



North Spitsbergen Explorer
Versatile Landscapes, Sea Ice and Wildlife

23 June – 30 June, 2025

On board *m/v Hondius*



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Captain Jan Dobrogowski

and his international crew of 77 sailors

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Kayak safety driver:	Paolo Belleze	[Argentina]

WE WELCOME YOU ON BOARD!

Day 1 – Monday 23 June, Longyearbyen: Setting Sail into the Arctic wilds

16h00 GPS Position: 78°15.0' N, 014°48.6'E

Wind: W2-3 • Sea: Ripple • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +6°C

The remote frontier of Longyearbyen stirred with quiet anticipation as many of us arrived on the very day our adventure was set to begin. By afternoon, the stillness of the bay was punctuated by the hum of activity—luggage was whisked from the quay to the *Hondius*, anchored at the pier of Longyearbyen, waiting like a steel sentinel in the icy waters.



By 4PM, excitement buzzed through the brisk Arctic air. A line of eager guests had gathered, eyes bright with the promise of wilder rides lay ahead.

Once aboard the *Hondius*, time seemed to slip by unnoticed. Between orientation briefings, safety drills, receiving our Muck boots, welcome cocktails with our charismatic Captain Jan, and a beautifully prepared first dinner, the hours melted away. Yet as we cast off and the vessel carved a path out of Isfjord, the true wonder began to unfold.

Bathed in the soft glow of the Arctic evening, Spitsbergen's flat-topped mountains stood like ancient fortresses along the fjord. We were finally on our way—northward into the raw heart of the wilderness, where ice met sky and the silence held secrets millions of years old.

Our voyage had just begun.

Day 2 – Tuesday 24 June, Gullybukta & Gravneset

08h00 GPS Position: 79°29.2 N, 010°23.1' E

Wind: N4 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +1°C

In calm seas and perfect weather, we sailed north along the west coast of Spitsbergen through the night. By breakfast, we had reached Magdalenefjord – named after the biblical Mary Magdalene.

This magnificent fjord, surrounded by jagged, pointed mountains, was once one of the most visited places in Spitsbergen. Today, however, we share it with just one other ship from the Oceanwide Expeditions fleet: the *Ortelius*.

Our first activity of the day is a Zodiac cruise into Gullybukta. But before we can board the Zodiacs, we attend the mandatory safety briefing.

Then we're off: warmly dressed, life jackets on, and into the Zodiacs we go.

In Gullybukta – “Gully Bay” – there is a small walrus haul-out, a resting place for these impressive marine mammals. We're allowed to approach within 150 meters – close enough to observe the animals well and, most noticeably, to smell the results of a diet that includes up to 70 kilograms of mussels per animal.

Counting them isn't easy – the social animals lie so closely together, sometimes even on top of one another. Male walruses can weigh up to 1,500 kg, and females up to 900 kg. Their ivory tusks, which can weigh up to 5 kg, were once a major reason for intense hunting. Fortunately, those days are long gone, and walrus populations in Spitsbergen are recovering well.



But Gullybukta offers more than just walruses: stunning landscapes, a beautiful glacier – the Gullybreen – and plenty of seals, which we spot throughout our cruise.

Right on time for lunch, we return to the *Hondius* and enjoy the extensive buffet.

In the afternoon, our first landing is scheduled at Graveneset, a small peninsula where English whalers operated in the early 17th century and later buried their dead.

But plans change: on the opposite side of the fjord, we spot our second polar bear. The bear is very active, walking along the shore before eventually swimming across the fjord. From a respectful distance, we are able to observe it quite well.

Things get even more exciting when the bear approaches a shallow bay teeming with seals. The seals swim around the bear curiously, knowing they're much faster in the water and have little to fear.

Just as we are about to leave Magdalenefjord, a third polar bear is spotted on the far side of the fjord. It crosses the water quickly, and almost simultaneously, both bears arrive at our originally planned landing site.



There's a small hut at that location, used by two field inspectors working for the Norwegian Governor. From a safe distance in their boat, they observe one of the bears inspecting the hut before it settles down to rest on a small hill. The second bear disappears in the direction of Gullybukta.

We now leave the fjord for good and set course for Liefdefjord – our destination for tomorrow.

During the evening recap, Marcel shares the plans for the next day. Tiphane gives a presentation about walrus and their surprisingly wide range of vocalizations, and Sven explains the key points of the Svalbard Treaty.

A wonderful day comes to an end, and in nearly glassy water, we sail into the bright Arctic night – continuing our journey northward.

Day 3 – Wednesday 25 June, Texas Bar & Monacobreen

08h00 GPS Position: 79.36.5°N, 012°44.1'E

Wind: NW2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +5°C

Today we arrived just before breakfast in Liedfjord, and we understood right away why it is referred to as “love bay”; we discovered this magnificent scenery with fog uncovering the mountain peaks as we were approaching. We spent the morning hiking around Texas Bar landing site. Some of us could see reindeers, Rockptarmigans. We were able to enjoy the beautiful views on top of Hornbaekpollen lagoon, and then we visited the famous hut of Texas bar where Jens explained us more about its history : a trapper’s hut built in 1927 by Hilmar Nøis and Martin Petterson Nøis used as a hunting district. This hut is such in a good state that it is still used by field scientist or locals during the spring season!



After that came one of probably the most exiting time of the cruise for adrenalin seekers : the polar plunge, about 30 of us were brave enough to jump in, and some even dipped their head in the water!

After lunch and for some of us... a warm shower, we enjoyed a zodiac cruise closer to the glaciers of the fjord. The weather made it hard to believe we were in the arctic. We cruised along Monacobreen, Seligerbreen, and Emmabreen, all this while enjoying a warm Chai Latte “to go” kindly prepared by our chef.

We were blessed by interesting wildlife : some spotted a bearded seal, and all of us stopped by the colony of Blacked-legged kikkiwakes feeding right under the edge of the glacier. A phenomenon very impressive (and noisy) when they are so many.



After a great plated dinner and delicious cheesecake, some of us enjoyed a beautiful show executed by the Bollywood dancers of the group on board.

Our day couldn't not have ended better, around 10pm we passed by Moffin island and the staff called us out on decks to observe walruses, one even swam right by the bow of the ship, and tagged along for the ride for several minutes. A true exciting day!

Kayak triplog

Texas Bar: We departed the ship early, the sea mirror-like beneath a hushed Arctic sky. Paolo helmed the zodiac through the calm, and after a short paddle briefing—covering technique and the subtle art of launching from a zodiac—we slipped quietly into the water.

Our first outing began in a protected lagoon, where common eiders floated between rocky outcrops, and kittiwakes called from high above. Arctic terns cut through the still air, diving with elegance into the clear sea. The moment felt suspended in time—just our kayaks, the birds, and the gentle rhythm of the morning.

Paddling north along the coast, we passed dramatic rock formations, ancient layers twisted and folded by geological time and glacial force. With no wind to speak of, our kayaks glided in near silence across the glassy surface. Conversation felt unnecessary; the landscape said everything.

We arrived at Texas Bar, a weathered old trapper's cabin standing firm against the Arctic elements—a silent witness to years of ice and solitude. The group paddled strong, so we continued beyond the cabin, circling a small island just off the coast.

After roughly 7 kilometers of paddling, we rendezvoused with Paolo and headed back aboard. On shore, the day closed with a northern tradition: a bracing polar plunge—brief, shocking, and unforgettable.

Monacobreen: In the afternoon, we ventured out to meet one of the Arctic's great giants: Monacobreen. Spanning over 40 kilometers, the glacier's towering face loomed before us, its jagged blue ice glowing in the late sun—a sight that made us feel wonderfully small.

We paddled cautiously, keeping a respectful distance from the glacier's edge. Seracs hung precariously, and the risk of sudden calving loomed in the still air. Small floes drifted by, fizzing and cracking as ancient air bubbles escaped—an ambient whisper of millennia gone by.

