



Falkland Islands, South Georgia & Antarctica
Ushuaia – Ushuaia

16 January 2024 – 03 February, 2025

On board *m/v Plancius*



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Captain Evgeny Levakov (Russia)

and his international crew of 50 sailors

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WE WELCOME YOU ON BOARD!

Day 1 – Thursday 16th January, Ushuaia, Embarkation Day

08h00 GPS Position: 58°80.2'S / 068°30.3'W

Wind: 10kt • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +6°C



It's finally here! The day we have all been waiting for! Today we will set sail on our epic journey around the South Atlantic. At 4pm we made our way down to the port in Ushuaia and lined up to board our good ship Plancius. It was quite a nice warm day though a little windy and overcast. As we boarded the ship we checked in

and were shown to our cabins where our luggage was already waiting for us.

Once we were all aboard it was time for us to receive some important information. We were all invited to the lounge for some mandatory safety briefings and to take part in a drill of abandoning the ship. After we received our safety information, we all went to our cabins and grabbed our lifejackets and followed the crew to our assigned lifeboat. After the drill we were released to enjoy the ship leaving the dock.

After a little while we were invited again to the lounge to the "Captain's Welcome" event. We were treated to a glass of bubbles and some canapes while our captain; Captain Evgeny welcomed us to the voyage and led a toast to our good travels. We then met our expedition leader Ali Little who in turn introduced to her expedition staff team. They were so excited to share their knowledge with us.



After the introductions Ali gave us the plan for tomorrow. The weather looks quite windy so tomorrow may be a bumpy ride over to the Falkland Islands. We would make sure to prepare for the journey. Once the briefing was finished it was time for us to take part in the last event of the day...dinner! We all filed down to the dining room to experience our first meal onboard. The galley team had prepared a feast for us, and we enjoyed it with much gusto with beautiful scenes of the Beagle Channel passing by. We even saw a humpback whale! Afterwards we

retired to our rooms to rest ready for tomorrow's adventures. What a great first day!

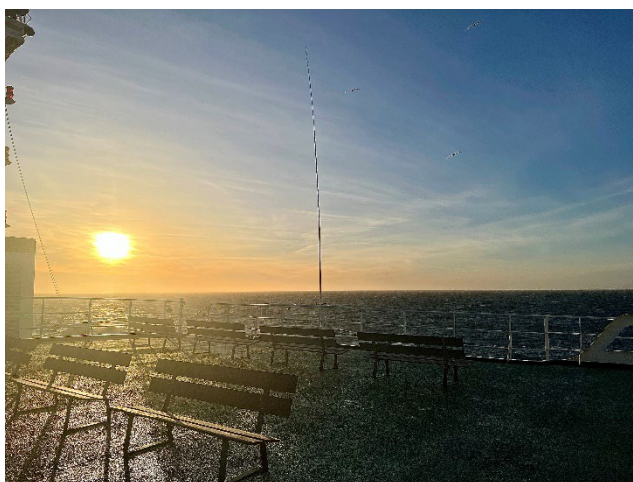


Day 2 – Tuesday 17th January, At sea towards Falkland Islands

08h00 GPS Position: 53°56.6'S / 063°56.0'W

Wind: 33kt • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Cloudy • Air temperature: +10°C

Our first night aboard Plancius was quite exciting for some of us. As we travelled further and further out to sea the more the ship moved and rolled with the ocean waves. As we woke up to the wake-up call of our expedition leader Ali we were greeted by overcast skies and strong winds. We had prepared for this since our warning from Ali the night before and we carefully made our way to the dining room for some good breakfast.



After breakfast at 9:30 we were called to the lounge for our first lecture of the day entitled *Introduction to the Falkland Islands* by our Falkland's expedition guide Tiphannie May. We learned about what it is like to live and grow up in the Falklands. Once the lecture was concluded we took a coffee break then it was time for another interesting lecture called *Birds of the Falkland Islands* by our birder Martin. This was to prepare us for our first landing tomorrow so we would be able to identify some of the bird we were going to see.

Once we had brushed up on our bird identification it was time for lunch. Once again, we made our way to the dining room though it was quite difficult as by this time the wind had picked

up even more broadside causing the Plancius to roll constantly. The decks had to be closed as the wave were starting to come up over the bow of the ship. Some of us decided to retire to our room for a while in the break after lunch.



In the late afternoon we were once again invited to the lounge for another great lecture, this time on photography by our photo guide Koen. We learned lots of handy tips and tricks to make our wildlife photography better which will come in handy on this long journey. After the lecture it was time for us to attend a mandatory safety briefing by Ali on using

the zodiacs. This included a demonstration on how to wear our zodiac life vests. This was important as we will be tested on these skills tomorrow at our first landing in the Falkland Islands.

Soon it was time for our last event on the daily program which was our daily recap. During the recap everyday we would find out the plans for the next day and hear some interesting short presentations from the expedition guides. Tonight, Ali had to deliver us the news that we would be having our first change of plans as the wind in the Falklands was looking very strong all day tomorrow. The places we were due to visit would not be possible in this wind, but Ali had found us a place she thought was possible, a place called New Island where we could see albatross and three different species of penguins. It sounds like a great alternative; we are very excited. Afterwards the guides all took a few minutes each to introduce themselves and discuss their backgrounds. Now we are ready to start the adventure! Once recap was finished, we headed back down to the dining room to enjoy a delicious dinner, as the first views of the Falklands came into view. We went to bed excited with what tomorrow would bring.



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Day 3 – Saturday 18th January, New Island

08h00 GPS Position: 51°43.7'S / 061°17.0'W

Wind: 20kt • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Partial Cloudy • Air temperature: +12°C

We woke this morning to sunshine and a beautiful view of New Island, one of the western most islands of The Falkland Islands archipelago. There are said to be over 700 islands in all.

We had a slightly earlier breakfast this morning so that we could get out and explore. New Island is a national nature reserve which is run by Falklands Conservation. The island is 13km long and averages 750 metres wide.

It was a little windy as we left the ship. The expedition team had gone ashore to prepare the landing on a beach next to a shipwreck the Protector III.



Some of us were lucky on the zodiac drive over to the beach to be joined by Peale's dolphins. As we got ashore our expedition leader, Ali, greeted us and gave us a briefing for our morning ahead. At the landing site is a stone-built building which houses a museum and small gift shop raising money for Falklands Conservation.

Most of us headed straight up the track towards the bird colonies. We walked through a landscape of native cooch grass and nesting Upland geese. Then we reached a spectacle that we weren't ready for, a Black browed albatross and Rockhopper penguin colony. The colony starts at sea level with the Rockhopper and Imperial cormorants and then rises to about 60 metres above sea level. Towards the top is where the albatross breed on their home-made soil mounds that are called pots. Each pot containing a beautiful fluffy, light grey, Black browed Albatross chick or a couple of fluffy black Rockhopper chicks. The views out to sea and along the cliffs is incredible.

We watched adult albatross come and go, chicks snoozing in the sunshine or trying to cool down in the warm temperatures. Some of us noticed an exposed albatross egg, it wasn't there long as a Striated caracara (locally known as Johnny Rook) soon noticed it and devoured it, sharing it with its partner.



It was difficult to tear ourselves away from the spectacle but all too soon it was time to head back to the beach, to the museum and then back to the ship for a well-earned, delicious lunch.



During lunch the ship was moved to the north end of the island and North Harbour. Another zodiac ride, again escorted by excited Peale's dolphins, took us to another beach and a walk through the beautiful landscape to a Gentoo Penguin colony. We watched as the youngsters chased

adults around, begging for food, we were able to watch them coming out of the sea, swimming through the surf and jumping onto the beach. It was addictive viewing!

There were more Black browed Albatross on the cliffs and again, beautiful views of the cliffs in the sunshine.

Back on the ship we departed New Island to views of about a dozen Sei whales as we headed north. After dinner, our journey north and east took us through The Woolly Gut between Westpoint Island and West Falkland. We watched the sun go down on what had been a truly amazing day in The Falkland Islands and looking forward to the next.



Day 4 – Sunday 19th January, Stanley

08h00 GPS Position: 51°30.6'S / 057°44.8'W

Wind: 25kt • Sea: Slight • Weather: Partially Cloudy • Air temperature: +12°C

After a gentle navigation around Falklands, we arrived around 9 o'clock in front of Stanley, the capital of the Falkland Islands.

The town is remarkable for its colourful buildings. The weather was fine but unfortunately there was a strong wind. Disembarking took some time, as we had to reposition the ship several times to be able to use the gangway safely.



Even so, once in the zodiacs, we caught a few waves. Fortunately, we were all well equipped with waterproof suits. We disembarked in the small port of Stanley mid-morning. Ali and Tiphane had given us all the information we needed the day before to visit and make sure we made the most of our few hours.

Stanley is a pleasant little British-style city that offers all the necessary services.

Most of us went to visit the museum, which is very interesting and recounts the great historical events of the Falklands. Small buildings around the museum recreate various old trades. A printing works, a carpenter's workshop and a radio communication station.

The tour continued along the town's main street to the 1982 war memorial. A bit further we could see the governor's house which is a beautiful building facing the bay.

The church forecourt is also worth a visit; an original arch made up of 4 blue whale jaw bones, dating from the period when whaling was a very important activity in the Falklands.

We were also able to enjoy a moment in a café overlooking the bay and complete our souvenir shopping of this visit. Many local handicrafts are created and sold in Stanley.

The morning passed very quickly; we all reembarked on board for lunch, fortunately the wind had dropped down and the zodiac ride was more comfortable and less wet!

After a good meal, we took advantage of the pleasant weather to enjoy the outside decks as we left the Falklands.

The afternoon was a little more eventful as we began to sail towards our next stop, South Georgia.

Mid-afternoon Ali gave us a lecture about her year teaching children and her life on Sea Lion Island in the Falklands while the rest of the world was concerned about covid. There was a breath of freedom in the Falklands. Ali introduced us to the very special life on these islands, particularly in winter, when the cold has set in and the wildlife is still very intense.



Before dinner, Ali gave us the rest of the programme, including the weather forecast and a presentation on black-browed albatrosses, which we were lucky enough to see up close during our first stopover on New Island. Martin explained the characteristics of the underwater vision and eyes of the penguins, which are so well adapted to their environment. Hélène gave us some information about the gentoo penguins, which we met yesterday

and which we will also see in large numbers during our trip. Finally, Suzie showed us all the variety of lichens we can see on the rocks.

It was a good day in the Falklands as we faced the first part of the journey to Georgia.



Day 5 – Monday 20th January, At sea to South Georgia

08h00 GPS Position: 52°13.8'S / 052°13.5'W

Wind: 23kt • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +9°C

After an unforgettable visit to the Falkland Islands, we were bursting with thousands of thoughts and countless photos to share. The night on board the *Plancius* was a bit rough, as the ship rolled heavily, making it difficult for some of us to get a good night's sleep. However, Ali's cheerful morning call quickly lifted our spirits. We woke up once again at sea, cruising toward the rugged shores of South Georgia.



Following breakfast, Koen delivered an engaging presentation, giving us all the essential information about penguins. His talk was both fascinating and informative, setting the tone for the day. After a short break, Tiphane took the stage and shared an in-depth lecture about the island's natural and cultural history. Drawing from her personal experiences living nearby on the Falkland Islands, she provided us with special insights that brought the island's story to life.

Lunch was, as always, delicious—a testament to the skill of the galley team. In the afternoon, Ali gave an enlightening talk about seals, while Suzie delivered her own presentation about

seals in German in the onboard restaurant. Outside, the ship continued to roll with the swells, making walking through the corridors a bit of an adventure. Nevertheless, the most dedicated birdwatchers braved the windy decks, and their perseverance paid off. They were rewarded with sightings of wandering and royal albatrosses gliding effortlessly over the waves, along with sooty shearwaters darting just above the surface.

Later, we gathered to watch a fascinating documentary about life in the deep ocean, which offered a glimpse into a world few ever see. This was followed by a mandatory South Georgia Government documentary, which highlighted our responsibilities as visitors and emphasized the importance of preserving the island's fragile ecosystem.



With the biosecurity check scheduled for tomorrow, we ended the day full of excitement and anticipation. Over another exceptional dinner, prepared with care by the galley team, we reflected on the adventure so far and looked forward to what awaited us on South Georgia.



Day 6 – Tuesday 21st January, At Sea to South Georgia

08h00 GPS Position: 52°43.5'S / 45°16.8'W

Wind: 22kt • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +3°C

The day began with a bit of improvement in terms of sleep, with the ship's motion feeling more manageable than the previous night. However, there was still some rolling during the night that made for a restless sleep for some.

In the morning, our lovely wake-up call was followed by delicious breakfast, setting the tone for the day ahead. We gathered for a detailed briefing about South Georgia, where biosecurity measures were outlined. The focus was on ensuring that no foreign debris or contamination would be brought to the island, an important step for preserving its delicate environment.



The biosecurity checks were thorough. Our outdoor gear underwent an in-depth inspection. The guides were hands-on, helping us cleaning and demonstrating what to look for in terms of dirt, sand, and other organic debris. Special attention was paid to the rubber boots, with all stones needing to be picked out, and every velcro strap thoroughly examined. The cleaning also extended to backpacks, where every bit of dirt had to be removed.



After lunch, the remaining of us who hadn't yet been checked underwent their gear inspection. Once everything was cleaned and verified, we gathered for lectures. Tiphane gave an engaging presentation about the marine life in the Southern ocean, sharing insights about the animals that we can't see. Meanwhile, Suzie held a more intimate, German-language lecture about krill, diving deeper into its significance in the ecosystem and the problem we encounter nowadays with krill fishery.

Dinner followed, and with the day winding down, there was a sense of relief as the ship's motion calmed slightly, providing a much-needed opportunity for a better night's sleep than the previous days.



