



East Greenland, Scoresby Sund

31st August – 9th September 2024



M/V Plancius

MV *Plancius* is named after the Dutch astronomer, cartographer, geographer, and minister Petrus Plancius (1552 - 1622). *Plancius* was built in 1976 as an oceanographic research vessel for the Royal Dutch Navy and was named Hr. Ms. Tydeman. The ship sailed with the Royal Dutch Navy until June 2004 when she was purchased by Oceanwide Expeditions, before being completely refitted in 2007, being converted into a 114-passenger expedition vessel. *Plancius* is 89 m (267 feet) long, 14.5 m (43 feet) wide and has a maximum draft of 5 m, with an Ice Strength rating of 1D, top speed of 12+ knots and three diesel engines generating 1230 hp each.

Captain Evgeny Levakov

and his international crew

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Day 1 – 31st August

Akureyri - Embarkation Day

15:00 GPS Position: 65°40.6'N / 018°05.6'E

Weather: Cloudy, **Air Temp:** 11°C, **Sea Temp:** 9°C

Today is the day! It is finally time for us to embark upon our Arctic adventure! In the late afternoon we arrived at our ship, *Plancius*, our new home for the next nine days. It had been a long journey for most of us, so we were glad for the warm welcome provided by the staff. The day was cloudy with a strong wind blowing and we had to dodge a bit of spray as we made our way to the gangway. We all checked in and were quickly escorted to our respective cabins. We excitedly started exploring the ship and wandering the decks enjoying the views of the harbor.



Once we were all aboard, we were required to make our way to the lounge to take part in a mandatory briefing and abandon ship drill. With that done, we watched the skillful navigation by the bridge team, assisted by a tugboat, to leave the dock against the very strong wind.



As we set our course north and headed down the fjord toward the open sea and Greenland, our expedition leader, Ali, invited us back to the lounge for the Captain's Cocktails. We met Hotel Manager Ingrid, Captain Evengy, and the expedition team. We celebrated the start of our expedition with some bubbles and canapes before we were called for the next activity of the day: dinner!

We filed down to the restaurant for a delicious buffet and an opportunity to meet all our fellow travelers. The evening was spent getting comfortable, or being social, or both, with the added bonuses of the sighting of a breaching minke whale and a spectacular sunset.

Day 2 – 1st September

At Sea towards Greenland

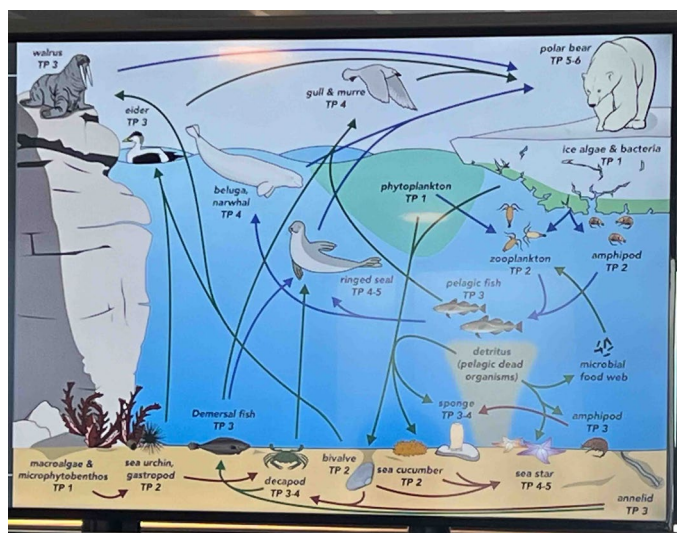
12:00 GPS Position: 68°47.6'N / 020°37.8'E

Weather: Fog, Air Temp: 4°C, Sea Temp: 8°C

Our first full expedition day was at sea. The wind was pushing us north, but it was strong, up to 35 knots at times. This led to a substantial swell, and thus substantial “motion of the ocean”. A number of us suffered and remained in our cabins.

The rest of us were able to attend the safety briefing for Zodiac operations and polar bear safety. We then found the boot room and were fitted for the rubber boots that will allow us to make the “wet landings” from the Zodiac and walk on the sometimes-boggy tundra. We were all set to begin our activities.

Our first breakfast and lunch showed that dinner was not a fluke, and that we will be well fed on this voyage – at least when we are able to eat. The education program continued with Laurence on Introduction to Greenland, Joyce on Greenland Under the Sea – an insight into her research into benthic life, and John on the History of Greenland.



The conditions eased a bit in the afternoon, and the 4pm treats were well received. The recap included Ali giving us an introduction to bird life, introductions from the expedition team, and a close approach to a large iceberg.

We continued to pass large bergs before and during dinner. As we made our way into the lounge for

after-dinner social activities, we remained in the fog but had turned the corner into Scoresby Sund and calmer conditions.

Perhaps the rocking in our beds might be a bit more gentle this night so that we will be well rested for the early start in the morning.

Day 3 – 2nd September

Vikingebugt and Charcot Havn

12:00 GPS Position: 70°22.2'N / 025°12.9'E

Weather: Overcast, **Air Temp:** 5°C, **Sea Temp:** 4°C

After a full day at sea, we left the swell behind and entered the largest fjord on earth – Scoresby Sund. A few hardy souls were up early, catching beautiful light as it played on the icebergs. These frigid behemoths lie stranded on the shallow seabed as they flow eastwards into Hall Bredning. This area is often poetically called the iceberg graveyard of Scoresby Sund.

As the sun rose higher, we approached the imposing south wall of Scoresby Sund, Volquart Boons Kyst, and our destination for the morning; Vikingebugt. The cliffs and peaks of this coast are dark and reach more than 1500 meters above sea level, comprised of a series of lava flows which create a layered landscape with uniform and regular shapes.



We found Vikingebugt completely choked with a morass of glacier ice; clearly the large glacier at the back of the bay, Brede Gletscher (broad glacier), had been very active. Although it was overcast and the mountains were foggy, the conditions were great for a Zodiac cruise. We made our way first to the cliffs on the western shore of the bay, where, as we crept slowly along the wall, we found a series of beautiful basalt columns. The columns are formed as lava cools slowly, and they generally form regular hexagonal shapes.

Some of the most beautiful structures had vast sweeping curves, formed as the cooling lava was bent and stretched by subsequent volcanic activity. At least a few people remarked on the similarity between church architecture and these grand arches rising above us.

We continued further into the bay and pushed gently into the shifting maze of glacial ice, stopping occasionally to view particularly beautiful icebergs, and to listen to the crack and pop of pressurised air bubbles being released from the slowly melting ice. At the end of the fjord, we were able to see two very distant polar bears, wandering towards the back of the bay – the ultimate pixel bears, only just visible with good binoculars. Still, a nice reminder that this part of Greenland is home to a small population of these charismatic creatures.



After several glorious hours, we wound our way slowly back towards *Plancius*, and dived straight into lunch. Meanwhile, the ship repositioned to Charcot Havn, our destination for the afternoon. Here we found a lovely bay, surrounded by rich tundra, and with some interesting rocky outcrops towards the back of the bay. Captain Levekov brought the ship very close to the shore, gently approaching the coast in completely uncharted waters.