Life clustered even here. Terns and kittiwakes hovered and dove, feasting at the foot of the ice wall. At one point, a zodiac approached with a surprise—hot chai lattes, warm and spiced, served mid-paddle. We drifted for a moment, sipping quietly, gazing out over the endless blue and white.

We continued along the glacier's edge, tracing its contours in silence, hearts full. When the time came, Paolo returned to collect us. The kayaks were secured, and we cruised back to the ship with light on the water, ice in our memory, and the rare feeling that we had touched the edge of the world.



Day 4 – Thursday 26 June, Alkjefellet & Faksevagen

08h00 GPS Position: 79°33.0' N, 017°41.8' E

Wind:SSE1 • Sea: calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: ±6°C

We were awakened by our expedition leader Marcel inviting us to seize the day! We all made our way to the dining room to enjoy a hearty breakfast before it was time to board our zodiacs ready for our first activity of the day. Our first activity would be a landing at a place called Faksevagen, a beautiful hillside overlooking Lomfjord.

First the long hikers set off with Phillip to attempt to climb to the highest point for a beautiful view over the whole fjord. Next the medium and short hikers followed to enjoy their hikes along the shoreline and over the lower hillside. Purple saxifrage, mountain avens and arctic bell heather was scattered along the ground adding a pop of colour to the otherwise dark landscape. There was still some pieces of fast ice floating in the fjord which at times blocked the path of the zodiacs but all made it ashore who wanted to go. The weather was cool but with no wind which made for a lovely peaceful atmosphere.



After some time ashore we started making our way back to the ship for lunch. On the way back in the zodiacs we happened to find a walrus floating past the ship on an ice floe. He was very relaxed as we all arrived back on the ship. We all enjoyed another delicious lunch prepared by the galley team whilst the ship repositioned for our second activity of the day. Our activity in the afternoon would be a zodiac cruise of a famous bird cliff called Alkefjellet.

After lunch we all loaded into our zodiacs once more to enjoy the wonders of the Brunnich's guillemot



colony living upon the dolomite cliff. The weather had cooled off a little since this morning and there was more wind with a flutter of snow. No matter we made our way to the cliff to enjoy the birds. Over 60,000 breeding pairs come to breed on all the nooks and crannies of the cliff during the short Svalbard summer. The air appeared to be buzzing like a beehive with birds in the air and the ones residing on the cliff were just as impressive sharing tiny ledges with 10s of other birds. The noise was incredible, it sounded like they were laughing at us looking down from their high point.



As we progressed along the cliff face the weather started to increase a little with more wind and snow. We were getting our first taste of true Arctic weather. We decided to have a quick look at the glacier then head back to the ship as the waves were getting larger. Some of us got wet on the way back but it was a wonderful experience. We made it back to the ship and headed up to the lounge for a hot drink to warm up and some chocolate cake. A little later we had some interesting presentations from the expedition team before being called down for another delicious dinner. What a great expedition day!!

Kayak triplog

Faksevågen: The day began under a soft, overcast sky, the wind stilled to almost nothing. The Arctic offered us calm water and a sense of quiet anticipation. Before launching our kayaks, we paused—spellbound by the sight of a walrus, asleep on a drifting piece of sea ice. Massive and undisturbed, it lay peacefully, its breath rising gently in the morning air.

We set off southward, hugging a shoreline of shale cliffs, their stratified layers a painter's palette of greys, ochres, and deep browns. Each band of rock spoke to the geological history of Svalbard, a timeline of ancient upheavals pressed into stone.

Below lingering patches of snow, avalanche corridors funneled meltwater into the fjord, mixing with the salty sea. The effect was striking—stratification in motion. We paddled through visible bands of brackish water, where the fresh and salt layers resisted immediate blending, revealing the subtle physics of the Arctic ecosystem right beneath our bows.

Around the 7-kilometer mark, we neared the mouth of a small river and glided close to a grounded iceberg, worn and softened, yet still hauntingly beautiful. Its pale surface bore streaks of sediment and time, and its stillness contrasted the quiet flow of water around it.

Across the fjord, the land revealed dolomitic intrusions and even hints of marble—surprising signs of transformation in a land that often appears frozen in time. The geology here doesn't just anchor the landscape—it shapes the experience.

As our paddle neared its end, we discovered an old trapper's cabin, tucked into the shoreline. Built from driftwood logs, likely carried here by the great Siberian rivers, it stood as a fragile testament to the human will to survive in this stark and treeless place.

It was a morning of layers and contrasts—ice and stone, salt and snow, solitude and subtle human presence. A quiet, profound journey into the depths of the Arctic's story.

Alkefjellet: In the afternoon, we made our way to the towering cliffs of Alkefjellet, one of the Arctic's great bird sanctuaries and home to tens of thousands of Brünnich's guillemots.

Wind and choppy seas made it too difficult to launch directly beneath the cliffs, so we adapted. Alexis, piloting the zodiac, dropped us off in a sheltered bay about 5 kilometers to the south. There, in calm water, we launched smoothly and began our paddle northward—with the wind at our backs and anticipation ahead.

As we neared the cliffs, the first guillemots appeared—slicing through the air in sleek groups, then diving with effortless power. Soon, we were in the heart of the colony. The sky thickened with birds: circling, diving, calling. The air vibrated with life, motion, and sound.

The cliffs loomed high and dark above us, streaked with meltwater and echoing with avian chorus. The experience was surreal, cinematic—like paddling through the edge of another world, part wildlife documentary, part fantasy epic.

Though the sea near the cliffs stayed relatively calm, conditions offshore grew rough. Wisely, we returned to meet Alexis by zodiac after covering about 5 kilometers. The ride back to the ship gave us time to reflect on what we had just witnessed.

This wasn't just a paddle—it was a deep encounter with the Arctic wild, a full immersion in one of its most vibrant ecosystems. As we glided silently among thousands of birds, we felt the Arctic not just as a location—but as a living, breathing presence.



Day 5 – Friday 27 June, A day in the pack ice, A visit from the Ice King

08h00 GPS Position: 81°21.8'N / 017°02.9'E

Wind: N2 • Sea: calm • Weather: clear sky • Air temperature: 5°C

Today will remain etched in our memories as one of the most extraordinary days we've experienced in the Arctic. Under pristine blue skies and with glass-calm conditions, *Hondius* sailed deep into the high Arctic pack ice, reaching a latitude of 81°N. The ice was one-year sea ice, firm yet no match for our sturdy vessels slicing through the floes effortlessly, like a knife through butter.

As we ventured farther into the frozen wilderness, Expedition Leader Marcel and the Captain identified a stable, robust ice flow suitable for a landing. Preparations began to disembark, and excitement filled the decks. However, just as the team was gearing up, Alexis, one of our sharp-eyed staff on Deck 8—alongside a vigilant guest—spotted movement in the distance. At first, just a speck. Then unmistakable: a polar bear, approximately 3 kilometers away, heading in our direction.

The landing was swiftly and wisely postponed. All eyes turned toward the bear as we maneuvered the ship closer — maintaining a respectful, non-intrusive distance. What followed was nothing short of magic.

With breathless anticipation, we watched as the bear popped up from a seal breathing hole in the ice—likely having swum over 60 meters beneath the surface to reach it. After investigating the hole, the curious bear turned its attention toward *Hondius*, slowly approaching the ship. For several minutes, passengers and crew shared a profound moment of connection with this iconic Arctic predator. Eventually, the bear ambled away across the ice, continuing its search for seals in this rich hunting ground.



With the bear at a safe distance, the gangway was deployed, and we finally stepped out onto the sea ice. Walking on the flow was a surreal experience—feeling it gently rise and fall with the ocean swell beneath our feet. Surrounded by endless white, we were reminded of the raw power and delicate balance of this polar environment.

As we returned to the ship, hot chocolate was served on the bow, and spirits were high. But the Arctic had yet more in store. Not long after, a second polar bear was spotted — this one resting near another seal hole, its body language suggesting patient focus. We observed from afar, quietly and respectfully, from the outer decks. To witness a bear in such a natural, undisturbed moment was a privilege few ever know.