Day 7 – Wednesday 22nd January, Right Whale Bay & Salisbury Plain

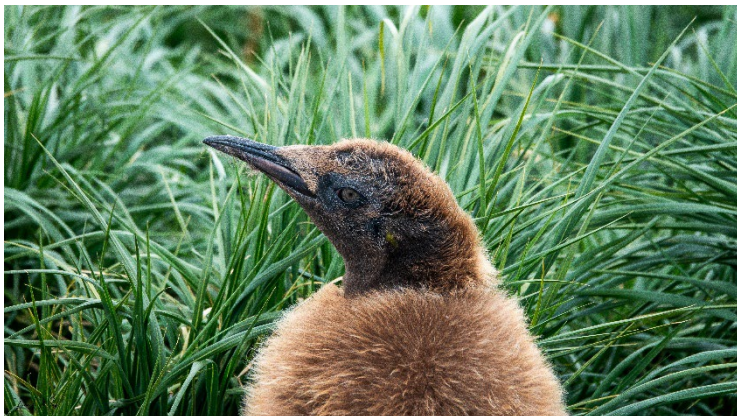
08h00 GPS Position: 53°51.9'S / 038°13.2'W

Wind: 25kt • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +3°C

After two and a half bumpy days at sea, most of us were very excited to lay eyes on land again. The dark peaks of South Georgia rose out the mist ahead of us. We started making our way down the coast towards our first landing in South Georgia, a place called Right Whale Bay. We were so excited. After a quick breakfast, our expedition team headed to the shore



to set up the landing for us. We quickly followed and landed on a sandy beach surrounded by curious fur seal pups and handsome king penguins. It was all so beautiful and very difficult to get to the lifejacket bags without a growl from a cute little fluff ball.



We readied ourselves then headed out on the short hike the expedition team set out for us. There was so much wildlife everywhere! Fur seals, elephant seals and king penguins. At the end of the hike, we came to a small colony of king penguins nestled into the hillside. It was so amazing to see them and even some of their big, brown fluffy chicks. The chicks

were almost as big as the adults now but still so cute! We spent several hours observing and taking photos before it was time to head back to the ship. We bundled back into our zodiacs and before we knew it, we were back on the ship enjoying a delicious lunch.

During lunch the ship repositioned to our next location, a place called Salisbury Plain. This is the second largest king penguin colony on South Georgia. Once again, we loaded into our zodiacs and headed out on an afternoon of adventure. We landed on another stunning sandy beach riddled with baby fur seals and king penguins. We



left the beach and followed the poled route our expedition team set out for us. This time the



route was a bit more complicated zig zagging through wildlife, and areas of mud but the journey was worth it as at the end we managed to move to a beautiful opening in the tussac next to the penguin colony. There were so many penguins and their chicks for as far as we could see. Over 60,000 breeding pairs! It was amazing! All too soon it was time to return to the ship and clean the mud off our gear ready for tomorrow's adventures! What an amazing day!!!

Day 8 – Thursday 23rd January, Hercules Bay and Grytviken

08h00 GPS Position: 54°05.7'S / 36°40.8'W

Wind: 10kt • Sea: Calm • Weather: Partially Cloudy • Air temperature: +4°C



We started the day with a wake-up call and breakfast, eager to explore our next beautiful location of the morning, Hercules Bay via a zodiac cruise. As we cruised, we were treated to incredible wildlife sightings. Macaroni penguins were jumping out of the water to land on

the cliffs. After a good rest they made their way up to the tussac grass all the way up to the steep cliffs. We watched young fur seals play in the water, and the distant sound of elephant seals echoed across the bay.

Southern giant petrels and northern giant petrels floated on the water, taking a well-deserved nap. King penguins gathered in front of a waterfall, creating the perfect scene for photographs. We also spotted light-mantled albatrosses soaring above us, and when they eventually landed, we discovered their



nests. The geological features around us were equally fascinating, with sedimentary rocks in both horizontal and vertical lines telling the story of this place's ancient past.

After about 1.5 hours of zodiac cruising, we returned to the ship for a well-earned lunch before continuing our journey to Grytviken. As we approached the shore, government officials boarded the ship to stamp our passports and conduct a final gear inspection. We passed thankfully!



We landed right by Shackleton's grave and, in his honor, enjoyed a whisky—Shackleton whisky, a special blended mix that he used to drink. We took a walk through the old whaling station, marveling at the remnants of the past. At 4:00 PM, some of us gathered at the museum for a guided tour, learning more about the history of the area. We even saw the famous James Caird, the

boat Shackleton sailed from Elephant Island to South Georgia. It was mind-blowing to think about how rough the journey must have been, especially considering how much the ship was rocking during our own travels.

By this point, some of us were feeling the weight of the previous days' experiences and decided to head back to the ship for a rest, while others stayed ashore, continuing to explore the village. Back on board, we had a briefing about the plans for the following day, and to our surprise, we were treated to a phenomenal BBQ on the outer deck. The evening ended on a high note, with dancing and a lot of fun, celebrating the incredible day we had shared together.



Day 9 – Friday 24th January, St Andrews & Godthul

08h00 GPS Position: 54°26.1'S / 036°10.4'W

Wind: 16kt • Sea: Slight • Weather: Partially Cloudy • Air temperature: +9°C

The day began with a good breakfast and by 8am we were ready to board the Zodiacs.

The weather was cloudy and the sea calm enough for us to make the landing at St Andrew's Bay. This incredible site is well known for being home to South Georgia's largest colony of king

penguins and elephant seals. The bay is very exposed and can face powerful winds that plunge down from the neighbouring peaks (Mount Roots, Mount Kling, Nordenskjold Peak and Mount Brooker), which rise to an altitude of 2,000 metres and frame the bay.



A long morning awaited us in the field to make the most of our visit to this site. As soon as we arrived, we were greeted by numerous king penguins coming out of the water onto the beach. They were very curious. We followed the path marked by the poles across a wide plain where many fur seals were resting. Then a little challenge awaited some of us: crossing the two arms of the river flowing from the Cook Glacier. Large numbers of moulting penguins were grouped together in the riverbed. The guides helped us to cross but it was well worth the effort to reach the colony. Along the way, small groups of elephant seals and young males were clustered together.



After climbing a small hill, the surprise and reward was there. The incredible colony of 500,000 penguins with a stunning view of the Cook glacier in the background. We all spent a long time watching the penguins come and go. It was an incredible cacophony, with all the adults and young calling.

On the way back, the spectacle was permanent: young skuas wandering in the vegetation, young fur seals pups playing together, the penguins continuing their comings and goings. Four hours on land was not too much time to enjoy this incredible site.

After a good meal on board and a short sail, we were ready for our landing at Godthul. This bay provides shelter and gave us a chance to spend some quality time ashore despite the strong wind. Numerous remains of whaling activity were still visible on the beach from the beginning of the 19th century, the bay was visited by a whaling boat, in charge of processing

the whales that were hunted and brought back by smaller boats. Today, the whale bones can still be seen on the beach.

For the afternoon, Ali invited us to choose between several activities: a zodiac cruise for some of us, a walk through the tussocks to get to the penguin colonies for others and a longer walk to reach some high points on the bay. This site, very different from the previous ones, was interesting for the many species of plants that can be seen but of course, everyone enjoyed even more watching the young gentoo penguins.

At one point, the wind picked up a lot making us realised just how much the wind can change and increase all at once! We were lucky with the weather. We continued the walks and observations of wildlife until it was time to return to the ship after another wonderful day in South Georgia!



Day 10 – Saturday 25th January, Gold Harbour, Cooper Bay & Drygalski Fjord

08h00 GPS Position: 54°37.3'S / 35°56.1'W

Wind: 12kt • Sea: Slight • Weather: Partial Cloudy • Air temperature: +9°C

Today began with an early start at 5:00 AM, as we were woken up by the stunning sight of Gold Harbour bathed in a golden light. The mountaintops were illuminated with a warm yellow glow, and distant icebergs added to the breathtaking view. After a quick snack in the lounge with pastries and fruit, we disembarked at 6:00 AM onto a busy beach where the lively elephant seals were play-fighting, and king penguins were landing on the shore with each swell of the waves. We carefully navigated our way through the penguins and seals towards the tussock grass, where we were rewarded with a glimpse of a large penguin colony. However, the fur seals hiding in the grass weren't so pleased to see us and tried to chase us off.



At the colony, the penguins were engrossed in their mating rituals, with some already balancing their precious eggs on their feet. By 8:00 AM, it was time to return to the ship for breakfast. As we were finishing, Alli announced that humpback whales had been spotted, showing their flukes, so we paused to enjoy some whale watching. A raft of

penguins also joined us, and the birders were excited to see snow and cape petrels in the area. After some minor delays, we set off for our next destination.

We arrived at Cooper Bay, named after Lieutenant Cooper of James Cook's HMS Resolution, which sailed around Cooper Island in 1775. The zodiac cruise took us to spectacular rock formations, home to macaroni penguins and fur seals, and we explored small channels carefully due to the large swells. The warming temperatures were



causing icebergs to break apart. On the opposite side of the bay, we observed chinstrap, king, macaroni, and gentoo penguins all gathered on the same beach. Some adventurous chinstrap penguins even hopped onto a small growler close to the shore, balancing precariously as the swell moved beneath them.



After lunch, we made our way to Drygalski Fjord, named after Professor Erich Drygalski, leader of the German Expedition from 1901-1903. The weather was perfect, with bright sunshine illuminating the dramatic cliffs, glaciers, and waterfalls. We spent time marvelling at the beauty of the fjord on the outer decks, reflecting on a day full of remarkable wildlife

encounters and inspiring landscapes.

We received a message from another ship about orcas spotted at the entrance of the Fjord, prompting Ali to send our expedition team out for a scouting mission. After 45 minutes, we spotted the blows of feeding humpback whales, and shortly after, the massive dorsal fins of male orcas appeared on the horizon. As we moved closer, the orcas decided to check us out, surrounding the ship and exploring every inch of its hull. Everyone scrambled to find the best spot to capture the moment on camera, and it was truly the highlight of the day. We

postponed our recap to maximize the time spent with the orcas, who stayed with us for an incredible hour. To celebrate this unforgettable experience and our successful exploration of South Georgia, we raised our glasses with champagne and juice, followed by a delicious dinner. But the excitement didn't



end there—soon after, the bridge alerted us to a pod of pilot whales approaching. It felt as if the ship had a soul that magnetically attracted wildlife, and we were able to enjoy one final, stunning whale sighting as the last light of the day faded.



Day 11 – Sunday 26th January, At sea towards Antarctica

08h00 GPS Position: 56°30.6'S / 040°01.9'W

Wind: 18kt • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +3°C



We awoke to our expedition leader Ali calling us outside to see a phenomenal site. As we left our rooms we saw a huge expanse of ice ahead of us like a huge wall, it was the giant iceberg A23a! It was even larger than we could imagine as we passed down the length of the iceberg, an estimate 1 trillion tons of ice. We were so lucky as the fog had lifted briefly for us to observe this wonder of the earth and we spent over an hour navigating past it. As we left the iceberg it was time for us to

head down to breakfast before we engaged in the activities of the day.

After breakfast Koen kicked us off with a lecture on the different whale species we may see whilst in Antarctica. It was an informative and entertaining presentation setting us up for our whale watching activities ahead. We then enjoyed a coffee break before diving even further into the world of whales with a presentation from Szymon on orca. We learned a lot, including that orcas can think much faster than us!

Once the lectures had concluded it was time for lunch, another delicious event put together by the galley team. We then had a long break to enjoy the fine weather on the outer decks or enjoy some well-earned rest after our adventures in South Georgia. At 15:00 we relocated to the lounge for the final presentation of the day given by Suzie on krill. We learnt so much about the importance of krill and the concerns regarding its commercial fishing in Antarctica. We came away with a lot of food for thought.



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In the late afternoon a short film was put on about Shackleton for us to enjoy in the lounge. At 18:00 we were gathered again for the final event of the day. The South Georgia Heritage Trust auction!



An opportunity for us to purchase some very special items from South Georgia including a bottle of Shackleton whisky signed by Endurance finding expedition leader John Sheers. Bidding was slow at first but soon warmed up as we moved through the variety of items. Soon all items included the coveted signed Oceanwide flag from the bow had happy new owners. It was great fun; we were even a little late to dinner. Soon we headed down and finished our day with another delicious meal. What a great sea day!



Day 12 – Monday 27th January, At sea towards Antarctica

08h00 GPS Position: 58°54.5'S / 048°30.2'W

Wind: 19kt • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +3°C

We woke this morning to calm seas and light winds but with heavy cloud cover. We knew that we would be spending the day at sea so we settled in for a relaxing day.

The breakfast provided by the galley team was, as usual, excellent. After breakfast we were requested to attend the lounge for a mandatory IAATO briefing. IAATO stands for the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators, the organization formed of tour operators operating in Antarctica. The briefing informed us of the regulations around visiting Antarctica and how to behave. This was followed by another bio-security check with the expedition team.



While we took it in turns to have our clothing checked for cleanliness others were taking the opportunity to browse photos, edit the ones to keep and probably deleting a few!

After another glorious lunch while exchanging stories about penguins and killer whales Szymon gave an in-depth lecture in English about ice in the lounge. At the same time our guest lecturer, Andrea, gave her lecture about ice in German in the restaurant.



As this was happening some lucky guests had won a tour of the galley in the South Georgia auction. They were treated to an hour with head chef Khabir and if that wasn't enough, champagne and chocolate dipped strawberries!

We all came back together at 4.30 for a film about Endurance.

Because of the good weather we are well on our way to Elephant Island, planning to arrive tomorrow morning.

While all this was happening, some intrepid souls were still on deck birding, four species of albatross were seen amongst several other species of bird, cetaceans seen were fin whales and Southern bottlenose whales. All together a very good day of wildlife watching.

At recap Ali gave a short presentation about the weather and plans for the day ahead and we were then treated to yet another fabulous dinner.