The expedition team set off immediately to scout for bears, after which everyone was invited onshore. The surroundings were beautiful; some verdant tundra, several large ridges with fantastic views back over the bay, and the elegant sweep of beach and lagoon which marks the eastern extremity of Charcot Havn. This was our very first landing, and the options were to go for a short, medium, or long walk. All of them went past a gorgeous viewpoint, where we could soak in the

immense vista across the flat plain of glacial sediments, towards the glistening mass of Charcot Gletscher, and far into the mountains and ice cap which make up the centre of Milne Land, the large island we found ourselves on.

After this amazing first day, we headed back to the ship for a lovely warm buffet dinner. What a first day to start our exploration of the Arctic aboard *Plancius*, and many more days to come!

Day 4 – 3rd September

Rypefjord and Harefjord

12:00 GPS Position: 70°59.6'N / 027°43.8'E

Weather: Partly Cloudy, **Air Temp:** 8°C, **Sea Temp:** 6°C

We all woke up after Ali's morning call at 07:45 in the morning. We were slowly approaching our anchorage at Rypefjord with a lovely scenery of mountains with snowy peaks and autumn coloured vegetation on the slopes. At the end of Rypefjord, Eielson Gletscher flowed into the fjord. After a scout of the area, the expedition team lowered the boats to find a good spot to land. As soon as the landing site was prepared, we started to board the Zodiacs and approached the shore.

After a short shuttle, we arrived at a small beach with a steep slope ahead of us. After we split in our usual hiking groups, all of us embarked on our own exploration. Already in the beginning of the steep slope, you could see tracks and fur of musk oxen which spread excitement for a possible encounter with them during our hikes. As soon as the groups reached the top of the plateau many of us spotted different groups of musk oxen. We had great encounters, and some groups saw exciting behaviors within the groups.



The long hikers managed spotted an Arctic hare, while the medium photo group even spotted a Gyrfalcon which was a very special occasion, since it was the first encounter of the trip. After the wildlife encounters, we all made our way back to shore through the autumn-coloured tundra with an amazing view over Rypefjord.

With very happy faces we all went back into the Zodiacs and boarded *Plancius*.

Since many of us had a long walk, we were happy to go for the well-deserved lunch in the dining room. While we were having lunch and resting, *Plancius* was relocated by the bridge team to Harefjord. For the afternoon, the expedition team planned a split landing for us. While half of us were able to go on shore at Harefjord in a perimeter to



explore the beach and tundra, the other half proceeded on a Zodiac cruise. The Zodiac cruise was amazing, passing icebergs much larger than *Plancius*. It was truly spectacular to have a look at these floating monsters from up-close.

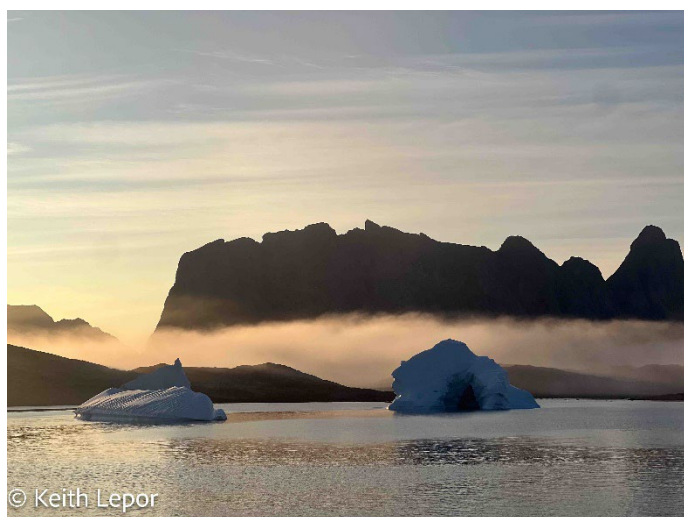
As the sun was starting to set, the landscape was bathed in beautiful evening light, we swapped so that all had time ashore and afloat. We enjoyed our recap and dinner, but that was not yet the end of the day. Since we were heading towards the Bjørneøer, we were passing through Øfjord Fjord with its steep mountains on either side. The light was amazing and many of us were in the lounge or on the decks enjoying the icebergs and mountains in the evening sun. What a special day.

Day 5 – 4th September

Bear Islands and Sydkap

12:00 GPS Position: 71°08.8'N / 025°34.9'E

Weather: Cloudy, **Air Temp:** 8°C, **Sea Temp:** 5°C



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Overnight, we had continued our transit up through the majestic Øfjord (island fjord), so the early birds found the ship approaching the namesake archipelago at the eastern end of the fjord. A few of us had stirred in the night as strong winds had rattled the ship, this fjord is infamous for funneling katabatic winds off the ice sheet, and the Greenlandic word for the fjord, Ikaasakajik, means 'the bad sound' and refers to the frequent strong winds here.

Early in the morning, we had some glorious views of the far side of the fjord, and the stunning mountains of Renland, up to 2000 meters high, and all lit by the soft pink light of the sunrise. However, quite soon, these were hidden as thick banks of fog rolled in from the main body of Scoresby Sund, and our destination for the morning, Bjørneøer, or 'Bear Islands', disappeared into a dense wall of white. Ali and the Expedition Team were on the bridge, to scout, and to assess conditions. After a while, it was clear that the fog was going to stay, and a landing in low visibility would not be safe. Instead, Ali announced a cunning plan B; a Zodiac cruise among the islands and icebergs.

Shortly after this was shared, we found ourselves at water level, and venturing out into the fog. Our expedition guides took us through the island chain, finding the areas where the fog was thinnest. With the superb light, the icebergs were beautiful; frigid, towering castles of ice. A few of the boats explored the east coast of Milne Land and found a beautiful little bay, complete with a rippled sand beach, and some fiery autumn tundra, all set against the backdrop of Grundtvigskirken, the 1970 meter peak towering over the entire area. After several magic hours, it was time to get back on board, to sift through our photos, and to feast on another sumptuous lunch.



During lunch, *Plancius* headed out through across the head of Hall Bredning and towards our destination for the afternoon; Sydkap. This area is a large slope of rich tundra, all set in the crook of a large sweeping bay. The long hikers set off into the hills, aiming for the nearby mountain peak, the medium and medium photo groups went exploring around the large ponds, and found that the ground underfoot was so rich, that it was quite hard going; a little like walking across an endless feather mattress. The weather turned slightly inclement, a gentle rain set in, and the wind picked up from the west. This encouraged a



few of the groups back towards the landing site a little earlier than might otherwise have been the case. However, it was a glorious afternoon to roam through the vibrant Arctic tundra in all its autumn glory.

