each other from far away.

The second lecture was given by Jens, where he talked about Umberto Nobile and his expedition to the North Pole. An adventurous story where many people were involved in preparing for the expedition, but also during the dramatic aftermath when people went looking for them. History is written and its stories are sometimes somewhat unbelievable. Luckily as humans progress, we learn from our mistakes, and we keep on advancing in how to succeed.

After lunch we arrived at our afternoon destination where we had hoped to do proper hiking and see unique dinosaur footprints. However, nobody but the GPS could verify this as the ship was covered in thick fog and visibility at times was less than 100m. We waited for an hour to see if the mist would lift, but sadly this didn't happen. So, the anchor was lifted, and we started heading towards the west side of Spitsbergen for our last activity day.



As we left earlier the expedition team planned for two activities instead of one, very welcoming for most of us as we all been eating all the delicious food and snacks onboard without doing much exercise. While travelling to the most southern point of Spitsbergen, Erik gave a lecture about his climbs around the world. He has worked for National Geographic and explained what is necessary to climb some of the highest peaks in the Himalayas and Alps.

Later in the afternoon, with a happy hour at the bar, Koen H and Eric hosted a quiz. It was a chance for us all to recall what we have listened to in the lectures and recaps. It was not an easy quiz, and it was particularly difficult identifying members of the expedition team and crew from their baby pictures! 15 teams joined-in and the quiz was won by the Chinese Team Polar Bear. Congratulations!



At recap Hans explained the change of plan for tomorrow, which was to skip the Hornsund fjord where strong winds were forecasted. It was decided to travel further to the more sheltered fjord system of Bellsund. Hotel manager William let us know about the disembarkation and Koen J talked about the Flora of Svalbard and their adaptations hoping that all of us would be able to recognize the flowers during the landing the following day. Last, but not least Hana showed us what a winter in Longyearbyen looks like: a long dark winter where the only natural lights you'll see are from the moon, the stars, and the amazing Northern Lights. Even without light from the sun your surroundings can be very colourful and beautiful.

Hopefully tomorrow gives us a lot of warm sunlight to observe all the beauty of the Northern Summer.

Day 9 – Friday 16th August 2024

Location: Bamsebu & Nathorstbreen

GPS position at 12:00: 77°33.9'N, 015°02.8'E

Wind: E-6, Sea State: Slight, Weather: Overcast, Air Temp: 7°C, Sea Temp: 8°C

Overnight we cruised from south-eastern to south-western Spitsbergen to Van Keulenfjorden in the Bellsund fjord system. From the early morning the weather was non-optimal, with fog and low clouds covering mountains. However, during breakfast around 7:30 AM we anchored next to Bamsebu – a small cabin on the southern coast of the fjord where hundreds of beluga whale bones are stacked in piles right next to it. The cabin is surrounded by beautiful mountains with spectacular deformed rock layers and a tundra, which we were eager to see after days spent much further north in polar desert environment. Fortunately for us, the fog lifted, and we got green light from expedition leader Hans and the bridge to proceed with operations!



Our expedition team and the crew dropped a few zodiacs and went out to scout the area. As they cruised and hiked across the area of Bamsebu they spotted beluga whales. After the team made sure the area was clear from polar bears, the first group landed and went hiking while the other group cruised in zodiacs along the beaches, rocky peninsulas and small islands in search for belugas. And they found them! To our amusement, a few whales fed in a bay playfully displaying their snow-white backs.



On land, we were divided into shorter and longer walkers. Both groups strolled around the landing spot and photographed literally everything, while our expedition team introduced us to everything they were spotting – from stones to plants and reindeers that grazed at the foot of a nearby mountain! With the fog continuously breaking up and the sun shining, the entire area displayed a truly beautiful picture. Once again Svalbard surprised us with its diversity.

Our second goal for this day was a landing site near a glacier margin just some miles west from Bamsebu. The morning fog, however, did not leave this place until early afternoon, so our captain and expedition team decided to abandon this landing. The ship sailed further east, to the head of Van Keulenfjorden, home to the mighty glacier system Nathorstbreen. This part of the fjord is rarely visited by people and in fact it was the first time our brave “Hondius” went there. Nathorstbreen is a very interesting glacier because some years ago it advanced by more than 10 kilometres due to a glacier surge. A surge is a kind of dynamic instability of a glacier, common in Svalbard, which exhibits a quasi-cyclic glacier speed ups by 10-100 times their normal speed. The surge of Nathorstbreen occurred between 2009 and 2013 and was one of the largest ever observed.

Plan B worked out great! We cruised in zodiacs along the glacier, which was very different from any other ice cliff we had seen so far. It was relatively low, sediment-rich, and smoothed by melting. It had many deformed ice layers and seemingly little activity in terms of iceberg production.

The shores of the fjord adjacent to the margin, fresh glacier moraines, consisted of a chaotic architecture of bizarre muddy towers with steep walls, all underlain by melting ice left behind by the retreating glacier. All of this created an impression of an *out-of-this-world landscape*.



During the cruise we observed more beluga whales, but also harbour and bearded seals, and the holy grail of the birders' community - the ivory gull! This purely white gull is indeed a rare view since its favorite habitat is pack ice covering the Arctic Ocean and its global population is estimated not to exceed more than 14 thousand pairs.

By 5 pm we returned to the ship from our last activity of this unforgettable voyage. Not long afterwards we met in the observation lounge for the captain's farewell cocktail where we enjoyed a beautiful slideshow prepared by our guide Marco. He put in dozens of memorable photographs and videos taken during our Arctic expedition. Immediately after the show we made our way to the dining room for our last dinner onboard MS Hondius.

Day 10 – Saturday 17th August 2024

Disembarkation – Longyearbyen, Svalbard

GPS Position at 08:00: - 78°14.6'N, 015°32.5'E

Wind: NNE-4, Sea State: Slight, Weather: Rain and Overcast, Air Temp: 8°C, Sea Temp: 9°C

Slowly but steadily Hondius made her way into Svalbard's largest fjord, Isfjord and pulled gracefully alongside the quay without even a bump. Sadly, time had come to conclude our amazing trip around this remote Arctic archipelago.

We had a fantastic week in the frigid waters of the Arctic and the barren tundra of Svalbard, with some amazing wildlife encounters, hikes, zodiac cruises along the fjords and around the glaciers and navigation through the sea ice. Most importantly we found new friends with whom to share future travels and memories. Once alongside Longyearbyen's coal jetty, we walked down the gangway, waved goodbye and hugged with the Expedition Team, before boarding to buses to take us to our hotels in Longyearbyen.

