



## Antarctica Discovery and Learning

Ushuaia – Ushuaia

22<sup>nd</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025

On board *M/V Hondius*



M/v *Hondius* was built in 2019, as the first-registered Polar Class 6 vessel in the world, meeting the latest and highest Lloyd's Register standards for ice-strengthened cruise ships. Surpassing the requirements of the Polar Code adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), *Hondius* represents the most flexible, advanced, innovative touring vessel in the polar regions, thoroughly optimized for exploratory voyages that provide you the utmost first-hand contact with the Arctic and Antarctica. *Hondius* complies with the latest SOLAS-regulations (Safety Of Life At Sea). M/v *Hondius* is 107.6 m long, 15.3 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5.3 m, Polar Class 6 (equivalent 1A-Super), 15 knots average cruising speed and has 2 x ABC main engines; total 4,200 kW.



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## WE WELCOME YOU ON BOARD!

### Day 1 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Ushuaia, Embarkation Day

08h00 GPS Position: 54°48,5S / 068°18.10'W

Wind: SE2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +12°C • Sea temperature: +11.4°C

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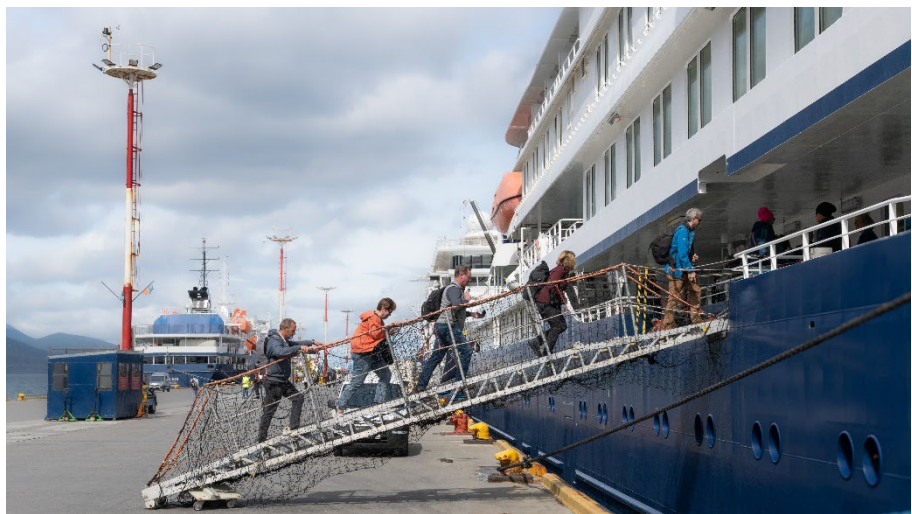


Our adventure started in Ushuaia, the Southernmost city in the world that is nestled between towering mountains and the infamous Beagle Channel. Having travelled from all over the world, we eagerly boarded Hondius, our state-of-the-art

expedition ship and new home for the next ten days.

Welcoming us onboard was the Expedition and Hotel teams that guided us to our cabins and helped familiarize us with our new surroundings, this was followed by our mandatory safety briefing which was held in the lounge, accompanied with a lifejacket demonstration and lifeboat introduction. As Hondius slowly moved off the berth, it pirouetted into a South Easterly direction and started to sail along the 150 mile / 240 km Beagle Channel. During this time, we once again gathered in the lounge for our Captains welcome onboard introduction, accompanied with a customary toast to our forthcoming adventure.

We were then introduced to Chris, our Expedition



Leader and his team of Expedition Guides who informed us of their specialty subjects of interest / knowledge and their collective love for the Antarctic region. We ended the day with a buffet dinner in the restaurant and a beautiful evening outside on the bow and open

decks. As we continued to sail towards the open ocean we were greeted by our first glimpses of Whales, Albatross and Petrels. A perfect start to our expedition – our Antarctic dream was finally a reality...

## Day 2 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - At sea sailing towards Antarctica

08h00 GPS Position: 56°51.45'S / 065°53.6'W

Wind: N5 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +8°C • Sea temperature: +9°C

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After a quiet first night, we woke up to a calm sea with the silhouette of Tierra del Fuego still in sight. Some of us had been up and outside for hours already to observe the different seabird species – including our first Albatrosses – that were effortlessly following the ship. It was nice to feel the breeze of the ocean as it was not too cold yet to be outside and have a walk around the ship.

The day was filled with lectures from Jerry, Charlotte, Mark and Ross. Jerry and Charlotte introduced us to the world of Whales and Mark invited us to hear more about the Seabirds we may encounter and his work on Bird Island on South Georgia. We also received our new muck boots, that will serve us well for our time in Antarctica.



After lunch it started to become foggy outside which made it a little more difficult to find Whales, but the search continued from the team. We spent some time to get to know our fellow travellers and the rest of the staff and crew who will be with us the rest of the trip. In the afternoon Chris and his Expedition Team invited us to the Lounge to explain the plans for tomorrow and the daily recap. As the day came to an end, the sun started to sink behind a layer of clouds just over the horizon, tinting the ocean and the giant petrels, that have accompanied us all day and into the night.



### Day 3 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Drake Passage

08h00 GPS Position: 61°15.5'S / 067°16.5'W

Wind: NW3 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +3°C • Sea temperature: +4.9°C

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The morning began as the gentle sway of the sea greeted the day. The soft chime of the wake-up call from Expedition Leader Chris at 07:45 stirred everyone from their slumbers. It was a calm, serene morning, with the waves barely rocking the ship. Most of the guests were awake, feeling healthy and energized—there would be no seasickness to slow them down today. The buffet breakfast was a welcome treat, and as they gathered around the tables, the

excitement of their upcoming adventure hung in the air. Shortly after breakfast, the passengers were ushered into the lounge for the mandatory IAATO (International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators) and Zodiac briefing. Chris, along with AEL Jerry,

explained the importance of following rules while traveling through such an untouched and fragile environment. It was a lesson in respect—respect for the animals, the land, and the water. They also learned the correct way to board and exit the Zodiacs, which, while



seemingly simple, was crucial for both safety and efficiency. The excitement was palpable as the group realized just how close they were to stepping onto Antarctica's shores.

By 11:15, everyone gathered again for a lecture with Expedition Guides Rose and Marcello about Antarctic history. As the speakers shared tales of explorers braving the harsh conditions, of the scientific discoveries made in the icy expanse, and of the wildlife that called this place home, the room was captivated. Lunchtime arrived at 12:30, and the group took the opportunity to recharge and relax. Some ventured out onto the outer decks to catch glimpses of the ocean's wildlife, hoping for a sighting of curious seals or a distant whale spout. The call for biosecurity came soon after, and everyone gathered in the observation lounge, ready for the next step in their preparations. The guides meticulously checked every layer of clothing—waterproof jackets, hats, gloves, backpacks, and boots—cleaning and vacuuming any potential contaminants to keep the Antarctic environment pristine.

At 16:15, Expedition Guide Marco led another fascinating lecture—this time about the different types of ice the group would encounter. The passengers listened intently, learning how icebergs and glaciers come in different shapes and sizes, each with its own story. As the day wound down, at 18:15, everyone gathered in the observation lounge once more for the daily recap. Chris shared the plan for the next day, their first day on the Antarctic continent. And just as dinner commenced Andi had spotted a pod of Orcas behind the ship!! The ship quickly turned and we watched a pod of Type A Orcas next to the ship for 15 minutes, wow what a fantastic start. For many, this was the culmination of a lifelong dream that had already started.



#### Day 4 – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Danco Island and Cuverville

08h00 GPS Position: 64°43.8'S / 062°37.5'W

Wind: E1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +5°C • Sea temperature: +3.7 °C

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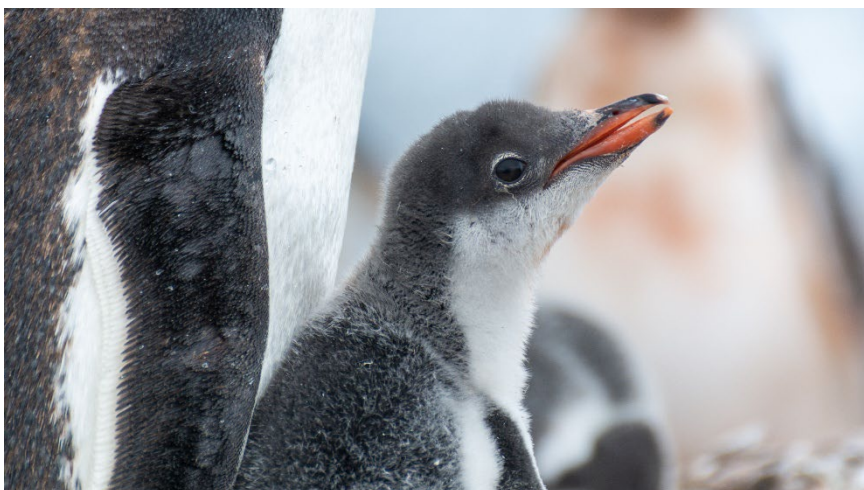
Today started with the honking calls of Gentoo Penguins as they surrounded the ship as we came to anchor at Danco Island. Lying in the southern portion of the Errera Channel, initially charted by Gerlache between 1897 and 1899. Once landed, the climb to

the top of the peak, passed many gentoo colonies bustling with adults and chicks of varying sizes, the breeding season in full swing. Once at the top, the stunning, brooding and dramatic scenery in every direction meant that there was always something new and impressive to absorb. From the top of the island, it was possible to view many of the Humpback Whales diving and fluking in the channel that were enthralling the mornings zodiac cruise. On the water Leopard Seals on the ice and swimming under the zodiacs provided incredible views.

The afternoon landing and zodiac cruise took place at Cuverville Island and again the Humpback Whales provided a display on the water for the zodiacs with at least one mother and calf present. On the island the stunning views over



the iceberg graveyard on the far side of the island were only made more incredible by the whales fluking in front of the icebergs. On land, breeding Adelie and Gentoo Penguins provided the interest; watching chicks being fed, adults providing their 'ecstasy displays'



claiming nests sites, greeting partners or displaying to potential mates. The day finished with recap from the Expedition Team and a delicious dinner from the chefs.

### Diving Team – Danco Island

The first dive of any polar dive trip is always a check out dive. This allows divers to make sure their equipment is configured efficiently and they are weighted correctly. For this we dive a shallow shelving rocky slope to allow the divers to pick a safe depth to test all aspects of the equipment and safety procedures.



This can be doubly important as they may be diving with someone they have not met before, and styles of diving differ. Once this basic dive is complete, as long a time allows, all divers get time ashore to explore alongside other ship guests. Although normally just a necessary dive for any trip, today one of the team, Archer Lamp'I also hit a major milestone and became the youngest person ever (being 11) to dive all seven continents.



## Cuverville Island



This was a wall dive along the Eastern side of the island offered a classic Antarctic dive, one that promised both beauty and challenge. The divers dropped in, following the simple instruction to "keep the wall to your right," ensuring everyone swam in the same direction underwater and stayed together. The steepness of the site was key; it meant that

there was less ice scour during the winter months, creating an environment where life could flourish at relatively shallow depths. Higher up, the kelp swayed in the currents, but as the divers descended, the kelp gave way to rock covered with encrusting organisms, painting a striking contrast between the vibrant life on the surface and the more rugged, intricate ecosystems below. It was a dive that truly captured the essence of the Antarctic underwater world.