As we approached the ship in the Zodiacs, we could hear music drifting off the back deck, accompanied by the unmistakable smell of meat cooking on charcoal – a sure sign that we were in for a treat: an Arctic barbecue! We gathered

outside on Deck 3, dressed up warmly, and we tucked into delicious, chargrilled food. In the meantime, *Plancius* was cruising out and into Hall Bredning, the so-called iceberg graveyard of Scoresby Sund. As the sun went down, the music got louder, and the beverages flowed more freely. Before long the back deck had been converted to a dance floor, but every once in a while, a dancer would break off and stare out to the horizon, admiring the vivid blues, purples, and reds of the setting sun. A thoroughly surreal end to another magical day exploring in the Arctic.

Day 6 – 5th September

Ittoqqortoormiit and Nokkedal

12:00 GPS Position: 70°28.7'N / 021°58.4'E

Weather: Rain, Air Temp: 4°C, Sea Temp: 5°C

This morning, we woke up a bit later than normal. After the BBQ and dancing of last night the sleep in was more than welcome.



Plancius had made her way during the night and dropped anchor during breakfast. We had arrived at Ittoqqortoormiit. The place with a name that needs pronunciation practicing for even the smoothest talkers amongst us. Ittoq (in short) is the largest and northernmost settlement in the northeastern corner of Greenland and was a hub for polar exploration in the early 1900's. Today the population holds roughly 350 people, and we were about

to pay them a visit.

Autumn was in full swing and this morning we were met with pouring rain. That could not stop us from exploring. We were able to visit the local supermarket to have a look around (not to buy anything as resupplies are only twice a year, we certainly did not buy any vegetables or pastries as we have plenty to eat onboard). The tourist shop was specially opened for us, so we had a chance to buy the local art, postcards, books and more. The cozy church across the street gave a good insight into some of the oldest buildings of the settlement. For the daring amongst us it was possible, with the help of the friendly local "Musk Ox Man" to have a taste of musk ox and try out some traditional polar clothing made from seal skin and bear fur. We could see the weather balloon lift off at the station on the hill and the sledge dogs being fed near the river. In the valley behind the village, one could find an impeccable green soccer field. A strange sighting in the otherwise rocky and barren grounds.

When everyone was thoroughly drenched in cultural exploration and rain, we returned to *Plancius*. It was time for lunch and some afternoon lectures by Ursula and Ali about polar bears. The weather did not improve as we headed into Hurry



Inlet, the place where we would land later today. The wind made way for some wind, creating a swell that was simply too dangerous to land in. *Plancius* slowly headed towards the mouth of Scoresby Sund. Onward to our next adventure.

Day 7 – 6th September

Romer Fjord

12:00 GPS Position: 69°04.2'N / 023°43.7'E

Weather: Overcast, **Air Temp:** 5°C, **Sea Temp:** 3°C

Our final day in Greenland began with yet another brilliant breakfast provided to us by our gracious crew hosts. This was followed by the now daily routine of boarding Zodiacs for an adventure cruise to explore the myriad wonders of nature that can be encountered above the Arctic circle. Our route was in Romer Fjord, named after a Danish physicist and astronomer who developed a reputation for science after making the first measurement of the speed of light.



Though our departure from *Plancius* was under an overcast sky. We were all in great anticipation as to what wonders awaited us. The cruise turned out to be a constant photo opportunity. Despite the fog and low clouds, we encountered glassy water conditions. We soon reached the back of the fjord where we observed eider ducks and glaucous gulls. The highlight, of course, was our encounter with Nanuk, 'King of the North'. The polar bear first presented as a motionless 'sleeping patch' of white on the rocks at some two hundred and fifty

meters. The bear soon got to its feet to inspect the strange visitors from afar and tend to its 'duties' in a very relaxed manner. All those present were able to enjoy this spectacle and capture memories and images as it moved about doing what polar bears do when not hunting on ice, conserving energy.

We moved as a collective group slowly toward the bear but, unfortunately, the water became quite shallow and were unable to approach as close as hoped. The distance worked well for the bear who was not in the least stressed by our presence. As we remained intently observing the polar bear, the sun broke through and exposed the magnificent snowcapped mountains that surrounded us. Furthermore, as if on cue, several harbor seals



began popping up around to inspect the visitors. We subsequently departed and drove along the opposite side of the fjord past two waterfalls before getting back to the ship.

Our afternoon excursion was a landing nearby. We could clearly see the steam streaming off the hot springs which this particular landing site is noted. Romer Fjord is one of the few places in Greenland where one can find such springs.



The expedition staff set up a perimeter landing so that we could walk about and explore the springs and the associated vegetation. Although the initial landing was made under clear conditions, after roughly fifteen minutes the fog began to roll in, and the temperature dropped. Unfortunately, this turn in atmospheric clarity had an immediate impact as the perimeter was greatly reduced given visibility and concerns by the expedition staff of encountering polar bears. As Ali has said “white bears in fog with people on rocks is not a good recipe for safety”,

and our time ashore was curtailed.

Finally, a couple of our intrepid explorers braved the waters of the Arctic with a plunge before returning safely to *Plancius*.

Day 8 – 7th September

At Sea Toward Iceland

12:00 GPS Position: 67°06.8'N / 019°44.7'E

Weather: Sunny, **Air Temp:** 5°C, **Sea Temp:** 2°C

As with our transit north, the open ocean rocked us in our berths overnight. Nonetheless, the dining room was well attended at breakfast, and most of us were smiling. The first activity of the morning, Ursula's talk on humpback whales and conservation required some hanging on, but by the time Sven explained Arctic Geomorphological Phenomena the seas were smoother, and the sun emerged.



Our last lunch aboard was as delightful as all the previous ones, thanks again to the galley and dining room teams. The education/entertainment program continued with a medley of talks from John/Ben/Laurence on Norse

Mythology/Greenland Sharks/Glacial Hazards and Climate Change. We then had a chance to see what the divers had seen under the water with their show on Diving in Greenland.

When not in the lounge, we were on outer decks to enjoy the sea air and admire the northern fulmars and watch our slow approach to Iceland.



Sadly, we had to part with the trusty rubber boots that had served us so well on those long, medium and leisurely walks. That done, we were back in the lounge for the Captain's Farewell Cocktails and speeches of thanks to us and all the teams. Tonight, we enjoyed last extravagant meal in the dining room.

After dinner, we went back to the lounge to view the voyage slideshow prepared by Keith and the expedition team. What a wonderful way to share our voyage with friends and family.

We put off packing as long as we could. Eventually it got done, and we still had one last evening of fun and laughter with our new friends.

Day 9 – 8th September

Disembarkation in Akureyri

8:00 GPS Position: 65°41.4'N / 018°04.6'E

Weather: Partly Cloudy, **Air Temp:** 6°C, **Sea Temp:** 16°C

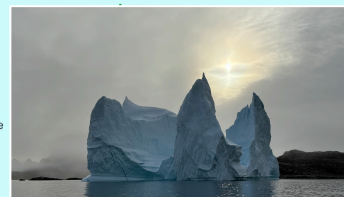
We arrived in Akureyri, Iceland and it was time to say our goodbyes and snatch a last chance to exchange contact details. We had our final breakfast aboard *Plancius*, then gathered the last of our things and headed for the gangway. We said goodbye to the whole team onboard and the new friends we had made. Some of us were off to explore some of Iceland's treasures while others were flying straight home, looking back as we left to take a final look at the *Plancius*, recalling the good times and perhaps planning for more in the future.