Throughout the day, we also encountered numerous bearded seals and other seal species resting on the ice, as well as graceful pomarine skuas and the ghostly-white ivory gulls, icons of the high north.

As the sun dipped gently toward the horizon (though never setting), the day concluded with a festive BBQ and party on deck—warm food, music, laughter, and shared stories echoing across the ice. A perfect end to a perfect Arctic day.

Two polar bear encounters, vast drifting ice, seal sightings, rare birdlife, and a landing on the sea ice itself—topped off with a celebratory BBQ. Truly, one of the finest and most unforgettable days we've had on the ice.



Day 6 – Saturday 28 June, A day at sea...

08h00 GPS Position: 81°18.2'N / 021°00.0'E

Wind: SE2 • Sea: Rippled • Weather: clear sky • Air temperature: 3°C

We woke to another beautiful Arctic morning, the sky calm and the air still carrying the wonder of yesterday's unforgettable polar bear encounter and our dramatic landing on the sea ice—moments that will linger in memory.

Shortly after breakfast, we were called to the lounge for an important announcement: due to a medical situation onboard, the expedition team had made the difficult decision to leave the pack ice and begin a full-speed return toward Isfjorden.



While we steamed south, the day remained rich with discovery. In the morning, Pierre and Charlotte delivered engaging lectures on polar bears, diving deeper into the life and adaptations of the Arctic's most iconic predator.

After another outstanding lunch, the afternoon continued with two more insightful presentations. Tom explored the dynamics of the Arctic sea ice system and its vital role in Earth's climate, followed by Tiphany, who introduced us to the seals of the Arctic—their diversity, behaviors, and unique challenges in a rapidly changing environment.

As evening settled in, guests gathered for a sumptuous buffet dinner, followed by peaceful sailing along the northwest coast of Svalbard. The ship moved gently through the Arctic twilight, and one by one, we drifted to sleep—cradled by the rhythm of the ocean and the spirit of the north.



Day 7 – Sunday 29 June, Harrietbreen & Alkhornet, A Grand Finale

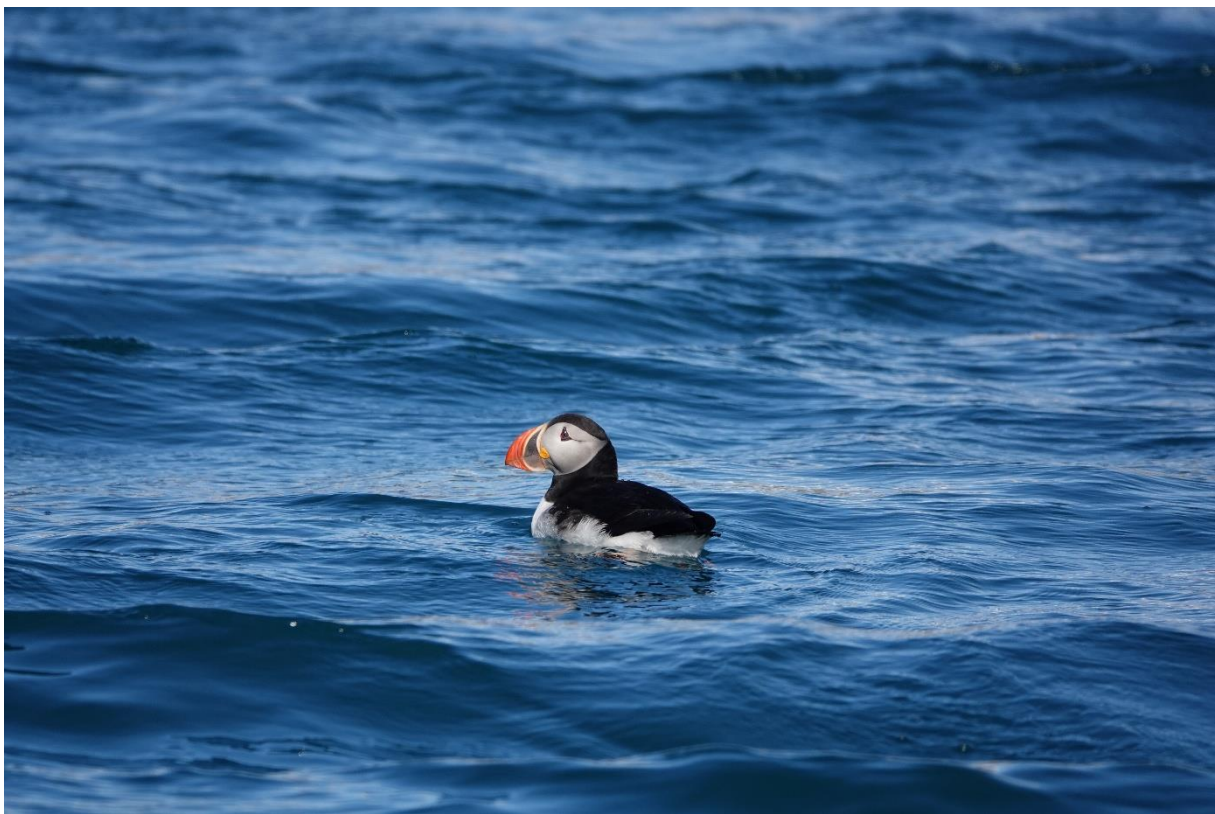
08h00 GPS Position: 78°12.2' N, 01°58.8'E

Wind: S-6 • Sea: slight • Weather: clear sky • Air temperature: +7°C

Today marked the final full day of our voyage, and we woke up to the stillness of Isfjorden surrounding us. At 07:45, the wake-up call echoed softly through the ship. We peeked out the cabin window and saw gentle morning light stretching across the icy mountains — a quiet, breathtaking welcome to the day.

As we were enjoying a warm buffet breakfast, outside, the world was a frozen masterpiece — stark, silent, and humbling. Inside, there was a sense of calm energy, as if we all knew today would be something special.

Our morning excursion took us by zodiac to Harrietbreen, Trygghamna, a site steeped in history. Scattered across the shore were remains from World War II and traces of a 17th-century whaling station — weathered beams and rusted metal, standing as fragile monuments to time. Snow-covered peaks loomed above, while seabirds wheeled overhead. It felt like stepping into a forgotten world, where human stories and wild nature quietly coexist.



We joined the zodiac boarding platform on Deck 3. The sea was glassy, perfectly still, reflecting the sky and mountains with surreal clarity. The silence was profound, broken only by the sound of our boat skimming across the water and the distant cries of kittiwakes.

After lunch, we made our final landing of the voyage — Alkhornet, one of the largest bird cliffs in western Spitsbergen. Some of us, long hikers disembarked first, eager to explore deeper inland. The landscape was alive: green moss underfoot, bright Arctic flowers blooming, and the cliff face swarming with thousands of nesting seabirds. Guillemots, kittiwakes, and fulmars filled the air with their calls, their wings slicing through the wind.

The sea, the cliffs, the sky — it all felt so vast and eternal. This was the kind of place that makes you feel small in the best possible way.



Back aboard the ship, we returned our trusty muck boots — symbols of all the wild ground we had covered.

Later on, we gathered in the Lounge for our final recap with the Expedition Team and the Captain. They shared disembarkation details and treated us to a slideshow of the journey. As the images flicked by — the look of a walrus, the shimmering face of a glacier, the joy on our wind-chapped faces — I felt a lump in my throat. It had all gone by so fast, yet every moment was etched into memory.

We then sat down for our farewell dinner. The conversation was quieter tonight, the food savored a little longer, the glances across the table filled with a kind of quiet gratitude. We were no longer strangers — this place had bound us together.

This day, this place — Isfjorden and Alkhornet — gave us not just views, but perspective. As we prepare to leave this land of ice and silence, I carry with me something deeper than photos: the feeling of having truly touched the edge of the world.