### Day 5 – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Lemaire Channel, Petermann and Port Charcot

08h00 GPS Position: 65°10.6'S / 064°7.6W

Wind: S2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +5°C • Sea temperature: +3°C

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Early in the morning, M/V *Hondius* embarked on a breathtaking navigation through the Lemaire Channel, one of the most spectacular routes in the Antarctic Peninsula. The weather was ideal with a light north-easterly breeze, and



though brash ice at the entrance made for a slightly challenging start, it was passable, with



Unas tits standing as a natural navigational marker. After crossing the Penola Strait, the ship anchored on the eastern side of Petermann Island, which holds historical significance. It was named by German geographer

August Petermann and had been used by Charcot's 3rd French Antarctic Expedition as a wintering site in the early 1900s.

After breakfast, we set foot on the island and began a hike toward a viewpoint on the western side. As we walked, we encountered scattered rookeries of Gentoo penguins and some less



populated areas with Adelie penguins. The brisk air and rising mist slowly unveiled the craggy peaks of the mainland Peninsula, with Mount Scott and Cape Tuxen standing tall in the distance. The sight was mesmerizing, especially as the northern end of the Lemaire Channel came into clear view. Meanwhile, the waters of the Penola Strait were alive with the presence of numerous Humpback whales—some cruising north while others rested on the surface, and nearby, Crabeater Seals lay basking on the ice floes, enjoying the weak warmth of the shy sun.





By lunchtime, the ship repositioned to Salpetriere Bay, located to the north of Booth Island. This area was historically significant, too, as it was where Charcot's 2nd French Antarctic Expedition wintered in

1904. Today, Port Charcot is home to three penguin species found in the Peninsula region: Gentoo, Adelie, and Chinstrap penguins. We had the chance to see all three species through the expedition team's scope while ashore. The terrain was slippery due to snowmelt, but the high spirits of our group and the incredible landscape kept everyone motivated. We then made our way to Charcot's cairn, which was built more than a century ago. Charcot had hidden his data and left a message for any future explorers in case his expedition failed to return.

From the cairn, the views were truly stunning. To the west, an endless horizon of icebergs and bergy bits stretched out before us, while to the east, the massive glaciers of Booth Island loomed. Mount Francais, named after Charcot's



first ship, rose majestically to the North. To the south, the iceberg graveyard of Salpetriere Bay was equally awe-inspiring, with its frozen beauty taking our breath away. Later, we boarded Zodiacs for an exploration of the waters surrounding the bay. Humpback whales were feeding in the channels created by the surrounding islands and icebergs.

The excitement was palpable as the whales dove, changed direction, and stirred the waters, creating a feeding frenzy. Penguins, Terns, and Petrels swooped in to take advantage of the churned-up waters. Moving to the Western side of the bay, we encountered several Leopard seals, either resting on the remaining fast ice or joyfully playing near our Zodiac, providing an entertaining end to our exploration. As the day drew to a close and we gathered for the daily

recap, we couldn't help but reflect on how lucky we were to experience such a rich combination of history, wildlife, and landscapes in the White Continent. The end of the second day marked a real sense of privilege—witnessing these magnificent sights so early in the voyage was nothing short of extraordinary.

### Diving Team – Petermann Island



Today, we took full advantage of the local conditions and had an 'ice day.' Every diver who visits the area dreams of diving around an iceberg, and this region of the peninsula always delivers with a high number of icebergs in all shapes and sizes. It was relatively easy to find a low and

stable berg to dive around, offering the perfect opportunity. Above the water, the smooth, wind-blown surface gave way to sculpted shapes, gullies, and fascinating textures below, often fizzing with bubbles as melting ice continued its slow, natural process. The strange currents caused by shifts in water density and the surreal underwater shapes made for a fun, unique diving experience. The second dive was cut short, however, due to drifting ice, so a group of us decided to head to a small island nearby to explore the macro side of life. We spent time among the rocks, observing the smaller creatures that thrived in this frozen world, adding a new layer of fascination to the day's diving adventures.



## Day 6 – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Damoy Point and Port Lockroy

08h00 GPS Position: 64°49.5'S / 063°31.7'W

Wind: NE6 • Sea: Rippled • Weather: Partially Cloud • Air temperature: +5°C • Sea temperature: +4.2°C

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On the sixth day in Antarctica, the group was awakened promptly at 6:45 AM by the crisp sound of the wake-up call. The air outside was biting cold, but the anticipation of another day of exploration kept everyone energized. After a hearty buffet breakfast from 7:00 to 8:00 AM in the dining room on Deck 4, the passengers gathered,

excitedly chatting about yesterday's adventures and ready for the day ahead. The morning activities were especially thrilling, starting with the Blue Group heading to the Zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 at 8:15 AM, bound for Damoy Point. This historic site, once home to the British Antarctic Survey's "airport," now stood as a quiet testament to the past. The

Zodiacs cut through the icy waters, with Gentoo penguins playfully waddling across the ice. Once ashore, the group hiked briefly, leaving footprints in the pristine snow while exploring the



Damoy Hut, a weathered reminder of Antarctica's harsh history.



At the same time, the Red Group set out on a Zodiac cruise, skimming across the icy waters, marvelling at the untouched beauty of the landscape. Afterward, the groups swapped

activities, giving everyone a chance to experience both adventures. By noon, everyone returned to the ship for a buffet lunch, and the afternoon featured a fascinating presentation by the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT) in the lounge, offering insight into the region's history and conservation efforts. Later, the group boarded Zodiacs again to visit Port Lockroy, home to a historic Antarctic post office. The small, snow-covered building stood as a tribute to earlier British Antarctic expeditions. After a few small groups visited the post office, others enjoyed a Zodiac cruise around Jougla Point, where they spotted Gentoo penguins and cormorants nesting on rocky cliffs.

The day wrapped up with a special BBQ dinner on Deck 5 at 7:00 PM. As the scent of grilled food filled the air, guests gathered under the vast Antarctic sky, with snow-capped mountains providing a stunning backdrop. Despite the chill, the warmth from the food, music, and camaraderie made the evening unforgettable. After dinner, the group gathered on deck to dance and celebrate together, laughter and music echoing under the polar night. The cold air seemed to fuel their energy, and the evening became a joyful and festive celebration in the heart of Antarctica. It was a day of exploration, breathtaking sights, and unforgettable moments, leaving everyone eager for the adventures yet to come.

### Diving Team – Damoy Point



The dive site featured a relatively steep rocky slope, nestled within one of the channels. Because of its location, ice scour was usually limited, allowing for a vibrant and colorful underwater world to flourish. As the divers descended, they were greeted by a stunning array



of kelp and rocks, all covered in life. Algae, soft corals, and sponges in shades of yellow, orange, and pink added brilliant pops of color against the otherwise stark, icy world. It was a striking contrast to the beautiful but monochromatic scenery above the water, and as the divers explored, the colorful marine life felt like a hidden treasure in the frozen wilderness. It was a dive that highlighted the surprising vibrancy of life beneath the surface, a reminder that even in the most extreme environments, nature found a way to thrive.

### Jougla Point (Port Lockroy)

At first, the shallow shelving site with its few rocky terraces and muddy bottom didn't seem like much of an exciting dive spot. But once the divers descended, they quickly realized there was more to this place than met the eye. Scattered throughout the



site were whale bones and partial skeletons, remnants of the Antarctic's ancient past. The sight of these giant bones against the stark, icy backdrop created an eerie yet fascinating scene, offering a glimpse into the region's deep history. As the divers moved across the terraces, they also had the chance to spot giant isopods, their massive forms slowly creeping along the ocean floor. The mix of ancient history and unique marine life made the dive unexpectedly captivating, turning what initially seemed like a simple site into a rich and memorable exploration of both the past and the present.

## Day 7 – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Foyn Harbour and Portal Point

08h00 GPS Position: 64°32.9'S, 061°58.7'W

Wind: S1 • Sea: Rippled • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +5°C • Sea temperature: +4.3 °C

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When we woke up this morning, *Hondius* was anchored in Foyn Harbour, close to Enterprise Island. Thin clouds hung over distant peaks. Close to the ship we could see vertical ice cliffs. It looked like

somebody had overdone it with the icing on the birthday cake. Soon after breakfast we boarded the zodiacs for a cruise. In its heyday Foyn Harbour was a busy whaling area between 1915 and 1930. It offered protection to the whaling factory ships and the smaller whale catchers. We visited the rusty wreck of the *Governøren*. A whaling factory ship that was intentionally run aground and scuttled when a fire broke out on board. Over 16 000 barrels of whale oil, the harvest of a full season, were lost, but all 85 men on board were saved.

Today the whales, once slaughtered to near extinction, have returned. It was amazing to watch these gracious animals. On the coast we also saw Blue-eyed Shags, Antarctic turns, Skuas and Kelp Gulls. Icebergs in



all forms and shapes floated in the bays. Another attraction was the beverage zodiac which offered cold guests a hot chocolate with cream and – if desired- a good glug of rum. During lunchtime *Hondius* repositioned to Charlotte Bay. Our destination for the afternoon was Portal Point. Here we could finally set food on the real continent. Portal Point was named by





the British who established a base here in 1956. For them it was a door to the spine of the Antarctic Peninsula, where they carried out survey work supported by dog teams.

For us it was a glorious viewpoint over ice littered bays. The climb to the top of the point was a bit icy, but it was well worth it. Many took photos with the

Antarctic flag and for some people it was their 7th continent. A Leopard Seal slept at the bottom of the hill during the whole landing, not aware of the significance of the visit. Two Chinstrap Penguins posed on an ice floe. This was for many a new species of penguins. While one group landed at Portal Point others went on a zodiac cruise. Highlights were encounters with Humpback Whales and the visit of a group of Chinstrap Penguins. Towards the end of the zodiac cruise the wind picked up considerably and the waves made it interesting to get back to the ship.

After the daily recap we joined the queues in the dining room. The galley team had come up with a special surprise for the Chinese New Year and many Asian delicacies were on offer. The Chinese guests got into the swing and celebrated the end of the year of the dragon and the beginning of



the year of the snake. After dinner the new year's celebrations kicked up a notch. There were speeches, games and a quiz. Prizes were awarded, cups with popcorn were handed out and one or two alcoholic beverages were consumed. Here we leave the celebrations because what happens in Antarctica stays in Antarctica.

### Diving Team – Foyn Harbour (Governøren)



In the shallows of Foyn Harbour, the wreck of a ship broke the surface, its bow providing the perfect spot to tie up the dive zodiacs. Though it had slowly begun collapsing under the relentless forces of snow and ice, the wreck remained a

remarkably scenic dive. The low temperatures and absence of wood-boring organisms had helped preserve many of its features. As the divers explored, they discovered the ship's machinery, boilers, barrels, and wooden decking, along with boxes of harpoon heads that had remained untouched for years. The stern area, protected from the ice, was especially picturesque. The rudder and propeller were covered in colorful algae and anemones, creating a stunning contrast against the backdrop of the icy waters. It was a dive that felt like stepping back in time, as the wreck stood frozen in history, teeming with life in the most unexpected way.

### Portal Point



The area we ventured to was a relatively exposed, glaciated landscape, where the rock had been heavily ice-scoured over time. The far side of one of the islands offered a rocky slope, and as we descended, we discovered a surprising variety of benthic life thriving in

this seemingly harsh environment. It was a spot that, until our visit, may not have been dived before. The underwater world was pristine and full of life, and the contrast between the ice-carved, rugged rocks and the colorful marine creatures was striking. It felt like we had stumbled upon something untouched, a hidden gem beneath the surface, offering a glimpse into a part of the world few had the chance to explore. The dive was both a discovery and a reminder of how much there was still to uncover in these remote, frozen waters.