Thank you all for joining us on this voyage to North East Greenland. We hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!

Total distance sailed: 1073,4 nautical miles
Farthest north: 71°18.0'N / 024°56.0'E

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Evgeny Levakov, Expedition Leader Ali Liddle, Hotel Manager Ingrid Van De Loo, and all the crew and staff of M/V *Plancius*, it has been a pleasure travelling with you!



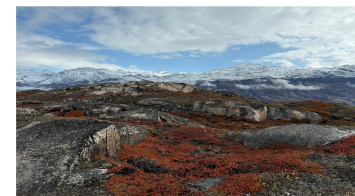
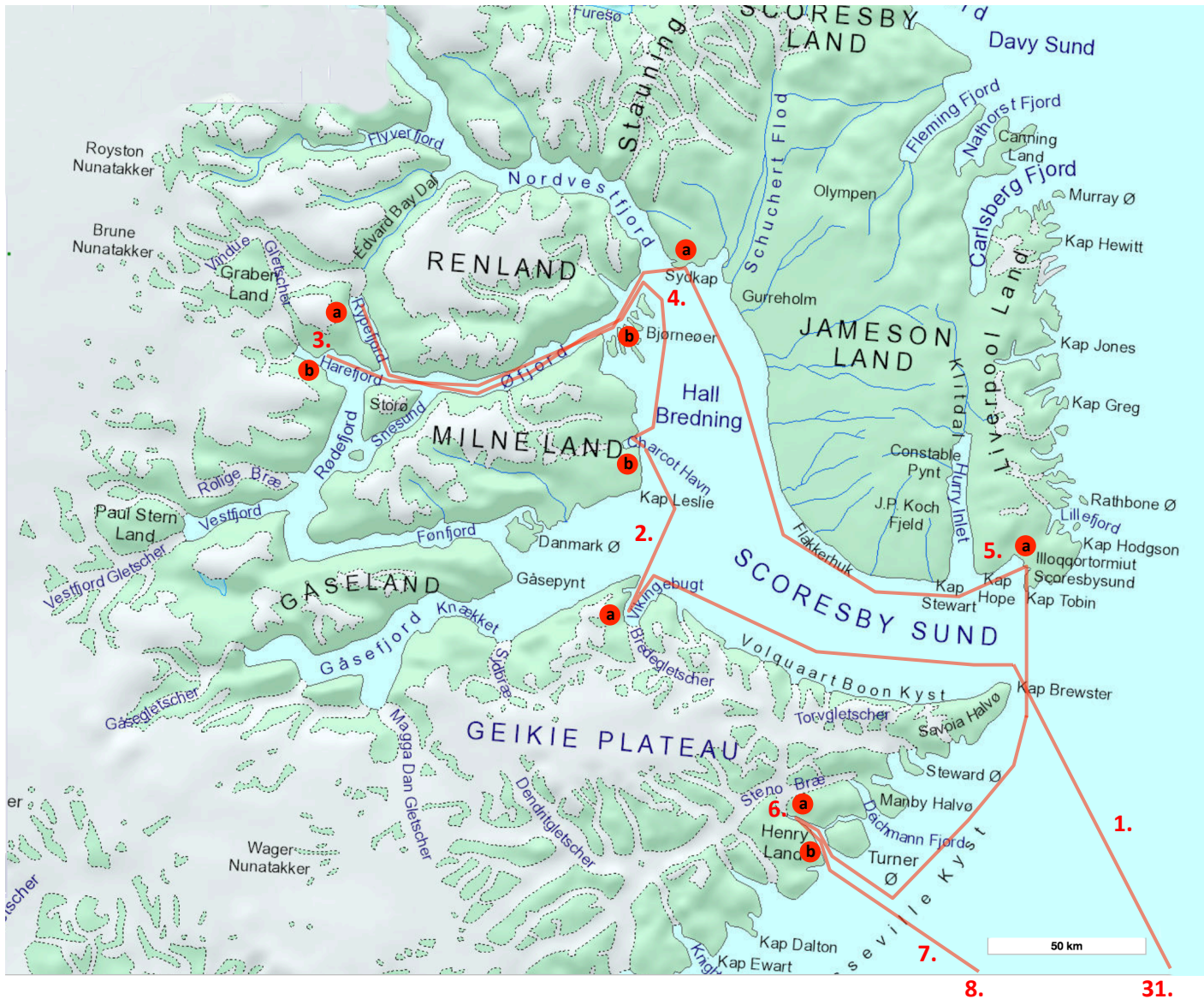
East Greenland

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Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Eistaucher			x											
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Sternaucher														
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Eissturmvogel	x	x	x	x			x	x						
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	Basstöpel								x						
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Kurzschnabelgans														
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Weisswangengans														
White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Blässgans														
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Eiderente					x		x							
King eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	Prachteiderente														
Gyrfalcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Gerfalke				x										
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Wanderfalke														
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Eisente					x		x							
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>	Alpensneehuhn				x										
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Sandregenpfeifer						x	x							
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sanderling						x								
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Meerstrandläufer						x								
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Knutt														
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Alpenstrandläufer														
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Steinwälzer														
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Spatelraubmöwe														
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Schmarotzerraub-möwe						x								
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Falkenraubmöwe			x											
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Skua														
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Eismöwe														
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Sturmmöwe														
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Silbermöwe														
Lesser black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Heringsmöwe														
Great black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Mantelmöwe														
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Dreizehenmöwe	x	x	x		x									
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	Elfenbeinmöwe														
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Küstenseeschwalbe			x											
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Trottellumme														
Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	Dickschnabellumme														
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	Gryllteiste			x											
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Krabbentaucher														
Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Papageitaucher		x												
Snowy Owl	<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>	Schneeeule														
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Schneeammer				x			x							
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Bachstelze														
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Steinschmätzer				x	x		x							
Raven	<i>Covus corax</i>	Kolkrabe				x	x	x	x							
Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	Birkenzeisig				x										
Arctic Redpoll	<i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>	Polarbirkenzeisig														
Meadow pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Wiesenpieper			x											
Great shearwater	<i>Ardenna gravis</i>	Kappensturmvogel		x												
Sooty shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>	Dunkelsturmtaucher		x												
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Walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	Walross														
Bearded seal	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>	Bartrobbe					x									
Ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>	Ringelrobbe				x										
Harp seal	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>	Sattelrobbe														
Hooded seal	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>	Klappmütze														
Common /Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Seehund				x			x							
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Zwergwal	x													
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Seiwal														
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blauwal														
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Finnwal								x						

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Ali Liddle – Expedition Leader



Originally from the UK, Ali spent 15 years living in the Falkland Islands where she worked as a Primary school teacher both teaching out in 'camp' and at the school in Stanley. Latterly, she was employed as Education Officer for Falklands Conservation and shared her time between classroom teaching and conservation. In 1997, she spent 9 months living on South Georgia where she ran the Post Office and took every opportunity to hike, ski and explore the surrounding peaks and coastline. She has published three books to date: *Plants of the Falkland Islands* and two art and craft books for children using penguins and albatross as the inspiration. Ali is a keen runner, having completed three marathons in the Falkland Islands and two in the UK, and she also enjoys cycling, hiking and camping. Ali has been working on Antarctic and Arctic expedition cruises with Oceanwide for more years than she cares to remember and works on all of the Oceanwide vessels at some point during the year. She has recently relocated from Northumberland to the Isle of Skye where she is renovating a cottage and enjoying the hiking opportunities of the island. Her particular interest is

natural history and the wildlife, and she enjoys sharing her knowledge of and passion for the polar regions.