NORTHERN MOST POSITION: 81°42.5'N

DISTANCE SAILED: 1498.8 NM

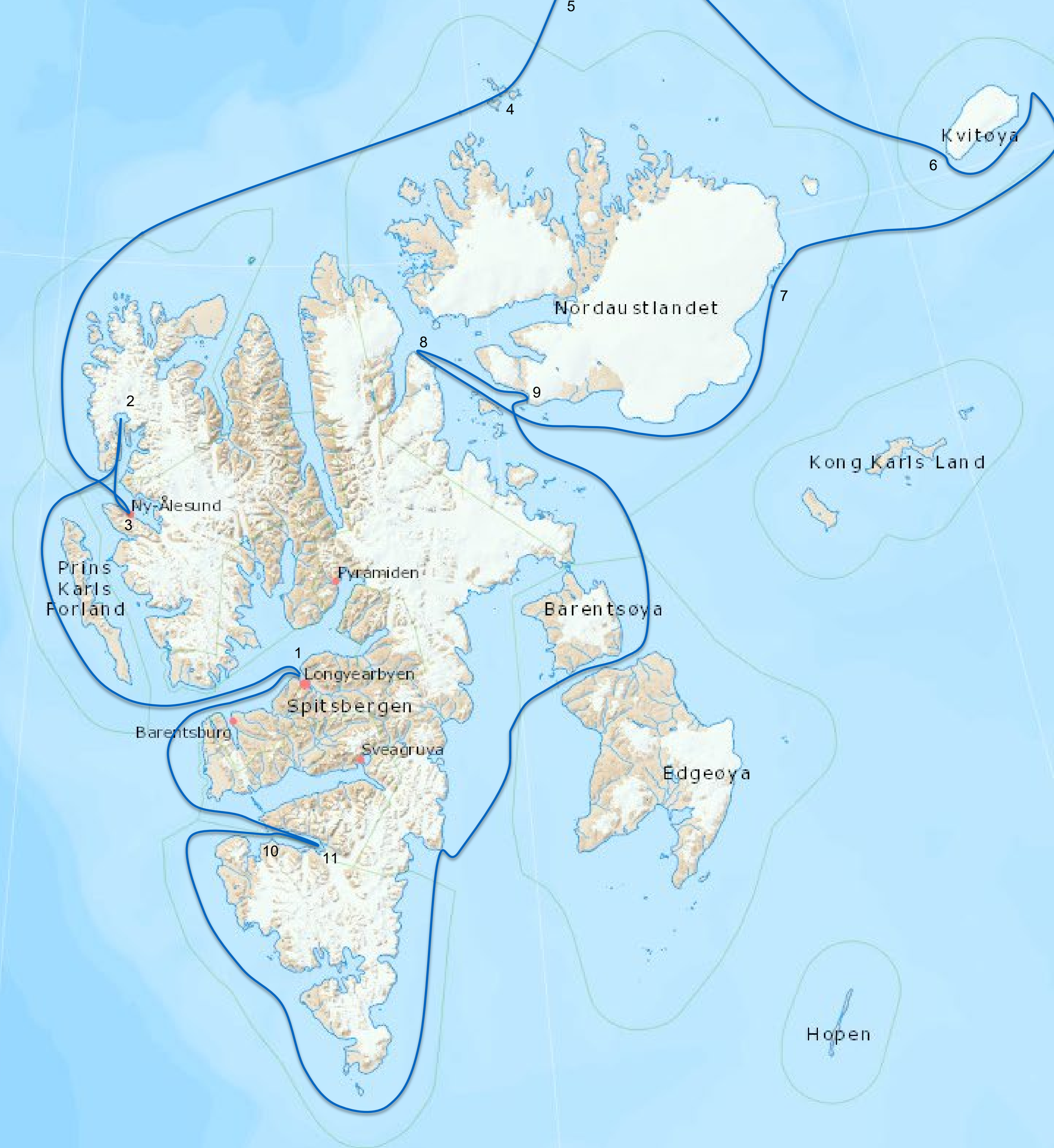


Goodbye and thank you from the Expedition Team



Hondius, 8 – 17 Aug 2024

1. Longyearbyen (day 1)
2. Lilliehöökbrean (day 2)
3. Ny Ålesund (day 2)
4. Parryøya (day 3)
5. Sea ice (day 4)
6. Kvitøya – Andreeneset (day 5)
7. Isisøya (day 6)
8. Alkefjellet (day 7)
9. Torellneset (day 7)
10. Bamsebu (day 9)
11. Nathorstbrean (day 9)



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Hans Verdaat – Expedition Leader



Hans his fascination for nature and traveling has been present all his life. From a young age on he has been a birder and fascination with the polar regions caught him during one of his birding travels to the North of Norway. After his study Coastal Zone Management, he started working on the Dutch island Texel as a field researcher for the marine research institute of Wageningen University.

In his research he specialises in seabirds and marine mammals.

Since 2004 he has participated in scientific research projects in the Antarctica, Caribbean, West-Africa, Spitsbergen and European waters. He has always been fascinated with the polar regions and has participated in several scientific expeditions both to the Arctic and Antarctic.

In 1999 he started working as a (birding) guide. The last years he has combined his research job with guiding & expedition leading for Oceanwide Expeditions.

In his free time Hans is a keen nature photographer and an active member of the team supporting the international development of the citizens science platform [Observation.org](https://www.observation.org)

Hans speaks: English, Dutch & German

Chloé Maréchal – Assistant Expedition Leader



Chloé is a dedicated diver with an insatiable passion for marine life and exploration. Armed with a European master's degree in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, she's on a mission to share her expertise and promote the conservation of the marine environment. But here's the twist—while everyone else is busy oohing and aahing over flashy dolphins and majestic whales, Chloé's heart belongs to the unsung heroes of the ocean—the often underrated world of plankton and the mysteries of unseen microbes. She's here to show that even the tiniest organisms can have big personalities!

In April 2013, Chloé's dedication and skills were recognized when she was chosen as the prestigious 2013-14 European Rolex Our World Underwater Scholar. This remarkable opportunity allowed her to work alongside renowned leaders in the fields of marine science and diving industry, providing her with diverse experiences and invaluable insights. During this transformative year, her first encounter with Antarctica left an indelible mark, igniting a lifelong passion for polar exploration.

Chloé isn't just a science nerd with a thing for plankton. She's an adventurous soul with an insatiable curiosity. She's dived across all continents, lived in 20 countries, and now sails on her 12-meter aluminum boat. Together with her partner she has recently crossed the challenging waters of the North Sea.

Currently, Chloé calls northern Norway her home, residing just above the polar circle. When not guiding, she explores underwater wonders, uncovers forgotten wrecks, and maps uncharted underwater caves. Her passion for the ocean, sailing, and work with Oceanwide Expeditions fuel her relentless pursuit of adventure.

Chris Long – Assistant Expedition Leader



Chris grew up as a part of New Zealand's remotest family two long days hike from the nearest road at a place called Gorge River, on the South Islands West Coast, New Zealand.

His family lives as self-sufficiently as possible in a small cabin surrounded by the jungled rainforest, the rough rugged coastline, and an untouched emerald green river. Most of their food comes from a huge vegetable garden or is fished from the ocean. This wild untouched natural corner of New Zealand was Chris's home for the first 17 years of his life, until, one day, he set

off to explore what the rest of the world had to offer.

Since leaving Gorge River, Chris has set out to see, explore and experience as much of the globe as possible. This constant search for adventure has seen him travel to over 65 countries on all seven continents. Along this journey, he spent two full summer seasons living and working as a field trainer at Scott Base, a New Zealand research station in Antarctica, as well as multiple voyages to the Ross Sea, Antarctic Peninsula, East Antarctica and the Atlantic Ocean.

Chris is also no stranger to the arctic. He once sailed the notorious northwest passage across the top of Greenland, Canada, and Alaska on a small yacht and spent much of the covid pandemic living with 150 husky dogs in Tromso, northern Norway. Here he endured two long cold dark arctic winters training for long distance dog races. He also guides with Oceanwide in Svalbard each summer.

In 2022, Chris published a best-selling autobiography "*The Boy From Gorge River*" and when he is not at sea you will find him training for his commercial fixed-wing pilot's license or exploring a new corner of the globe.

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.

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In St. Petersburg, Russland, geboren und in Luxemburg aufgewachsen, lebt Mikhail nun in der Schweiz, wo er durch die dortige Berglandschaften zeltet.

Sein Studium in Deutschland und Schottland beendete er mit einem Master in Meeressäugerkunde und einem Master in Ökologie und Naturschutz. Nach mehreren Feldsaisons als Wissenschaftler in entfernten Gegenden versuchte er einen Weg zu finden, seine Leidenschaft für Reisen, Bildung und die höheren Breitengrade zu vereinen.