## Day 8 – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Whalers Bay, Deception Island and Hannah Point

08h00 GPS Position: 62°58.9'S, 060°33.6'W

Wind: Calm • Sea: Sunny • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +5°C • Sea temperature: +3.7°C

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Our expedition leader Chris woke us up at 0700 setting the stage for an incredible day ahead. Our day at Deception Island was nothing short of magical. The South Shetland Islands greeted us with an unusually pleasant surprise—a sunny, windless day with fresh snow blanketing the volcanic landscape. This was a rare treat, as Deception Island is

known for its harsh and unpredictable weather. The pristine white contrast against the dark volcanic sands gave the island an entirely different look from its usual stark, black terrain. Deception Island is one of the most unique places in Antarctica, a horseshoe-shaped caldera formed by volcanic activity. It is still an active volcano, and its flooded caldera creates a natural harbor, making it a historically significant whaling station. Whalers Bay, where we began our journey, holds the eerie remains of an old Norwegian whaling station from the early 20th century, as well as British research station ruins, a silent testament to the island's past.

Later in the morning, we embarked on a zodiac cruise to a nearby Chinstrap Penguin colony. These feisty little birds, named for the distinctive black band under their chins, are known for



their comical, quarrelsome nature. Fun fact: chinstrap penguins can produce a deafening chorus of calls, earning them the nickname "the noisiest penguins in the world!" We watched in delight as they waddled about, squabbled over pebbles, and leaped effortlessly from the water onto the rocks. Back on shore, we



made our way to Deception Island's extremely steamy beach, a surreal location where geothermal activity warms the sands, creating a misty, almost otherworldly atmosphere. Here, 73 brave and exhilarated adventurers took the ultimate Antarctic challenge—the Polar Plunge! With excited screams and contagious laughter, they dashed into the icy waters, only to rush back out, breathless and triumphant. The energy was electric, and the sheer joy on everyone's faces made this a moment to remember forever.

In the afternoon, we set off for Hanna Point, a wildlife haven. Almost immediately, we encountered a group of Humpback Whales engaging in lunge feeding, their massive mouths gaping open as they surged through the water, sending cascades of droplets into the air. As we drifted along the shore, we spotted Gentoo and Chinstrap Penguins darting through the water like torpedoes. Elephant Seals lay piled on the beaches, their massive, blubbery bodies heaving with each breath. A Leopard Seal was resting on the shore, its sleek body stretched out on the sand. We observed its powerful build and distinctive spotted coat, a reminder of its status as one of Antarctica's top predators.

With hearts full of awe and cameras full of memories, we returned to our ship, knowing we had just experienced a truly extraordinary day in one of the world's most remote and mysterious places. That evening, we gathered to listen to Julian's fascinating recap about volcanoes in Antarctica, deepening our appreciation for the incredible landscapes we had explored.

### **Diving Team – South Shetlands Island, Deception Island - Whalers Bay**

The divers set out for a dive in the bay offshore from the oil storage tanks, eager to explore the volcanic seabed below. The area was known for its scattered brittle stars and urchins, creating a fascinating, textured landscape. There was also the possibility of finding wreckage from the maintenance of whaling vessels, remnants of a bygone era. However, as they descended into the water, they quickly realized the visibility was far worse than expected. Recent weather had



stirred up the sea, leaving the divers with only a few feet of sight. Most of the group, disappointed by the conditions, decided to return early. Despite the murkiness, the wreckage they'd hoped to uncover remained just out of reach, hidden beneath the cloudy waters, leaving a sense of unfinished exploration and a longing for a clearer day to come.

### Hannah Point



The site was incredibly exposed to wind and waves, making it a tough location to dive. As the group arrived, they were greeted by a dramatic scene— a leopard seal was seen flailing a penguin in the water before quickly disappearing into the depths. Below, the stony seabed was scattered with penguin bones, a stark

indication that this area might be one of the seal's favorite hunting grounds. Later in the dive, a lucky pair of divers found themselves visited by the very same leopard seal. Curious and unafraid, the seal made several approaches, allowing the divers to capture the mesmerizing moments on camera. It was a rare and unforgettable experience, the perfect way to cap off a busy trip, leaving the group with a sense of awe and wonder at the raw beauty of the Antarctic wildlife.

## Day 9 – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – At Sea towards Ushuaia

08h00 GPS Position: 61°14.0'S, 063°53.8'W

Wind: NW4 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +2°C • Sea temperature: +4.9 °C

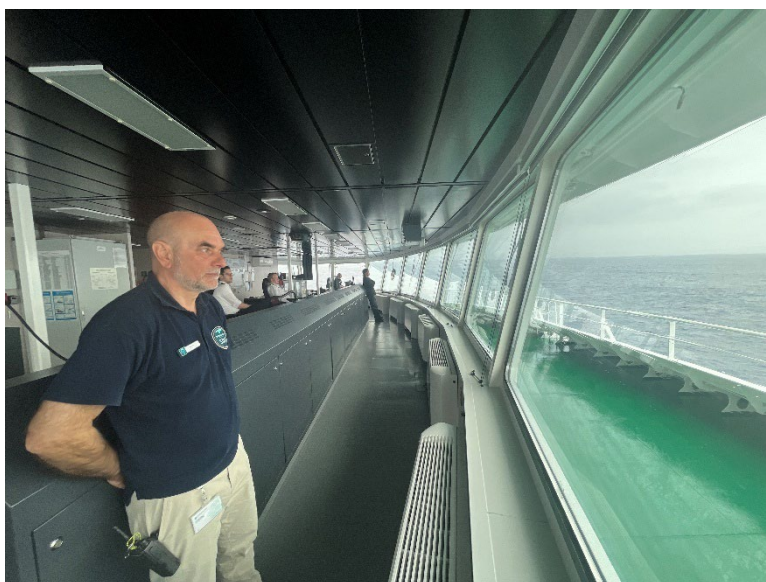
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It was the first full day of Northbound navigation across the Drake, and the *Hondius* had set course for the next leg of the journey. The wake-up call came at a relaxed 07:45, allowing everyone to ease into the day. As the passengers emerged and looked outside, they were greeted by nothing but thick fog, completely obscuring the landscape. Despite the disorienting conditions, the crew knew the fog wouldn't last long, and the weather forecast promised clearing skies.

However, as the ship entered a low-pressure system, winds and waves were expected to increase throughout the day and into the night.

The plan for the day was simple: to relax and endure the rolling seas while enjoying four engaging presentations. Chris kicked things off by sharing his experiences from his summer at Scott Base, offering fascinating insight into life at the Kiwi station. Charlotte and Jerry then teamed up to deliver a bilingual presentation about the "Race to the Pole," detailing the intense competition between Scott and Amundsen to reach the South Pole. In the afternoon, Pierre captivated the group with his personal stories of observing Humpback Whales, offering a rich, heartfelt look at these incredible creatures. The mix of education and entertainment made for a memorable day despite the rough seas.



As evening settled in, the group enjoyed some light entertainment after dinner. The movie *Surf's Up* and popcorn provided a cozy distraction just before the weather took a turn for the

worse. By 10:30 PM, the winds had strengthened, and the *Hondius* was pushing its way through larger waves. Passengers who ventured to the bow windows were treated to a dramatic show of nature, with waves crashing against the ship and water splashing high into the air. For many, the night was marked by the relentless rocking of the ship, which continued for hours, reminding everyone of the unpredictable power of the Drake Passage. Despite the challenges, the day was filled with laughter, learning, and the awe-inspiring force of nature.

### Day 10 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Drake Passage

08h00 GPS Position: 57°10.5'S, 066°30.2'W

Wind: WNW7 • Sea: Partly Cloudy • Weather: Moderate • Air temperature: +6°C •  
Sea temperature: +6.7°C

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As the ship sailed through the Drake Passage, making its way back from Antarctica, the passengers woke to the gentle roll of the waves, a comforting rhythm that accompanied them through the early morning. The sound of the ocean was a peaceful reminder of the adventure they had just completed. They gathered for a hearty breakfast buffet, fueling up for a day filled with fascinating lectures. Katja was the first to speak today, her

impassioned discussion on climate change resonating deeply with the group. She highlighted the rapid changes occurring on the planet, from melting ice sheets to rising sea levels, leaving the travelers with a renewed sense of urgency and responsibility.



Later, Rose and Marcelo captivated the audience with the remarkable story of the Belgica Expedition, the first men to overwinter in Antarctica in 1897. As they shared the crew's trials—endless isolation, freezing temperatures, and the struggle to survive—everyone felt a new connection to the waters they were crossing. The tale of human perseverance in such extreme conditions struck a chord, reminding them of the incredible resilience it takes to explore the unknown.



The day concluded with Ross's lecture on the environmental aspects of their own expedition. He explained the advanced technology onboard the *Hondius*, designed to minimize their environmental impact and adhere to IAATO regulations. At 1800, we all gathered for the Captain's Cocktail, celebrating the journey with a final farewell. Ross presented a heartfelt slideshow, filled with photos from the trip, which moved many to tears. As the images flickered across the screen, the travelers realized how deeply this experience had touched their hearts, creating bonds and memories that would last long after the ship returned to port.

### Day 11 – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Disembarkation Day, Ushuaia

08h00 GPS Position: 54°48,5S / 068°18.10'W

Wind: NW5 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +9°C • Sea temperature: +8°C

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We heard Chris's soft Kiwi accent for the final time for the wakeup call. We put our suitcases outside the cabin at 0730 then made our way to the fabulous buffet breakfast to fill up one more time. What a fantastic trip it has

been, far beyond expectations, it was a bitter sweet moment leaving the ship, but we hope to be back one day for a South Georgia expedition. We said our final goodbyes to the staff and off we went into the big wide world, ready to fend for ourselves.

*"It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living."* David Attenborough.