Day 13 – Tuesday 28th January, Elephant Island

08h00 GPS Position: 61°05.9'S / 054°52.2'W

Wind: 15kt • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Partially Cloudy • Air temperature: +3°C



We started the day at 6:15 in the morning, when our expedition leader Ali invited early birds to go to the observation lounge to see Elephant Island that became visible in the fog on the horizon. While we enjoyed our morning coffee, Point Wild came to the view. Miraculously the fog lifted, and the sun came out so we could see giant waves washing the rocks and the

statue of Captain Pardo who led the successful rescue of Shackleton's men. Quite astonishing witnessing this wild and rough place thinking about how these men could possibly survive here living on penguins and keeping the hopes up. We stayed there for about an hour admiring the

view of the glacier. As we reluctantly bid farewell to Point Wild, the breakfast call invited us to the dining room.

The morning's tranquility was short-lived, as the bridge announced the sighting of whale blows on the horizon. We hastened to the decks, cameras at the ready, to witness a spectacle that would etch itself in our memories forever. About thirty fin whales fed in harmony with several humpbacks, their gentle giants' bodies gliding effortlessly through the waters.



But then, the unexpected happened. A pod of killer whales, their sleek black bodies slicing through the waves, began to stalk and attack one of the smaller fin whales. The chase was on, with the orcas taking turns to strike leaving the fin whale bleeding and struggling to escape. We stood, frozen in horror and awe, as the drama unfolded before our eyes. The silence that followed was palpable, as we



struggled to process the raw power and brutality of nature. As the orcas disappeared into the depths, we slowly regained our composure, exchanging stunned glances and whispered words. The photos and videos we captured would serve as a poignant reminder of this unforgettable encounter.

After lunch H  l  ne talked about bird ringing, the topic she has a personal experience in. And later Natalia talked about early discoveries of Antarctica. It was the perfect conclusion to a day that had already exceeded



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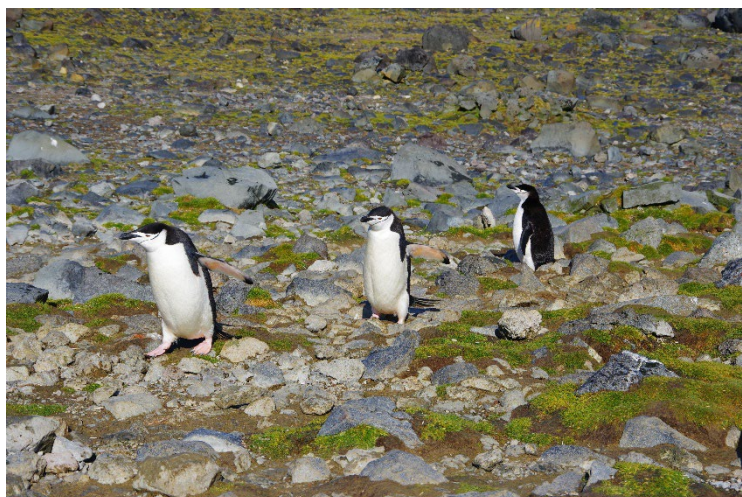
our wildest expectations, a day that would remain etched in our memories as one of the most unforgettable adventures of our lives.

Day 14 – Wednesday 29th January, Penguin Island & Turret Point

08h00 GPS Position: 62°05.4'S / 57°54.79'W

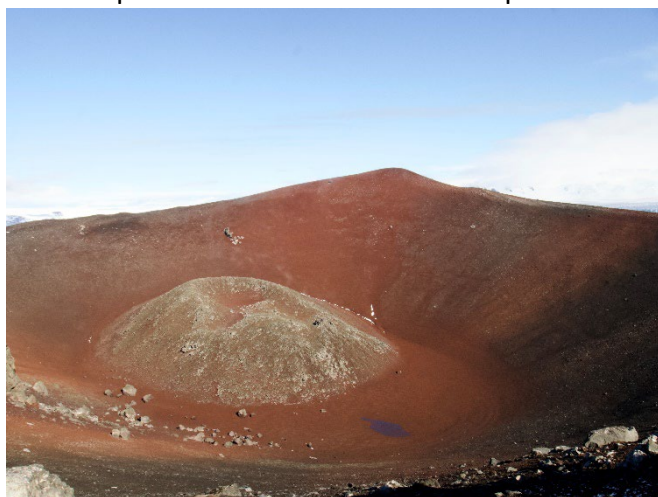
Wind: 13kt • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +2°C

The day started bright and clear as we anchored off the coast of Penguin Island. The weather was nothing short of perfect – sunny skies with crisp, refreshing breeze. We disembarked onto the island, carefully stepping over rocky terrain. The landscape was breathtaking, with towering cliffs and the constant chattering of penguins echoing in the air.



After a brief exploration of the island, we set off for our hike up to Petrel Crater and Deacon Peak. The ascent was difficult, but the panoramic views from the top made every step worth it. The surrounding glaciers

gleamed in the sunlight, and the vast expanse of the Antarctic landscape stretched out before us. We were treated to an incredible sense of insolation up there, just us, the volcano, and the unspoiled wilderness.



After a hearty lunch back on the ship, we took to the Zodiacs for an exhilarating cruise around Turret Point. The swell had picked up significantly by this time, and the zodiacs bobbed and swayed with the rhythm of the waves. It added a thrilling

element to the experience as we manoeuvred through the water, skimming past shallow reefs and getting up close to dramatic rock formations.

The scenery was striking. The cliffs of Turret Point rose sharply from the sea, while glaciers spilled down toward the water's edge. There was something surreal about being so close to nature's raw power. We spotted several seabirds soaring above us and few elephant seal wallows alongside the coast.

As the day drew to a close, we gathered on the ship's outer deck for a celebration. The weather was still holding up beautifully with the sun lingering on the horizon. We sipped on hot chocolate flavoured with rum, warming our hands and toasting to the adventure we'd just shared. The Antarctic landscape was bathed in soft, gold light, casting a magical glow over the surrounding glacier. It felt like the perfect way to close out such an extraordinary day- together surrounded by sea, dramatic landscape and the sense of something truly otherworldly.



Day 15 – Tuesday 30th January, Antarctic Sound & Paulet Island

08h00 GPS Position: 63°37.4'S / 056°43.8'W

Wind: 8kt • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 0°C

This morning started with a bit of an unexpected twist. We had originally planned to visit Devil Island, but the surrounding ice conditions made it impossible to land. The sea ice was just too thick, and the team made the wise decision to change plans on the fly. It's not often you're forced to improvise in a place like this, but it's part of the expedition.

So instead, we set off on a zodiac cruise through the icy waters, weaving our way between towering tabular icebergs that looked like frozen giants standing guard over the sea. The icebergs were massive—some larger than a city block—creating an almost surreal landscape. The water around us was dotted with sea ice, some of it cracked and jagged, others smooth



and frozen like a mirror. As we glided through the icy maze we passed ice floes packed with Adelie penguins, hopping around and looking as charming as ever, it was easy to feel like we were the only ones here, surrounded by so much untouched wilderness. The cold air nipped at our cheeks, but the views were absolutely worth it. Every turn revealed more incredible scenes—crystal-clear waters and chunks of ice that sparkled in the low Antarctic light.



After a quick lunch back on the ship, we made our way toward Paulet Island. The journey was just as eventful as the morning. As we cruised through the calm waters, we were fortunate enough to spot two Emperor penguins on an ice floe. They looked completely out of place, standing alone on the ice, like something from a dream. Their size and regal appearance

made them stand out against the expanse of white and accompanying them tiny Adelie penguins. The captain got a bit closer with the ship to get a better view—what a rare moment! It was like finding a treasure in the middle of a frozen wilderness.

The excitement didn't stop there. Not long after the Emperor penguins, we encountered a pod of orcas. The sight of these majestic predators cutting through the water was breathtaking. They moved with such grace, their sleek bodies darting in and out of view. Soon after, we were treated to an incredible display from a group of humpback whales. The blowholes released huge bursts of vapor, which lingered in the cold air, and for a few moments, everything felt utterly still and surreal.



By the time we reached Paulet Island, it felt like the wildlife encounters were a gift from the continent itself. Stepping onto the island was like entering a bustling, noisy world of Adelie penguins. As we approached the shore, the sheer number of penguins—around 200,000 of them—was overwhelming. They were everywhere: waddling across the rocks, squawking to each other, and creating a nearly constant chorus of activity. The smell of guano mixed with the cold air, and the ground was alive with the motion of these tiny, spirited birds. Watching them interact was fascinating.



We spent the afternoon observing the Adelie penguins, taking in the sight of their colonies and the surrounding landscape. The contrast between the vibrant life of the penguins and the barren, icy surroundings was stark, yet it made the experience even more special.

Time shifted rapidly on land, passed far too quickly and it was time already to

head back to the ship, with head full of memories we sat down in the lounge to hear about plans for next day and unfortunately last day of our adventure in Antarctica because tomorrow evening it will be already a time to start heading back north towards Ushuaia.



Day 16 – Friday 31st January, Half Moon Island & Yankee Harbour

08h00 GPS Position: 62°35.5'S / 59°54.4'W

Wind: 8kt • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Cloudy • Air temperature: 0°C



Our day started with a bit of a surprise as we rose from our beds and headed to the dining room, our expedition leader Ali informed us that we would be swapping the schedule today to make better use of the tides. Instead of finding ourselves at Yankee Harbour we found ourselves at Half Moon Island. After breakfast we

loaded into our zodiacs and zipped to the shore ready for another landing. On the shore we had a very muddy walk to a lovely chinstrap colony and for those us that fancied a long we headed over the back of the island where a very handsome Weddel seal snoozed away with

some busy fur seals. Towards the end of the landing there was one more event to enjoy. It was polar plunge time!!

Those of us that had dared to take part in the crazy ritual prepared ourselves on the beach then run squealing and cheering into the ocean. Some of us came out much faster than we went in! Afterwards we quickly dressed and donned our lifejackets to take a quick ride back to the ship so we could warm up and have a good lunch. It was so much fun!

After lunch it was time to enjoy our last landing of the trip. How has it come so fast? The ship repositioned to a place called Yankee Harbour. For the last time we loaded into the zodiacs and had a lovely ride to the shore. On shore we had several options. We could walk the spit where there were several Weddel seals, then continue along the beach where the gentoo penguins were busy feeding their rapidly growing chicks.



Finally, we could take the long and more difficult walk to the glacier. It was rough and difficult terrain clambering over the moraines of glacier but once we got there, we got to set foot on the edge of the glacier. Some of us took pictures or sat in the snow whilst others stood silently contemplating this wild place. All too soon it was time to return to the ship for recap with highly entertaining presentations from Szymon and Koen before heading to the dining room for an amazing meal. As we ate our dear ship Plancius turned north and started the long journey back across the Drake Passage.

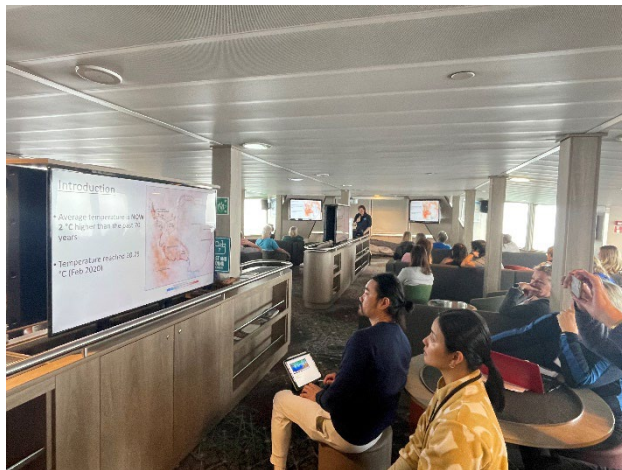


Day 17 – Saturday 1st February, At sea towards Ushuaia

08h00 GPS Position: 60°11.2'S / 061°48.9'W

Wind: 19kt • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Fog & Rain • Air temperature: +6°C

Good morning everyone, good morning. This morning Ali let us sleep in a bit as there was no wake-up call. After an unforgettable adventure we had started our way back to Ushuaia which would take us across the Drake Passage in the next two days. The day started foggy, but during breakfast it started to clear up and we could enjoy blue and sunny skies. More importantly, wind and swell were friendly leading to a calm Drake which none of us minded.



With a full day at sea, we had a chance to reflect upon our wonderful trip and maybe look at some photos as well. The expedition team also offered a day with several lectures and Szymon kicked off the program with a lecture about Climate Change. Unfortunately, climate change sees its biggest effects in the polar regions where decreasing ice levels lead to less heat reflection by snowy white surfaces and an increased absorption of this heat by the oceans.

Ali, our strong expedition leader, talked about female explorers that have made their name in Antarctica. We all know the heroic stories of men like Amundsen and Shackleton, but female explorers were just as heroic, and they deserve our admiration and appreciation.