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Ali kommt ursprünglich aus Großbritannien und hat 15 Jahre lang auf den Falklandinseln gelebt. Dort arbeitete sie als Grundschullehrerin im sogenannten "Camp" wie auch in der Schule von Stanley. Später war sie zuständig für den Bereich Bildung des Umweltamtes und teilte ihre Zeit zwischen Klassenzimmer und Naturschutz. 1997 verbrachte sie neun Monate in Südgeorgien, wo sie das Postamt betrieb. Gleichzeitig nutzte sie jede Gelegenheit, um zu wandern, Ski zu laufen und die umliegenden Gipfel und Küstenlinien zu erkunden. Sie hat drei Bücher veröffentlicht: *Pflanzen der Falklandinseln* und zwei Kunst- und Handwerksbücher für Kinder, die von Pinguinen und Albatrossen inspiriert sind. Sie ist eine leidenschaftliche Läuferin und hat bereits drei Marathons auf den Falklandinseln und zwei in Großbritannien absolviert. Außerdem fährt sie gerne Rad und liebt das Wandern und Zelten.

Ali arbeitet bereits seit vielen Jahren auf allen Schiffen der Oceanwide-Flotte, sowohl in der Antarktis wie auch der Arktis. Sie ist vor kurzem von Northumberland in England auf die Isle of Skye in Schottland gezogen, wo sie zur Zeit eine alte Kate renoviert. In ihrer Freizeit genießt sie die unglaublichen Wandermöglichkeiten der Insel.

Ihr besonderes Interesse gilt der Natur und der Tierwelt: dieses Wissen und ihre Leidenschaft für die Polarregionen teilt sie gerne mit Euch.

Laurence Dyke - Assistant Expedition Leader



Laurence is from Cornwall in the far southwest of the UK and grew up on the coast, never far from the water and boats.

Laurence has a background as a geographer with a special focus in glaciology, a choice inspired by seeing a glacier up close for the first time in the Austrian Alps.

For the last 7 years he has worked in science, both in the UK and Denmark, working to understand how and why huge glacier systems in Greenland have changed in the past. Understanding how the cryosphere has changed is crucial for predicting what will happen in the future.

Laurence first visited the Arctic in 2010 whilst undertaking research for his PhD and was immediately captivated by the wild landscapes of the high latitudes. His subsequent research has taken him on numerous expeditions to remote areas of Greenland, Svalbard, and Arctic Canada.

Laurence is also a passionate advocate for polar science, when time allows he produces videos and articles about research from Greenland and the wider Arctic. Laurence lectures in glaciology and geography.

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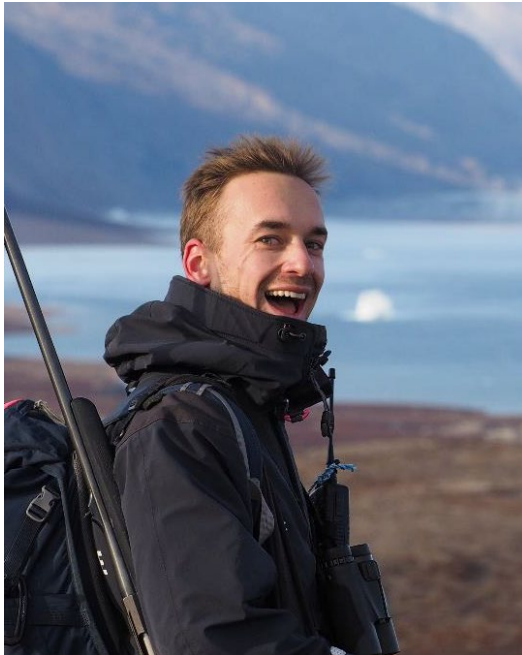
Laurence stammt aus dem Cornwall im äußersten Südwesten Großbritanniens und ist direkt an der Küste aufgewachsen also nie weit von Wasser und Booten entfernt.

Laurence hat einen Hintergrund als Geograph mit besonderem Schwerpunkt in der Glaziologie, eine Wahl, die von der erstmaligen Beobachtung eines Gletschers in den österreichischen Alpen aus der Nähe inspiriert wurde.

In den letzten 7 Jahren hat er in der Wissenschaft sowohl in Großbritannien wie auch in Dänemark gearbeitet, um zu begreifen, wie und warum sich riesige Gletschersysteme in Grönland in der Vergangenheit verändert haben. Zu begreifen, wie sich die Kryosphäre verändert hat, ist entscheidend für die Vorhersage wie sich die Gletscher in der Zukunft entwickeln.

Laurence besuchte 2010 während seiner Doktorarbeit zum ersten Mal die Arktis und war sofort von den wilden Landschaften der hohen Breiten gefesselt. Seine anschließende Forschung führte ihn auf zahlreiche Expeditionen in entlegene Gebiete Grönlands, Spitzbergens und der kanadischen Arktis. Laurence ist auch ein leidenschaftlicher Verfechter der Polarwissenschaften, wenn es die Zeit erlaubt, produziert er Videos und Artikel über Forschungen aus Grönland und der weiteren Arktis. Laurence hält Lesungen über Glaziologie und Geographie.

Ben Fredriks - Expedition Guide



Discovering Spitsbergen in 2013 was like a dream coming true for Ben. During his studies in marine biology he conducted fieldwork which took him to the world's most Northern settlement: Ny-Ålesund. Here he fell in love with the Arctic Archipelago, and he has been returning to the Arctic ever since.

In the past, Ben worked on different scientific topics: Arctic shipping and the effect of oil spills in Arctic Regions. Ben is very interested in the Arctic biology/ecology and history, which makes Spitsbergen a perfect place for him to work, because it is filled with all of it!

Since 2015 Ben works as a hydrographic surveyor on the North sea, but since his first visit to Spitsbergen he has caught the "Arctic virus" and is always looking forward to another adventure in the polar regions!

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2013 hat Ben Spitzbergen zum ersten Mal besucht, und für ihn wurde damit ein Traum wahr. Während seines Studiums der Meeresbiologie hat er mehrfach Feldarbeiten im nördlichsten Dorf der Welt Ny-Ålesund durchgeführt. Seitdem kommt er regelmäßig nach Spitzbergen und freut sich darauf seine hocharktischen Erfahrungen mit Euch teilen.