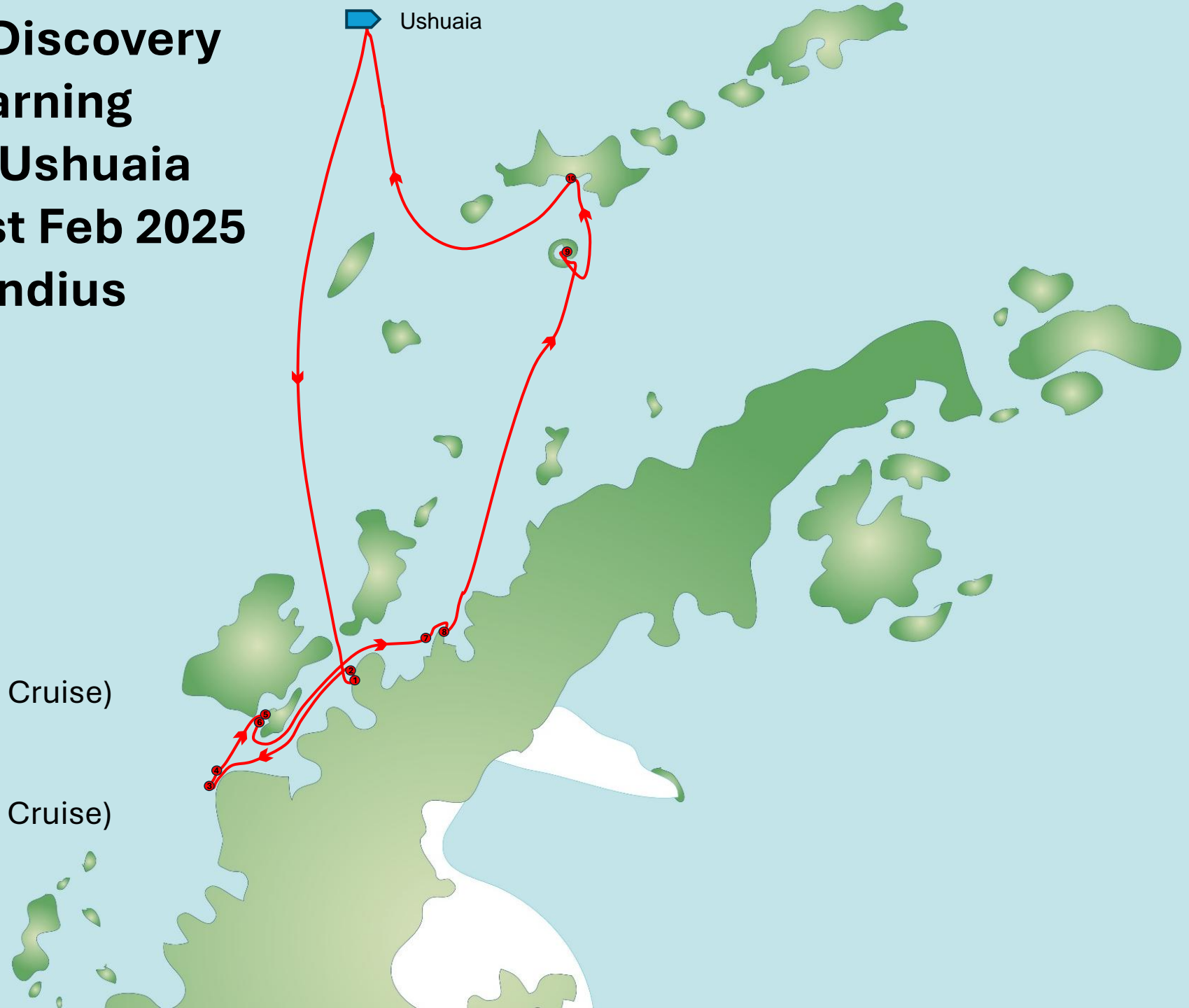


**Total distance sailed on our voyage: 1,563 nautical miles**  
**Southernmost position: 65°10.29'S, 064°8.08'W (Petermann Island)**

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Hans Soderholm, Expedition Leader Chris Long, Hotel Manager Ingrid Van De Loo and all the crew and staff of M/V Hondius, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.

# Antarctica Discovery and Learning Ushuaia – Ushuaia 22nd Jan – 1st Feb 2025 M/V Hondius

1. Danco Island
2. Cuverville Island
3. Petermann Island
4. Port Charcot
5. Damoy Point
6. Port Lockroy
7. Foyen Harbour (Zodiac Cruise)
8. Portal Point
9. Whalers Bay
10. Hannah Point (Zodiac Cruise)





### ***Birds and Marine Mammals of the Antarctic region***

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# Christan Long – Expedition Leader

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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.

## 中文

克里斯在新西兰最偏远的乡村长大，他们家距离最近的公路需要跋涉两天的山路，那条公路就位于新西兰西海岸的乔治河边。

他的家人在小木屋里过着尽可能自给自足的生活，木屋四周被丛林环绕，海岸线崎岖，河流翠绿。他们的大部分食物来自一个巨大的菜园或从海洋中捕捞。在这个未受破坏的自然角落，克里斯度过了人生中的前17年，直到有一天，他决定开始探索世界其他有趣的地方。

离开乔治河后，克里斯开始尽可能多地去体验和探索世界。对冒险的不断追求让他走遍了七大洲60多个国家。此外，他在新西兰南极洲研究站斯科特基地作为野外训练员度过了两个完整的夏季工作，并多次航行到罗斯海和东南极洲。

克里斯对北极也不陌生。他曾经在凶险的西北航道航行，穿越格陵兰岛、加拿大和阿拉斯加的顶部，并在新冠大流行期间在挪威北部小城特罗姆瑟，和150只哈士奇狗一起生活，忍受了两个漫长寒冷黑暗的北极冬季，为雪地赛狗耐力赛训练。

最近返回新西兰后，带着亲身经历的真情实感和切身感受，克里斯出版了一本自传，并正在接受商业固定翼飞行员执照的培训。



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## Pierre Gallego – Asst. Exp. Leader

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Pierre is a veterinarian specialized in marine mammal medicine. He has been working in the field of marine biology for 18 years, and has been organizing marine mammal research internships around the world since 2004. He represents the Government of Luxembourg at the International Whaling Commission and CCAMLR, and works with numerous international NGOs to promote marine mammal conservation and to fight cetacean captivity.

He is currently carrying out his PhD with the Oceanology Lab of the University of Liege, Belgium. His PhD thesis deals with pollutants and stable isotopes in humpback whales off Ecuador and Mozambique.

He is a keen birdwatcher and enjoys photography. The ocean is his passion, and water is his element!

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# Jerry Zhao – Asst. Exp. Leader

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Jerry has been in love with nature and wildlife and traveling all his life. Soon after completing his degree in Business Administration at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Jerry began a career in the travel industry. Jerry first started as an international travel consultant and tour leader and led exclusive small high-end groups throughout Europe.

He then became partner in an international traveling consulting firm and focused on route planning and employee training.

As he searched for more adventure, He collected skills and knowledge while he traveled around to world. Finally, his step stopped at Polar regions, and joined Oceanwide Expeditions as Expeditions Guides, He has guided expeditions to the North Pole, Svalbard, Greenland, Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia many times.

Along the way as he spent more time in polar regions, learns more about polar regions, he is more interested in polar regions. He has self-studied the geography,

wildlife and history of the Polar regions. He is beginning to learn wildlife photography.

When he is not in polar regions, he likes to spend his time in the forest, dessert, and plains in Northwestern part of China. He loves nature, wildlife, and he loves to share all that he knows to everyone who comes across.

## 中文

Jerry 一直都很喜爱自然野生动物和旅行。从美国 Drexel University 毕业后，开始从事旅游业。开始作为高端客户旅行顾问和领队走遍了欧洲。然后作为一家旅行社的合伙人，主要从事路线规划和员工培训。为寻找更多的冒险，Jerry 去往世界各地学习所需技能，足迹踏遍 7 大洲 4 大洋，然后在 2015 年作为探险队员加入 Oceanwide 探险队。他曾多次前往北极点，北极斯瓦尔巴地区，和南极地区，在这期间他自学关于极地的地理，野生动物和环境知识。他热爱大自然和野生动物并喜爱与人分享他的故事。

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# Katja Riedel – Expedition Guide

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Katja Riedel grew up in Germany where she studied and completed a Phd in Atmospheric Chemistry. For her research she overwintered 1997 at the German Antarctic Base Neumayer where she was responsible for the Atmospheric Observatory.

Since then she has been on several scientific expeditions to Antarctica, for example measuring ozone at Scott Base, drilling ice cores at Law Dome and taking samples of 120,000 years old ice on Taylor Glacier in the Dry Valleys.

She completed a course in Antarctic studies and worked for more than 12 years as a research scientist in Wellington, New Zealand. Her research interests were greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and in ice cores. Since 2011 she works as a guide and lecturer on expedition cruises in the Arctic and Antarctic.

The Polar Regions have always fascinated Katja. On private adventures she skied over 220 km through Svalbard, sailed in a small yacht to Antarctica, kayaked icy waters and worked as a science assistance in Western Greenland. Her fondest memories of Antarctica are building a 24h sundial and sledging from Hut Point to the Erebus Ice Tongue. Most recently she skated 250 km across the frozen Lake Baikal in Siberia. Life is an adventure for Katja and whenever she can she travels, hikes, cycles, sea-kayaks and skis to the remote and beautiful places on earth.

When not traveling Katja lives in New Zealand and works as a freelance guide, science communicator and photographer. She speaks fluently English and German.

## 中文

卡蒂亚·里德尔在德国长大，并在那里完成了大气化学的博士学位。在她的研究期间，她于1997年在德国南极纽迈尔基地越冬，负责大气观测站的工作。

此后，她参与了多次前往南极的科学探险，例如在斯科特基地测量臭氧层、在劳圆顶钻取冰芯，以及在干谷的泰勒冰川采集12万年历史的冰样。本科期间，她修读了南极研究课程，并在新西兰惠灵顿担任研究科学家超过12年，研究领域集中在大气与冰芯中的温室气体。自2011年以来，她开始担任北极和南极探险邮轮的向导和讲师。

极地地区始终让卡蒂亚心生向往。在私人探险中，她曾在斯瓦尔巴群岛滑雪220多公里，乘坐小型游艇航行至南极，在冰冷的水域划皮艇，并在格陵兰西部担任科学助理。她最美好的南极记忆包括建造一个24小时日晷以及从哈特角滑雪至埃里伯斯冰舌。最近，她还在西伯利亚的贝加尔湖上滑冰250公里。对卡蒂亚来说，生活就是一场冒险。她热衷于探索地球上偏远而美丽的地方，旅行、徒步、骑行、海上皮划艇和滑雪都是她的最爱。

当不旅行时，卡蒂亚居住在新西兰，从事自由职业向导、科学传播和摄影工作。她能流利使用英语和德语。



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## Ashleigh Kitchiner – Exp. Guide

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Ashleigh is a passionate marine biologist and environmental advocate. She is educated formally with a BSc. (Hons) Biology and MRes. Marine Mammal Genetics from the University of Chester, UK. She conducted research utilising stranding data to compile population genetics of long-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala melas*) across the British Isles.

Since university she has been fortunate enough to work in the energy, charity and tourism sectors, working offshore internationally, in various roles. She has previously worked offshore monitoring marine mammal acoustics in real-time and as a consultant where she completed impact assessments for energy projects. During her career she has gained an in-depth understanding of underwater noise, bioacoustics, noise model interpretation and disturbance modelling.

Her main areas of expertise are marine mammal ecology, policy and legislation, impact assessments and acoustics. Ashleigh is a research-driven individual and would like to bring her experience to the Oceanwide team to deliver an informative engaging acoustics workshop.

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# Rose Li Hong – Expedition Guide

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Originally from China, Rose Li Graduated from Wuhan college with a major in Interior Design. She has worked on well-known international cruise ships since 2014 as an expedition guide and in Asia as a VIP services shift leader and Head cruise ambassador on a Mediterranean cruise line.

She has worked in the polar regions since 2017, as expedition guide, Zodiac driver, Chinese interpreter and guest services manager.

She has many talents such as dancing, drawing, skiing, hosting, and loves creating new activities. Her two academic passions are history and geology.

During her spare time, she has continued to develop her passion for traveling, and has visited more than 40 countries and looks forward to visiting many others in the near future.

## 中文

罗斯李来自中国，毕业于武汉学院室内设计专业。自 2014 年以来，她一直在知名国际游轮上担任探险导游，并在亚洲的地中海游轮上担任 VIP 服务值班领队和首席游轮大使。

自2017年起，罗斯一直在极地工作，担任探险导游、冲锋舟司机、中文翻译和宾客服务经理。

罗斯多才多艺，她拥有舞蹈、绘画、滑雪、主持等多项才能，并且乐于开发新爱好。此外，她还喜欢钻研历史和地质两门学科。在业余时间，罗斯继续培养对旅行的热情。截至目前，她已经访问了 40 多个国家，并期待在未来访问更多国家。

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# Paolo Bellezze – Expedition Guide

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Born in Argentina (Dec 80') and raised in Italy, Paolo finally moved to Scotland where he settled in 2006. Nowadays, when not at sea, he splits his time between Argentina and Scotland.

Before expedition cruises Paolo spent 12 years working shoreside in merchant shipping. He was a Product Manager for a Norwegian company developing Voyage Planning and Marine Weather Forecasting Systems for merchant ships.