Day 8 – Monday 30 June, Farewell from the Arctic: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

08h00 GPS Position: 78°15.8' N, 015°25.0'E

Wind: NNW3 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +5°C

In the soft light of early morning, we arrived in Longyearbyen. As we gathered for one final breakfast on board, there was a quiet sense of reflection in the air. Outside, the crew gently unloaded our suitcases, a silent reminder that our Arctic adventure was drawing to a close.

Disembarking from *Hondius* was not easy. Over these past days, she has been far more than a ship—she's been our shelter, our launchpad into the wild, and our floating home. Within her walls we've shared laughter, awe, and moments that will stay with us for a lifetime.

Together, we ventured deep into the high latitudes, witnessed landscapes sculpted by ice and time, and encountered wildlife most only dream of—polar bears, walrus, whales, and the mesmerizing dance of seabirds in the Arctic skies. Along the way, strangers became companions, and companions became friends.

Now, with hearts full and cameras brimming, we begin the journey home. Though we leave the ice behind, its spirit travels with us—etched into memory, carried in stories, and felt in quiet, unforgettable moments.

Thank you for joining us on this remarkable voyage. Your curiosity, warmth, and camaraderie made this journey truly special. Wherever your path leads next, we hope it brings you back to these wild places—and perhaps, one day, back to us.

Until we meet again—safe travels, and fair winds.



Total distance sailed on our voyage: 1011.0 NM

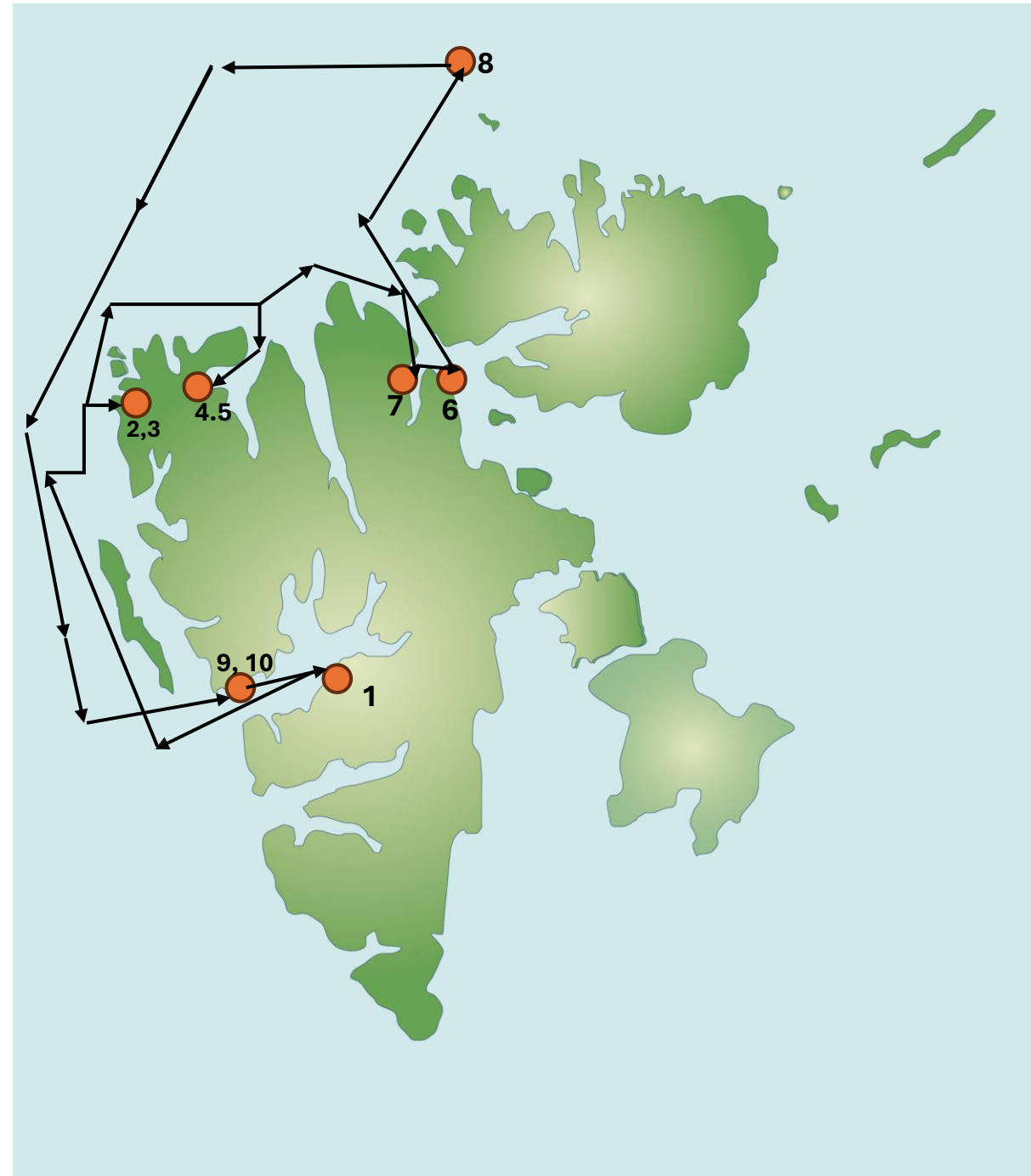
Northernmost point: 81°27.5'N, 021°19.4'E

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Jan Dobrogowski , Expedition Leader Marcel Paul, Hotel Manager Albert Don and all the crew and staff of M/V Hondius, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.

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Birds and Mammals of Svalbard

English Name	Latin	German	Breeding / Transient / Vagrant	23-jun	24-jun	25-jun	26-jun	27-jun	28-jun	29-jun	30-jun
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Eistaucher	V								
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Sterntaucher	B			x				x	
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Eissturmvogel	B	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bean Goose	<i>Anser fabalis</i>	Saatgans	V								
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Kurzschnabelgans	B		x	x	x			x	
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Weisswangengans	B	x	x	x				x	x
White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Blässgans	V								
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	Graugans	V								
Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	Ringelgans	B			x	x			x	
Snow Goose	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>	Schneegans	V								
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Pfeifente	T								
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Krickente	B								
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Stockente	T								
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Spießente	B								
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Reiherente	T								
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Eiderente	B	x	x	x	x			x	x
King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	Prachteiderente	B		x	x	x				
Steller's Eider	<i>Polysticta stelleri</i>	Scheckente	V								
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Eisente	B			x	x				
Black Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Trauerente	B/T								
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Schellente	V								
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>	Alpenschneehuhn	B			x	x				
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Austernfischer	V								
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Sandregenpfeifer	B								
European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Goldregenpfeifer	B								
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sanderling	B				x				
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Graubruststrandläufer	V								
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Meerstrandläufer	B			x	x				
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Knutt	B								
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Alpenstrandläufer	B								
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Regenbrachvogel	T								

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English	Latin	German	Breeding / Transient / Vagrant	23-jun	24-jun	25-jun	26-jun	27-jun	28-jun	29-jun	30-jun
Walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	Walross	B		x	x	x			x	
Bearded seal	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>	Bartrobbe	B			x		x	x		
Ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>	Ringelrobbe	B					x	x		
Harp seal	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>	Sattelrobbe	T								
Hooded seal	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>	Klappmütze	V								
Common /Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Seehund	B		x					x	
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Zwergwal	T			x					
Sei Whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Seiwal	V								
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blauwal	T								
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Finnwal	T								
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Buckelwal	T								
Bowhead whale	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>	Grönlandwal	T								
Sperm Whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Pottwal	V								
Northern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>	Entenwal (Dögling)	V								
Orca (Killer Whale)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Schwertwal (Orca)	V								
White-beaked Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>	Weisschnauzendelphin	V								
Beluga	<i>Dephinapterus leucas</i>	Weisswal	B								
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Eisbär	B	x	x			x			
Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	Polarfuchs	B							x	
Spitsbergen Reindeer	<i>Rangifer tarandus platyrhynchus</i>	Svalbard Renntier	B	x	x	x	x			x	x

Marcel Paul – Expedition Leader



From his teens Marcel has been a keen traveller. After camping and trekking with friends, he led groups on trekking's to Austria, Switzerland, England and Scotland. His own travels over the last 20 years brought him to all 7 continents together with his wife Miriam. With his interest in (exploration) history and as keen hobby photographer, the Polar Regions have always been drawing his attention.