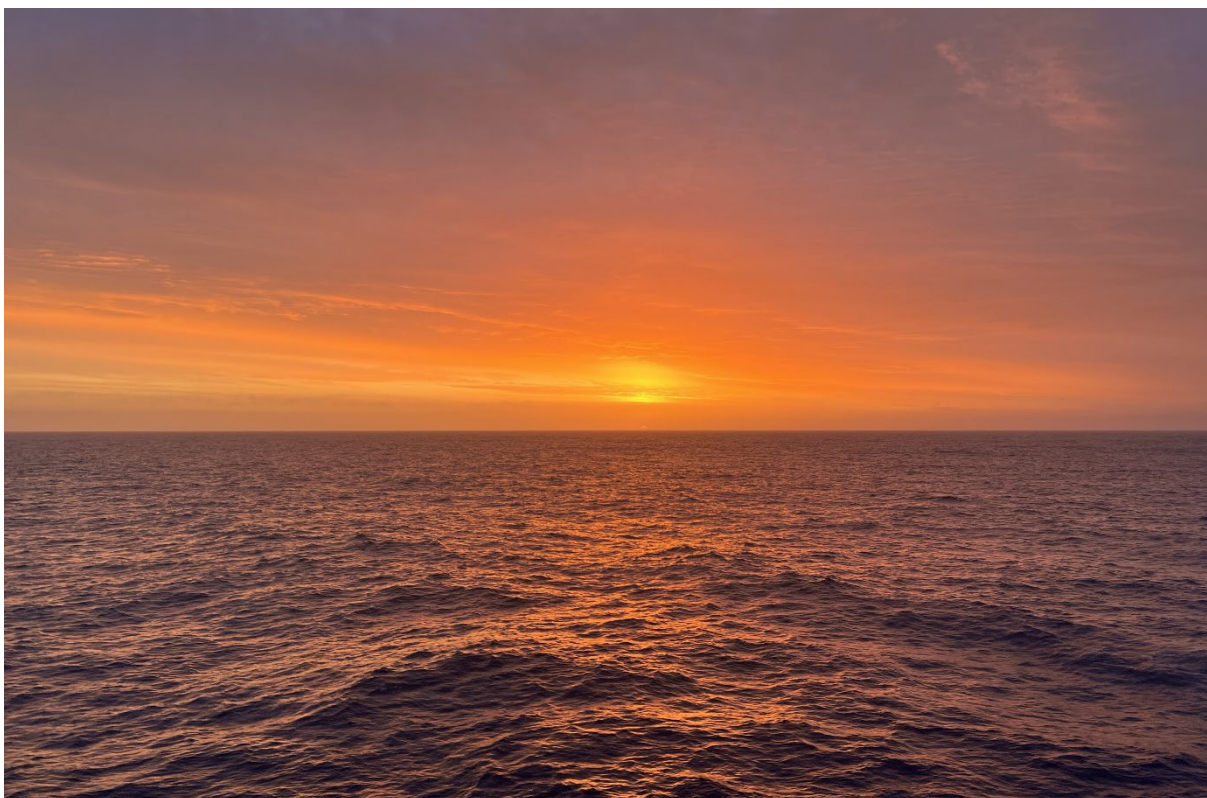
As usual lunch was delicious and as usual, we ate way too much once again. We'll be missing chef Khabir and his galley crew preparing delicious meals for us every day. But maybe it's a good thing too as here and there we may have gained a pound or two.

After lunch it was time for a coffee or maybe a comfortable snooze in the cabin or a stroll out on deck for some fresh air. Suzy then took the microphone to talk about *invisible* creatures. We love seeing the big animals such as whales, seals and penguins, but there's many tiny creatures that are essential to the unique eco system of the Southern Oceans.

Koen closed the lecture program with a talk about his time working as a whale watch guide in Iceland and the Kingdom of Tonga. He shared some interesting and fun stories with us, but we also got to see underwater footage and some behind the scenes photographs.

Recap closed the official program and then it was time again to fill our bellies with the delicious culinary creations of our galley team.

Good night!



Day 18 – Sunday 2nd February, At sea towards Ushuaia

08h00 GPS Position: 56°27.0'S / 065°14.4'W

Wind: 11kt • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +8°C

Good morning everyone, good morning! Another day in the Drake Passage, but what a disappointing experience it has been so far. A Drake lake, hardly any movement and waves smaller than 1 meter. Is this really the infamous Drake Passage ;)? The upside of a Drake lake is a good night's sleep and waking up with a healthy appetite! So, time for breakfast before attending some lectures and a trivia quiz later today.



Koen started the morning program with a lecture about photo editing. Most of us took thousands of photos and with editing software you can actually improve your photos in terms of exposure, colours and contrast among many other functionalities. Koen discussed a program which is called Lightroom, but he also stressed there's other programs with similar processing functionalities.

Then it was Helene's turn. Helene spent a year working on the Kerguelen Islands in the Indian Ocean. The islands are also known as Desolation Islands as they are so remote from

civilization. Madagascar would be the closest at more than 3000km distance. The islands are located in sub-Antarctic waters, and you can find several penguin species there such as the King, Southern Rockhopper and Gentoo penguin to name a few. Helene shared interesting information and inspiring personal stories from her time on the islands.

After lunch we unfortunately had to return our boots. The boots that kept our feet warm, dry and comfortable during all those wonderful landings and zodiac cruises. We will surely miss having them.

The staff team conducted many lectures and recaps on several specialized topics. All this information was shared in a very informal way, little did we know that we were going to be examined on the last day onboard! A trivia quiz was planned with questions abstracted from all lectures and recaps. Who paid attention? Who was snoozing and will be losing? This afternoon we found out and it was a lot of fun. Also, the round with photos of toddler expedition guides was hilarious ;).

After the quiz, Adam Jones did a guest lecture on his work. Adam travelled the world and captured the most beautiful images that he shared with us this afternoon.



At 18:00 it was time for our formal closing of the expedition. We enjoyed a glass of bubbly wine while the captain spoke inspirational and grateful words. Ali thanked the entire crew and staff for their efforts and hard work during the trip. Then it was time for the slide show. All guides have been taking photos during the expedition and Koen put it all together in a slide show which we thankfully would take home with us and share with our family, friends and loved ones. In the meantime, we had reached the entrance of the Beagle Channel where we waited for the pilot to navigate us back to Ushuaia. We were sad our adventure was about to end, but at the same we were grateful for all the unforgettable moments and encounters which we will take home in our minds and of course with our photos and videos. One more night onboard gracious M/V Plancius, good night!



Day 19 – Monday 3rd February, Ushuaia

08h00 GPS Position: 58°80.2'S / 068°30.3'W

Wind: 6kt • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +7°C

We finally arrived in Ushuaia early this morning and it was time to say our goodbyes. We had our final breakfast aboard Plancius then gathered the last of our things and headed for the gangway. We said farewell to the whole team onboard and the new friends we had made. Some of us were off to explore Ushuaia while others were flying straight home, looking back as we left to take a final look at the Plancius, remembering good times and perhaps planning for more in the future.

Total distance sailed on our voyage: 3244 nm
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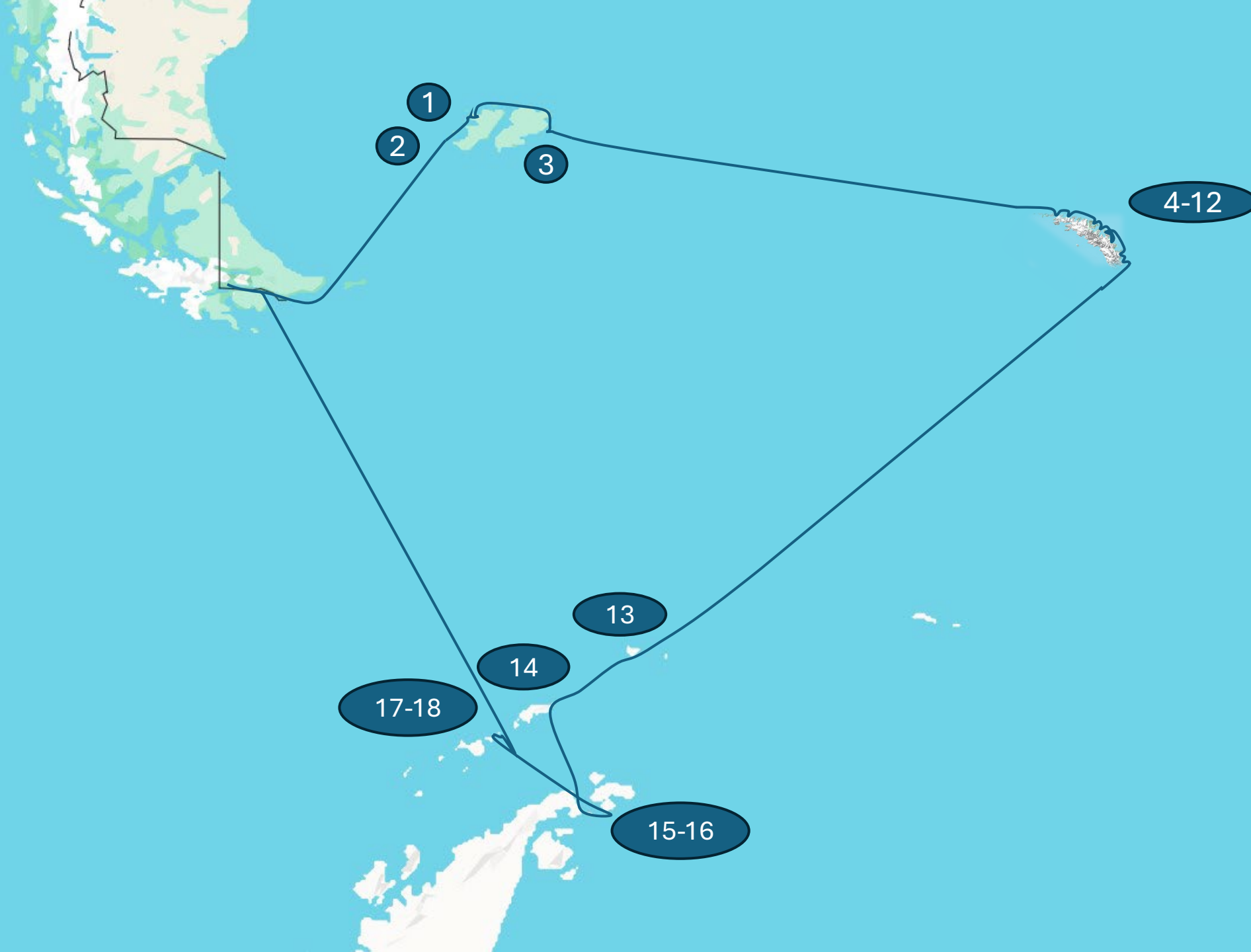
On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, the Captain, Crew and Expedition staff would like to thank you for pleasant times, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.



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4. Right Whale Bay
5. Salisbury Plain
6. Hercules Bay
7. Grytviken
8. St. Andrew's Bay
9. Godthul
10. Gold Harbour
11. Cooper Bay
12. Drygarski Fjord
Sea Day – A23A Iceberg
Sea Day
13. Elephant Island
14. Penguin Island
15. Fridjof Sound
16. Paulet Island
17. Halfmoon Island
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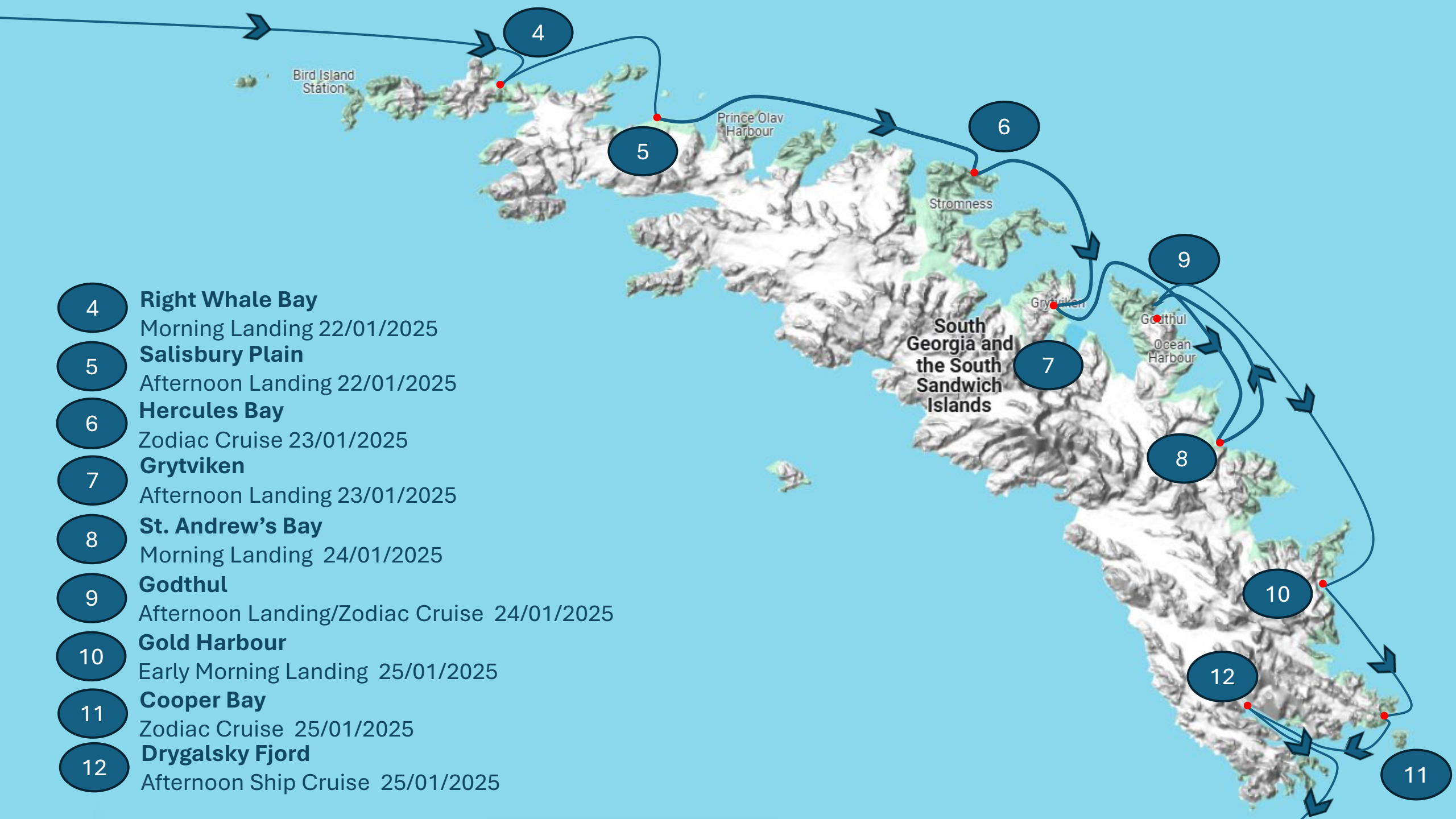
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Point Wild, Elephant Island