He also started Paragliding at the age of 14 and has been very involved in the sport as a school owner instructing both beginners and advanced courses for over 20 years. When not paragliding, Paolo likes to sea kayak and he mixes Field Guide with Kayak Guide roles onboard.

In 2021 he started working full time in expedition cruises, since then he has guide in several expeditions such as Antarctica, South Georgia, Falklands, Greenland West coast, Greenland East coast, Iceland, Faroes Islands

and British Isles.

Aside from sea kayaking and flying he is into hiking, motorbikes and spending time with friends. He is passionate about polar regions and sharing the experience with our guests.

“Happiness is only real when shared” (Chris McCandless)

Languages: English, Spanish, Italian.

## 中文

保罗于1980年12月出生在阿根廷，在意大利长大，最终于2006年搬到苏格兰定居。如今，当他不在海上时，会在阿根廷和苏格兰之间分配时间。

在进入探险邮轮行业之前，保罗在商船航运领域工作了12年。他曾是一家挪威公司的产品经理，负责开发商船航线规划和海洋天气预报系统。

保罗从14岁开始学习滑翔伞飞行，并深度参与这项运动。他创办了一所滑翔伞学校，20多年来为初学者和进阶学员教授课程。除了滑翔伞，他还喜欢海上皮划艇，并在船上兼任野外向导和皮划艇向导的角色。

2021年，他开始全职从事探险邮轮工作。从那时起，他已经参与了多次探险，包括南极洲、南乔治亚群岛、福克兰群岛、格陵兰西海岸、格陵兰东海岸、冰岛、法罗群岛和不列颠群岛。

除了海上皮划艇和飞行，他还热衷于徒步旅行、骑摩托车，并与朋友共度时光。他对极地地区充满热情，乐于与客人分享这些独特的体验。

“幸福只有在分享时才是真实的。”（克里斯·麦坎德莱斯）

语言：英语、西班牙语、意大利语。



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# Charlotte Taplin – Expedition Guide

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

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

is so excited to have started her first season with Oceanwide in 2022.

## 中文

夏洛特在英国康沃尔郡的海岸长大。从很小的时候起，她就一直对野生动物和海洋着迷。她在大学学习野生动物保护，然后在接下来的十年里游历了南美洲、澳大利亚和非洲。

夏洛特对船只的热爱始于 2013 年，当时她在潜水船上工作，前往大堡礁的偏远地区，在澳大利亚和新西兰研究座头鲸、小须鲸和抹香鲸的经历，让她对海洋生物学的兴趣与日俱增。

在乘坐路虎越野车从南非陆路前往约旦后，她于 2018 年搬到了莫桑比克，在那里她开设了自己的背包客旅馆。夏洛特在业余时间担任研究员，研究莫桑比克海岸的鲸鲨和蝠鲼。2020 年至 2022 年期间，她在超级游艇和破冰探险船上担任甲板手/潜水长。她的爱好包括水肺潜水、冲浪、自由潜水和徒步旅行。被大海包围的感觉，是让夏洛特最向往的，因此，自2022年起，夏洛在泛海探险开启了她人生的新旅程。

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# Ross Wheeler – Expedition Guide

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Ross lives in a small town in Cornwall which is located in the southwestern corner of the UK. As he grew up in a coastal town he has always been fascinated by marine wildlife and the marine environment.

Having completed an undergraduate degree and master's degree in environmental sciences/conservation biology at Plymouth University he then went on to use this passion and education to work as an environmental consultant and researcher in the coastal and marine field.

This progressed into the offshore sector where he worked as a marine mammal observer and passive acoustic monitoring operator in the offshore seismic and renewable industry sectors. This role took him to a wide range of areas throughout the North Atlantic, Central Africa and Southern Africa where he conducted marine mammal and sea bird surveys aboard various survey vessels. After a few years in this industry he then moved into the environmental compliance side of the cruise ship industry where he continues to work for six months of the

year today. Whether he is working on ships around the world, volunteering for conservation-based organisations or travelling in his 'time off' he is constantly seeking opportunities to photograph wildlife in their natural environment.

Feel free to ask him any questions about marine mammals, seabirds or anything environmentally related with the shipping industry.

## 中文

罗斯住在英国西南角的康沃尔小镇。由于在海滨小镇长大，他从小就对海洋野生动物和海洋环境充满了兴趣。

罗斯在普利茅斯大学完成了环境科学/保护生物学的本科和硕士学位后，将自己的热情与学识投入到沿海和海洋领域的环境顾问和研究工作中。

随后，他进入了离岸行业，担任海洋哺乳动物观察员和被动声学监测操作员，服务于离岸地震勘探和可再生能源行业。这份工作使他有机会前往北大西洋、中非和南非的多个地区，在各种调查船上进行海洋哺乳动物和海鸟的调查。几年后，他转向邮轮行业的环境合规领域，如今每年有六个月在这一行业工作。无论是环游世界的船上工作、为保护组织做志愿者，还是在“休假”期间旅行，他始终在寻找机会拍摄野生动物的自然风貌。

如果您对海洋哺乳动物、海鸟或航运业的环境问题有任何疑问，欢迎随时向他提问。

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# Mark Whiffin – Mountain Guide

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Mark holds a Master's Degree in Conservation Biology and is an ornithologist and birder with extensive field experience. His passion for birds and travelling started from a very young age in East Sussex, England and expanded from there.

After finishing studying at university, he participated in, and led numerous expeditions and scientific research projects to remote areas of the world in search of birds with a particular emphasis on threatened and endemic species.

Mark first visited Antarctica in 2018 employed by the British Antarctic Survey, and subsequently spent five years living and working on Bird Island, South Georgia as a Zoological Field Assistant working with the penguins and petrels. He developed a deep love for the Southern Ocean, its scenery and the birds that call it home, “seeing the first Cape Petrels on any trip always gives a feeling of arriving home”.

In his free time Mark enjoys trekking, running or cycling. He is also a keen photographer and videographer who enjoys documenting and sharing his passion for birds, travel and wild places, his images have been used various NGOs, employers, newspapers and online. He looks forward to sharing your expedition with you.

## 中文

马克·微分 (Mark Whiffin) 拥有生态保护学硕士学位，是一名鸟类学家和观鸟者，拥有丰富的实地经验。他对鸟类和旅行的热情从很小的时候就开始，始于英格兰东萨塞克斯郡，此后，内心的喜欢从那里不断扩展。

大学毕业后，他参加并数次带队前往世界偏远地区进行科学项目研究，寻找鸟类，特别是受威胁和当地特有的物种。

马克于2018年受雇于英国南极调查局首次访问南极，随后在南乔治亚的鸟岛生活和工作了五年，担任动物学现场助理，与企鹅和海燕一起工作。他对南大洋产生了深深的热爱，当地独特的景观和海鸟称此为家，“在任何一次旅行中看到的第一只花斑鹱总是给人一种回到家的感觉”。

在闲暇时间，马克喜欢徒步、跑步或骑行。他也是一位热心的摄影师和摄像师，喜欢记录和分享他对鸟类、旅行和野外的热情，他的作品已被各种非政府组织、雇主、报纸和网络平台使用。他期待与您一起分享您的探险旅程。



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# Julian Robinson – Expedition Guide

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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.

## 中文

朱利安在英格兰的东南部降生，自2000年起，他便在苏格兰的阿伯丁定居，那里的山脉成了他成长的摇篮。他是一位资深的地质学家，曾在杜伦大学获得地质学学士学位，随后在卡迪夫大学深造，取得了构造地质学的博士学位。在石油和天然气的勘探与开发领域，他凭借丰富的经验取得了骄人的成绩，参与了遍布全球的众多项目，亲历了各式各样的地质奇观。

如今，朱利安迈入人生的新阶段，他看到了将地质学与他一生对户外活动的热情结合起来的绝佳机会，并于 2024 年开始在泛海探险担任向导。

朱利安在苏格兰的山区长大，他喜欢徒步旅行、定向越野、攀岩、骑自行车和滑雪旅行等多种活动，但他最热衷的是滑翔伞运动。朱利安已经访问过世界许多地方，寻找一些最有趣的飞行地点，例如巴基斯坦的喀喇昆仑山脉。然而，相比世界其他地方，朱利安更喜欢在苏格兰高地清爽的上空翱翔。他还热衷于参加飞行比赛，并多次代表国家参加世界和欧洲锦标赛。

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# Marco Rosso – Expedition Guide

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Marco was born in the country of Pasta & Pizza. He graduated in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Padua, his native city in Italy, and subsequently achieved a Master's degree in "Turbomachinery and Fluid Dynamics" at the Von Karman Institute in Brussels, Belgium.

After a few years working in the industry, he decided to embark himself on a quest. For two years he carried his tent and camping equipment; backpacking from the steamy jungle of Mexico and Central America, through the snowy peaks of the Peruvian Andes and the dry highlands of Bolivia. Rolling all the way down to the tip of South America.

The raw and powerful beauty of Patagonia convinced him to swap Mother Nature wonders for mankind artifacts. Fascinated by applied geophysics, he therefore decided to use his deep and broad knowledge in thermodynamics and fluid mechanics to satisfying his innate curiosity, thus self-teaching Earth Science natural processes such as geological volcanism, sea ice and glaciers formation and dynamics, wind patterns and oceanic currents.

During the last decade he has been living in Puerto Natales, Chile; leading groups as a trekking guide and tour leaders in some of the most beautiful and rugged trails of Patagonia, such as Torres del Paine, Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre circuits as well as the southernmost trekking in the world, Dientes de Navarino.

One step further from Patagonia lies the Antarctic peninsula, where he is willing to share with you an incredible camping experience in this truly pristine and untouched environment.

## 中文

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的产生了兴趣。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斯港。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。

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# Marcelo Tarapow – Expedition Guide

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Marcelo Tarapow has a Master's degree in Social Sciences, specialized in History from the National University of Quilmes, retired Rear Admiral of the Argentine Navy, Honorary Professor at the Nikola Vaptsarov Academy (Bulgaria) and Graduate in Naval Systems.

He participated in twelve expeditions to Antarctica between 1988 and 2017, occupying different roles until being the leader on his last two occasions, spending around 900 days in Antarctic activity.

He has also carried out studies in Environmental Preservation, Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Tourism.

He has been a professor in pre-Antarctic courses taught in Argentina, Colombia and Bulgaria, especially on navigation, meteorology, the Antarctic Treaty and the Madrid Protocol.

He is the President of the Academy of Antarctica, a lecturer and researcher especially on topics related to the White Continent, having presented on historical

Antarctic expeditions in Argentina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Colombia, France and Romania.

He is a member of the Council at Polar Educators International for the 2024-2025 biennium.

His main hobbies are swimming, cycling, tango, reading, an enthusiastic collector of ancient objects linked to Antarctic history and an amateur photographer.

Always ready to learn from other cultures, listen to stories, passionately share their experiences and care for the environment.