At his first arrival to Svalbard in 2011 and a second trip in 2013, he felt connected with the remoteness of the place and the dynamics of the polar nature. At that time the idea started to grow to become a polar guide and give up a job that is keeping him indoor most of the time.

When the Dutch organised a scientific polar expedition to Edgeøya it seemed the perfect opportunity to gain more knowledge from the area by working with the scientists. He joined the expedition in 2015 as field assistant and participated in various fields of research. In 2016 he went to the Dutch polar station in Ny-Alesund, again as field assistant.

Living next to one of Europe's biggest wetland reserves, the Biesbosch in Holland, weekends are often spent on his boat with his camera close by. Since 2017 he has been guiding in the Arctic, followed by the Antarctic in 2018.

Deutsch

Seit seinen Teenagerjahre ist Marcel ein grosser Reiseliebhaber. Nachdem er mit Freunde Kampen und Trecken war, leitete er Gruppen zu Trecks in Österreich, Schweiz, England und Schottland. Seine eigene Reisen über den letzten 20 Jahre haben ihn zu den 7 Kontinente gebraucht zusammen mit seiner Frau Myriam. Mit seinem Interesse in Explorationsgeschichte und als Hobbyphotograph haben die Polaregionen seit immer sein Interesse geweckt.

Als er in Svalbard 2011 und 2013 ankam fühlte er sich sofort mit der Abgelegenheit des Platzes und mit der Dynamik der Polarregionen verbunden. An diesem Zeitpunkt wuchs der Gedanke Polarguide zu werden und seine Arbeit die ihn meistens indoor hielt, aufzugeben.

Als die Holländer eine wissenschaftliche Polarexpedition nach Edgeøya organisierten schien es die perfekte Gelegenheit um mehr Erfahrung über diese Gegend zu sammeln indem er mit den Wissenschaftlern zusammenarbeitete. Er trat 2015 der Expedition bei als Feldassistent und nahm an verschiedenen Forschungsprojekte teil. In 2016 ging er zur holländischen Polarstation in Ny-Alesund, nochmals als Feldassistent.

Er lebt nahe an einer der grössten Feuchtgebiet-Reservate Europas, Biesbosch in Holland, und verbringt meistens seine Wochenende auf seinem Boot mit seinem Fotoapparat in der Hand. Seit 2017 ist er Guide in der Arktis, und seit 2018 in der Antarktis.

Charlotte Taplin – Asst. Exp. Leader



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

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

Jerry Zhao – Asst. Exp. Leader



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

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

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

Along the way as he spent more time in polar regions, learns more about polar regions, he is more interested in polar regions. He has self-studied the geography, wildlife and history of the Polar regions. He is beginning to learn wildlife photography.

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

Jens Binderup – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

life in the Arctic and Antarctica.

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

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

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

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

Tom van Hoof – Expedition Guide



I visited the polar regions for the first time in 2001. As a PhD student I attended a course at the University Centre of Svalbard and fell in love with the Arctic Wilderness of Spitsbergen. After finishing my PhD in palaeo-climate research at Utrecht University, the Netherlands, I lived for a while in Arizona. When returning home, I started to work for the Dutch Geological Survey where I got the chance to do fieldwork in the Arctic again.

Over the years I participated and organized several geological field campaigns in Spitsbergen where I spent the most precious moments of my life in tents, remote cabins or small ships. In 2015 I came into contact with Oceanwide Expeditions during a scientific expedition on M/V Ortelius. Shortly after, I started working as a expedition guide for Oceanwide Expeditions in both polar regions. Besides expedition guiding I also still help with the field logistics on Arctic scientific expeditions.

My day-to-day job nowadays is for the Netherlands Polar Program, a section of the Dutch Science Council (NWO). This organization funds Dutch polar scientific research and manages the Dutch polar infrastructure. I am a fanatic outdoor enthusiast, and I recently finished a training for Hike and Survival instructor. I live in the Netherlands with my wife, three daughters and two Leonberger dogs who all like to camping, preferably in winter conditions.

Alexander Romanovskiy – Exp. Guide



Alexander Romanovskiy comes from Saint-Petersburg, the Northern capital of Russia. He was born in 1981. After having graduated from the boarding school Alexander entered Saint-Petersburg State University, where he spent 5 years studying physical geography, ecology, regional geography and international tourism. Afterwards he was working on his PhD thesis in Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, doing geoecological researches.

In the year of 2011 however, Alexander decided to pause his scientific career and start doing something completely

different, which means working in tourism and traveling the world. He spent 2 seasons working as a trekking guide in Fann mountains (Tajikistan), 1 season on Novolazarevskaya Antarctic scientific station (Queen Maud Land, Antarctica) working as a member of a guesthouse crew.

Since February of 2012 most part of the year he spends on Svalbard. For five seasons in a row Alexander has been living and working as a guide in a ghost town of Pyramiden. In 2016 a new page in Alexander's guiding career was opened: he started working as a naturalist guide on cruise ships in polar regions of the world – Svalbard and Antarctica.

3 to 4 months a year Alexander dedicates to his main passion – traveling the world. No public transport, no hotels, only hitch-hiking and staying overnight with locals or sleeping in a tent. This way he has already visited almost all Soviet republics, Middle East (Iran, Turkey), Asia (China), South America (Argentina, Chile, Paraguay), and it is hopefully far not the end! The world is big, friendly and interesting to explore!

Simon Davies – Expedition Guide



Simon is a life-long birder and naturalist and after achieving a Masters degree in Ecology focusing on seabirds he has undertaken a broad range of wildlife related contracts around the world.

His career has predominantly been focused on birds (with the only notable 'blip' coming during a year researching Meerkats in South Africa) during which his focus has ranged from research to conservation to guiding and much in between. Most recently he has been working in Scotland and Sweden studying both breeding birds and migratory species through

ringing/banding, a wide range of surveys and other tracking methods.

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

Among the recent studies he has participated in has included putting geolocators on Black Guillemots in Scotland to find out where they are foraging, fixing satellite transmitters on migratory wading birds in Australia to track their movements as they move up and down the East Asia flyway and affixing geolocators on Great Reed Warblers in Sweden to work out migratory routes.

A large part of his recent work has also been training others in bird ringing/banding and surveying, hopefully inspiring others to a career in research or conservation.

The vast majority of his spare time is also spent birding and wildlife watching and he has undertaken many trips around the world including Australia, Europe, India, Venezuela and the USA, always chasing the next bird!

Rose Li Hong - Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

Pierre Gallego – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

Deutsch

Pierre ist Tierarzt und hat sich auf Meeressäuger spezialisiert. Er arbeitet im Gebiet der Meeresbiologie seit 18 Jahre und organisiert Ausbildungen über Meeressäuger rundum die Welt seit 2004. Er vertritt die Regierung Luxemburgs an der Walfangkommission und CCAMLR, und arbeitet mit mehreren internationalen Umweltschutzorganisationen um die Erhaltung von Meeressäuger zu promovieren und deren Gefangenschaft zu bekämpfen.

Er macht gerade eine Doktorarbeit am Ozeanologie Lab der Universität Lüttich in Belgien. Seine Doktorarbeit beschäftigt sich mit stabile Isotopen und Schadstoffen in Buckelwalen aus Mosambik und Ecuador.

Er ist ein eifriger Vogelbeobachter und hat viel Spass an Fotografie. Das Meer ist seine Leidenschaft, und Wasser ist sein Element.