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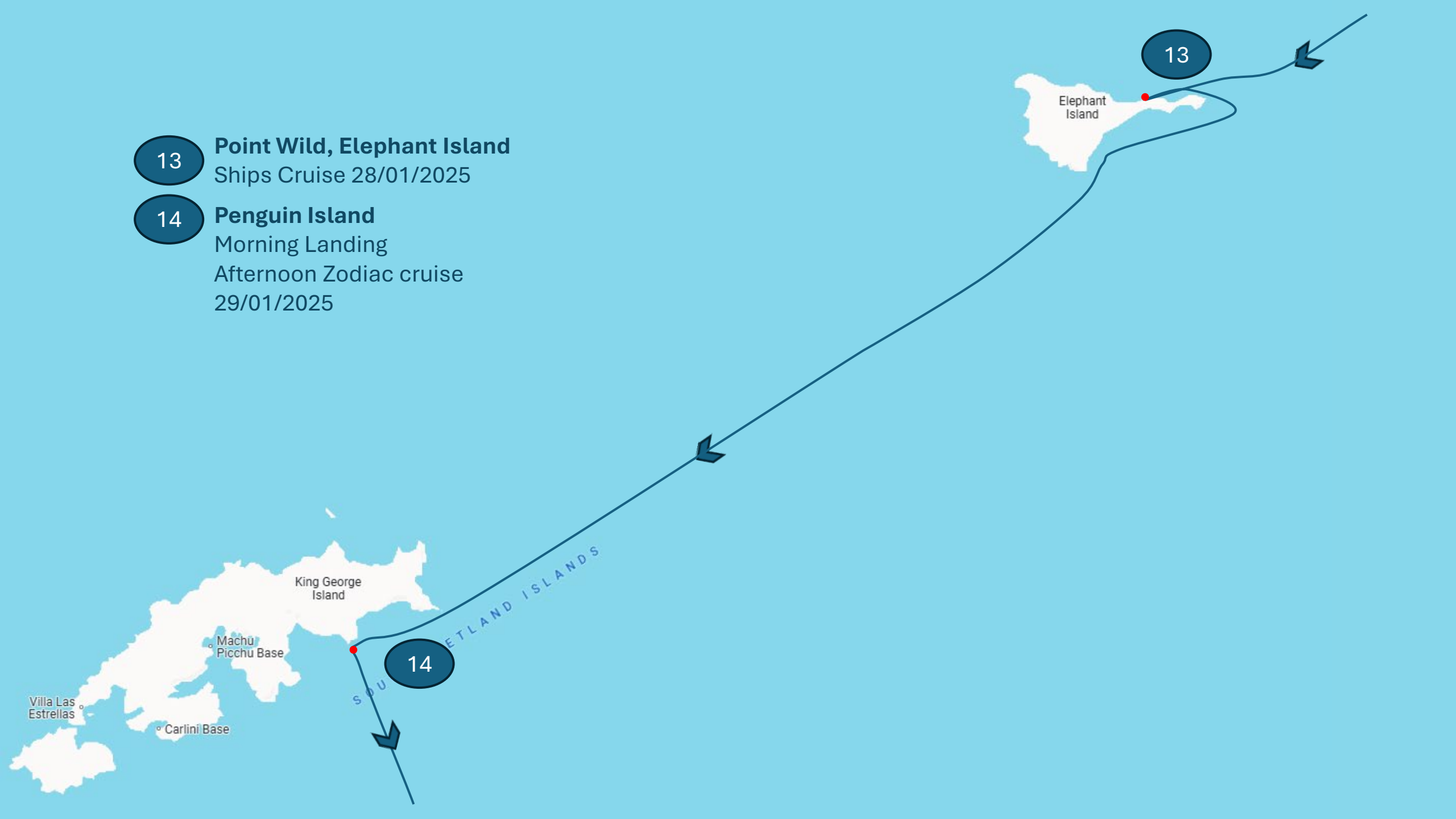
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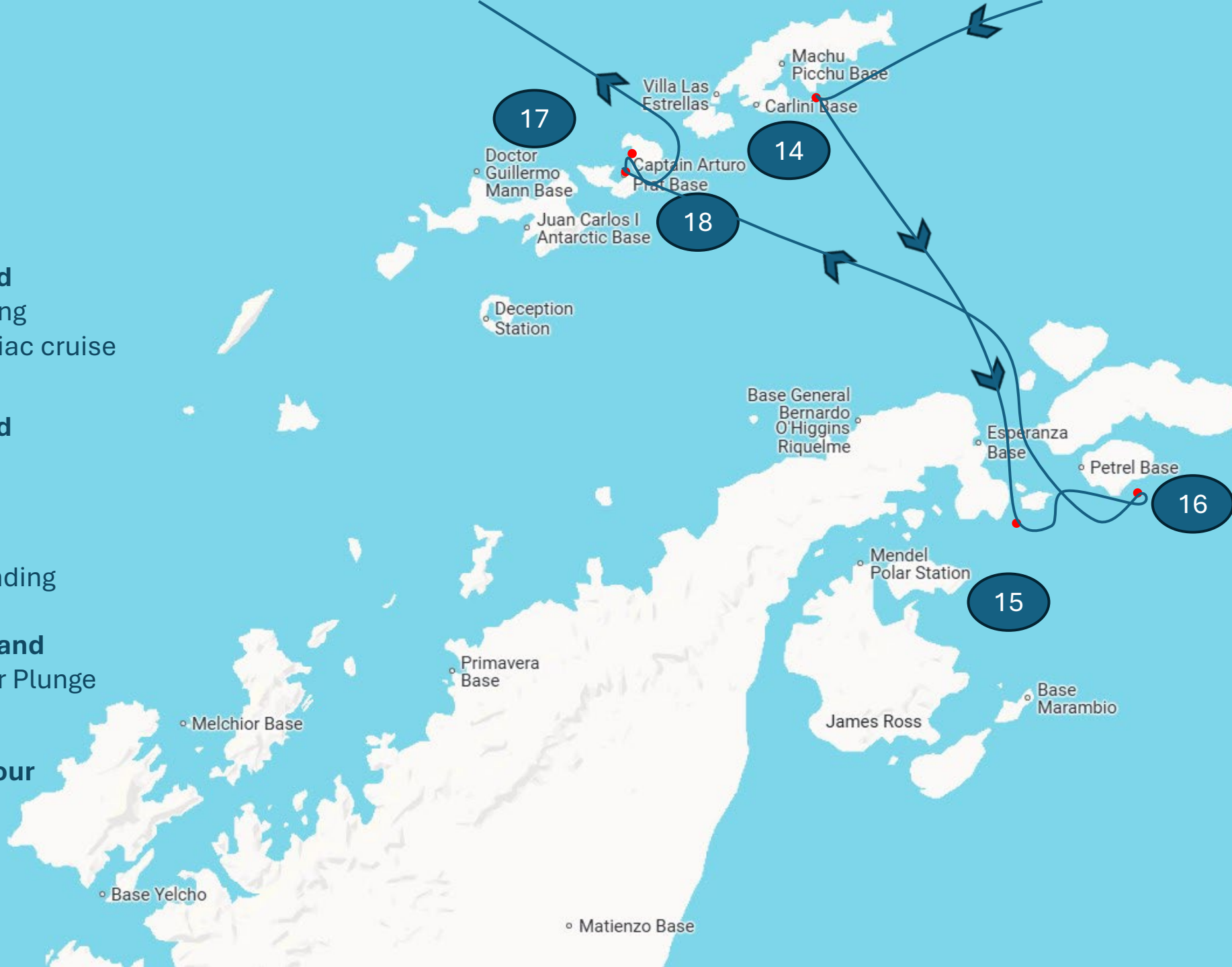
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SOUTHERN OCEAN ISLANDS



- Penguin Island**
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- Fridtjof Sound**
Zodiac Cruise
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- Paulet Island**
Afternoon Landing
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- Halfmoon Island**
Landing/ Polar Plunge
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- Yankee Harbour**
Landing
18 31/01/2025



Species list: Breeding birds and common marine mammals of the Falklands			16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	
English	Latin	Deutsch						
King Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes patagonicus</i>	Königspinguin				X		
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>	Eselspinguin			X	X		
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	Magellan-Pinguin			X	X		
Rockhopper Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysocome</i>	Felsenpinguin			X	X		
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>	Goldschopfpinguin			X			
White-tufted Grebe	<i>Rollandia rolland rolland</i>	Rolland-Taucher						
Silvery Grebe	<i>Podiceps occipitalis</i>	Inkataucher						
Great Grebe	<i>Podiceps major</i>	Magellantaucher						
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	Schwarzbrauenalbatross	X	X	X	X	X	
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>	Wanderalbatross				X		
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>	Königsalbatros				X		
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>	Nördlicher Königsalbatros				X		
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	Südlicher Riesensturmvogel	X	X	X	X		
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>	Feensturmvogel						
Slender-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila belcheri</i>	Belcher-Sturmvogel			X			
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	Weißkinnsturmvogel				X	X	
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	Dunkelsturmtaucher		X	X	X		
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	Großer Sturmtaucher		X		X	X	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	Buntfußsturmschwalbe		X	X	X		
Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites nereis</i>	Graurücken-Sturmschwalbe				X		
Common Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides (urinatrix) berard</i>	Lummensturmvogel		X	X			
Magellanic Diving Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides magellani</i>	Magellanischer Tauchsturmvogel						
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Suedlicher Sturmtaucher						
Snowy Sheathbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>	Weißgesicht-Scheidenschnabel						
Rock Shag	<i>Leucocarbo magellanicus</i>	Rock-Shag			X	X		
Imperial (Blue Eyed) Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>	Blauaugenscharbe	X		X	X		
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax falklandicus</i>	Nachtreiher				X		
Black-necked Swan	<i>Cygnus melanochoyphus</i>	Schwarzhalsschwan						
Coscoroba Swan	<i>Coscoroba coscoroba</i>	Coscorobaschwan						
Upland Goose	<i>Chloephaga picta</i>	Magellangans			X	X		

Kelp Goose	<i>Chloephaga hybrida</i>	Tanggans			X	X		
Ruddy-headed Goose	<i>Chloephaga rubidiceps</i>	Rotkopfgans						
Flying Steamer Duck	<i>Tachyeres patachonicus</i>	Langflügel-Dampfschiffente						
Falkland Flightless Steamer Duck	<i>Tachyeres brachypterus</i>	Falkland-Dampfschiffente			X	X		
Crested Duck	<i>Lophonetta specularioides</i>	Schopfente			X			
Chiloe Wigion	<i>Anas sibilatrix</i>	Chilepfeifente						
Speckled Teal	<i>Anas flavirostris</i>	Chile-Krickente				X		
Yellow-billed pintail	<i>Anas georgica spinicauda</i>	Spitzschwanzente						
Silver Teal	<i>Anas versicolor fretensis</i>	Silberente						
Cinnamon Teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	Zimtente						
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Truthahngeier			X	X		
Red-backed Hawk/Variable Hawk	<i>Buteo polysoma</i>	Rotrückenbussard						
Striated Caracara	<i>Phalcoboenus australis</i>	Falklandkarakara			X			
Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>	Schopfkarakara						
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus cassini</i>	Wanderfalke						
Magellanic Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus leucopodus</i>	Feuerland-Austernfischer			X			
Blackish Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ater</i>	Südamerikanischer Austernfischer						
Two-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius falklandicus</i>	Falkland-Regenpfeifer						
Rufous-chested Dotterel	<i>Charadrius modestus</i>	Rotbrust-Regenpfeifer						
Magellanic Snipe	<i>Gallinago paraguaiiae magellanica</i>	Falkland-Bekassine						
Sub-Antarctic (Brown) Skua	<i>Catharacta antarctica</i>	Subantarktiskua						
Chilean Skua	<i>Stercorarius chilensis</i>	Chileskua						
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Falkenraubmöwe						
Dolphin Gull	<i>Larus scoresbii</i>	Blutschnabelmöwe	X		X	X		
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	Dominikanermöwe	X		X	X		
Brown-hooded Gull	<i>Larus maculipennis</i>	Patagonienmöwe				X		
South American Tern	<i>Sterna hirundacea</i>	Falklandseeschwalbe	X		X	X		
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Küstenseeschwalbe						
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba tuidara</i>	Schleiereule						
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus sanfordi</i>	Sumpfohreule						
Blackish Cinclodes (Tussack Bird)	<i>Cinclodes antarcticus antarcticus</i>	Einfarb-Uferwipper			X			
Dark-faced ground- tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola m. macloviana</i>	Maskentyrann			X			
Falkland Pipit	<i>Anthus correndera grayi</i>	Falklandpieper						

House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Hausesperling				X		
Falkland Grass Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis falklandica</i>	Seggenzaunkönig						
Cobb's Wren	<i>Troglodytes cobbi</i>	Hauszaunkönig						
Black-throated Finch/ Canary-winged Finch	<i>Melanodera melanodera melanodera</i>	Schwarzkehl-Ammerfink						
Chilean Swallow	<i>Tachycinata leucopyga</i>	Chile-Baumschwalbe						
Falkland Thrush	<i>Turdus falklandii falklandii</i>	Magellandrossel			X	X		
Black-chinned Siskin	<i>Carduelis barbata</i>	Bartzeisig			X			
Long-tailed Meadow Lark	<i>Sturnella loyca falklandica</i>	Langschwanz-Soldatenstärling			X	X		
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	Ohrentaube						
Other birds								
Grey headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>	Graukopfalbatross			X			
Gray Petrel	<i>Procellaria cinerea</i>					X		
Soft plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma morris</i>				X	X		
Marine mammals			16	17	18	19		
Antarctic Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera bonaerensis</i>	Zwergwal						
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Buckelwal	X					
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blauwal						
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Finnwal						
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Seiwal	X	X	X			
Southern Right Whale	<i>Eubalaena australis</i>	Suedlicher Glattwal						
Southern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon planifrons</i>	Südlicher Entenwal						
Straptoothed Beaked Whale	<i>Mesoplodon layardii</i>	Layard-Wal						
Long Finned Pilot whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Grindwal						
Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Schwertwal						
Hourglass Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i>	Stundenglasdelfin						
Peale's Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>	Peale-Delfin			X			
Commerson's Dolphin	<i>Cephalorhynchus commersonii</i>	Commerson-Delfin				X		
Southern Sea Lion	<i>Otaria flavescens</i>	Mähnenrobbe			X			
South American Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus australis</i>	Südamerikanischer Seebär			X			
Dusky Dolphin			X					