## Nederlandse (2e taal hier in Merriweather, maat 14, vet)

马塞罗·塔拉波 (Marcelo Tarapow) 拥有基尔梅斯国立大学社会科学历史学硕士学位，阿根廷海军退役少将、尼古拉·瓦普萨罗夫学院（保加利亚）名誉教授和海军系统毕业生。

在1988年至2017年间，他参加了12次南极探险，担任过不同的职务，直到最后两次担任了探险队长，在南极的活动时长大约900天。

他还进行了对环境保护、气候变化、能源效率和旅游方面的研究。

他曾在阿根廷、哥伦比亚和保加利亚担任南极行前课程教授，特别是航海、气象学、南极条约和马德里议定书方面的课程。

他是南极学院院长，也是讲师和研究员，特别是与白色大陆相关的主题，曾在阿根廷、比利时、保加利亚、哥伦比亚、法国和罗马尼亚介绍过历史上的南极探险活动。

他是 2024-2025 年双年度极地教育者国际理事会成员。

他的主要爱好是游泳、骑行、探戈、阅读，还是与南极历史有关的文物收藏家，也是一名业余摄影师。

随时准备学习其他文化，聆听故事，热情分享他们的经验并关心环境。



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# Andi Schwertz – Expedition Guide

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Andi was born in Budapest and grew up in Germany. Andi has always been fascinated by animals and nature, especially marine mammals ever since she was a child. She wanted to be a whale researcher, became a whale expert, without studying at a university, but through passion. She initially graduated in sociology, but then ran her own cocktail bar for 10 years. However, her enthusiasm for sea creatures never left her and she began to travel the world to be close to these fascinating animals and to observe them.

As a scuba and freediver, she was able to get particularly close to many whale species and experience adventures. For example, she has already swum with orcas three times in arctic Norway. She came to Oceanwide because she wanted to share her passion with heart and enthusiasm. She was already able to gain experience as a trainee in Antarctica in the spring of 2023. The polar regions with their special fauna exert a very special attraction on her. She is also interested in landscape photography and has great tips for successful mobile phone photography. Another passion of hers is yoga, which she also practices as a yoga instructor. She speaks English, German, Hungarian, and a little bit of Spanish and French. Andi is looking forward to more great adventures as a team member of Oceanwide!

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# Jerry Sutton – Dive Team Leader

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Jerry grew up running around the country side, reading Tintin & Famous Five and watching Jacques Cousteau on the TV, all of which spawned a taste for outdoor adventure.

University was the springboard into many activities that involved leaving the safety net of modern society, and he's is just as happy rummaging through a wreck, squeezing through a cave, scaling a mountain cliff or jumping out of a perfectly serviceable airplane.

In real life, when not guiding, Jerry is an engineer with the oil and gas industry, living in the granite city of Aberdeen.

Always hankering for adventure and something a bit different, a love for extremes has lead from bug infested rain forests, to the high dry deserts, and on to the ice of the polar regions.

Jerry has also been lucky enough to work on several expeditions over the years. He has built bridges & cut trails in the Bornean rain forests, carried out coral reef surveys in the South China Sea, and worked directly and

indirectly with the BBC natural History Unit in such things as trekking in search of various seeds & plants in Borneo, fixing ropes, platforms and cameramen into the forest canopy whilst filming the elusive mandrill in Gabon, or ice diving with the Frozen Planet 2 team.

Jerry has taught scuba diving since university, just for fun, and holds instructor ratings through the British Sub Aqua Club across many diving related activities.

Diving has led to many interesting activities from hacking through solid ice, to supervising music videos and even snorting vodka in remote Scottish bars with well-known TV personalities.

## 中文

杰瑞从小在乡间奔跑，阅读《丁丁历险记》和《神秘五人组》，观看雅克·库斯托的电视节目，这些都激发了他对户外冒险的热爱。大学成为了他迈向冒险生活的跳板，他乐于远离现代社会的安全网，无论是探索沉船、穿越洞穴、攀登悬崖峭壁，还是从一架完好无损的飞机上跳下，他都游刃有余。在现实生活中，当不在带领探险旅程时，杰瑞是一名石油和天然气行业的工程师，居住在阿伯丁这座花岗岩之城。他始终渴望冒险和与众不同的经历，这种对极端环境的热爱让他从虫鸣的热带雨林走向干旱的沙漠，再到极地的冰原。

多年来，杰瑞有幸参与了多个探险项目。他曾在婆罗洲的热带雨林中架桥铺路，在中国南海进行珊瑚礁调查，并直接或间接地与BBC自然历史部合作，参与了包括寻找种子和植物的徒步旅行、在加蓬的森林冠层中为拍摄难以捉摸的山魈架设绳索和平台，以及与《冰冻星球2》团队一起进行冰下潜水等任务。自大学起，杰瑞就为了乐趣教授水肺潜水，并通过英国潜水俱乐部获得了多个潜水相关活动的教练资格。

潜水让他经历了许多有趣的事情，从凿破厚冰到监督音乐视频的拍摄，甚至在苏格兰偏远的酒吧与知名电视人物一起喝伏特加。

杰瑞有一个年轻的家庭，而他的家人目前并不介意他不断想离开家的愿望（至少现在还不会！）。

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# Sid Paul Dewfall – Dive Guide

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Sid was born in Gibraltar, at the southern most tip of Europe, and had been diving now for over 10 years. His passion for diving came from the experience of diving between two tectonic plates in the Silfra, Iceland and has since diver all around the world, working as a dive guide in countries such as Australia, Canada, Gibraltar and, Thailand.

Sid recently graduated with a Master's degree in Marine Science, focusing specifically on the health status and distribution of orange stony cup corals, eventually publishing and authoring a data set and diving course to educate citizen divers on various monitoring techniques and, assessing and collecting their own datasets to track changes temporally and spatially amongst benthic communities.

In his free time, he enjoys playing and coaching multiple sports, including competing nationally in Athletics, and recreationally playing Squash, and Climbing. Being a diver, Sid has always had an affinity with water and will always try to find time to join the waves, be it underneath

as diver, or above the surface on a board. He is particularly interested in marine organisms so if you have any questions or interests in diving or marine species, please ask him

## 中文

西德出生于欧洲最南端的直布罗陀，从事潜水已有十多年。他对潜水的热爱源自冰岛席尔福拉两大板块间的潜水体验，此后，他足迹遍布世界各地，在澳大利亚、加拿大、直布罗陀和泰国等地担任潜水向导。

西德最近获得了海洋科学硕士学位，研究重点是橙色硬杯珊瑚的健康状况与分布。他最终出版并编写了一套数据集和潜水课程，旨在教育公民潜水员掌握各种监测技术，评估并收集自己的数据，以跟踪底栖生物群落在时间和空间上的变化。

在空闲时间，西德喜欢参与和指导多种运动，包括参加全国田径比赛，并休闲性地进行壁球和攀岩活动。作为一名潜水员，西德对水有着特别的亲近感，无论是在水下潜水还是在水面上冲浪，他总是愿意抽时间亲近海洋。他对海洋生物尤其感兴趣，因此，如果您对潜水或海洋物种有任何疑问或兴趣，请随时向他提问。



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# Lorenzo Begaud – Dive Guide

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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.

A 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.

**中文** 洛伦佐在法国的香槟产区长大，离大海很远。2012年，他踏上了人生第一次冒险，前往巴塔哥尼亚，在智利纳塔莱斯港的当地旅行社工作，带领徒步和皮划艇旅行，探索著名的百内国家公园。

这次经历让他大开眼界，自此，他便开始不断旅行，探索新的地方。在过去的十年里，他的工作足迹遍布全球，从非洲到南极洲，穿越南美洲、中美洲和北美洲、澳大利亚，以及北欧各国。

他最大的吸引力？结识新朋友，融入新的文化和生活方式，同时也钟情于前往偏远地区，享受“更简单”的生活。挑战舒适区并学习新事物，是他不断前行的动力。

几年前，他将自己的热情转化为工作，决定全职投身户外活动，带领人们感受荒野的美丽。

通过努力工作和大量培训，他在水面上和水下都游刃有余，现在主要担任潜水和皮划艇向导/教练。从拉普兰的雪地摩托之旅和追逐北极光，到墨西哥尤卡坦半岛的白洞（Sac Actun cave system）潜水，他总是对学习新事物充满热情。

人生是一场旅程，你应该在途中尽情享受乐趣，充分利用每一个机会。

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# Zoy Li - Translator

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Originally from China and major in tourism management with bachelor's degree.

Worked for a high-end tailor-made travel agency in China which focused on operating groups to polar region since 2014. There she had several job functions: travel consultant, product planning, sales-support, tour operation & tour leader, and got many chances to lead groups to Arctic, Europe, Central America, Galapagos, South America till Antarctic. In 2019, she started to join the expedition cruises, worked as Interpreter & Expedition guide on board, and had experienced a multiple of wildlife expeditions in various remote areas in this world, and so fascinated by every element from nature, she has great passion on sharing the most breathtaking scenes with every distinguished passenger for the polar region.

## 中文

来自中国湖南，本科学历，旅游管理专业；

从 2014 年开始，在中国的一家高端定制旅行社工作，主要负责极地地区的团队运营。在那里，她身兼数职：旅游顾问、产品规划、销售支持、出团操作和出行领队；曾带领团队前往北极、欧洲、中美洲加拉帕戈斯群岛、南美洲和南极；

2018年转邮轮行业，在船上担任歌诗达邮轮亚洲航线的旅游经理；从2019年开始转探险邮轮，在船上担任翻译和探险向导。多次参与野生动物探险活动的经历，足迹遍布世界各个偏远地区，逐渐增强了她对大自然各种元素的迷恋，尤其热衷于极地，每年就像动物迁徙一样夏季回到北极，南半球的夏季回到南极。

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# Kai Lin Ong – Translator

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Lyn was raised and educated in Singapore where she was a teacher for more than a decade. Since young, she has been very adventurous, having been to Mount Everest base camp at the age of 13 and 3 times on Mount Kinabalu, she knew that city life was not what she wanted. After traveling to more than 15 countries, the arctic was where she felt the most at home. She moved to Iceland 8 years ago to start her own travel agency and has been working as a local guide since.

Lyn has a great love for nature and adventures. Her free time are spent traveling, hiking in the mountains and taking pictures of landscapes and wildlife. She believes that more people should see how beautiful nature is and understand the need to protect it.

## 中文

凱琳出生于新加坡，也在那接受高等教育。在新加坡的那段时间，凱琳从事教育行业。从小，凱琳就别于一般年轻姑娘。她非常的外向，爱探险，爱户外。她13岁时就登了珠穆朗玛峰大本营，也三度登上京那巴鲁山。自那时起凱琳就确定了自己并不适合在城市里生活。在周游多过15个国家后，她终于在北极圈里找到了属于自己的地方。8年前，凱琳移民到冰岛，创办了自家的旅行社。从那时起便在北极圈里当起了地接导游。

凱琳非常热爱大自然和探险。她空余时间都在旅游，登山，徒步和摄影。她相信更多的人应该看到大自然的美丽并懂得保护大自然的必要性。



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# Anneke Planting – Ships Doctor

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Anneke, originally from Friesland in the north of the Netherlands, now resides in the Algarve, Portugal. She is a vascular surgeon and currently works as a locum in surgery departments and emergency medicine in Germany, balancing her professional expertise with her passion for travel and adventure.

Anneke's connection to the sea is profound. As a ship's doctor, she has completed numerous transatlantic voyages aboard tall ships, living the timeless art of traditional sailing. Now embarking on her second season in

the Antarctic, Anneke thrives in this remote and breathtaking environment, where her medical expertise and adventurous spirit come together seamlessly. South Georgia and the Falkland Islands, with their wild and mysterious landscapes, continue to captivate her, drawing her back time and again. Anneke developed a fascination with the history of whaling, remnants of which remain visible in these regions, connecting us to the past and the stories of those who ventured into these remote corners of the world.

For Anneke, these journeys are not only about the extraordinary natural beauty but also about the incredible people she meets along the way. The camaraderie of the crew and the inspiring stories of the guests create an atmosphere of connection and shared adventure, making every trip even more meaningful and unforgettable. As the ship's doctor, Anneke is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of all crew members and guests. She is always there to provide care, support, and reassurance, creating an environment where everyone feels secure and looked after.