Sein tiefgründiges Interesse an den Polarregionen entsprang durch eine Antarktisreise als Teil eines Universitätskurses im Jahre 2018. Dort war er überwältigt von der Unberührtheit und der Fülle an Leben des südlichen Ozeans und wollte in einer professionellen Funktion zurückkehren. Da er die kälteren Regionen der Erde vorzieht, bot Oceanwide ihm die Gelegenheit, sich in die Polarwelt zu vertiefen und diese richtig zu erleben.

An schlechtes Wetter und schwierige Lebensbedingungen gewöhnt, versucht Mikhail Orte zu finden, die wahre Ruhe und Stille ausstrahlen. Als begeisterter Fotograf und Videograf sieht man ihn immer seine Ausrüstung mitschleppen, in dem Versuch, seine Fähigkeiten zu verbessern und die Tierwelt unverändert in ihrem natürlichen Lebensraum darzustellen.

Er arbeitet als Guide auf einer Vielzahl verschiedener Expeditionen für Oceanwide. Hier ist er meistens in bester Stimmung anzutreffen, immer bereit, zu helfen und sein Wissen und seine Fähigkeiten zum Thema Ozean und Wildleben auszubauen.

Jens Binderup – Expedition Guide



Born on a farm in central Denmark, later working as an air traffic controller in Copenhagen for many years, now living near the coastline on the countryside south of the capital.

A keen interest in wildlife has been a lifelong companion, and the majority of travelling through the years has been to all 7 continents, where animal life- and behaviour was the main focus.

Whether it was swimming with the orcas in northern Norway, dogsledding in Finland, experiencing the abundance of wildlife in southern Africa or enjoying the magnificence of landscapes and animal

life in the Arctic and Antarctica.

Jens is a sociable and talkative person, loving to share all the experiences with our guests – and his enthusiasm has made him guiding friends and colleagues on several occasions.

He also possesses a deep interest in the polar expeditions – both to the Arctic and Antarctic – made by the brave men a hundred years ago, exploring the last frontiers by ships, planes, airships and dogsleds.

When not travelling, spare time is used enjoying the massive migration of birds of prey near his home, mountain biking, trekking in the Scandinavian wilderness and flying gliders together with all the predatory birds.

Fulfilling a lifelong dream of being an expedition guide, Jens is looking forward to his first season in the Antarctic with passion and enthusiasm, sharing the magnificent experiences that await all on an expedition cruise.

Sven Joest – Expedition Guide



Sven is an arctic enthusiast from Bonn, Germany, with a passion and expertise in the area of geomorphology. During his undergraduate study in geography at the University of Bonn, it was his semester abroad in Joensuu, Finland, that sparked his interest in the wilderness of the north and the arctic.

Since then, he has pursued his enthusiasm for adventure through several trips to northern Norway, and is currently continuing his academic journey with a master's degree specialising in Peace and Conflict

Transformation, at the Arctic University of Tromsø, Norway, which is the most northern university in the world. From here he is able to pursue his passion for the outdoors and the cold by skiing, hiking, and exploring these vast and remote environments.

As an enthusiastic hobby photographer, and an increasingly keen birder since volunteering at a bird nature reserve on the island of Fehmarn, you'll most likely find him out on deck taking snaps of the landscapes and the wildlife in his spare time during the voyage.

Excited to continue expanding his knowledge and experience in all aspects of the polar expanses, he welcomes you to chat at any point during the adventure about any questions you may have or your own polar interests and stories.

Julian Robinson – Expedition Guide



Originally from the SE of England, Julian has lived in Aberdeen, Scotland, since 2000.

He is a geologist and since studying geology for a BSc at Durham University and researching Structural geology at for a PhD at Cardiff University, Julian went on to have a successful career in oil and gas exploration and development. He worked on a variety of projects with exposure to many different geological settings across the world. At his current stage of life, he saw a great opportunity to combine geology with his lifelong passion for the outdoors and began guiding with

Oceanwide in 2024.

He is at home in the mountains of Scotland and enjoys several pursuits such as hiking, orienteering, climbing, biking and ski touring, although it is paragliding that he is most passionate about: he has visited many parts of the world seeking out some of the most interesting places to fly such as the Karakoram of Pakistan. It is, however, the rare crisp days soaring above the Scottish Highlands that he enjoys more than anywhere else. He also flies competitions and has represented his country several times in World and European championships.

Eric Wong – Expedition Guide



Eric Wong is a mountaineer and documentary photographer from Hong Kong who Specialises in landscape, mountaineering and wildlife photography in the Alps, Himalaya and Polar regions.

In 2016 he became the first foreigner graduated in the Khumbu climbing centre and qualified as professional mountaineer with the famous tribe Sherpa climbers in Nepal. In 2017 he started his trekking tour career in the Alps and Himalaya, and he started his climbing projects in various mountain ranges.

During 2017 and 2018, he successfully completed several remarkable projects which included Eiger, Matterhorn and Grand Jorasses in the Alps, speed ascent North America highest peak, Denali (6190m); solo climb Winter Fuij (3778m); solo climb Winter Island Peak (6189m); and solo climb Ama

Dablam (6812m) in Himalaya.

Besides his climbing projects, Eric and his climbing partner established a non-profit initiative mentoring program designed for young individuals who aspire to become alpinists and polar explorers to promote clean, lightweight, and low impact climbing and exploration.

In 2019, Eric started his Polar guiding career and started to work in both the Arctic and Antarctic areas. Eric is also a documentary photographer and adventure columnist. Eric's work has been published in National Geographic, Leica Fotografie International Gallery Master Shot and several travel and outdoor magazines.

Eric Wong, 來自香港的登山家，生態和極地紀實攝影師，專注於阿爾卑斯山脈，喜馬拉亞山脈和南北兩極進行不同的拍攝項目。

2016 年，他成為首位在Khumbu climbing centre畢業並與尼泊爾當地雪巴人（喜馬拉雅山脈的一個部族）一起獲得職業登山家資格的外國人。他成功完成了多個卓越的項目，包括阿爾卑斯山的艾格峰、馬特洪峰，北美最高峰德納利（6190米）的速度攀登，冬季富士山（3778米）的單獨攀登，冬季島峰（6189米）的單獨攀登，以及阿馬達布拉姆峰（6812米）的單獨攀登。

2019年，Eric開展他的極地嚮導生涯，並在北極和南極地區工作。協助科學家完成不同的研究，並且教育旅客有關南極的生態環境。Eric的攝影作品和見於 National Geographic 《國家地理雜誌》、《Leica攝影國際畫廊大師作品集》和多家知名的旅遊雜誌。

Li Ye - Translator



Li was born and raised in China, her childhood 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 expeditions on her first trip to 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 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.

叶丽在中国出生并长大，她从小梦想是环游世界，她的足迹遍布全球20多个国家，50多个城市。在她第一次来到南极时，她便爱上了极地探险，并计划在这个行业继续深入，成为一名优秀专业的探险队员。

丽的爱好广泛，她喜欢书法，香道，茶道，运动健身和旅行。当不在极地工作时，她也喜欢尝试和挑战新鲜事物，很难想象像她这样一个苗条的女生，曾独自一人去泰国清迈学习泰拳。丽也是一名博主，她喜欢与大家分享她在旅行和极地工作时的所见所闻。

Xinpeng Rao - Expedition Guide



Rao was born in Harbin China, the city full of snow and ice. This is still the reason he gives to others that he is really afraid of hot, he is a true northern man.

His hometown made him full of love in ice and ocean. After he retired from CAPF army and finished college in 2011, he works as an international tour leader in Travel agency for 6 years, during that time, he first went to Europe for western history, then Africa for wildlife.

After his first time in Antarctica, he actually found that most of the information written in Chinese such as Baidu in some common sense about Polar region were totally wrong. Then he decided to make some change.

Now 5 years since that first tour leader trip, during this time he tried to learn anything he could. He has some friends also working in polar region as a staff or a translator. They together making Science popularization in China.