Species list: Breeding & Common Birds/Marine Mammals of South Georgia

Birds			20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th
English	Latin	Detusch							
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>	Wanderalbatross	X	X	X	X	X		X
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	Schwarzbrauenalbatross		X	X	X	X	X	
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>	Graukopfalbatross		X	X	X	X	X	X
Light Mantled Albatross	<i>Phoebetria palpebrata</i>	Rußalbatross		X		X	X	X	
King Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes patagonicus</i>	Königspinguin		X	X	X	X	X	
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua papua</i>	Eselspinguin			X	X	X	X	
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>	Kehlstreifpinguin				X		X	
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>	Goldschopfpinguin				X		X	
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>	Noerdlicher Riesensturmvogel		X	X	X	X	X	
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	Südlicher Riesensturmvogel	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Cape Petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>	Kapsturmvogel				X		X	X
South Georgia Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax georgianus</i>	Südgeorgienscharbe			X	X	X	X	
Common Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides (urinatrix) berard</i>	Lummensturmvogel			X	X	X		
South Georgia Diving Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides georgicus</i>	Breitschnabel-Sturmvogel							
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>	Schneesturmvogel					X	X	X
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Suedlicher Sturmtaucher							
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>	Blausturmvogel		X					X
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	Weißkinnsturmvogel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>	Taubensturmvogel		X	X	X	X	X	X
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>	Feensturmvogel		X					
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	Buntfußsturmschwalbe		X	X	X	X	X	X
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>	Schwarzbauchmeerläufer	X			X	X		X
Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites nereis</i>	Graurücken-Sturmschwalbe				X			
Snowy Sheathbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>	Weißgesicht-Scheidenschnabel			X	X	X	X	
Sub-Antarctic (Brown) Skua	<i>Catharacta antarctica</i>	Subantarktikskua							
Antarctic Tern	<i>Sterna vittata</i>	Antipodenseeschwalbe			X	X	X	X	
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	Dominikanermöwe			X	X	X	X	
South Georgia Pipit	<i>Anthus antarcticus</i>	Riesenpieper					X	X	
South Georgia Pintail	<i>Anas georgica</i>	Südgeorgien-Spitzschwanzente			X	X	X	X	
Atlantic Petrel	<i>Pterodroma incerta</i>	Atlantischer Sturmvogel							

Species list: Breeding & Common Birds/Marine Mammals of Antarctica and the Drake Passage

Species list: Breeding birds									
English	Latin	Deutsch	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	1st	2nd
Adelie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>	Adeliepinguin				X		X	
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua papua</i>	Eselspinguin		X	X	X	X		
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>	Zuegelpinguin	X	X	X		X		
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>	Goldschopfpinguin							X
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	Magellan Pinguin							X
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>	Wanderalbatross	X						X
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>	Südlicher Koenigsalbatros							X
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	Schwarzbrauenalbatross	X	X					X
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>	Graukopfalbatross	X	X					
Light Mantled Albatross	<i>Phoebetria palpebrata</i>	Graumantelrußalbatross	X						
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	Südlicher Riesensturmvogel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>	Noerdlicher Riesensturmvogel	X						
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	Weißkinnsturmvogel	X	X					X
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialisoides</i>	Silbersturmvogel		X	X				
Cape Petrel (Pintado)	<i>Daption capensis</i>	Kapsturmvogel	X	X		X			
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>	Weißflügelsturmvogel				X			
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>	Blausturmvogel	X						X
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>	Schneesturmvogel	X			X			
Soft-plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>	Weichfedersturmvogel	X					X	
Kerguelen Petrel	<i>Aphrodroma brevirostris</i>	Kerguelen-Sturmvogel							
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	Buntfußsturmschwalbe	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>	Schwarzbauchmeerläufer	X					X	X
Common Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides urinatrix</i>	Lummensturmvogel							
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>	Taubensturmvogel	X	X				X	
Antarctic Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis</i>	Antarktikscharbe		X	X	X			
Snowy Sheathbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>	Weißgesicht-Scheidenschnabel	X	X	X	X	X		
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	Dominikanermöwe		X			X		X
Antarctic Tern	<i>Sterna vittata</i>	Antipodenseeschwalbe		X		X	X		
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Küstenseeschwalbe							
South American Tern	<i>Sterna hirundacea</i>	Suedamerikanische Seeschwalbe							X

South Polar Skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>	Antarktiskua		X	X	X	X		
Brown Skua	<i>Catharacta lonnbergi</i>	Sub-Antarktischer Skua		X	X	X	X		

Marine mammals			27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Antarctic Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera bonaerensis</i>	Südlicher Zwergwal				X	X		
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Buckelwal		X	X	X	X		
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blauwal							
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Finnwal	X	X				X	
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Seiwal							X
Killer Whale (Orca)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Schwertwal		X		X			
Southern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon planifrons</i>	Südlicher Entenwal	X						
Hourglass Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i>	Stundenglasdelfin							
Peale's Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>	Peale-Delfin							
Dusky Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i>	Schwarzdelfin							
Commerson's Dolphin	<i>Cephalorhynchus commersonii</i>	Commerson-Delfin							
Crabeater Seal	<i>Lobodon carcinophaga</i>	Krabbenfresser				X			
Weddell Seal	<i>Leptonychotes weddellii</i>	Weddell Robbe							
Leopard Seal	<i>Hydrurga leptonyx</i>	Leoparden Robbe							
Southern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga leonin</i>	Südlicher See-Elefant			X	X	X		
Southern Sea Lion	<i>Otaria flavescens</i>	Suedlicher Seeloewe							X
Antarctic Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus gazella</i>	Antarktischer Seebaer		X	X	X			

Extra Sightings									
English	Detusch								
Emperor Penguin	Kaiser Penguin				X				
Rockhopper Penguin	Felsenpenguin								X
Northern Royal Albatross	Nördlicher Königsalbatros								X
Grays Beaked Whale	Gray-Zweizahnwal								X
Great Shearwater	Großer Sturmtaucher								X
Sooty Shearwater	Dunkelsturmtaucher								X

Long Finned Pilot whale	Grindwal						X	
Dolphin Gull	Blutschnabelmöwe							X

Ali Liddle – Expedition Leader



Originally from the UK, Ali spent 15 years living in the Falkland Islands where she worked as a Primary school teacher both teaching out in 'camp' and at the school in Stanley.

Latterly, she was employed as Education Officer for Falklands Conservation and shared her time between classroom teaching and conservation. In 1997, she spent 9 months living on South Georgia where she ran the Post Office and took every opportunity to hike, ski and explore the surrounding peaks and coastline.

She has published three books to date: *Plants of the Falkland Islands* and two art and craft books for children using penguins and albatross as the inspiration. Ali is a keen runner, having completed three marathons in the Falkland Islands and two in the UK, and she also enjoys cycling, hiking and camping. Ali has been working on Antarctic and Arctic expedition cruises with Oceanwide for more years than she cares to remember and works on all of the Oceanwide vessels at some point during the year. She has recently relocated from Northumberland to the Isle of Skye where she is renovating a cottage and enjoying the hiking opportunities of the island.

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

Szymon Niezabitowski – AEL



Szymon was born in 1993 in Cracow, Poland. He studied Biology and Geography in Cracow where he received graduate degree in "Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences".

His graduate thesis was about Volcanic Soils on Iceland.

After he finished his studies he worked for the Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals, where he was a guide and keeper of exotic animals.

From the earliest years of his life he is a passionate naturalist with a special interest in the geography and the wildlife of the higher latitudes.

Deutsch

Szymon ist 1993 in Krakau, Polen geboren. Er hat Biologie und Geografie in Krakau studiert wo er ein Bachelor in "Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences" bekommen hat.

Seine Abschlussarbeit war über Vulkanische Böden Islands.

Nachdem er seine Studien abgeschlossen hat hat er fürs Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals gearbeitet, wo er Guide und Tierpfleger für Exoten war.

Seit seinen jüngstem Alter ist er ein leidenschaftlicher Naturalist mit besonderem Interesse in Geografie und Wildtiere der höheren Breiten.

Tiphanie May – Expedition Guide



Tiphanie is an 8th generation Falkland Islander living in Stanley. She was raised on a small group of islands called Speedwell Island Group, owned and worked by her parents as a sheep farm and family crab business.

Tiph was raised surrounded by Falkland's wildlife with her family island boasting rookeries of Magellanic penguins, Gentoo penguins as well as several other breeding birds. Surrounded by all this wildlife it was of no surprise that she found nature fascinating. From the penguin couple that lived under her house to the wonderful variety of creatures found in the crab pots, marine life was a theme. This led to her to travel to the UK at 16 to study to be a marine biologist.

Tiph spent 6 years in the UK studying to get her BSc (HONS) Marine Biology and MSc in Marine Biology. Using her holidays to volunteer in the Falklands for various conservation projects to gain experience. Upon completing her studies, she joined the Government Fisheries Department, spending 200 days per year at sea monitoring seabird activity and collecting research

material. The sea has been a big part of her life, from a young age she worked to haul crab pots with her father's boat. Later she went on to work for an experimental sustainable fish farm which allowed her to get her RYA qualifications in Power Boat. Tiph currently works full time operating a small boat in the Falklands.

Tiphanie started working in the tourist industry at the age of 23. Having grown up with no roads her whole life, 4X4 tour driving just made sense. Tiph has worked to provide a variety of tours such as hiking, 4X4 and penguin colony visits. In 2018, Tiphanie was offered the amazing opportunity to go to Antarctica and South Georgia with Oceanwide as guide. She fell in love with the scale of the landscape and has never looked back.

Deutsch

Tiphanie ist Falklandinsulanerin der 8. Generation und lebt in Stanley. Sie wuchs auf einer kleinen Inselgruppe namens Speedwell Island Group auf, die ihren Eltern gehörte und von ihnen als Schaffarm und Familienkrabbengeschäft betrieben wurde. Tiph wuchs inmitten der Tierwelt der Falklandinseln auf. Auf der Insel ihrer Familie gibt es Brutstätten von Magellanpinguinen, Eselspinguinen und verschiedenen anderen Brutvögeln. Umgeben von all dieser Tierwelt war es nicht verwunderlich, dass sie die Natur faszinierend fand. Von dem Pinguinpärchen, das unter ihrem Haus lebte, bis hin zu der wunderbaren Vielfalt an Lebewesen, die sie in den Krabbenkübeln fand, war das Meeresleben ein Thema. Dies führte dazu, dass sie mit 16 Jahren nach Großbritannien reiste, um Meeresbiologie zu studieren. Tiph verbrachte 6 Jahre im Vereinigten Königreich, um ihren BSc (HONS) in Meeresbiologie und ihren MSc in Meeresbiologie zu erwerben. In ihren Ferien arbeitete sie als Freiwillige auf den Falklandinseln an verschiedenen Naturschutzprojekten mit, um Erfahrungen zu sammeln. Nach Abschluss ihres Studiums trat sie in die Fischereibehörde der Regierung ein und verbrachte 200 Tage pro Jahr auf See, um die Aktivitäten von Seevögeln zu überwachen und Forschungsmaterial zu sammeln. Das Meer hat einen großen Teil ihres Lebens ausgemacht: Von klein auf arbeitete sie auf dem Boot ihres Vaters beim Einholen von Krabbenkübeln. Später arbeitete sie für eine experimentelle, nachhaltige Fischfarm, was ihr ermöglichte, ihre RYA-Qualifikationen für Motorboote zu erwerben. Derzeit arbeitet Tiph Vollzeit als Betreiberin eines kleinen Bootes auf den Falklandinseln. Tiphanie begann im Alter von 23 Jahren in der Tourismusbranche zu arbeiten. Da sie ihr ganzes Leben lang ohne Straßen aufgewachsen ist, machte es einfach Sinn, 4X4-Touren zu fahren. Tiphanie bietet eine Vielzahl von Touren an, wie z. B. Wanderungen, 4X4-Touren und Besuche von Pinguinkolonien.

Koen Hoekemeijer – Exp. Guide



Koen Hoekemeijer was born in 1974 in The Netherlands. When it comes to nature and wildlife Koen was quite a late bloomer as he had always been more into nightlife and sunny beaches. But that all changed when he discovered his passion for wildlife and photography in 2009 in Costa Rica. It was during this trip that Koen saw his first humpback whales and he fell in love with them instantly. Not only did it make him eager to see more and different types of whales in locations all over the world, but he also wanted to learn to take better photos of these amazing creatures. And with the love for whales and photography, came a broader passion for all sorts of wildlife. Since that memorable vacation in 2009, Koen has been travelling the planet to see and photograph the world's most beautiful places. Usually from boats, jeeps or simply face down in the mud, but since 2016 also underwater. Snorkeling in the presence of whales and orcas is bringing Koen pure happiness.

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

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

Deutsch

Koen Hoekemeijer wurde 1974 in den Niederlanden geboren. Wenn es um die Natur und die Tierwelt geht, war Koen ein ziemlicher Spätzünder, denn er war schon immer eher für das Nachtleben und sonnige Strände zu begeistern. Das änderte sich jedoch, als er 2009 in Costa Rica seine Leidenschaft für die Tierwelt und die Fotografie entdeckte. Während dieser Reise sah Koen zum ersten Mal Buckelwale, in die er sich sofort verliebte. Er wollte nicht nur mehr und andere Arten von Walen an Orten auf der ganzen Welt sehen, sondern auch lernen, wie man diese erstaunlichen Kreaturen besser fotografiert. Mit der Liebe zu Walen und zur Fotografie wuchs auch seine Leidenschaft für alle Arten von Wildtieren.

Seit diesem denkwürdigen Urlaub im Jahr 2009 reist Koen um die Welt, um die schönsten Orte der Welt zu sehen und zu fotografieren. Normalerweise von Booten, Jeeps oder einfach mit dem Gesicht im Schlamm, aber seit 2016 auch unter Wasser. Schnorcheln in der Gegenwart von Walen und Orcas macht Koen einfach glücklich.