Ben hat sich mit den verschiedenen Effekten des Schiffverkehrs auf die arktischen Regionen; inklusive des Problems der Ölverschmutzung beschäftigt. Er ist sehr interessiert an der Biologie/Ökologie und Geschichte der Arktis. Für Ben ist Spitzbergen der perfekte Ort um zu arbeiten, denn hier gibt es all dies auf engstem Raum!

Seit 2015 arbeitet Ben zu Hause als Hydrographischer Vermesser an der Nordsee. Trotzdem hat ihn, seit seinem ersten Besuch, der "Arktisvirus" nicht mehr losgelassen und er freut sich immer auf ein weiteres Abenteuer in diesen polarregionen!

John Rogers – Expedition Guide



History came early to John as his home town of Concord, Massachusetts, is famous as the site of the first battle of the American Revolution and much early American literary culture. He learned to swim in Walden Pond, of Thoreau fame. His love of the outdoors started with family holidays to lakes and mountains.

His first career was in computer software development which allowed for numerous extended travelling holidays in the USA and then to New Zealand – where he still lives. The travelling continued with visits to every continent – the final one being Antarctica in 2001 as a passenger and then for several seasons as a guide.

Along the way John has managed several trips north of the Arctic Circle backpacking, river rafting and exploring in Alaska, Norway and Iceland.

John's approach to the history is to concentrate on the stories of the places and people who inhabit and have explored to the extremes of the earth. Polar history is filled with remarkable stories of adventures, perseverance, triumph and defeat. He encourages

anyone on this voyage with specialized knowledge, or with a family connection, to help him others share in this fantastic legacy.

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Das Interesse in Geschichte wurde mir in die Wiege gelegt da meine Heimatstadt, Concord, Massachusetts, als Ort der ersten Schlacht der Amerikanischen Revolution und der frühen amerikanischen Literaturkultur berühmt ist. Ich lernte in den Wäldern von Pond schwimmen und die Liebe zur Natur begann mit Familienurlaube an Seen und in den Bergen.

Nach dem Umzug nach Los Angeles, um einen Bachelor of Science vom California Institute of Technology zu machen, begann ich eine Karriere in der Entwicklung von Computersoftware. Ein unerwarteter 3-monatiger bezahlter Urlaub, welcher ein Arbeitgeber finanzierte, verbrachte ich mit Wandern und Erkundungen in den kanadischen Rockies. Damit hat das Reisefieber begonnen und ist nicht mehr geendet. Ein weiterer Wanderurlaub führte mich 1980 über den Pazifik nach Neuseeland mit als Endziel, außerhalb der USA zu leben. Meine große Liebe Jill habe ich dort kennengelernt und diese Urlaubsromanze dauert noch immer an.

Mehrere lange unbezahlte Urlaube haben es mir ermöglicht, alle Kontinente zu besuchen – das letzte war die Antarktis auf einer Schiffsexpedition im Jahr 2001. Damit ist die die Antarktis-Sucht begonnen und begleitet mich bis heute. Als Mitglied und Offizier der New Zealand Antarctic Society und durch den Abschluss des Postgraduiertenzertifikats für Antarktisstudien an der Universität Canterbury nach dem Ruhestand, war ich in der Lage die erstaunlichen Geschichten der Antarktis-Exploration, Vergangenheit und Gegenwart zu verfolgen. Ich hoffe, dass jeder, der auf dieser Reise mit speziellem Wissen mir helfen wird um anderen an diesem fantastischen Vermächtnis teilzuhaben.

Joyce Mulder – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

Keith Lepor – Expedition Guide



Keith is an adventure travel photographer focused on capturing imagery and telling stories from the world's most amazing places. Earlier this year he traveled to Mongolia to photograph snow leopards and Kazakh eagle hunters in the Altai Mountains and cross part of the Gobi Desert by camel. Keith previously worked as a freelance photojournalist focused on war-torn and 'complex countries' throughout Africa, the Middle East, Southwest and Southeast Asia. He has also embedded with Special Operations Forces from around the world

For many years Keith worked as an information/communications specialist. He has much experience traveling off the grid and capturing 'atmospherics' or moods, sentiments, and perceptions from local populations. He has considerable research, writing and analytical experience as a published author, columnist and strategic analyst. His book, with a Foreword by Mikhail Gorbachev, *After the Cold War* (University of Texas Press, 1997) helped articulate debate on the future of US Foreign Policy. He also worked as a political risk analyst in Hong Kong and has an evolving interest in the strategic competition in the Polar regions between the United States, People's Republic of China and Russian Federation.

Keith has experience training foreign national journalists in investigative reporting, photography, and photojournalism. Keith's academic background includes undergraduate work in Soviet Studies and petroleum economics at Harvard University; Middle East politics/history, Sinology and 'international politics of business' at Boston University; and graduate work in Middle East Studies at the American University in Cairo as well as post graduate work on international terrorism, country risk analysis and political economy at St. Antony's College, Oxford University.

Ursula Tscherter – Expedition Guide



I grew up far from the oceans in landlocked Switzerland when in the 70s, when exploitative whaling was still happening, the dream of my childhood evolved; to meet whales in their natural environment. It came true in 1993 and changed my life radically. I gave up my original profession as a teacher for Craft and Art and spent the next 20 summers in Eastern Canada studying whales. As the director of the Swiss-Canadian ORES Foundation I combined scientific research and education for international audiences leaving deep imprints in many peoples' lives.

I am a true minke whale enthusiast. I thousands of hours I observed these mind-blowing whales and studied their habitat use, hunting and breathing ecology using photo-identification. At 50 years I obtained my Master in Marine Mammal Science at the University of St Andrews (Scotland). I nourished my urge to learn more from the oceans and whales in various research projects in Australia, New Zealand or South Africa. In 2008 I started to work as an expedition guide and lecturer in Antarctica and later in the Arctic. When at home I produce life-sized

foldable animals, which I carry to schools and ships. Visit my lectures to meet some of them.

Just as strong as my urge to learn and explore is my need to share my knowledge and fascination with others to raise environmental awareness. Please join or approach me at any time, as I love to answer questions and to be on deck on the lookout for wildlife.

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Ich bin weit weg von den Ozeanen in der Schweiz aufgewachsen, als in den 70er Jahren der Hoch-Zeit des Walfanges, der Traum von meiner Kindheit entstand; Wale in ihrer natürlichen Umgebung zu sehen. Dieser wurde 1993 wahr und veränderte mein Leben radikal. Ich gab meinen ursprünglichen Beruf als Lehrerin für Handwerk und Kunst auf und verbrachte die nächsten 20 Sommer in Ostkanada, um Wale zu studieren. Als Direktor der schweizerisch-kanadischen ORES Foundation kombinierte ich wissenschaftliche Forschung und Bildung für internationales Publikum und hinterließ tiefe Spuren im Leben vieler Menschen.