Rao always encourage people to learn from the place they have been. Now the world changing so fast, every modern city looks like same. Original culture and wild environment were taken place by “modern”. That is also the reason why now the wildlife tour is more and more popular in tourism industry.

饶出生在哈尔滨这座充满冰天雪地的城市，这也是他非常怕热的理由——因为他是北方人。

家乡让他从小就爱上了冰雪和海洋。2011 年，他从武警部队退役，并在大学毕业后，在旅行社担任了 6 年的国际领队，在旅行的过程中，他先是去欧洲学习西方历史，然后去了非洲学习野生动物。

在他第一次去南极后，他发现实际上大多数国内书写的知识，比如百度百科，在关于极地的许多常识信息都是完全错误的。从此他决定做些改变。

现在距离他第一次领队旅行已经 5 年了，在这段时间里，他试图在船上学习任何他能学到的东西。他有一些朋友也在极地地区作为探险队或翻译。他们一同试图在国内进行科普教育。

他总是鼓励人们在旅途中学习。现在的世界变化之快，每个现代城市看起来都是一样的。民俗文化和野生环境被“现代社会”所取代。这也是为什么现在野生环境为目的地的旅游在旅游业中越来越受欢迎的原因。

马克·罗索——露营领队



马克出生在披萨的故乡——意大利。马克毕业于家乡意大利的帕多瓦大学机械工程专业，随后在比利时布鲁塞尔冯·卡门研究所获得涡轮机械和流体动力学硕士学位。

在该行业工作了几年后，马克决定开始他的自然探险生涯。两年来，他一直带着帐篷和露营设备，穿梭在墨西哥和中美洲潮湿的丛林中，并在秘鲁安第斯山脉的雪峰和玻利维亚的干燥高地当背包客，并最终抵达了南美洲的尖端。

巴塔哥尼亚自然的原始之美促使马克对相关专业产生了兴趣。他开始对地球物理学着迷，于是决定利用热力学和流体力学方面深厚而广泛的知识来满足他与生俱来的好奇心。他自学了地球的演变过程，如地质火山作用、海冰和冰川的形成以及大气环流和洋流等。

在过去的十年里，马克一直住在智利纳塔莱港。作为徒步导游和领队，他带领探险团队游览了巴塔哥尼亚美丽和崎岖的小径，例如托雷斯德尔潘恩、菲茨罗伊和托雷山环线以及号称“世界最南端的徒步旅行”的迪恩特斯德纳瓦里诺。

距离巴塔哥尼亚更远的地方就是南极半岛，在那里，马克愿意与您分享这片真正原始、未受破坏的环境，并和您一起带着好奇，全程体验充满刺激、难以置信的南极行程。

Marcel Gerson – Expedition Guide



Marcel Gerson grew up in the lowlands of northern Germany, where his fascination with nature and wildlife began. This passion led him to study Wildlife Ecology, deepening his understanding of ecosystems and their inhabitants. An avid photographer, Marcel has captured wildlife across diverse terrains, but the Arctic holds a special place in his heart.

His love for the Arctic led him to Longyearbyen on Svalbard, a place he now calls his second home. With extensive experience living and exploring in this remote region, Marcel is excited to share its beauty and unique wildlife with you.

Back in Europe he works in environmental conservation. He is especially interested in the political and social implications of conservation and focused on big carnivores like wolves and bears. He could take part in several research projects in Germany, Austria and Portugal relating population monitoring, but also environmental education.

As your guide and wildlife biologist on this Arctic cruise, Marcel's expertise spans from the smallest snow buntings to the elusive Arctic foxes, and, of course, the majestic polar bears. His enthusiasm and knowledge promise to make your journey both educational and thrilling. He attempts to also excite you about this extraordinary nature and hopes even after ten days of your trip you still cannot get enough of this ever changing Arctic wilderness.

雅库布·马莱茨基——探险领队



雅库布 1985 年出生于波兰。小时候，他梦想成为一名宇航员，并将研究方向确定为了天文学。最终，他获得了地球科学硕士和博士学位，并成为了一名冰川学家。正如他所说，研究偏远的冰川覆盖地区几乎就像登陆另一个星球一样，因此对雅库布来说，他的童年的梦想已经基本实现。

自 2007 年以来，雅库布直接置身于通过远程手段（即使用卫星或航空图像）研究世界各地的冰川的工作中。他的主要研究领域是冰川如何应对不同环境条件下的气候变化。雅库布的大部分冰川学工作都是在斯瓦尔巴群岛进行的，斯瓦尔巴群岛位于挪威和北极之间，在那里雅库布彻底的爱上了冰与雪。也就从那时起，雅库布每年都会参加偏远地区的探险活动。

雅库布认为科学界的公共教育与传播新知识同样重要，因此他是一位热心的冰川学知识传播者、书籍作者，也是波兰媒体和科学节的常客，就极地和山区事务发表评论与见解。除了冰川学之外，雅库布还是行星科学和太空探索的狂热爱好者，并会弹奏尤克里里。

Koen Jongerling - Expedition Guide



Having grown up in the Netherlands Koen always knew he wanted to live in a more rugged landscape than the rather flat lowlands that surrounded him. That is why after finishing his outdoor education in 2011, he chose to move to Patagonia, Chile to find the mountains he was longing for.

Combining his love for nature and the desire to learn more, he started guiding expeditions through the mountain ranges of Patagonia. Travelling back and forth to Europe for additional mountain courses - every time feeling

more at home in the rough conditions of Patagonia. In 2017 he started his own guide company, introducing travelers to the beauty of Southern Chile.

Living in Puerto Natales he came to love the cold and extreme weather and after years of working in one of the most southern mountain ranges in the world, he could not stop looking further south to the great white continent, Antarctica.

科恩·霍克梅杰——探险领队



科恩于 1974 年出生在荷兰。说到自然和野生动物，科恩一开始对它们可并不感冒，因为他一直更喜欢夜生活和阳光明媚的海滩。但当 2009 年他在哥斯达黎加发现自己喜欢上了野生动物和摄影时，一切都改变了。正是在这次旅行中，科恩第一次看到座头鲸，并立即爱上了它们。这不仅让他渴望在世界各地看到更多不同类型的鲸鱼，而且还激

发他如何为这些神奇的生物拍摄更好的照片的欲望。随着对鲸鱼和摄影的热爱，也促使科恩对各种野生动物的兴趣愈发的浓厚。

自 2009 年那个难忘的假期以来，科恩一直在环游世界，参观并拍摄世界上最美丽的地方。通常，科恩的旅行是在船上、吉普车上或者步行途中，但自 2016 年以来，科恩也会前往水下，在鲸鱼和逆戟鲸的陪伴下浮潜，这对科恩而言就是最纯粹的快乐。

科恩最喜欢的动物包括鲸鱼、逆戟鲸、企鹅和美洲虎，但在旅行期间，他也喜欢街头摄影，捕捉世界各地人们的生活和肖像。

科恩相信，旅行不仅丰富人们的生活，还让人们更敬畏自然、更加懂得感恩，并对生活有更深刻的理解。科恩曾赢得著名的 WWF Frans Lanting 摄影比赛，并在 2020 年赢得了 Ellen Fitzgibbon 纪念摄影比赛。科恩的梦想是有一天拥有一只维兹拉狗，并在挪威北部的某个地方，生活在一间被雪和树木包围的小木屋里。

Hana Spickova – Guide/lecturer



Hana is a chemist who is working the last two years at the University Centre on Svalbard. She comes originally from the Czech Republic and has spent the last 11 years in Norway.