Zu seinen Lieblingstieren gehören Wale, Orcas, Pinguine, Tiger und Jaguare. Aber zwischen den Safaris macht er auch gerne Straßenfotografie und fängt das Leben und die Porträts von Menschen auf der ganzen Welt ein.

Koen ist davon überzeugt, dass Reisen nicht nur das Leben bereichert, sondern auch bescheidener und wertschätzender macht und eine neue Perspektive und ein neues Verständnis ermöglicht. Koen hat den prestigeträchtigen WWF Frans Lanting Fotowettbewerb gewonnen, und im Jahr 2020 gewann er den Ellen Fitzgibbon Memorial Fotowettbewerb. Koen's Traum ist es, eines Tages einen Vizsla-Hund zu haben und eine kleine Hütte irgendwo in Nordnorwegen zu besitzen, umgeben von Schnee und Bäumen.

Martin Anstee – Expedition Guide



Martin has been a keen naturalist and wildlife photographer for most of his life.

Martin has been an active Bird Ringer since the year 2000 and particularly enjoys studying/ringing and just being around seabird colonies.

Martin has used a camera since an early age and has combined his love of the outdoors and seabird habitats with photography. Martin has spent time in Zimbabwe and Botswana photographing other wildlife.

Martin has combined this with a career in the Police Service, firstly in the UK where he was, amongst other roles, a wildlife crime officer. His last role in The Police was as a Police Sergeant in The Royal Falkland Islands Police.

Martin lived in the Falkland Islands, Stanley, for just over two years, leaving to return to the UK in November 2021. In his two years Martin was a volunteer with Falklands Conservation, he helped with The Falkland Islands Seabird Monitoring Program (FISMP) in particular

counting Seabirds and ringing Black browed Albatross. Martin was also involved in fieldwork for a Striated Caracara (Johnny Rook) study. As a result Martin has visited most of the larger (and some of the smaller) outlying islands that form part of The Falkland Islands.

This is also where Martin started his career as a guide, he enjoys sharing his knowledge of the Islands and the wildlife which he continues to do to this day. Martin has also guided in The Arctic, Antarctica and some of the sub-antarctic Islands as well as some of the least visited Islands in The Atlantic such as Tristan da Cunha.

Deutsch

Martin ist seit den meisten Jahren seines Lebens ein begeisterter Naturforscher und Tierfotograf.

Seit dem Jahr 2000 ist er ein aktiver Vogelberinger und besonders fasziniert davon, Seebkolonien zu studieren, zu beringen und einfach Zeit in ihrer Nähe zu verbringen.

Martin benutzt schon seit jungen Jahren eine Kamera und hat seine Liebe zur Natur und zu den Lebensräumen der Seevögel mit der Fotografie verbunden. Gerade hat er einen Monat in Simbabwe und Botswana verbracht, um dort andere Wildtiere zu fotografieren.

Martin hat dies mit einer Karriere im Polizeidienst kombiniert, zunächst im Vereinigten Königreich, wo er unter anderem als Beamter für Wildtierkriminalität tätig war. Seine letzte Position bei der Polizei war als Polizeisergeant bei der Royal Falkland Islands Police.

Martin lebte etwas über zwei Jahre auf den Falklandinseln, in Stanley, bevor er im November 2021 zurück ins Vereinigte Königreich ging. Während dieser zwei Jahre war er freiwillig bei Falklands Conservation tätig und half insbesondere beim Falkland Islands Seabird Monitoring Program (FISMP) bei der Zählung von Seevögeln und dem Beringen von Schwarzbrauenalbatrossen. Martin war auch an Feldforschungen für eine Studie über den Streifenkarakara (Johnny Rook) beteiligt. Dadurch hat Martin die meisten der größeren (und einige der kleineren) Außeninseln der Falklandinseln besucht.

Dort begann auch Martins Karriere als Reiseführer, und er genoss es, sein Wissen über die Inseln und die Tierwelt zu teilen – eine Leidenschaft, die er bis heute weiterverfolgt.

Hélène de Méringo – Exp. Guide



Native from Brittany in France, Hélène quickly developed a passion for nature and wildlife.

After studying biology and ecology, she multiplied missions in various latitudes, working for conservation programs in Guinea, Quebec, and research programs in New Zealand and Indonesia.

In 2008, she winters in the Kerguelen Archipelago as a volunteer biologist for the French Polar Institute and develops a real interest for island ecosystems and the polar world. A grandiose and

decisive experience. She continues her experience in the Great South as an agent of the French Southern and Antarctic Natural Reserve. 8.64 cm

Since 2012, she works as an engineer in a research team focus in island ecology. This work leads her to regularly participate in on-board missions to study seabirds nesting in remote islands, particularly in the Pacific.

Since January 2019, she has been participating in cruises to the Antarctic Peninsula and the Arctic on expedition ships with Oceanwide Expedition.

Natalia Maksimishina – Exp. Guide



Since her early years of school, the concept of enthusiasm fascinated her the most. What makes people push their limits and what constitutes a good dream worth achieving even with the price of one's life? Since she could not find the answers to her questions in a modern big city everyday life, she immersed herself in the historical research, focusing on the adventurous era of polar explorers. Her Master's thesis in the Central European University, Wien, was about the everyday life of various Arctic pioneers, with a focus on their interaction with Arctic nature, and, specifically, their adaptation to the polar day/night regime.

After studying the topic for many years, it became clear to her that she cannot proceed with her academic career without experiencing the Arctic firsthand. And soon, at the beginning of the year 2022, she was invited to work as a guide on Svalbard, 78 degrees north.

During these years in the Arctic, she turned from a classroom storyteller and archival researcher to a real adventurer. She learned to drive a snowmobile, hike in the darkness of a polar night, how to spot a polar bear on snow behind a rock, and to speak loud enough so that guests can hear her even over a blizzard. Natalia not only respects harsh polar environment, but deeply loves it. As a historian onboard, she makes sure her guests having a multi-day expedition inspirational, safe, and fun.

Deutsch

Seit ihren frühen Schuljahren faszinierte sie das Konzept der Begeisterung am meisten. Was bringt Menschen dazu, ihre Grenzen zu überschreiten, und was macht einen Traum so wertvoll, dass er es wert ist, selbst um den Preis des eigenen Lebens verfolgt zu werden?

Da sie in ihrem modernen Großstadt-Alltag keine Antworten auf ihre Fragen finden konnte, tauchte sie in historische Forschungen ein und konzentrierte sich auf die abenteuerliche Ära der Polarforscher. Ihre Masterarbeit an der Central European University in Wien beschäftigte sich mit dem Alltagsleben verschiedener arktischer Pioniere, wobei der Schwerpunkt auf ihrer Interaktion mit der arktischen Natur lag, insbesondere auf ihrer Anpassung an den Polar-Tag/Nacht-Rhythmus.

Nach vielen Jahren des Studiums dieses Themas wurde ihr klar, dass sie ihre akademische Laufbahn nicht fortsetzen konnte, ohne die Arktis aus erster Hand zu erleben. Und schon bald, Anfang des Jahres 2022, wurde sie eingeladen, als Reiseführerin auf Svalbard, 78 Grad nördlich, zu arbeiten.

In diesen Jahren in der Arktis verwandelte sie sich von einer Erzählerin im Klassenzimmer und Archivforscherin in eine echte Abenteurerin. Sie lernte, ein Schneemobil zu fahren, in der Dunkelheit einer Polarnacht zu wandern, wie man einen Eisbären im Schnee hinter einem Felsen entdeckt und laut genug zu sprechen, damit ihre Gäste sie auch im Schneesturm hören konnten. Natalia respektiert nicht nur die raue Polarumgebung, sondern liebt sie zutiefst. Als Historikerin an Bord sorgt sie dafür, dass ihre Gäste auf mehrtägigen Expeditionen inspiriert, sicher und mit Spaß unterwegs sind.

Susanne Polap – Expeditions Guide



Susanne Polap is a Switzerland based Guide from Germany with Polish roots and has a master's degree in biology.

Her never-ending curiosity and passion for outdoors has paved the way for becoming a professional Expedition Guide. Starting with whitewater rivers and gaining experience and knowledge in rafting and kayaking, she is exploring now the polar regions, aiming to share her enthusiasm for exploration and connect people with the wonders of nature.

With a solid background in biology, she possesses a deep understanding of the complex workings of our diverse ecosystem and the role of flora and fauna in it. She wants to share her passion and knowledge to ensure unforgettable expeditions for all adventures to come.

In addition to her work as a guide, she loves to actively experience nature – be it hiking, snowboarding, kayaking, rafting or on expeditions through the most

remote areas of the world. She always keeps her camera close to capture moments and feeling of the scenery.

Susanne firmly believes that direct experiences of nature can inspire people to take a responsible approach to our planet. She wants to raise awareness of climate change and its impact on fragile regions like Antarctica, by sharing her experience and knowledge with others.

Deutsch

Susanne Polap ist eine in der Schweiz lebende Reiseleiterin aus Deutschland, mit polnischen Wurzeln und hat einen Master in Biologie.

Ihre unermüdliche Neugier und Leidenschaft für die Natur hat ihr den Weg zum professionellen Expeditionsführer geebnet. Angefangen mit Wildwasserflüssen und dem Sammeln von Erfahrungen und Kenntnissen im Rafting und Kajakfahren, erkundet sie nun die Polarregionen mit dem Ziel, ihren Enthusiasmus für Entdeckungen zu teilen und Menschen mit den Wundern der Natur zu verbinden.

Mit einem soliden Hintergrund in Biologie besitzt sie ein tiefes Verständnis für die komplexe Funktionsweise unseres vielfältigen Ökosystems und die Rolle von Flora und Fauna in diesem System. Sie möchte ihre Leidenschaft und ihr Wissen weitergeben, um allen zukünftigen Abenteurern unvergessliche Expeditionen zu ermöglichen.

Neben ihrer Arbeit als Reiseleiterin liebt sie es, die Natur aktiv zu erleben – sei es beim Wandern, Snowboarden, Kajakfahren, Rafting oder auf Expeditionen durch die entlegensten Gebiete der Welt. Ihre Kamera hat sie immer dabei, um Momente und Gefühle der Landschaft einzufangen.

Susanne ist der festen Überzeugung, dass direkte Naturerlebnisse die Menschen zu einem verantwortungsvollen Umgang mit unserem Planeten inspirieren können. Sie möchte das Bewusstsein für den Klimawandel und seine Auswirkungen auf empfindliche Regionen wie die Antarktis schärfen, indem sie ihre Erfahrungen und ihr Wissen mit anderen teilt.

Eva-Maria Kiffman – Ships doctor



Eva grew up in Germany and studied medicine at the Technical University of Munich. She has been working in Switzerland for 20 years and is a specialist in internal medicine and emergency medicine.

She works as a consultant in the emergency department of the "Spitalzentrum" in Biel/Bienne, a bilingual city (german and french) about 40 km north of the capital Bern and is the Medical Director of the local ambulance service.

She has been drawn to the north since her youth. Fascinating, fragile landscapes and the unique wildlife have captured her. Like many others, she has been infected by the "Polar bug", from which she has still not been cured.

A few years ago she made her first voyage with Oceanwide Expeditions as a ship physician and has been on board every now and then since. A perfect match for her passion for medicine and the Polar regions.

She is looking forward to sharing her experiences and gaining new ones.

Deutsch

Eva ist in Deutschland aufgewachsen und hat an der TU München Medizin studiert. Seit 20 Jahren arbeitet sie in der Schweiz und ist Fachärztin für Innere Medizin und Notfallmedizin.

Sie arbeitet als Leitende Ärztin auf der Notfallstation des Spitalzentrums in Biel/Bienne, einer zweisprachigen Stadt (Deutsch und Französisch) ca. 40 km nördlich der Hauptstadt Bern und ist verantwortliche Ärztin für den lokalen Rettungsdienstes.

Seit ihrer Jugend zieht es sie in den Norden. Faszinierende, fragile Landschaften und die einzigartige Tierwelt haben Sie in ihren Bann gezogen. Wie viele andere ist sie vom „Polar bug“ infiziert worden, von dem sie bis heute noch nicht geheilt werden konnte.

Vor einigen Jahren konnte sie ihre erste Reise mit Oceanwide Expeditions als Schiffsärztin machen und ist seitdem immer mal wieder mit an Bord. Eine perfekte Verbindung für ihre Leidenschaft für die Medizin und den Norden.

Sie freut sich darauf, ihre Erfahrungen zu teilen und neue Erfahrungen zu sammeln.



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Ushuaia

Embarkation

Thursday 16th January 2025

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

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



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At Sea to the Falkland Islands

Friday 17th January 2025

- 0745 Wake up call from Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **The Falkland Islands.** Tiphannie is a Falkland Islander or Kelper as they are known. She will give you a first hand introduction to the Falkland Islands giving you information about the islands themselves and life in this remote community.
- 1100 **Birds of the Falkland Islands.** If you would like to find out more about the species of birds we are likely to see in the Falkland Islands then please join Martin in the Lounge.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1530 **Photography.** You will be taking lots of photographs during this voyage so if you would like to know more about taking the best photos then please join Koen in the Lounge.
- 1830 **Recap** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for recap and learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck 3 behind the Reception desk. Enjoy your meal.

We will be sailing in open water and expect the ship to move. Always use the railings and handholds when moving around on the ship, especially in rough seas. Always one hand for the ship and one hand for yourself. Thank you.

- 0700 Wake up call from Ali.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- ~0830 **New Island Settlement.** This morning, we hope to take you ashore at the settlement landing at New Island. At the landing site there is a small museum where you can buy locally made souvenirs. Cards payment, Cash in £, Euro and \$.
- From here you can walk up the hill to the Black browed albatross colony where you will also see Rockhopper penguins. The walk is around 1km. The scenery is beautiful on the way.
- 1200 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- ~1330 **New Island North.** In the afternoon we hope to land at North Harbour where there are large colonies of Gentoo penguins and Magellanic penguins. We hope to be able to walk over to the northern sand beach where the Gentoo penguins come ashore. This is a 1.5 km walk from the landing site.
- 1830 **Re-cap and Plans for Tomorrow.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the re-cap of the day and our learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant. Enjoy your meal.