## 南极发现之旅 欢迎登船!

日期: 2025 年 1 月 22 日

第 1 天: 乌斯怀亚 – 登船

请您在房间检查是否收到了所有的行李。在 **5 层的观景厅** 有 24 小时免费提供的茶和咖啡

### 请注意听广播

**17:15+/-** 请到 **5 层观景厅** 参加探险队长和大副主持关于**船上安全的说明会**。此说明会是**每个人都必须参加的**，我们将检查您是否出席。

说明会后会进行弃船演习，紧急集合警铃会响起，您需要回到房间穿保暖衣服以及弃船使用的救生衣。所有住在 **3 层 (301-337 房间)** 的乘客在**紧急集合点 A** 也就是 **4 层餐厅** 集合。所有住在 **4, 6, 7 层的乘客** 到**紧急集合点 B** 也就是 **5 层观景厅** 集合。

**18:15+/-** 邀请您到 **5 层观景厅** 参加**船长欢迎酒会**。酒店经理及探险队长将在此向您介绍船上生活须知以及接下来的行程计划，您也将在此与探险队见面。

**19:30** 自助晚餐将在 **4 层餐厅** 提供。

请注意今晚我们将驶入开阔海域，请在感觉到船摇晃前服用晕船药，如果需要晕船药物请在晚餐后在 **5 层吧台区域** 找医生协助您。请确保妥善摆放您的物品，并确保抽屉和柜门关严锁死。在船上缓步慢行，确保至少一只手是扶着扶手的，尤其开关门时不要将手放在门和门框之间，以避免夹伤手指。



## Antarctic Discovery

### Welcome aboard!

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

Day 1: Ushuaia – Embarkation

Please make yourselves at home in your cabins and check you have received all your luggage!  
Tea/coffee is available in the Observation Lounge 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 will go to their **MUSTER STATIONS**.
- 18:15+/- Please join the Expedition Team and Captain in the **Observation Lounge on deck 5** for a celebratory toast to the forthcoming voyage. This will be followed by a welcome briefing by the Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader to orientate you to life on board and explain the plan for the forthcoming days.
- 19:30 Buffet dinner in the **Restaurant on Deck 4**.

Please note that tonight we will be sailing into the open sea. Take your seasickness medication before you really feel the movements of the vessel, the doctor will be available in the bar after dinner to assist with such matters. 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!

*"All things considered there are only two kinds of men in the world; those that stay at home and those that do not, the latter are more interesting." - Rudyard Kipling*





# Antarctic Discovery

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

Day 2: At sea - Drakes Passage

07:45 Wake-up call.

08:00-09:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

*Remember: walk slowly on the ship, never rush. Keep at least one hand for the ship at all times. Shut all doors firmly and keep fingers away from door frames.*

09:15 Jerry & Charlotte welcome you to the Observation Lounge/Lecture Room for their presentation about Whale Identification. English will be in the Lecture Room and Mandarin in the Observation Lounge.

11:15 Mark welcomes you to the Observation Lounge for his presentation about Albatrosses and Petrels.

*Through the day please take some time to clean all of your clothing and equipment that you plan to take ashore. Tomorrow we will be completing our mandatory IAATO Biosecurity check and your equipment needs to be cleaned before. Please pay special attention to the mesh on backpacks, pockets, and Velcro. We will have brushes and paperclips available to borrow from reception and if you have any questions please ask a member of the expedition staff.*

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

14:00 The Expedition team will hand out your rubber boots. You will be called, deck-by-deck to the boot room on deck three, so please listen to announcements. Bring your thick socks to find the best-sized boots for you!

16:15 Ross welcomes you to the Observation Lounge for his presentation about Tips for Photography.

18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Observation Lounge for Daily Recap, this is a daily event where we go through what we have seen during the day and plans for tomorrow.

19:00 Plated dinner will be served in the dining room on deck 4.

*"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore" -  
Christoph Columbus*



DAILY PROGRAM



## 南极发现之旅

日期: 2024 年 1 月 23 日

第 2 天: 德雷克海峡

07:45

叫早广播

08:00-09:00

自助早餐

*请谨记: 在船上缓步慢行, 不要跑. 永远至少一只手扶好扶手. 将门关好并切勿将手放在门和门框之间避免夹伤.*

09:15 中文讲座: 鲸鱼识别 (讲师: **Jerry**; 地点: 五楼船头观景大厅)

英文讲座: 鲸鱼识别 (讲师: **Charlotte**; 地点: 五楼船尾观景大厅)

11:15 讲座: 信天翁和鹱类

(讲师: **Mark**; 地点: 五楼船头观景大厅; 如需中文翻译请您自行领取翻译器)

*在今天的闲暇时间, 请您抽空清洗您需要穿着上岸的装备。明天我们将完成每个人都必须参与的 IAATO 生物清洁检查, 请您再此之前将装备清理干净。请特别注意背包的网眼, 衣服口袋和魔术贴的位置。您可以向前台借用刷子, 曲别针。如果您有任何问题, 请咨询探险队。*

12:30-13:30 自助午餐

14:00

探险队将为您分发登陆时用的橡胶靴。将会按照您所在楼层顺序广播通知您前往三层甲板领取。因此请您注意收听广播。(带上厚袜子, 去找到最适合您尺寸的靴子!)

16:15

摄影讲座 (讲师: **Ross**; 地点: 五楼船头观景大厅)

18:15

探险队邀请您到 5 楼船头观景大厅参加每日总结和次日行程安排。

19:00

三道式晚餐

“你永远无法跨越海洋, 除非你有勇气看不见岸边。” — 克里斯托弗·哥伦布



# Antarctic Discovery

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Day 3: Approaching Antarctica – Drakes Passage

07:45 Wake-up call.

08:00-09:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

*Through the morning please take some time to clean all of your clothing and equipment that you plan to take ashore. Please pay special attention to the mesh on backpacks, pockets, and Velcro. We will have brushes and paperclips available to borrow from reception and if you have any questions please ask a member of the expedition staff.*

09:15 Please join Chris and Jerry, Expedition Leaders, in the Observation lounge for the Mandatory IAATO and Zodiac Briefing. Attendance will be checked and is mandatory. English will be in the Lecture Room, and Mandarin in the Observation Lounge.

11:15 Rose and Marcello invite you to the Observation Lounge/Lecture room for an Antarctic History lecture. English will be in the Observation Lounge and Mandarin will be in the Lecture Room.

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

13:45+/- During the afternoon we will call you deck by deck for the MANDATORY IATO Biosecurity in the Observation Lounge on Deck 5. When called, please bring all your outer garments, bags, boots, life jackets, tripods etc. that you plan to use in Antarctica for the Expedition Staff to check. Please ensure your equipment is clean BEFORE proceeding to the Lecture room and ensure you sign the self-declaration form once you have been approved by the Expedition Team.

16:15 Marco welcomes you to the Observation Lounge for his presentation about Different Types of Ice that we will see during the voyage

18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Observation Lounge for Daily Recap.

19:00 Plated dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

20:30 Kana invites you to the lecture room for a Mandarin-English workshop. Come along and learn some useful parses to use onboard the voyage!!

*"The greatest adventure of all is life itself" - Bertrand Piccard.*





## 南极探险

日期：2025 年 1 月 25 日

第 4 天：丹科岛和库尔维尔岛

- 06:45 唤醒电话。
- 07:00-08:00 自助早餐将在 4 层餐厅供应。
- 08:15+/- 我们邀请蓝组前往三层的扎迪克登船区，准备前往丹科岛登陆。
- 08:45+/- 我们邀请红组前往三层的扎迪克登船区，准备进行丹科岛的扎迪克巡游。

上午时段，两个小组会交换活动，确保每个人都有机会参与两项活动。

- 12:00-13:00 自助午餐将在 4 层餐厅供应。
- 14:00+/- 我们邀请红组前往三层的扎迪克登船区，准备前往库尔维尔岛登陆。
- 14:15+/- 我们邀请蓝组前往三层的扎迪克登船区，准备进行库尔维尔岛的扎迪克巡游。

所有行程时间可能会有所变动，请留意公告。

- 18:45 请前往酒吧，加入探险队一起回顾当天的活动。
- 19:30 晚餐将在 4 层餐厅供应。

“我们征服的不是山，而是我们自己。”——埃德蒙·希拉里



# Antarctic Discovery

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Day 4: Danco Island and Cuverville Island

06:45 Wake-up call.

07:00-08:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

08:15+/- We would like to invite The **Blue** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a landing at Danco Island

08:45+/- We would like to invite The **Red** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a zodiac cruise at Danco island

*Groups will swap halfway through the morning on the shore so everyone gets the chance to do both activities*

12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the dining room on Deck 4.

14:00+/- We would like to invite The **Red** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a landing at Cuverville Island

14:15+/- We would like to invite The **Blue** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a zodiac cruise at Cuverville Island

ALL TIMINGS THROUGHOUT THE EXPEDITION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE LISTEN TO ANNOUCEMENTS

18:45 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for daily recap.

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

*"It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves" - Edmund Hillary*



# Antarctic Discovery

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Day 5: Peterman Island and Port Charcot

06:15 Wake-up call.

*This morning, we hope to transit through the Lemaire Channel just after 06:00. A beautifully scenic narrow passage on the Antarctic Peninsula known as the 'kodak gap'.*

*Later in the morning, we hope to take you on a zodiac cruise and landing at Peterman Island hope to find lots of ice, Adelie Penguins, Gentoo Penguins, Seals and Whales.*

07:00-08:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

08:15+/- We would like to invite The **Red** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a landing at Peterman Island

08:30+/- We would like to invite The **Blue** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a zodiac cruise at Peterman island

*Groups will swap halfway through the morning and afternoon on the shore so everyone gets the chance to do both activities*

12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the dining room on Deck 4.

*In the afternoon we hope to take you on a zodiac cruise and landing at Port Charcot. Here hope to find lots of icebergs, Adelie Penguins, Gentoo Penguins, Seals and Whales.*

14:00+/- We would like to invite The **Blue** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a landing at Port Charcot

14:15+/- We would like to invite The **Red** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a zodiac cruise at Port Charcot

18:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for daily recap.

19:15 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

20:45+/- We will be transiting north bound through the Lemaire Channel just after dinner.

*"A journey is a person, no two are alike. And all plans, safeguards, policies, and coercion are fruitless. We find after years of struggle that we do not take a trip, a trip takes us." – John Steinbeck*



# 南极探险

日期：2025 年 1 月 27 日

第 6 天：达莫伊角与戈尔迪尔岛

06:45 起床铃响。

07:00-08:00 在 4 层餐厅提供自助早餐。

下午，我们希望能在多利安湾登陆并巡游，该地是达莫伊小屋的所在地，曾是英国南极考察队的“机场”。在这里，我们将欣赏到阿德利企鹅，进行一次延长的步行，并参观达莫伊小屋。

08:15+/- 我们邀请蓝组成员前往 3 层的橡皮艇登船区，准备在达莫伊角登陆。

08:30+/- 我们邀请红组成员前往 3 层的橡皮艇登船区，准备在达莫伊角进行橡皮艇巡游。

各小组将在上午和下午的活动中交替进行，这样每个人都有机会参与这两项活动。

12:00-13:00 在 4 层餐厅提供自助午餐。

下午的活动将以来自英国南极遗产信托组织（UKAHT）的一场讲座开始。接下来，我们希望能在洛克罗伊港邮局进行登陆，并在朱格拉角进行橡皮艇巡游，我们有望看到正在筑巢的阿德利企鹅和鸬鹚。由于洛克罗伊港的空间有限，每次只有 4 艘橡皮艇能够登陆。剩余的橡皮艇将进行巡游，之后再轮流前往邮局。所有购买只能使用信用卡支付。

14:15+/- 我们邀请红组成员前往 3 层的橡皮艇登船区，准备在朱格拉角/戈尔迪尔岛进行橡皮艇巡游。

14:30+/- 我们邀请蓝组成员前往 3 层的橡皮艇登船区，准备在朱格拉角/戈尔迪尔岛进行橡皮艇巡游。

18:30 请加入探险队团队，在酒吧参加当天的总结回顾。

19:00 在五层甲板后方将供应一场南极烧烤晚宴，伴随着音乐和壮丽的景色。请穿着保暖，以便尽情享受这一生中最独特的烧烤体验！

“世界上最美丽的事物，当然是世界本身。”— 华莱士·史蒂文斯



# Antarctic Discovery

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Day 6: Damoy Point and Gouldier Island

06:45 Wake-up call.