Her love for nature and outdoor life brought her first to Tromsø in Northern Norway where she did her master degree while working as a northern light guide, photographer, dog sledding guide and dog handler. She likes to spend her free time in the mountains skiing, hiking, kayaking and diving. She spent two years traveling to Asia, Africa, South America and Patagonia. She worked as

a volunteer in rescue stations for wild animals in Bolivia and Peru and as a humanitarian helper in Iraq, Rwanda and Ethiopia. After finishing her studies, she has been working as an analytical chemist in Norway. Her curiosity and enthusiasm for outdoor life brought her all the way to Svalbard where she enjoys ski touring, dog sledding and exploring new places on a snowmobile. She speaks Czech, English and Norwegian.

Jessica Bakker – Ships doctor



Jessica will be our ship doctor during this trip. She went to medical school in Rotterdam the Netherlands. She started her carrier as a resident at the cardiothoracic surgery and later cardiology and ICU, before starting her training as a hospitalist. She is currently working as a hospitalist in the Hague, the Netherlands. Jessica spends most of her time on the surgery department and is an ambassador for patient safety improvement in her hospital. Next to her work in the hospital, she followed courses in diving- and outdoor medicine.

During her medical training, she coordinated a research project to lower the acquisition rate of MRSA infections on a surgery ward in Surabaya Indonesia. Proper hand hygiene turned out to be the most effective measure to prevent the spread of MRSA infection. With the recent pandemic in mind, Jessica will ask everybody kindly to disinfect your hands before entering the public areas, so we can all enjoy a safe and healthy journey. This project learned her a lot about working with limited researches.

Summer 2017 was Jessica's first trip to the arctic region. She loved the beauty of the nature and amount of whales in Greenland and could not wait to explore more places in de polar region. In 2020 she visited Lapland and made plans to visit Svalbard. In 2022 she made her first trip as a ship doctor to Svalbard and she's looking forward to explore more of the Arctic region.



AROUND SPITSBERGEN, KVITØYA, IN THE REALM OF POLAR BEAR & ICE

Date: 08/08/2024

Day 1: Longyearbyen – Embarkation

Welcome aboard!

Please make yourselves at home in your cabins and check you have received all your luggage! Tea/coffee is available in the bar/lounge area located on Deck 5.

PLEASE LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

17:15+/- Ship safety briefing, in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY**.

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

18:30+/- We would like to invite you to **Captains Cocktails** in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**. The Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader will do a welcome briefing, to orientate you to life on board and explain the plan for the forthcoming days and you will meet your Expedition Team.

19:30 **Buffet dinner** in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

Make sure that all your belongings are put away safely and that doors and drawers in your cabin are tightly closed. Walk slowly on the ship, always use one hand for yourself and one for the ship and beware of your fingers because of doors slamming!



AROUND SPITSBERGEN, KVITØYA, IN THE REALM OF POLAR BEAR & ICE

Date: 09/08/2024

Day 2: Lillihookbreen and Ny Alesund

07:00 **Wake-up call.** Good morning!

07:30 **Buffet breakfast** will be served in the **Dining Room** on Deck 4.

In the morning, before our mandatory briefings, we plan to sail in the Lilliehook fjord to admire its glacier. We invite you to come out on the decks to observe the wildlife and landscapes.

09:30 Please join us for AECO, Bear safety, and Zodiac safety briefing, in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY**.

11:30 The Expedition Team invites you to **Deck 3 at the zodiac loading area** to collect your **Muck boots**. Please, bring your thick socks to find the perfect fit. **Please listen for announcements as we will be calling you down deck by deck.**

12:00 **Buffet lunch** will be served in the **Dining Room** on Deck 4.

*During our landing in Ny-Ålesund, you can roam freely on the roads within town. You are welcome to visit the shop and museum, but please remove your boots when visiting the shop. Please do not enter any other buildings without permission. Public toilets are available at the harbour office near the dock. Please turn off your Wi-fi and Bluetooth on your mobile phone so as not to interfere with scientific research equipment. **A map will be available at reception for you to take a photo of for orientation.***

13:30 We invite the **blue group** to the zodiac boarding area on deck 3 for a zodiac landing at Ny-Ålesund.

13:45 We invite the **red group** around 13.45 to the zodiac boarding area on deck 3 for a zodiac landing at Ny-Ålesund.

14:30 We invite the **blue group** to meet the Expedition Team at Amundsen's Bust for a 20 minute talk with a look at Amundsen's Mast.

15:30 We invite the to meet **red group** the Expedition Team at Amundsen's Bust for a 20 minute talk with a look at Amundsen's Mast.

18:15 **Daily recap!** Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge in deck 5 to know about the plan for tomorrow.

19:00 **Plated dinner** will be served in the Dining Room. Please arrive on time. Bon Appetit!



AROUND SPITSBERGEN, KVITØYA, IN THE REALM OF POLAR BEAR & ICE

Date: 10/08/2024

Day 3: *Sjuøya (the 7 islands)*

0730 Wake-up call. **Good morning!**

0830 **Buffet breakfast** will be served in the **Dining Room** (Deck 4).

Today, we plan to zodiac cruise and disembark at Phippsøya and Parryoya which are part of Sjuøya (the 7 islands), a small archipelago of hard rock over a billion years old, with an intrusion of granite 440 to 410 million years old.

0915 We will invite the **red group** to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a **landing at Parryoya**.

0930 We will invite the **blue group** to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck3) for a **zodiac cruise** around **Parryoya**.

Halfway through our morning activities the red and blue groups will swap on the beach, so everyone will get to land and Zodiac Cruise.

1230 Buffet **lunch** will be served in the **Dining Room** on (Deck 4).

1500 We will invite the **blue group** to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3) for a **landing at Phippsøya**.

1515 We will invite the **red group** to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck3) for a **zodiac cruise** around **Phippsøya**.

Halfway through our Afternoon activities the red and blue groups will swap on the beach, so everyone will get to land and Zodiac Cruise.

1900 **Daily recap:** Please join the Expedition Team in the **lounge** (deck 5) to learn about our **plan for tomorrow**.

19:30 **Plated dinner** will be served in the **Dining Room** (deck 4).



AROUND SPITSBERGEN, KVITØYA, IN THE REALM OF POLAR BEAR & ICE

Date: 11/08/2024

Day 4: Sea Ice Day

07:30 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

08:00 **Buffet breakfast.**

During the day, we plan to explore the sea ice northeast of Svalbard in search of wildlife. We encourage you to spend time on the outer decks to fully appreciate this spectacle. Please listen for announcements about wildlife sightings.

If wildlife is nearby, announcements will only be made inside the ship to avoid disturbing them. We kindly ask you to remain very quiet outside, speak in low voices, avoid slamming doors, and handle your tripods carefully.

09:15 Please join **Jacob** in **the lounge** where he will discuss the current state of **Sea ice**. You'll gain insights into the sea ice surrounding the ship, including its formation, seasonal changes, and the impact of climate change on this critical polar environment.

11:00 We invite you **to the bow** for a **warm arctic drink** as we cruise through the sea ice.

12:30 **Buffet Lunch** will be served in **the dinning room**.

14:30 Please meet **Koen** in the **observation lounge** where he will give you **10 tips to improve your wildlife photography**.

1600 Please meet **Misha** in **the lounge** to hear the incredible story of **Salomon August Andrée's Arctic Balloon Expedition of 1897** one of the most fascinating and tragic stories of polar exploration.

18:15 **Daily recap:** Please join the Expedition Team in **the lounge** to learn about our **plan for tomorrow**.

19:00 **Dinner** will be served the **dining room**. Bon Appetit!



AROUND SPITSBERGEN, KVITØYA, IN THE REALM OF POLAR BEAR & ICE

Date: 12/08/2024

Day 5: Kvitøya

0630 **Wake-up call.** Good morning!
0700 **Buffet breakfast.**

Today we hope to cruise and/or land on Kvitøya, which literally means "White Island" in Norwegian. It is the easternmost island in the Svalbard archipelago and one of the most remote and least accessible places in the Arctic. Kvitøya is famously known as the final resting place of the members of Salomon Andrée's Arctic Balloon Expedition of 1897. Their remains, along with diaries and photographs, were discovered on the island in 1930, providing crucial information about their ill-fated journey.