Philipp Konietzko – Expedition Guide



Growing up in the countryside in northern Germany, Philipp was always eager to be out in nature. No matter if with his self-made raft, with his sailing dingy, or on the bicycle, he was always on tour and out in nature.

While he was studying electrical engineering in Berlin, he used all his semester breaks to travel by bicycle, preferably in the north. In winter 2015, he spent one entire month on Svalbard with his tent and some skis. That's when he finally caught the arctic bug and fell in love with Svalbard and the vast landscapes of the north. Since then, he has managed to come back to Svalbard every year for at least three months.

He worked a lot as a trekking guide on multi-week hikes, but soon started to work on small and larger expedition ships as well. As a guide and wildlife monitor on scientific expeditions, he had the opportunity to go to places on Svalbard where only a few people go.

When he is at home in the north of Germany, he works as an engineer and spends his leisure time working on

his farm-like house with the associated apple tree orchard, where he is also beekeeping. He also has a little workshop where he brazes bicycle frames, and of course he is riding these bikes a lot.

His fields of special interest are the history and expedition history of Svalbard and the Arctic in general. But there are so many exciting things to discover in every field, and so he is looking forward to your questions, which often inspire him to explore new topics.

Deutsch

Aufgewachsen auf dem Lande in Norddeutschland, hat es Philipp schon immer in die Natur hinausgezogen. Egal ob mit seinem selbst gebauten Floß, der eigenen Segeljolle oder dem Fahrrad war er immer draußen unterwegs.

Während er in Berlin Elektrotechnik studierte, nutzte er jegliche Semesterferien, um mit dem Fahrrad zu reisen, wobei es ihn besonders in den Norden zog.

Im Winter 2015 verbrachte er einen kompletten Monat mit Zelt und Ski auf Spitzbergen. Hier wurde er vollends vom Arktisvirus infiziert und verliebte sich in die raue Natur und die endlosen Weiten des Nordens. Seitdem verbrachte er jedes Jahr mindestens drei Monate auf Spitzbergen.

Hier arbeitete er zunächst hauptsächlich als Trekkingguide auf mehrwöchigen Touren, fing aber schon bald darauf an, auf kleinen und größeren Expeditionskreuzfahrtschiffen zu arbeiten. Seine Arbeit als Guide und Logistiker für wissenschaftliche Expeditionen führte ihn an Orte auf Spitzbergen, die nur wenige Menschen besuchen.

Wenn er zu Hause in Norddeutschland ist, arbeitet er als Ingenieur. In seiner Freizeit kümmert er sich um seinen Resthof mit zugehöriger Streuobstwiese, auf der auch seine Bienen stehen. In seiner kleinen Werkstatt lötet er Fahrradrahmen aus denen Fahrräder entstehen, mit denen er auch ausgiebig fährt.

Besonders interessieren ihn die Geschichte und Expeditionsgeschichte von Spitzbergen und den Polarregionen. Aber es gibt auf jedem Gebiet so viel Spannendes zu entdecken und daher freut er sich besonders auf eure Fragen, die oft zur Beschäftigung mit neuen Themen anregen.

Sven Joest – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

As an enthusiastic hobby photographer, and an increasingly keen birder since volunteering at a bird nature reserve on the island of Fehmarn, you'll most likely find him out on deck taking snaps of the

landscapes and the wildlife in his spare time during the voyage.

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

Deutsch

Sven ist ein Arktis-Enthusiast aus Bonn, Deutschland mit einer Leidenschaft und Expertise im Bereich der Geomorphologie. Während seines Grundstudiums der Geographie an der Universität Bonn war es sein Auslandssemester in Joensuu, Finnland das sein Interesse an der Wildnis des Nordens und der Arktis weckte.

Seitdem hat er seine Begeisterung für Abenteuer durch mehrere Reisen nach Nordnorwegen weiterverfolgt und setzt derzeit seine akademische Reise mit einem Masterstudium mit Schwerpunkt Friedens- und Konflikttransformation an der Arktischen Universität in Tromsø, Norwegen fort, der nördlichsten Universität der Welt. Von hier aus kann er seiner Leidenschaft für die Natur und die Kälte nachgehen, indem er Ski fährt, wandert und diese weiten und abgelegenen Gebiete erkundet.

Als begeisterter Hobbyfotograf und zunehmend begeisterter Vogelbeobachter, seitdem er ein Praktikum in einem Vogelschutzgebiet auf der Insel Fehmarn absolviert hat, werden Sie ihn in seiner Freizeit während der Reise höchstwahrscheinlich an Deck finden, um Fotos von der Landschaft und der Tierwelt zu machen.

Er freut sich darauf, sein Wissen und seine Erfahrung in allen Aspekten der polaren Weiten zu erweitern und lädt Sie ein, während der Reise mit ihm über Ihre Fragen oder Ihre eigenen polaren Interessen und Geschichten zu sprechen.

Luce Moussiere – Dive Guide



She knew how to swim before she could walk. Luce is a young French scuba diving instructor, swimming instructor and hiking guide. She left France after a degree of Neuro-Linguistic Programming with the ambition to bring the most extraordinary experiences accessible to anyone.

She lived in Asia, and Australia where when she wasn't teaching recreational courses, she enrolled in multiple marine life conservation projects and coral reef restoration, working together with the Great Barrier Reef marine parks authority. She supervised explorations

to survey remote untouched coral reef systems where she could then guide experienced divers to educate over climate change impacts. She led special trips on private yacht to encounter big marine life, such as bull sharks, tiger sharks, minke and humpback whales.

After 5 years in tropical waters, she then specialized in cold water environment, where she lives now in Iceland. She trained to adapt and work through Icelandic winters, with little to no daylight, and temperatures reaching -30 degrees Celsius (-22F). She is now diving or snorkelling in between the clear water of Silfra, fissure in between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates.

She specialized in technical decompression diving, ice, cold, deep, night, wreck, and enriched air diving, and is always keen to add to her career more skills, to be able to dive and guide through the most challenging environments.

She also is an on-call guide when Icelandic volcanos erupt, hunting the best routes through volcanic lands to safely bring hikers to witness these events. When she is not working, you will find Luce hiking on fjords, glaciers, exploring ice caves, free diving in arctic kelp forests: enjoying this huge playground the raw Icelandic land can be.

Andi Schwertz – Expedition Guide



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

As a scuba and freediver, she was able to get particularly close to many whale species and experience adventures. For example, she has already swum with orcas three times in arctic Norway. She came to Oceanwide because she wanted to share her passion with heart and enthusiasm. She was already able to gain experience as a trainee in Antarctica in the spring of 2023. The polar regions with their special fauna exert a very special attraction on her. She is also interested in landscape photography and has great tips for successful mobile phone photography. Another passion of hers is

yoga, which she also practices as a yoga instructor. She speaks English, German, Hungarian, and a little bit of Spanish and French. Andi is looking forward to more great adventures as a team member of Oceanwide!

Deutsch

Geboren in Budapest, aufgewachsen in Deutschland war Andi als Kind schon immer von Tieren und Natur fasziniert gewesen, besonders Meeressäuger hatten es ihr angetan. Sie wollte Walforscherin werden, wurde zu einer Walexpertin, zwar ohne Studium an einer Universität, aber mit Passion. Sie widmete sich in ihrem früheren Leben dem Studium der Soziologie und betrieb 10 Jahre lang ihre eigene Cocktailbar. Ihre Begeisterung für die Meeresgeschöpfe liess sie dennoch nie los und sie begann die Welt zu bereisen um diesen faszinierenden Tieren nahe zu sein und sie zu beobachten.