07:00-08:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

*In the afternoon we hope to land and cruise at Dorian Bay, home to Damoy Hut, a former British Antarctic Service 'airport'. Here we will enjoy gentoo penguins, an extended walk and a visit inside Damoy Hut.*

08:15+/- We would like to invite The **Blue** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a landing at Damoy Point

08:30+/- We would like to invite The **Red** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a zodiac cruise at Damoy Point

*Groups will swap halfway through the morning and afternoon on the shore so everyone gets the chance to do both activities*

12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the dining room on Deck 4.

*Our afternoon we will begin with a presentation from the UKAHT in the lounge. We then hope to offer a landing at Port Lockroy Post Office and a zodiac cruise at Jougla Point, where we hope to see nesting Gentoo Penguins and Cormorants. Given the limited space at Port Lockroy, only 4 zodiacs will visit at a time. The remaining zodiacs will enjoy the cruise, before rotating through to the Post Office. All purchases are card only*

14:15+/- We would like to invite The **Red** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a zodiac cruise at Jougla Point/Gouldier Island

14:30+/- We would like to invite The **Blue** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a zodiac cruise at Jougla Point/Gouldier Island

18:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for daily recap.

19:00 An Antarctic BBQ dinner with music and spectacular views will be served on the back of Deck 5. Dress warmly so you can truly enjoy the most unique BBQ you will ever experience!

*"The most beautiful thing in the world is, of course, the world itself" – Wallace Stevens*



# Antarctica Discovery

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Day 7: Foyen Harbour and Portal Point

06:45 Wake-up call.

07:00-08:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

*This morning we hope to offer a zodiac cruise at Foyen Harbour. We will explore the shores of Enterprise Island and the ship wreck of the Governoren, a whaling factory ship that caught fire and shipwrecked here in 1915.*

08:15 We would like to invite The **Red** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a zodiac cruise at Foyen Harbour

08:30 We would like to invite The **Blue** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a zodiac cruise at Foyen Harbour

12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the dining room on Deck 4.

*This afternoon we hope to offer a landing and zodiac cruise at Portal Point – a **continental landing** with spectacular views out towards peninsula.*

14:00 We would like to invite The **Blue** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a **continental landing** at Portal Point

14:15 We would like to invite The **Red** Group to the Zodiac Boarding Area on deck three for a zodiac cruise at Portal Point

18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Observation Lounge for daily recap.

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

20:30 We will be celebrating Chinese New Year in the Observation Lounge with the expedition team and Captain. We invite all passengers from all nationalities to join and we will be doing a trivia quiz of the voyage!

*Visually and emotionally, the island of South Georgia overwhelms.  
At first glance, it resembles the far south Atlantic branch of Dr Doolittle's fantastic zoo: a profusion of captivating animals that quickly transforms even the most discriminating observer into a raving anthropomorphic. - Ron Naveen*



## 南极探险

日期: 2025 年 1 月 29 日

第 8 天: 欺骗岛和哈娜角

06:00 叫早服务。早安, 早安!

在 06:00, 我们将驶入欺骗岛; 我们鼓励您在大约 06:00 时到外部甲板上欣赏这一壮丽的航行。火山口有一个狭窄的入口, 宽度仅为 230 米 (755 英尺), 被称为海神的风箱 (Neptune's Bellows)。通过风箱航行对船只来说是非常具有挑战性的, 增加危险的是位于通道中部、低于水面 2.5 米 (8.2 英尺) 的拉文岩 (Ravn Rock)。1957 年, 一艘挪威捕鲸船撞上拉文岩, 其残骸至今仍可在通道中看到。

06:30-07:30 自助早餐将在 4 层餐厅提供。

早晨, 我们希望能够在欺骗岛的鲸鱼湾进行登陆和巡航。欺骗岛是一个活火山的火山口, 曾经是世界上最大的捕鲸站之一。

早晨结束时, 我们将为那些勇敢的人提供极地跳水活动! 请在您的探险防水装备下穿上泳衣。毛巾将会提供, 因此不需要从您的舱房带毛巾。

07:30 蓝色小组 - 请到登陆艇登船区准备登陆欺骗岛。

07:45 红色小组 - 请到登陆艇登船区准备在欺骗岛进行登陆艇巡游。

12:00-13:00 自助午餐将在 4 层餐厅提供。

13:30 我们邀请大家到餐厅参加包饺子派对! 所有人都可以参加, 这是一个庆祝中国新年的绝佳机会, 通过文化交流并在晚餐时间一起品尝饺子。

15:15 蓝色小组 - 请到登陆艇登船区准备在哈娜角 (Hanna Point) 进行登陆艇巡游。

15:30 红色小组 - 请到登陆艇登船区准备在哈娜角进行登陆艇巡游。

19:00 请加入探险团队, 在观景休息室参加每日回顾。

19:30 晚餐将在 4 层餐厅提供。

今晚我们将再次驶入德雷克海峡 (Drake Passage)。请在晚餐前花点时间确认您的舱房已确保安全, 以防船只开始摇晃。

在活动时请小心移动, 尤其是在楼梯间。移动时请随时保持一只手抓住船上扶手。

“冰雪与漫长的月光极昼之夜, 带着所有的渴望, 仿佛是来自另一个世界的遥远梦境, 那梦境已经来过并已消逝。但没有梦境的生活将是什么样的呢?”

—— 弗里乔夫·南森 (Fridtjof Nansen)





# Antarctica Discovery

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Day 8: Deception Island and Edenborough Hill

06:00 Wake-up call. Good morning Good morning!

*At 0600, we will sail into Deception Island; we encourage you to be on the outside decks around 0600 to enjoy this remarkable navigation. The caldera has a narrow entrance, just 230 metres (755 feet) wide, called Neptune's Bellows. Navigating a ship through the bellows can be very tricky, adding to the hazard is Ravn Rock, which lies 2.5 metres (8.2 feet) below the water in the middle of the channel. Remains of a shipwreck, a Norwegian whale catcher that hit Ravn Rock in 1957, can still be seen in the passage.*

06:30-07:30 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

*In the Morning we hope to land and cruise in Whalers Bay. Deception Island. This island is the caldera of an active volcano and previously held one of the largest whaling stations.*

*At the end of the morning, we'll be offering a **Polar Plunge** for those feeling brave! Please **wear your swimsuit underneath your expedition's waterproof gear**. Towels will be provided, so **there is no need to bring the towel from your cabin**.*

07:30 The **Blue** group - Please come to the zodiac boarding area for a landing at Deception Island.

07:45 The **Red** group -Please come to the zodiac boarding area for a zodiac cruise at Deception Island.

12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the dining room on Deck 4.

13:30 We invite everyone down to the dining room for a dumpling making party! ALL are welcome for this and it is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the Chinese New Year with the exchange of cultures and followed by dumpling eating at dinner time.

15:15 The **Blue** group - Please come to the zodiac boarding area for a zodiac cruise at Hanna Point.

15:30 The **Red** group -Please come to the zodiac boarding area for a zodiac cruise at Hanna Point.

19:00 Please join the Expedition Team in the Observation Lounge for Daily Recap.

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

*Tonight we will be headed back out into the Drakes Passage. Please take a moment before dinner to make sure your cabins are secure before the ship starts to roll. Please be careful moving about especially in stair wells. Please always have one hand free for the ship at all times when moving about.*

*"The ice and the long moonlit polar nights, with all their yearning, seemed like a far-off dream from another world, a dream that has come and passed away. But what would life be without dreams?" - Fridtjof Nansen*



# Antarctic Discovery

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Day 9: At sea - Drake Passage.

- 07:45 Wake-up call.
- 08:00-09:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 09:15 Please join Chris for his lecture: Calling Antarctica Home, about his time living at Scott Base in the Ross Sea. In the Observation Lounge.
- 11:00 Rose & Julian invite you to the **Observation Lounge/Lecture Room** for their lecture about the Geology of Antarctica. Mandarin will be in the Lecture Room and English in the Observation Lounge.
- 12:00 We will call you deck by deck to deck three to return your Muck boots, please listen for announcements. Please ensure your boots are clean before you return them.
- 12:30-13:30 A buffet lunch is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 16:15 Pierre welcomes you to the **Observation Lounge** for his presentation about Humpback Whales. This will be translated into Mandarin
- 18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the **Observation Lounge** for **Daily Recap**. There will be some important information given by the Hotel Manager about disembarkation, settling accounts etc. therefore, we encourage at least one person from each group to attend.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 20:30+/- We will be playing the movie Surfs Up, in the Lecture Room with popcorn!!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Upon arrival in Ushuaia, we will provide free busses to the airport for morning flights only, at 09:00 a.m. For the Guests with afternoon flights, we will transfer your luggage to the drop-off center, and you will need to pick up your luggage before 14:00 hrs. For guests who have their own transportation or planning to stay in Ushuaia, please wait until the ship is cleared by the port agent and you are free to go, and you can collect your luggage on the pier next to the gangway.

*"We have probed the earth, excavated it, burned it, ripped things from it, buried things in it. That does not fit my definition of a good tenant. If we were here on a month-to-month basis, we would have been evicted long ago."*

*- Rose Elizabeth Bird*



# Antarctic Discovery

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Day 10: At sea - Approaching South America.

----- No wake-up call!

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

After breakfast you will be able to settle your accounts at reception, please ensure your account is settled before 17:00 at the latest.

09:15 Katja invites you to the Observation Lounge for her lecture about Climate Change.

11:15 Rose & Marcelo invite you to the Observation Lounge/Lecture Room for their lecture about Adrien de Gerlache. Mandarin will be in the Observation Lounge and English in the Lecture Room.

12:30-13:30 A buffet lunch is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

16:00 Ross invites you to the Observation Lounge for her lecture about the Environmental Aspects of our Expedition.

18:00 Please join the captain and the Expedition Team in the Observation Lounge for Captain's cocktails, plans for disembarkation and the premiere of our voyage slideshow compiled by Ross

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

19:30 Dinner is served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

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*"I have often had the impression that, to penguins, man is just another penguin – different, less predictable, occasionally violent, but tolerable company when he sits still and minds his own business." - Bernard Stonehouse*



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Date: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Day 11: Ushuaia.

07:15 Wake-up call. Please ensure your luggage is outside your room by 7:30

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

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08:45+/- We invite those guests going straight to the airport to disembark. Please identify your luggage on the pier and ensure it is placed in the bus with you going to the airport.

09:00+/- We invite all other guests to disembark. You can either choose to take your luggage with you into town or you can place it in the luggage truck which will take it to a storage facility in Ushuaia.

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

*"It's when you are safe at home that you're having an adventure. When you're having an adventure, you wish you were safe at home." - Thorton Wilder*