Ich bin ein echter Zwergwal-Enthusiast. Ich beobachtete tausenden von Stunden diese geistesreichen Wale und untersuchte ihre Lebensraumnutzung, Jagd und Atemökologie mittels Foto Identifikation. Mit 50 Jahren erwarb ich meinen Master in Marine Mammal Science an der University of St Andrews (Schottland). Ich nährte meinen Drang, in verschiedenen Forschungsprojekten in Australien, Neuseeland oder Südafrika mehr von den Ozeanen und Walen zu lernen. 2008 begann ich als Expeditionsführer und Dozent in der Antarktis und später in der Arktis zu arbeiten. Zu Hause produziere ich lebensgroße faltbare Tiere, die ich zu Schulen und Schiffen mitbringe. Besuchen Sie meine Vorträge, um einige von ihnen zu treffen.

Genauso stark wie mein Drang zu lernen und zu erforschen ist mein Bedürfnis, mein Wissen und meine Faszination mit anderen zu teilen, um das Umweltbewusstsein zu schärfen. Bitte kommen sie zu mir bei Fragen oder Schließen sie sich an, ich liebe es Fragen zu beantworten und an Deck auf der Suche nach Wildtieren zu sein.

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.

Henrik Enckell – Assistant Expedition Leader



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

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

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

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

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

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

Lorenzo Begaud – Dive Guide



Lorenzo grew up in France far from the sea in the Champagne region. In 2012 he went to Patagonia on his first adventure to work in a local tour operator guiding hikes & kayak trips in Puerto Natales, Chile, gateway to the famous Torres del Paine National Park.

That was an eye opening experience and ever since, he never stop traveling and exploring new places. He has been working all over the world for the past 10 years, from Africa to Antarctica, through South, Central & North America, Australia, and all around the Nordic countries.

His biggest appeal? Meeting new people, blending into new culture & lifestyle but also going to remote places to enjoy a “simpler” life. Going out of his comfort zone and learning new things is what keeps him going.

Few years ago he turned his passions into work and decided to dedicate himself full time to outdoor activities by leading people to experience the beauty of the wilderness.

After hard work and plenty of trainings he became really comfortable above and under the water as he works now mostly as dive & kayak guide / instructor.

From leading snowmobile trips and northern lights hunts in Lapland to dive in the Sac Actun cave system in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico, he's sure always eager to learn something new.

Life is a journey and you should make sure you make the best of it while having plenty fun on the way.

Tanja Bayer – Dive Guide



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

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

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

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

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

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

Urban Reifler – Dive Guide



Urban Reifler is married and father of two children. He grew up on a farm near Lake Constance in Switzerland.

Even as a child, he spent a lot of time outdoors and was interested in nature and ecological relationships. So it was appropriate that he first learnt the profession of a farmer.

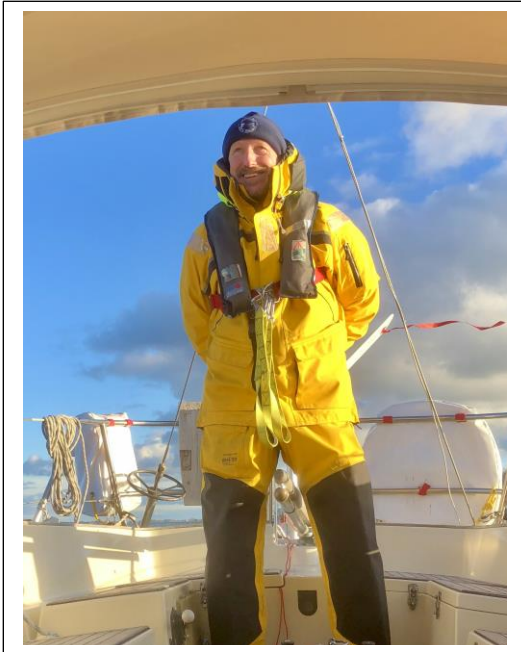
After his practical training, he studied at the University of Agronomy.

The underwater world has fascinated him since his childhood. In 1999 he took his first diving course. The enthusiasm was great and did not let him go. He was in the water at every opportunity and continued to train

in recreational diving. Since 2018 he has been a diving instructor and since 2020 he has been running his own diving school together with his son, who is also an enthusiastic diver. Urban particularly enjoys diving in local lakes and rivers. When he is not instructing, he devotes himself to underwater photography. Everything can - nothing must, with this attitude he would like to enjoy many more dives and infect others with his enthusiasm.

His main occupation today is working at Lake Constance as a vocational school teacher and is involved in the training of young farmers.

Dr. Elmar Kleimann – Ship's doctor



Dr. med. Elmar Kleimann, a specialist in surgery with a focus on visceral surgery and emergency medicine, began his medical career after completing his medical studies at the universities of Marburg and Aachen. His professional journey initially led him to work as a resident physician at the Clinic for General and Visceral Surgery at the University Hospital in Oldenburg. Dr. Kleimann acquired numerous additional qualifications, including specialist titles in surgery, visceral surgery, and specialized visceral surgery. During his clinical work, he gained experience as an emergency physician in the city of

Oldenburg, earning him the additional qualification in emergency medicine.

As a senior physician at the Ev. Hospital "Bethesda" in Mönchengladbach, and later as Consultant Surgeon and Head of the department of General and Visceral Surgery at St. Franziskus-Hospital in Cologne, he significantly shaped the further development of these medical institutions. His expertise extends beyond surgery to include sonography, radiation protection, and maritime medicine.

Outside of his medical activities, Dr. Kleimann is an avid sailor and has undertaken numerous voyages on the North Sea, Baltic Sea, English Channel, Irish Sea, Mediterranean, and North Atlantic, including an Atlantic crossing, and has successfully completed challenging regattas such as the Rolex Fastnet Race. He shares his expertise also as a lecturer for "Medicine at Sea".

Away from the sea, Dr. Kleimann is a passionate globetrotter. He has traveled to many places in Europe, the USA, Central America, Africa, the Indian Ocean, and Australia. Additionally, he dedicates himself to endurance sports, particularly road cycling.

As a ship's doctor on expedition trips, Dr. Kleimann combines his extensive medical expertise with his deep connection to the sea. His experience as a specialist in surgery and emergency medicine, as well as his knowledge in maritime medicine, enables him to ensure the health and safety of crew members and passengers.



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Embarkation
Saturday 31st August 2024

- 1600 **Welcome on board!** Your luggage should be in your cabin when you arrive. Please check carefully if you are missing any luggage and if there is luggage in your cabin that does not belong to you then please let one of the staff know. Please feel free to look around the ship.
Tea and coffee is available in the Lounge on Deck 5.
- >1700 **Mandatory Safety and Lifeboat Instruction** in the Lounge. **ALL PASSENGERS** are required to participate in this very important instruction.
- 1800 Departure from the pier.
- 1845 Please join us in the Lounge for an **introduction to the ship** from your Hotel Manager Ingrid van de Loo.
This will be followed by **Captain's Cocktails**, a chance to meet your Captain, Evgeny Levakov and then you will meet with your Expedition Leader Ali Liddle. She will explain the plans for the coming days, and it will be a chance to meet with your Expedition Team.
- 1930 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3 behind the reception desk.
Enjoy your meal.