Als Taucherin und Freediverin konnte sie vielen Walarten besonders nahe kommen und Abenteuer erleben. Zum Beispiel ist sie im arktischen Norwegen bereits dreimal mit Orcas geschwommen. Weil sie ihre Leidenschaft mit Herz und Begeisterung teilen möchte, kam sie zu Oceanwide. Sie konnte bereits im Frühjahr dieses Jahres Erfahrungen sammeln als Trainee in der Antarktis. Die polaren Regionen mit ihrer speziellen Fauna üben eine ganz besondere Anziehung auf sie aus. Sie interessiert sich ausserdem für Landschaftsfotographie und hat tolle Tips für gelungende Handyfotos. Ausserdem ist eine ihrer weiteren Leidenschaften Yoga, was sie auch als Yogalehrerin praktiziert. Sie spricht englisch, deutsch, ungarisch und ein wenig spanisch und französisch. Andi freut sich auf weitere tolle Abenteuer als Teammitglied von Oceanwide!

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. The islands also include haul outs of South American sealions and elephant seals. 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.

Svatava Spěváčková – Exp.Guide



From a young age, Svatava was inspired by the stories of travel and mountain climbing told by her parents and grandparents. On many of her birthdays, she received an ice cream cake shaped like a mountain.

This clearly had a lasting impact on her. For as long as she can remember, she has had a passion for cold temperatures and all kinds of adventures.

At just 8 years old, she began cross-country skiing competitively, a pursuit she continued for 10 years. It was during this time that her lifelong love for the

outdoors and sports was born.

When she was 15, Svatava set out to hike across Sarek National Park in Sweden, known as "Europe's last wilderness."

It was during this journey that Svatava became enchanted by the beauty of wild, untamed landscapes.

Since 2018, Svatava has worked as a mountain guide and has spent two winter seasons as a musher, dog-sledding beyond the Arctic Circle in Scandinavia. She also undertook several ski expeditions in the region.

As a trained paramedic, she completed the Polar Medicine Course in Northern Norway and continues to expand her skillset in challenging environments.

These experiences have led her even further north, to the high Arctic, where she has worked with the Czech Arctic Research Station in Svalbard in recent years.

Brian Veltrop – Expedition Guide



This is Brian, he is 31 years young and lives in the Netherlands.

Brian is a true nature lover. He has been in nature since he was little and has really found his passion for it in recent years.

In recent years, Brian has completed various courses in the outdoor world.

In 2021 he started the training as a hike & survival instructor, hike & backpacking guide, international wilderness guide lvl 1. He trained for this in the Netherlands, France and Canada. He also followed the training of BICO, Baby it's cold outside and Mountain 101 (University of Alberta, Canada).

After completing these courses, he entered the specialization and completed the training as a wilderness guide lvl 2 and the winter travel & survival lvl 3 in Winter Canada.

As an examination for this, he had to endure a 48 hour solo in -30 (Celsius).

Furthermore, Brian is very passionate about identifying Flora & Fauna. He likes to look for animal tracks & signs and talk about them.

In addition to Oceanwide Expeditions, Brian works at two Dutch companies as a survival instructor and wilderness guide. These offer wilderness trips to Scandinavian countries, France, Poland, Canada and Spain. And is a member of the Wilderness Guide Association and Interpretive Guide Association.

Deutsch

Das ist Brian, er ist 31 Jahre jung und lebt in den Niederlanden.

Brian ist ein echter Naturliebhaber. Seit seiner Kindheit ist er in der Natur unterwegs und hat in den letzten Jahren seine Leidenschaft dafür entdeckt.

In den letzten Jahren hat Brian verschiedene Kurse im Ausland absolviert.

Im Jahr 2021 begann er die Ausbildung zum Wander- und Überlebenslehrer, Wander- und Rucksackführer und internationalen Wildnisführer der Stufe 1. Eine entsprechende Ausbildung erhielt er in den Niederlanden, Frankreich und Kanada. Er absolvierte auch die Ausbildung von BICO, Baby it's cold out und Mountain 101 (University of Alberta, Kanada).

Nach Abschluss dieser Kurse stieg er in die Spezialisierung ein und absolvierte die Ausbildung zum Wildnisführer Stufe 2 und die Winterreise & Überleben Stufe 3 im Winter Kanada.

Als Prüfung hierfür musste er ein 48-stündiges Solo bei -30 (Celsius) über sich ergehen lassen.

Darüber hinaus ist es Brian eine große Leidenschaft, Flora und Fauna zu identifizieren. Er sucht gerne nach Tierspuren und -schildern und redet darüber.

Neben Oceanwide Expeditions arbeitet Brian bei zwei niederländischen Unternehmen als Überlebenslehrer und Wildnisführer. Diese bieten Wildnisreisen in skandinavische Länder, nach Frankreich, Polen, Kanada und Spanien an. Und ist Mitglied der Wilderness Guide Association und der Interpretive Guide Association.

Zusätzlich zu seiner Arbeit in der Außenwelt arbeitet Brian im Gesundheitswesen. In diesem Bereich verfügt er mittlerweile über 12 Jahre Erfahrung.

Alexis Bellezze – Kayak Leader



Alexis Bellezze was born in San Luis, Argentina in 1973. He spent his childhood in the center of the country, in a rural area, then moved to the city of Mendoza close to the Central Andes and studied in the Army High School where he fell in love with the mountains and the outdoors. Then moved to Cordoba where he spent 3 years in the Air Force Academy. After that he moved to Italy where he worked and finished a paragliding course, then returned to Argentina to finish his studies as a Veterinarian. In 2006, he did a Residency in the ICU Service of the Large Animal Hospital of the Royal

“Dick” Veterinary College in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 2006 and 2008 he did an internship as a veterinarian surgeon at Milano, Italy. Then he moved to Villa La Angostura, an isolated village in the middle of the Patagonian Lake District where he works as a veterinarian surgeon and runs a kayak company in the Nahuel Huapi National Park.

Since 2018 he has been working as a Polar Kayak Guide and Expedition Guide. He has guided in the Antarctic Peninsula many times, reaching the Antarctic Polar Circle, Svalbard, circumnavigated Spitzbergen, East coast of Greenland and many rivers and lakes in Patagonia. During the last years he travelled the south and north of Chile and Argentina as a Wilderness First Responder instructor working in different environments like the jungle, the Patagonian mountain range, the windy Patagonian estepa and the desert of Atacama. Since 2014 Alexis is the owner and Director of endurance kayak & mountain expeditions based in Patagonia Argentina, offering multiple days kayak trips in this pristine area.

Alexis is divorced, has 3 children and lives in Patagonia Argentina. He likes to cook for them with fire in the wilderness and go camping when is possible.

He speaks fluently Spanish, Italian and English.

Tanja Bayer – Dive Team Leader



Tanja is at home in Oberursel, which is near Frankfurt / Main in Germany.

She has been diving since 1990 and has more than 4200 dives. In Oberursel she is running her own Diving Center “TaWo Diving” since 1996.

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

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

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

As a Dive Guide and Diving Expedition Leader she takes divers all around the world.

Asked for her favourite dive sites, she mentions ‘Planeau Bay’ in Antarctica. Cold water diving is really something special and challenging.

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

Sid Paul Dewfall – Dive Guide



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

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

In his free time, he enjoys playing and coaching multiple sports, including competing nationally in Athletics, and recreationally playing Squash, and Climbing. Being a diver, Sid has always had an affinity with water and will always try to find time to join the waves, be it underneath as diver, or above the surface on a board. He is particularly interested in marine organisms so if you have any questions or interests in diving or marine species, please ask him

Julien Burellier – Kayak Leader



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

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

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

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

Paolo Bellezze – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

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

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

Languages: English, Spanish, Italian.

Jessica Bakker - Ships Doctor



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

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

Summer 2017 was Jessica's first trip to Greenland. She loved the beauty of the nature and amount of whales in Arctic and could not wait to explore more places in de polar region.



North Spitsbergen Explorer – Versatile Landscapes, Sea ice and Wildlife

Date: 23/06/2025

Day: 1: Longyearbyen - Embarkation

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

PLEASE LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

20:30+/- The Expedition Team invites you to **Deck 3** the zodiac boarding area to collect your Muck boots. You will be called by deck. Please bring your thick socks for the perfect fit and please listen for the announcements for your turn.