0715 Wake up call from Ali.

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

At this time we will be making our final approach towards Stanley Harbour. Keep a look out for dolphins and enjoy the navigation through The Narrows.

0900 **Stanley.** We hope to be able to take you ashore in Stanley, the capital of the Falkland Islands. We will land at the jetty which is close to the centre of town. Maps and other information leaflets are available in the Jetty Centre.

Enjoy a visit to the museum and a walk along the sea front where you will find the shops and Post Office.

Local currency is Pounds Sterling but you can use Euros and Dollars in most shops. Debit and Credit cards are also accepted.

WiFi internet cards can be bought at the Jetty Centre and used at WiFi hotspots in town.

1300 **Lunch** is available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

1530 **Island Isolation! Escaping Covid.** Ali spent much of the covid pandemic on Sea Lion Island, one of the remote islands in the Falklands. Please join her in the Lounge to hear some stories of island life.

1815 **Re-cap and Plans for Tomorrow.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the re-cap of the day and our learn of our plans for tomorrow.

1900 **Dinner** is available in the Dining Room.



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At Sea to the South Georgia

Monday 20th January 2025

- 0745 Wake up call from Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **Penguins** We have already seen some species of penguins in the Falkland Islands. If you would like to hear more about the species we have seen and those we are likely to see then please join Koen in the Lounge.
- 1100 **Introduction to South Georgia.** Please join Tiphannie in the Lounge for an introduction to the island of South Georgia, including aspects of history, the economy and the wildlife.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1500 **Seals.** When we get to South Georgia and Antarctica, we will be seeing many more seals including Elephant seals and Fur seals. If you would like to learn more then please join Ali in the Lounge.
- 1630 **Documentary.** We will screen a wildlife documentary in the lounge.
- 1830 **Re-cap and Plans.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for re-cap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **South Georgia Briefing and Bio-security.** These are mandatory briefings that everyone must attend.
- 1030 **Bio-security.** Cleaning sessions in the Lounge. We will call you by deck to clean your outer gear – jackets, over trousers, back packs and camera bags. You will need to sign a declaration form after you have done your cleaning. Many thanks.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA – depending on our progress with Bio-security
- Weird and wonderful marine creatures.** What lies beneath the oceans we are sailing across? If you would like to find out, then please join Tiphane in the Lounge
- 1830 **Re-cap and Briefing.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for a re-cap of the day and to learn of our plans for tomorrow, our first day on South Georgia.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant on Deck. Enjoy your meal.

This is our plan for the day but please be prepared for the fact that this might change!

In the morning, we will be approaching the coast of South Georgia. Please enjoy the spectacular views from deck and the wildlife around us as we approach the island. **Sunrise 04.31**

- 0715 Wake up call from Ali.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- TBA **Right Whale Bay.** This morning, we hope to take you ashore at Right Whale Bay where there is a colony of King penguins – 25,000 as well as Elephant seals and Fur seals. Please follow the marker poles to the colony and remember your distance from wildlife.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Salisbury Plain.** This afternoon, we hope to take you ashore at Salisbury Plain where there is a large King penguin colony with 70,000 breeding pairs of penguins. On shore, please follow the red poles as these will take you to the colony via the best route. Remember your distance to wildlife and enjoy your time on shore!
- 1900 **Recap and Briefing.** Please join the staff in the Lounge to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1930 **Buffet Dinner** is available in the Restaurant for 1 hour.

Before landing, please check your boots, backpacks and any Velcro to make sure they are clean.

On return to the ship please make sure your boots are clean and all your gear has been checked.

0715 Wake up call Ali.

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

0830 **Hercules Bay.** This morning, we hope to be able to take you out on a zodiac cruise in Hercules Bay where there is a colony of Macaroni penguins on shore that are best seen from the boats. It is a small bay with steep cliffs all around and a waterfall at the back of the bay. It is often a good place to see Light mantled albatross. We will do this cruise in 2 groups.

Group 1 Deck 6, Deck 5 and Cabins 411 – 429 inclusive

Group 2 Deck 2, Deck 3 and Cabins 401 – 409 inclusive

Group 1 Please be ready at the gangway at 0830

Group 2 Please be ready at the gangway at 1000

1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

TBA **Grytviken.** This afternoon, after we have cleared customs we will take you ashore at Grytviken. You can visit the South Georgia Museum where there is a small shop and there is a Post Office is behind the museum. The shop and Post Office only take card payments. You can also visit the church at the back of the whaling station.

Tours of the whaling station will also be offered by the staff at the museum. Timing will be arranged.

We can visit the cemetery where you will find the grave of Sir Ernest Shackleton.

1900 **Special Dinner** is served on Deck. Dress warmly and enjoy your meal!

- 0645 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0700 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0800 **St Andrew's Bay.** This morning, we hope to take you on ashore at St Andrew's Bay where we will find the largest King penguin colony on South Georgia with around 500,000 breeding pairs of penguins. We will flag a route to the river crossing point and from here to a viewpoint over the colony. Please keep your 5m distance from all wildlife as you walk along the beach and grassy areas beyond.
- 1245 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Godthul.** This is known as 'Good Cove' and we hope to take you ashore here for a walk up to the Gentoo penguin colonies up beyond the tussac grass. It is quite steep at the beginning of the walk and you will need to follow the red poles as these show the easiest way up. From here you can walk to Lake Aviemore and to the higher penguin colonies.
We will also offer a long hike which will take you to the summit of Edda Hill which is 302 m high and offers great views of the coast beyond
Long hikers please come to the gangway first.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant. Enjoy your meal.

- 0515 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
Pastries, juice and fruit will be available in the Lounge.
- 0600 **Gold Harbour.** We hope to take you ashore at Gold Harbour where there is a big king penguin colony and there will be lots of elephant seals on the beach. It is not a big beach so please walk slowly and keep your 5m distance from the wildlife.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- TBA **Cooper Bay.** We hope to be able to take you out on a zodiac cruise at Cooper Bay where there is a Chinstrap penguin colony and hopefully some Macaroni penguins near their colony. The scenery is also very beautiful. Dress warmly.
Group 2 will go out first in the zodiacs.
Group 1 will go out afterwards
I will let you know timings when we get there!
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Drygalski Fjord.** For our final activity on South Georgia we will ship cruise into Drygalski Fjord which is a beautiful fjord with a glacier at the end. Enjoy the navigation.
- 1815 **Re-cap and Plans.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for re-cap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant. Enjoy your meal.

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- After breakfast we will be arriving at A23A iceberg. Our lecture programme will depend on our ice navigation.**
- TBA **Whales.** We have been lucky enough to see some Sei whales and Humpback whales so far on this voyage. If you would like to learn more about the whale species of the Southern Ocean then please join Koen in the Lounge.
- TBA **Orca, Killer whales.** We had an amazing encounter with Orca as we left South Georgia so if you would like to learn more about these big dolphins then please join Szymon in the Lounge.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1500 **Krill.** Krill forms the basis of the Antarctic food chain providing food for penguins, seals and whales. If you would like to learn more about these little pink critters, then please join Suzy in the Lounge.
- 1800 **South Georgia Heritage Trust Auction.** SGHT is a charitable organisation and for them to continue their environmental and cultural conservation projects on South Georgia we will hold a charity auction on board. The items are all from the South Georgia museum and are not available to buy in the shop. There will also be some mystery items! Please join us in the Lounge.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

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- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **IAATO Briefing.** As we head towards Antarctica we enter a new region where tourism is regulated by the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators. Please join Ali in the Lounge for a mandatory briefing.
- 1000 **Bio-Security checks.** Although we got 100% in our bio-security inspection in South Georgia we now need to check our outer gear before we go to Antarctica. Please bring your outer gear and backpacks to the Lounge once again for the staff to check and then you will need to sign the IAATO self-declaration form. We will call you by deck.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1500 **Ice.** We were lucky enough to see the biggest iceberg in the world just now, A23a but if you would like to learn more about ice and glaciers then please join Szymon in the Lounge.
- 1630 Documentary presentation.
- 1830 **Re-cap and Plans for Tomorrow.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the re-cap of the day and our learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

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During the morning, we will be approaching Elephant Island. Please listen for announcements regarding our programme and activities.

0745 Wake up call from Ali.

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

We will assess the weather and conditions as we approach Elephant Island and see what our options and opportunities are.

1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

TBA **Early Discoveries in Antarctica.** The history of polar exploration is relatively short, with the Golden Age of Exploration taking place just over 100 years ago but if you would like to hear more about the human history of Antarctica, please join Natalia in the Lounge.

TBA **Bird Ringing and Tracking.** Helene has worked with birds for many years in her home country of France and also on the remote sub-Antarctic island of Kerguelen. If you would like to learn more then please join her in the Lounge.

1830 **Re-cap and Plans for Tomorrow.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the re-cap of the day and our learn of our plans for tomorrow.

1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

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Penguin Island and Turret Point

Wednesday 29th January 2025

- 0645 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0700 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0800 **Penguin Island.** We hope to be able to take you ashore on a small island in the South Shetland Islands called Penguin Island. It is a volcanic island and is home to Chinstrap penguins. We will guide you to the penguin colonies and also on a walk up to the rim of a volcanic crater. Please follow the poles to avoid the nesting Giant petrels and any vegetation.
- 1200 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Turret Point/Three Sisters Point.** During the afternoon we hope to be able to offer you either a zodiac cruise or a landing, depending upon the conditions that we find here. There are Chinstrap penguins and a very small colony of Adelie penguins. Please listen for announcements.
- 1830 **Re-cap and Plans for Tomorrow.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the re-cap of the day and our learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.



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Devil Island and Expedition Afternoon
Thursday 30th January 2025

In the early morning, we will be in Antarctic Sound for the sunrise at 0415. It may be worth getting up and seeing your first views of the Antarctic continent.

0645 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.

0700 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

0800 **Devil Island.** This morning, we hope to take you ashore on Devil Island where we will find a large colony of Adelie penguins. We will also offer a hike to a low viewpoint and also to the top of the island where the views of the surrounding area are fantastic. Please follow the poles which lead you past the penguin colony and remember to move slowly near the penguins.

1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

In the afternoon we hope to take you for a landing on the Tabarin Peninsula, which will be a continental landing on the Antarctic continent. We will assess the weather conditions and ice conditions on the way so please listen for announcements.

1830 **Re-cap and Plans for Tomorrow.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the re-cap of the day and our learn of our plans for tomorrow.

1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.



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Yankee Harbour and Half Moon
Island

Friday 31st January

- 0715 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0830 **Yankee Harbour.** This morning, we hope to be able to take you ashore at Yankee Harbour where there is a colony of Gentoo penguins and very often we find Weddell seals, fur seals and elephant seals on shore. Please follow the marker poles to the colony. Enjoy a walk along the gravel sea spit with views of the glacier.
- 1200 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Half Moon Island.** For our final landing we hope to go on shore at Half Moon Island where we will find a colony of Chinstrap penguins. There are often Weddell seals on shore here as well. Please keep your distance from the wildlife and give penguins the right of way at the penguin highway.
- 1830 Re-cap and Briefing. Our plans for tomorrow and some stories from staff.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.



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Drake Passage

Saturday 1st February 2025

There will be no wake up call this morning but Albert will wake you for breakfast!!

- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **Climate Change.** We have been so privileged to visit the frozen continent of Antarctica but this region is vulnerable to the warming of our planet's oceans and atmosphere. If you would like to hear more then please join Szymon in the Lounge.
- 1100 **Ice Maidens.** We have heard about the explorers in Antarctica, all of whom were men but if you would like to hear about the women who have made their name Antarctica then please join Ali in the Lounge.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1500 **Invisible Creatures.** We have seen whales and seals and penguins on our voyage but there are many tiny creatures that make up the ecosystem of the southern oceans. Join Suzy in the lounge to hear more.
- 1630 Koen spent time working on whale watching trips in Tonga so if you would like to see some of his footage and hear some of his stories then please join him in the Lounge
- 1830 **Re-cap and Plans.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for our re-cap and to hear of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

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Drake Passage

Sunday 2nd February 2025

- 0745 A very special wake up call for you this morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **Work Your Magic.** We have all taken many, many photos during this extraordinary expedition around the Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica. If you would like some tips on how to process your photos and make them even better then join Koen in the Lounge.
- 1100 **A Year on Kerguelen Island.** Helene spent a year living and working on the sub-Antarctic island of Kerguelen. If you would like to hear more about her time on this remote island, then please join her in the Lounge.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1330 **Boots.** At this time we will collect your rubber boots. We will call you by deck to bring them to the boot room. If you borrowed a red dry bag or have rental gear to return please bring it at this time. Thank you
- 1500 **Plancius Pub Quiz!** Find a team of between 4 and 6 people and join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for a quiz to test your knowledge of this trip!
- 1645 Guest Speaker Adam will share photos that he has taken around the world.
- 1815 **Captain's Cocktails.** Please join the Expedition team and Captain Levakov in the Lounge to toast our voyage to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Antarctica.
- 1900 **Farewell Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

0645 Your final wake up call from Ali! Good Morning everyone, Good Morning!

Before breakfast at 0700 please could you put your large check in luggage outside your cabin so that we can get it onto the pier for you. If you are taking a bus from the ship straight to the airport, please make sure your luggage has a **RED label on it.**

All other luggage will go in the truck to be stored at the Luggage building – see map. You must collect it before 1400.

If you have other arrangements to stay in Ushuaia you can take your luggage and walk to the port entrance where you will find a taxi.

Keep your hand luggage in your cabin or take it to the Lounge.

0700 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.

0800/0830 It is time to leave the Little Blue Ship, Plancius. Please make sure you have all your belongings with you and that you have taken your key card holder back to Reception.

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