Tonight we will be sailing in open water and expect the ship to move. Please make sure that all your valuables (cameras, computers, etc.) are properly stowed in your cabin to avoid accidents. Always use the railings and handholds when moving around on the ship, especially in rough seas. Always one hand for the ship and one hand for yourself. Thank you.



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At Sea

Sunday 1st September 2024

- 0745 Wake up call from Ali. Good Morning.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **Mandatory Zodiac Briefing and Polar Bear Safety Briefing** in the Lounge.
After this we will call you by deck to collect your boots.
- 1100 **Introduction to Greenland.** If you would like to learn a little about the island of Greenland – it's geography, geology, climate, glaciology, and oceanography then please join Laurence in the Lounge.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1500 **Greenland Below – Life on the Deep Sea Bed.** If you would like to learn more about what lies beneath the surface of the ocean around Greenland then please join Joyce in the Lounge.
- 1630 **History of Greenland.** This is a land with an indigenous population, but it has attracted explorers over the years, including Vikings so if you would like to learn more about the human history of Greenland please join John in the Lounge.
- 1830 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the daily recap and our learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

- 0715 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0830 **Vikingebugt.** This morning, we hope to take you on a zodiac cruise in the beautiful and very scenic Vikingebugt. Here we can see high sea cliffs with red basalt columns which are an impressive sight. There are often icebergs in the bay area so we will cruise amongst the ice as well. We will be out in the boats for around 2.5 – 3 hours so please dress warmly. **German speaking guests please come to the gangway first.**
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Charcot Havn.** This afternoon we hope to take you ashore at Charcot Havn where there is good tundra for walks and views of Charcot Glacier, which is retreating inland up the valley. We will offer our walking groups on shore.
We will let you know timings for the afternoon, but Long Hikers please come to the gangway first.
- 1900 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the daily recap and our learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1930 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0900 **Rypefjord.** This morning, we hope to land in Rypefjord, Grouse Fjord where we will offer our walking groups on shore. The fjord is 30km long with the Eielson Glacier at the end. This is an area of rich tundra and we will go and see what we can find on our walks. We might find Ptarmigan or Musk ox.
Long hikers please come to the gangway first at 0900
Everyone else please come immediately after.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Harefjord.** This afternoon we hope to land at Harefjord where there is very rich tundra vegetation and a place where we sometimes see Musk ox. Again, we will offer our walking groups on shore with the long hikers heading up the slope to the viewpoint over the fjord.
Long hikers please come to the gangway first followed immediately by everyone else.
- 1900 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the daily recap and our learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1930 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

- 0715 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0830 **Bear Islands.** This morning, we hope to take you ashore on one of the Bear Islands or onto the northern tip of Milne Land. Our decision will be based on the ice conditions we find in the area. There is beautiful mountain scenery and there will be many icebergs in the bay area. We will offer our usual hiking groups, and everyone will be out on shore for around 3 hours. Longer hikers please come first.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Sydkap.** This afternoon we hope to land at Sydkap where we find rich tundra and a Thule winter settlement. The scenery around is beautiful so we will offer a Long Hike – 4+ hours and our other medium and leisurely groups.
We will let you know timings for the afternoon but as always, Long Hikers please come to the gangway first.
- 1900 **Special Arctic Dinner** is served. Please join us on the back deck behind the Restaurant! Dress warmly and enjoy your meal.

0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.

0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

0900 **Mandatory Briefing** before our visit to Ittoqqortoormiit

1000 **Ittoqqortoormiit.** This morning, we hope to take you ashore at the small Inuit settlement of Ittoqqortoormiit where there is a population of around 300 people. During the visit, please stay on the roads and within the settlement boundary. The tourist office has a gift shop where you can buy a few locally made products and postcards. Please take your credit cards or Danish Kroner. There may be a chance to sample Musk Ox meat. The church is also open for you to visit.

PLEASE do not enter any other buildings or look through windows of homes.

PLEASE do not photograph the adult residents without asking first and DO NOT photograph any children.

Please engage with the residents if they are around and happy to talk.

1200 You may be able to watch the working sled dogs being fed by Isak at the river site.

We are warmly invited into the settlement but please respect the residents.

1300 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

TBA **Hurry Fjord.** This afternoon we hope to be able to take you ashore at Hurry Fjord where once again we will find rich tundra vegetation for our walks and exploration towards the glacier viewpoint. Long hikers please come to the gangway first.

1830 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the daily recap and our learn of our plans for tomorrow.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0900 **Turner Sound.** This morning, we hope to take you out on a zodiac cruise in Turner Sound where there is beautiful fjord scenery and a glacier at the back of the fjord. Please dress warmly for the cruise and if you want to travel in a group please organise yourself at the gangway and let the Doctor know.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Romer Fjord.** For our last landing in Greenland we will take you to Romer Fjord which is one of the few places in Greenland where you can find hot springs – they are only small! We will offer a perimeter landing here so you can walk, take photos and enjoy the scenery. Please stay within the safe zone created by the guides.
- 1830 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the daily recap and our learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3. Enjoy your meal.

There will be no Wake Up Call this morning!

- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **Humpback Whales and Conservation.** As we sail towards Iceland we will be approaching an area where Humpback whales are often found during the summer months. If you would like to hear more about these species, then please join Ursula in the Lounge
- 1100 **Geomorphological Phenomenon in the Arctic.** Greenland is a land influenced by the Arctic climate. If you would like to learn more about the physical features of the Arctic, then please join Sven in the Lounge.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1500 **Lecture Medley.** Guides will offer 3 short presentations: Ben will talk about Greenland sharks, John will tell stories of Norse Mythology and Laurance will talk about Glacial hazards and Climate Change.
- 1630 **Diving in Greenland.** Our dive team have been exploring under the surface of the icy waters of Greenland. They will share some of their images and experiences with you.
- 1730 **Boots.** We will call you by deck to return your boots to the boot room. Please ensure that they are clean. There will be a wash station on Deck 3 if you need it.
- 1830 **Captain's Cocktails.** Please join the Expedition team and Captain Levakov in the Lounge to toast our voyage Scoresby Sund, Greenland.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

0715 Your final wake up call from Ali! Good Morning everyone, Good Morning!

Before breakfast at 0730 please put your large check in luggage outside your cabin so that we can get it onto the pier for you.

If you have other arrangements to stay in Iceland, please attach an **ORANGE label to your luggage so it does not go on the bus to Reykjavik. Keep your hand luggage in your cabin or take it to the Lounge.**

0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

0900 It is time to leave the Little Blue Ship, Plancius. Please make sure you have all your belongings with you and that you have taken your key card holder back to Reception.

Please identify your luggage on the pier and make sure it goes on the bus with you to Reykjavik.

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions the Captain, Crew and Expedition staff would like to thank you for travelling with us and wish you a very safe journey home.