0815 We will invite the **blue group** to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise at Andreeneset, Kvitøya. **Dress warmly as we hope to cruise for some time.**

0830 We will invite the **red group** to the **zodiac boarding area** for a zodiac cruise at Andreeneset, Kvitøya. **Dress warmly as we hope to cruise for some time.**

1230 **Buffet lunch.**

Throughout the afternoon we hope to ships cruise the ice cap covered island of Kvitøya. We will have some lectures planned, however this is a true expedition afternoon, so listen to announcements throughout the afternoon for any updates to the schedule.

14:15 **Marcel** invites everyone to **the lounge** for **his lecture** all about the kings of the arctic, **the mighty Polar Bear!**

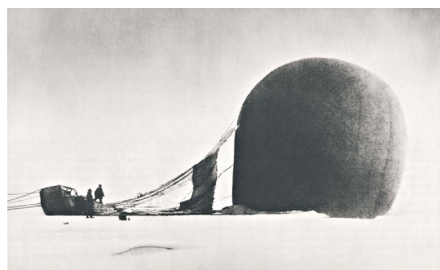
16:15 **Rao** invites all **Mandarin speakers** to the **lecture room** for an **introduction to Arctic birds!** Learn to identify these fascinating species and discover their unique behaviours in the wild.

16:15 Join **Misha** in the **lounge** for an exciting lecture on **Arctic bird migration!** Don't miss this fascinating dive into the lives of some of the world's most extraordinary travellers. The talk will be in English.

18:15 **Daily recap:** Please join the Expedition Team in **the lounge** to learn about our **plan for tomorrow.**

19:00 **Plated dinner** will be served in the **Dining Room.**

"With such comrades one should be able to manage under, I may say, any circumstances".
- Salomon August Andrée





AROUND SPITSBERGEN, KVITØYA, IN THE REALM OF POLAR BEAR & ICE

Date: 13/08/2024

Day 6: Storøya and Bråsvellbreen.

0630 Wake-up call. **Good morning!**

0700 **Buffet breakfast** will be served in the **Dining Room**.

In the morning, we plan to land and cruise in Storøya which means “big island” which is either a joke or a mistake, considering its small size of 40km² and its position next to the much larger island Nordaustland.

0800 We will invite the **red group** to the **zodiac boarding area** for a **landing** at Storøya.

0815 We will invite the **blue group** to the **zodiac boarding area** for a **zodiac cruise** around Storøya.

Halfway through our morning activities the red and blue groups will swap on the beach, so everyone will get to land and Zodiac Cruise.

1230 Buffet **lunch** will be served in **the Dining Room**.

Expedition afternoon.

We will be cruising along Bråsvellbreen, a 45-kilometer-long glacier that flows southward from the Sjørdomen ice dome of Austfonna. In the late 1930s, a significant surge in the glacier was observed, resulting in a ten-kilometer-long ice tongue extending into the sea.

Please listen for announcement.

1900 **Daily recap:** Please join the Expedition Team in **the lounge** to learn about our **plan for tomorrow**.

19:30 **Plated dinner** will be served in the **Dining Room**.



AROUND SPITSBERGEN, KVITØYA, IN THE REALM OF POLAR BEAR & ICE

Date: 14/08/2024

Day 7: Alkefjellet and Torellneset

In the morning, we would like to offer a zodiac cruise to Alkefjellet, which literally translates as "guillemot mountain". Alkefjellet is home to around 60,000 pairs of Brunnich guillemot, as well as smaller numbers of glaucous gulls and black-legged kittiwakes. It's also a good place to spot Arctic foxes - if we're lucky.

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| 0630 | Wake up call |
| 0700 | Breakfast will be served in the dining room |
| 0815+/- | The blue group will be invited to the zodiac boarding area for a zodiac cruise. |
| 0830+/- | The red group will be invited to the zodiac boarding area for a zodiac cruise. |
| 1200 | Lunch will be served in the dining room . |

In the afternoon we wish to do a landing and zodiac cruise at Torellneset. Groups will swap halfway through the afternoon.

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| 1415+/- | The red group will be invited to the zodiac boarding area for a zodiac landing at Torellneset. |
| 1430+/- | The blue group will be invited to the zodiac boarding area for a zodiac cruise at Torellneset. |
| 1830 | We invite you to the observation lounge for daily recap with the expedition team. |
| 1900 | An Arctic BBQ dinner will be served on the back of deck 5. Dress warmly and let's enjoy delicious food in a breathtaking surrounding. |



AROUND SPITSBERGEN, KVITØYA, IN THE REALM OF POLAR BEAR & ICE

Date: 15/08/2024

Day 8: Freemansundet and Boltodden

0730 Wake-up call.
0800 Buffet breakfast

In the morning, we hope to cruise Freemansundet, the sound between Edgeøya and Barentsøya. Whatever the conditions, it is a great place to look out for bears from the high vantage of the ship. We will also offer two lectures.

0915 Join **Misha** in the **observation lounge** for an exciting lecture on the world of **marine mammals** and their incredible **acoustics!** And don't worry if you don't speak English—the lecture will be **translated in Chinese**.

1045 **Jens** can't wait to share the thrilling tale of **Nobile's flight to the North Pole aboard the airship Italia!** From triumph to tragedy, learn how Nobile and his crew braved the Arctic's harshest conditions. And don't worry if you don't speak English—the lecture will be **translated in Chinese by Li**. The lecture will be in the lounge.

1145 Join **Hans in the lounge** to discuss the afternoon's plans.

1200 **Buffet lunch**

In the afternoon, we would like to land at Boltodden in the bay of kvalvagen on the Est coast of Spitzbergen. One of the highlights of the site is dinosaur footprint that can be seen in the sandstone. This afternoon will be a true expedition afternoon. Stand by for announcements.

TBA First we will invite the long hikers to the zodiac boarding area for a long hike at Boltodden.

TBA We invite the **Blue Group** to the zodiac boarding area for a long hike at Boltodden.

TBA We invite the **Red Group** to the zodiac boarding area for a long hike at Boltodden.

1815 Please join the Expedition Team in **the lounge** for **daily recap**.

1900 **Dinner** will be served in the **Dining Room**.



AROUND SPITSBERGEN, KVITØYA, IN THE REALM OF POLAR BEAR & ICE

Date: 16/08/2024

Day 9: Bamsebu and Recherchefjorden

0700 **Wake-up call.**
0730 **Buffet breakfast**

In the morning we plan to land and zodiac cruise in Ingebrigtsenbukta . Around 1930, a whaling station was established here, where The whalers hunted exclusively belugas.

0830 We invite anyone wanting to do a three hour hike on the tundra at Bamsebu, to the zodiac boarding area for a zodiac landing.

0850 We invite the **red Group** to the zodiac **boarding area** on deck 3 for 1.5 hour medium or short hike at landing at Bamsebu.

0905 We invite the **blue group** to the zodiac **boarding area** on deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Bamsebu.

1200 **Buffet lunch**

In the afternoon, we hope to cruise to land in reserchefjorden., is a small fjord on the south side of Bellsund, Spitsbergen. The fjord is named after the French cruiser La Recherche, which visited Spitsbergen in 1838 and 1839.

1400 We invite the **blue group** to the zodiac **boarding area** on deck 3 for a landing at Recherchefjorden.

1420 We invite the **red group** to the zodiac **boarding area** on deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Recherchefjorden.

1800 **Captain's cocktails.** Please join the Expedition Team and our captain for our final recap, the captain farewell cocktail, and the slideshow of this trip.