20:45 **Kayakers and divers**, please meet your Kayak team and the dive team in the lecture room on deck 5 for your briefings.

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



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Date: 24/06/2025

Day 2: Magdalenefjorden

In the morning, we hope to take you on your first zodiac cruise after our **MANDATORY** briefings

07:15 Wake-up call. Good morning!

07:30-08:30 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4

08:30 Please join us for AECO, Zodiac safety briefing & Polar Bear safety briefing, in the Observation Lounge on Deck 5. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY** so please join us straight after breakfast.

09:45 We invite the **Red Group** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a Zodiac cruise

10:00 We invite the **Blue group** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a Zodiac cruise

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

This afternoon we hope to offer a landing and zodiac cruise to visit the historical site of Gravneset in the stunning Magdalenefjorden.

14:30 We hope to invite the **Blue group** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a landing at Gravneset in Magdalenefjorden.

14:45 We hope to invite the **Red group** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise in Magdalenefjorden.

Please note that we will be swapping the groups halfway during the afternoon

18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.

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

“For speed and efficiency of travel, give me Amundsen, for scientific discovery, give me Scott, but when all hope is lost get down on your knees and pray for Shackleton.” – Raymond Priestley



North Spitsbergen Explorer – Versatile Landscapes, Sea ice and Wildlife – Summer solstice

Date: 25/06/2025

Day 3: Texas bar & Monacobreen

This morning we will be landing at Texas Bar for hiking and short walks. Here stands a historical trapper's hut built by Hilmar Nois in 1927. In the afternoon we hope to do a zodiac cruise at Monacobreen. One of the most beautiful glaciers you can find in Spitsbergen.

07:15 Wake-up call.

07:30-08:30 Buffet breakfast will be served in the dining room on Deck 4.

09:00 We invite the **long hikers** to the zodiac boarding area for long hike at Texas bar

09:15 We invite the **medium hikers** to the zodiac boarding area for a medium hike at Texas bar.

09:30 We invite the **short hikers** to the zodiac boarding area for a short hike at Texas bar.

We plan to do a polar plunge at the end of the landing, so please put your swimsuit under your expedition gear. We will have a towel ashore for you so don't worry about bringing your towel from your cabin.

13:00-14:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

14:45 We hope to invite the **Blue** Group to zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise

15:00 We hope to invite the **Red** Group to zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise

18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.

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

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



North Spitsbergen Explorer – Versatile Landscapes, Sea ice and Wildlife

Date: 26/06/2025

Day 4: Faksevangen and Alkefjellet

In the morning, we hope to offer a landing at Faksevangen, a side bay in Lomfjord, North in Hinlopen Strait. It has fine tundra, interesting geology and good hiking opportunities.

07:15 Wake-up call.

07:30-08:30 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

09:00 We invite the long hikers to the zodiac boarding area for a long hike at Faksevangen

09:15 We invite the medium hikers to the zodiac boarding area for a medium hike at Faksevangen

09:30 We invite the short hikers to the zodiac boarding area for a short hike at Faksevangen.

13:00-14:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

In the afternoon, we plan to cruise Alkefjellet, one of the Arctic's most dramatic seabird cliffs. Towering basalt columns rise 100m from the sea, providing nesting grounds for 60,000 breeding pairs of Brünnich's Guillemots during the Summer months.

14:45 We invite the **Blue Group** to zodiac loading area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise.

15:00 We invite the **Red Group** to zodiac loading area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise.

18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.

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

"When your feet are cold, cover your head." - Inuit proverb



North Spitsbergen Explorer – Versatile Landscapes, Sea ice and Wildlife - Summer solstice

Date: 27/06/2025

Day 5: Exploring the sea ice

During the day we plan to explore the sea ice to the North of Svalbard in search of wildlife. We strongly encourage you to be on the outside decks, the bridge, and the bow to enjoy this spectacle. Listen for announcements regarding wildlife. If we spot wildlife the announcements will only be made inside the ship to avoid disturbing the wildlife.

07:45 Wake-up call.

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

If we have some time in the open ocean, or encounter adverse weather conditions, we will offer lectures from the team. However, we are planning to keep the first morning in the ice free, so you can all enjoy the magical sea ice without distractions.

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

15.00 Charlotte invites you into the lounge for her lecture on Polar Bears. This lecture will be given in English.

15.00 Pierre invites you into the lounge for his lecture on Polar Bears. This lecture will be given in German.

18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.

19:00 We will serve you a special arctic dinner on the back of deck 5!
Dress warmly and bring your dancing shoes!

"When your feet are cold, cover your head." - Inuit proverb



North Spitsbergen Explorer – Versatile Landscapes, Sea ice and Wildlife

Date: 28/06/2025

Day 6: Exploring the sea ice

During the day we plan to be exploring the sea ice to the north of Svalbard in search of wildlife. We strongly encourage you to be on the outside decks, the bridge, and the bow to enjoy this spectacle spotting for wildlife. Listen for announcements.

07:45 Wake-up call.

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

11.00 Charlotte invites you into the lounge for her lecture on Polar Bears. This lecture will be given in English.

11.00 Pierre invites you into the lecture room for his lecture on Polar Bears. This lecture will be given in German.

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

14.30 Tom invites you into the lounge for his lecture on the Evolution Arctic Sea Ice System. This lecture will be given in English and translated in German

16.00 Please join us in the lounge for a special surprise.

16.30 Join Tiphannie in the lounge for her lecture on Seals, this will be given in English and German.

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

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

20.30 Happy Hour in the bar, please join to celebrate this fantastic voyage.



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Date: 29/06/2025

Day 7: Isfjorden

07:45 Wakeup Call.

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

This morning we hope to offer a zodiac cruise at Harrietbreen, Trygghamna, an area with cultural remains from World War II and a 17th Century whaling station.

10:15 We hope to invite the **Blue group** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Harrietbreen, Trygghamna.

10:30 We hope to invite the **Red group** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Harrietbreen, Trygghamna.

13:00- 14:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

In the afternoon our last activity of this voyage will be a landing at Alkehornet, one of the largest bird cliffs in West Spitsbergen. This is an area rich in vegetation and wildlife.

14:00 We hope to invite the long hikers for a long hike at Alkehornet.

14:15 We hope to invite the **Red group** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a landing at Alkehornet.

14:30 We hope to invite the **Blue group** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a landing at Alkehornet.

Once back on the ship we will call you deck by deck to return your muck boots.

18:30 Please join the Expedition Team and Captain in the Lounge for the final recap. Details about disembarkation, Captain's farewell cocktail and we will be showing you the slideshow of this voyage.

19:15 A final farewell dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

*"One must never be in haste to end a day; there are too few of them in a lifetime".
Sir Francis Drake.*



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Date: 30/06/2025

Day 8: Longyearbyen

- 07:15 Wake-up call. Please ensure your luggage is outside your room before 7:30am.
- 07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.
- 08:45+/- We invite all guests to disembark. Please identify your luggage on the pier and ensure it is placed in the right transport before boarding your bus.

PLEASE NOTE: Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, we will provide free busses to town and the airport. All luggage must be left outside your cabins by 7:30am and we will move it onto the pier.

*For all those on flight SK4491– please use a **blue** luggage tag*

*For all those on flight SK4497– please use a **yellow** luggage tag.*

*For all those on flight DY391– please use a **red** luggage tag.*

For all those with any flights not listed please take your luggage and load it on the bus provided to town. At around 08:45 all passengers will go on the busses to town center. You will be dropped at Svalbard Butikken.

For passengers on flight SK4491 – you will go straight from the ship to the airport

For passengers on flight SK4497; There will be a bus to take you to the airport from Svalbard Butikken at 16:30.

For passengers on flight DY391; There will be a taxi to take you to the airport from Svalbard Butikken at 17:45.

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

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