1900 **Dinner** will be served in the Dining Room.

2100 We will be **collecting your muck boots** at the shell doors **on deck 3**. Please wait for announcements as we will **call you deck by deck**.



AROUND SPITSBERGEN, KVITØYA, IN THE REALM OF POLAR BEAR & ICE

Date: 17/08/2024

Day 10: Longyearbyen

0700	Wake-up call.
0730	Buffet breakfast

PLEASE NOTE:

Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, there will be a bus to your accommodation in the morning at around 0900.

All luggage must be left outside your cabins before breakfast, by 7:30am, and we will move it to the pier.

The Bus company is choosing the following distribution for disembarking pax:

Bus 1 - Funken Lodge

Bus 2 - Polfarer and Funken lodge

Bus 3 - Radisson Hotel

Bus 4 - Pier – MaryAnn's – Russky Dom – Basecamp – Lodge – Haugen – Gjestehuset – Coal Miners Cabin - Vault

08:30+/- We invite all guests to disembark, please wait for announcement.

Please identify your luggage on the pier and ensure it is placed in the right transport.

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



斯匹次卑尔根， KVITØYA，北极熊和冰的领域

日期： 08/08/2024

第 1 天： 朗伊尔城 - 登船

欢迎登船！

请在你们的房间安顿下来，检查一下你们是否收到所有行李！ 位于 5 层甲板的酒吧/休息区提供茶/咖啡。

请收听广播

17:15+/- 船舶安全简报会，在 **5 层甲板的观景休息室** 出席此次会议是 **强制性的**。

简报结束后，紧急警报将响起，您需要返回房间并领取救生衣。所有入住 3 层甲板（301-337 号客舱）的客人将前往 **MUSTER STATION A**，即 **4 层甲板的餐厅** 所有入住 4、6 和 7 层甲板的客人将前往 **MUSTER STATION B**，即 **5 层甲板的观景休息室**。

18:30+/- 我们诚挚邀请您参加在 **5 层甲板观景休息室的 船长鸡尾酒庆祝仪式**。酒店经理和探险队队长将做一个欢迎简报，让您了解船上的生活，并解释未来几天的计划，和介绍探险队员。

19:30 **自助晚餐** 在 4 层甲板的餐厅。

确保您的所有物品都安全存放，并且确认船舱内的门和抽屉都已关闭。在船上慢慢走，用一只手紧握扶手。切勿把手放在门边，并小心你的手指。
注意安全。



斯匹次卑尔根 KVITØYA, 北极熊和冰的领域

日期: 09/08/2024

第 2 天: Lillihookbreen 和 Ny Alesund

07:00 叫早广播。早上好!
07:30 自助早餐 (四楼餐厅)

早上, 在我们强制性的简报会之前, 我们计划在利利胡克峡湾航行, 欣赏其冰川。我们邀请您来到甲板上, 观察野生动物和风景。

09:30 请加入我们的 AECO、北极熊和冲锋艇安全讲座
请注意, 这是强制性要求每位乘客都必须参加的活动

11:30 探险队邀请您来三层冲锋艇登艇区领取防水登陆靴;
请带上出行会穿的厚袜子, 以确保选取最合适的尺码;
请您注意收听广播, 我们将逐层通知您。

12:00 自助午餐 (四楼餐厅)

我们在新奥勒松游览期间

您可以在城内道路上自由漫游; 您可以前往参观商店和博物馆, 但在进入商店时请您脱下靴子; 未经许可, 请勿进入任何其他建筑; 码头附近的港口办事处设有公共卫生间; 在此游览期间, 请您关闭手机上的 WIFI 和蓝牙, 以免干扰科研设备。

接待处将提供一张地图供您拍照以进行定位。

13:30 请 **蓝组** 前往 3 层甲板的冲锋艇登艇区, 在新奥勒松进行登陆

13:45 请 **红组** 前往 3 层甲板的冲锋艇登艇区, 在新奥勒松进行登陆

14:30 请 **蓝组** 在阿蒙森的半身像与探险队会面, 我们将进行 20 分钟的讲解, 分享阿蒙森的英雄事迹。

15:30 请 **红组** 在阿蒙森的半身像与探险队会面, 我们将进行 20 分钟的讲解, 分享阿蒙森的英雄事迹。

18:15 请前往五楼酒吧, 参与由探险队主持的每日行程回顾和次日行安排。

19:00 晚餐 (四楼餐厅) !



斯匹次卑尔根周围， KVITØYA，北极熊和冰的领域

日期： 10/08/2024

第 3 天： *Sjuøya* (7 岛)

0700 叫早广播。

0730 自助早餐（四楼餐厅）

今天，我们计划在 *Phippsøya* 和 *Parryøya* 进行冲锋舟巡游和登陆，这些岛是 *Sjuøya* (7 个岛屿) 的一部分，是一个拥有 10 亿多年历史的小群岛，岛上有 4.4 亿至 4.1 亿年历史的花岗岩。

0915 我们会邀请**红组**前往 3 层甲板的冲锋艇登陆区，准备在**菲普斯岛**的 *Parryøya*(帕里奥亚) 登陆点进行**登陆活动**。

0930 我们将邀请 **蓝组** 前往 3 层甲板的冲锋艇登陆区，准备在**菲普斯岛**的 *Parryøya*(帕里奥亚) 进行**冲锋舟巡游活动**。

在早上的活动，红和蓝组将在海滩上交换，这样每个人都可以登陆和冲锋舟巡游。

1230 自助午餐（四楼餐厅）

1500 我们会邀请**蓝组**前往 3 层甲板的冲锋艇登陆区，准备在 *Phippsøya* (菲普斯索亚) 登陆点进行**登陆活动**。

1515 我们将邀请 **红组** 前往 3 层甲板的冲锋艇登陆区，准备在 *Phippsøya* (菲普斯索亚) 进行**冲锋舟巡游活动**。

在下午的活动，红和蓝组将在海滩上交换，这样每个人都可以登陆和冲锋舟巡游。

1900 请前往五楼酒吧，参与由探险队主持的每日行程回顾和次日行程安排

19:30 晚餐（四楼餐厅）



斯匹次卑尔根周围， KVITØYA，在北极熊和冰的领域

日期： 11/08/2024

第四天：海冰日

07:30 叫早广播。

08:00 自助早餐。

， 我们计划探索斯瓦尔巴群岛东北部的海冰，寻找野生动物。我们鼓励您花时间在甲板上，欣赏这奇观。请收听有关野生动物目击的广播。
如果附近有野生动物，只会在船内发布公告，以免打扰它们。我们恳请您在外面保持非常安静，低声说话，避免砰的一声关上门，并小心处理您的三脚架。

09:15 请参加雅 各 在 酒廊 的第二场关于 的海冰讲座。

11:00 我们邀请您到船头享用一杯温暖的北极饮品，同时我们在海冰中航行。

12:30 自助午餐。

14:30 请参加科恩 休息室里的演讲，题为“提高野生动物摄影的 10 个技巧”。

1600 请在 酒廊 听听所罗门·奥古斯特·安德烈 1897 年的北极气球探险 极地探险故事。

18:15 每日回顾： 请加入探险队 酒廊， 了解我们明天的计划。

19:00 晚餐



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日期： 12/08/2024

第 5 天： Kvitøya

0630 叫早广播。

0700 自助早餐。

今天，我们希望在 Kvitøya 上巡航或登录，Kvitøya 在挪威语中的字面意思是“白岛”。它是斯瓦尔巴群岛最东端的岛屿，也是北极最偏远和最难以到达的地方之一。克维托亚 (Kvitøya) 以 1897 年所罗门·安德烈 (SalomónAndrée) 的北极气球探险队成员的最后安息之地而闻名。他们的遗体以及日记和照片于 1930 年在岛上被发现，为他们命运多舛的旅程提供了重要信息。

0815 **蓝色组**在 Kvitoya 的 Andreeneset 进行**冲锋舟巡游**。注意保暖，因为我们希望巡航一段时间。

0830 **红组**在 Kvitoya 的 Andreeneset 进行**冲锋舟巡游**。注意保暖，因为我们希望巡航一段时间。

1230 自助午餐。

整个下午，我们希望船只在冰盖覆盖的 Kvitøya 岛上巡游。我们将计划一些讲座，但这是一个真正的探险下午，所以所以整个下午都要听广播，了解时间表的任何更新。

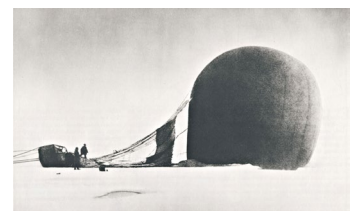
14:15 马赛尔的北极熊演讲

16:15 饶邀请所有华人在演讲厅收听北极鸟类介绍演讲！学习识别这些迷人的物种，并发现它们在野外的独特行为。

16:15 加入 米沙 在 休息室 的讲座 北极鸟类迁徙！了解世界上一些最非凡的旅行者生活。

18:15 每日回顾： 请加入探险队 酒廊 要了解我们的 为明天做计划。

19:00 晚餐。



“有了这样的同志，我可以说，一个人应该能够在任何情况下都应付”。

- 所罗门·奥古斯特·安德烈



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日期：13/08/2024

第 6 天：Storoya 和 Bråsvellbreen。

0630 叫早广播！

0700 自助早餐

早上，我们计划在斯托罗亚（Storoya）登陆和巡航，意思是“大岛”，考虑到其 40 平方公里的小面积以及其位于更大的岛屿 Nordaustland 旁边，这要么是个笑话，要么是一个错误。

0800 我们将邀请 **红组**在斯托罗亚**登陆**

0815 我们将邀请 **蓝色组**在斯托罗亚进行**冲锋舟巡游活动**。

在早上的活动，红和蓝组将在海滩上交换，这样每个人都可以登陆和冲锋舟巡游。

1230 自助餐 **午餐**

远征下午。

我们将沿着 Bråsvellbreen 巡游，这是一条 45 公里长的冰川，从 Austfonna 的 Sørdomen 冰穹向南流淌。在 1930 年代后期，观察到冰川的显著激增，导致一条长达 10 公里的冰舌伸入大海。

请听广播。

1900 **每日回顾**：请加入探险队了解我们 **明天的计划**。

19:30 **晚餐**



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日期：14/08/2024

第 7 天：Alkefjellet 和 Torellneset

Alkefjellet意思是“海鸥山”。Alkefjellet 是大约 60,000 对 厚嘴崖海鸦的家园，还有少量北极鸥和三趾鸥。如果我们幸运的话。这也是发现北极狐的好地方 -

0630	叫早广播
0700	早餐
0815+/-	蓝组 将被邀请进行冲锋舟巡游.
0830+/-	红组 将被邀请进行冲锋舟巡游.
1200	午餐

下午，我们希望在Torellneset登陆。在这里，我们希望提供一些不同长度的徒步旅行。

等待通知	长 徒步被邀请到3层甲板登陆托雷尔内塞特 (Torellneset)
等待通知	中 徒步被邀请到3层甲板登陆托雷尔内塞特 (Torellneset)
等待通知	短 徒步被邀请到3层甲板登陆托雷尔内塞特 (Torellneset)
1815	我们邀请您来到观景休息室，与探险队一起进行每日回顾
1900	北极烧烤晚餐将在5层甲板的后方供应。 穿着暖和的衣服，让我们在令人叹为观止的环境中享用美味佳肴。



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日期：15/08/2024

第 8 天：Freemansundet 和 Boltodden

0730 叫早广播

0800 自助早餐

早上，我们希望在船上巡游 Freemansundet, Edgeøya 和 Barentsøya。无论条件如何，这里都是从船的高处寻找熊的好地方。我们还将提供两场讲座。

0915 加入 米沙 在 观景休息室 关于世界的激动人心的讲座 海洋哺乳动物 以及他们不可思议的 声学！ 如果您不会说英语，请不要担心——讲座会是 译成中文。

1045 延斯 迫不及待地想分享这个惊心动魄的故事 诺比尔乘坐飞艇飞往北极 意大利 从胜利到悲剧，了解 Nobile 和他的船员如何勇敢地面对北极最恶劣的条件。如果您不会说英语，请不要担心——讲座会是 李译于中文。 讲座将在休息室举行。

1145 加入 休息室里的汉斯 讨论下午的计划。

1200 自助午餐

下午，我们想在斯匹次卑尔根东部海岸的kvalvagen湾的Boltodden登陆。该遗址的亮点之一是在砂岩中可以看到恐龙的足迹。今天下午将是一个真正的探险下午。
请等待广播。

待定 首先，我们将邀请长途徒步参加者前往三层甲板集合准备，在（Boltodden）进行长途徒步。

待定 蓝组请前往三层甲板集合准备于（Boltodden）进行长途徒步旅行。

待定 红组请前往三层甲板集合准备于（Boltodden）进行长途徒步旅行。

1815 请到酒廊加入探险队的每日回顾。

1900 晚餐



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第 9 天：Bamsebu 和 Recherchfjorden

0700 晨间广播
0730 自助早餐

今早我们希望在 Ingebrigtsenbukt 进行冲锋舟巡游和登陆。在大约 1930 年，一座专门用来捕杀白鲸的捕鲸站于此处建成。

0830 请全体参加三小时 **Bamsebu** 苔原长途徒步的乘客前往三层甲板集合。

0850 **红组** 请前往三层甲板准备乘冲锋艇前往 Bamsebu 进行登陆活动。
1.5 小时中程徒步和短程徒步可在登陆区自由参加。

0905 **蓝组** 请前往三层甲板准备乘冲锋艇前往 Bamsebu 进行巡游活动。

1200 自助午餐

今日下午我们希望在 *reserchefjorden* 进行登陆和巡游活动。此处位于贝尔松 Bellsund 南侧的一处小峡湾。这片峡湾根据一位 1838-1839 年在斯皮茨伯根群岛航行的法国航海家 *La Recherche* 的名字命名。

1400 **蓝组** 请前往三层甲板准备乘冲锋艇开始登陆活动。

1420 **红组** 请前往三层甲板准备乘冲锋艇开始巡游活动。

1800 **船长酒会**。请加入我们的船长和探险队带来的最终航程简报，和船长的告别酒会。并且一同观看此次的旅程幻灯片。

1900 桌式晚餐

2100 我们将在三层登船区回收您的登陆靴。请各层客舱乘客按广播通知前往。



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第10天：朗伊尔城

0700 晨间广播。
0730 自助早餐

请注意：

抵达朗伊尔城 (Longyearbyen) 后，早上 0900 左右将有巴士前往您的住所。
所有行李必须在早餐前 (早上 7: 30 之前) 留在您的房间外，我们将其移至码头。

巴士公司正在为下车乘客选择以下分布：

公共汽车 1 - Funken Lodge

公共汽车 2 - Polfarer 和 Funken lodge

公共汽车 3 - Radisson Hotel

公共汽车 4 - 码头 - MaryAnn's - Russky Dom - Basecamp - Lodge - Haugen – Gjestehuset - Coal Miners - Vault

08：30+/- 我们邀请所有客人下船，请等待公告。

请在码头上辨认您的行李，并确保将其放置在正确的交通工具中。

来自MV Hondius号上的所有探险队和船员，我们祝您平安
，感谢您与我们分享这次令人难以置信的旅程。我们期待在未来再次与您一起航行。