



Spitsbergen, Northeast Greenland

23rd August – 5th September 2025

On board *m/v Hondius*



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Captain Ernesto Barria Vargas
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WE WELCOME YOU ON BOARD!

Day 1 – Saturday 23rd August, Embarkation: Longyearbyen

16h00 GPS Position: 78°13.3'N, 015°38.8'E

Wind: SW-3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +6°C



Our journey to Greenland began today in Longyearbyen under surprisingly pleasant conditions for this time of year. The skies were clear, the winds were calm, and the temperature was relatively warm considering we were well within the Arctic Circle. It was definitely a welcoming start to what promises to be an incredible expedition.

Throughout the day, the crew and staff worked diligently to load the vessel with everything needed for the voyage ahead. Twenty pallets of supplies were brought on board, ensuring we were well equipped for the adventure that awaits. The expedition team and crew were ready and waiting at the pier to greet us, as we arrived with smiles and a sense of



excitement for what was to come. Embarkation was smooth and well organized, beginning around 4pm at the pier.

Once on board, we had time to explore the ship and settle into our cabins. Not long after, we were called together for the mandatory safety and emergency drill. With life jackets securely fastened, we were guided through the procedures and locations that will keep us safe throughout our time at sea.



With safety formalities complete, we were invited to the lounge for the Captain's Welcome Cocktail. Captain Ernesto greeted us warmly and set the tone for the voyage ahead. Expedition Leader Chris then introduced the rest of the expedition team, each one clearly passionate and ready to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for the Arctic.

We then made our way to the dining room for our first dinner on board. As we enjoyed a hearty meal, the ship gently pulled away from the dock. Many of us gathered on the deck after dinner to take in the spectacular views of Longyearbyen fading into the distance. With the soft Arctic light casting a golden hue over the mountains, our expedition had well and truly begun.

Day 2 – Sunday 24th August, Ny Ålesund, Ny London

09h00 GPS Position: 78°55.5'N, 011°55.3'E

Wind: SE-3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +6°C

Today began in the northernmost permanent settlement on earth, Ny-Ålesund. We woke early, the cold Arctic air crisp and biting, even in late August. The town was quiet, almost surreal. A light mist hovered over the landscape, and the fjord lay still like glass, reflecting the sharp peaks of the surrounding mountains.

Ny-Ålesund is small, with only a handful of colourful buildings, but it carries a heavy sense of purpose. It



is not just a town, but also a research hub, brimming with international scientists studying everything from climate change to glacial movement. We wandered through the settlement, passing the old mining railway tracks that remind you this was once a coal mining town before it was repurposed for science.



We visited the mast where Roald Amundsen's airship, *Norge* was moored in 1926 before flying over the North Pole. We felt something haunting about standing in a place so steeped in exploration history.

In the afternoon, we journeyed by boat to Ny-London, located on Blomstrandhalvøya across Kongsfjorden. The contrast to Ny-Ålesund was striking. It was meant to be a marble mining settlement

founded by Ernest Mansfield in the early 20th century, but the marble was of poor quality, and the project failed almost before it began.

We encountered rusted machinery, wooden buildings slowly giving in to the Arctic wind, and a sense of dreams left unfinished. The nature found itself reclaiming the area, with moss and lichen crawling over the old tools and foundations. We walked slowly among the ruins, taking photos and trying to imagine the hope people must have brought with them, only to leave disappointed.

There were Arctic terns circling above and reindeer tracks in the soft tundra. It's amazing how quickly the wilderness reminds you that humans are temporary guests in this environment.

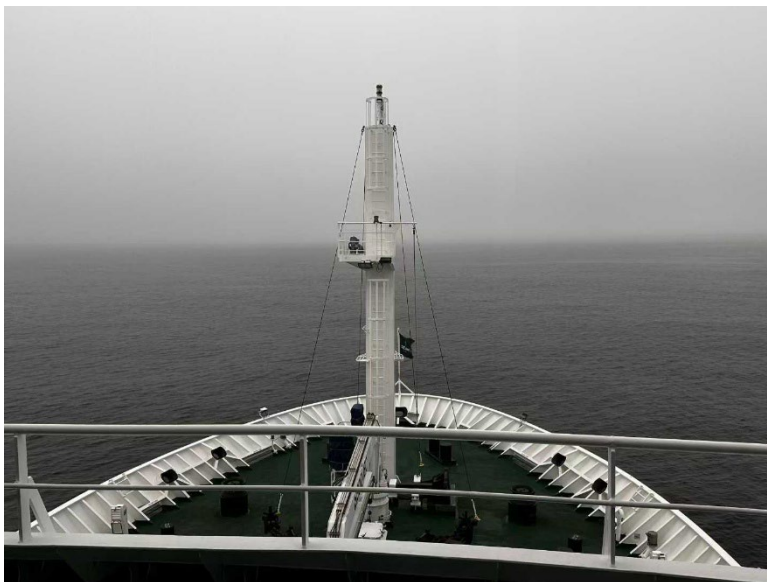
Today was a powerful reminder of two quite different human footprints in the Arctic: one of scientific pursuit and perseverance in Ny-Ålesund, and one of ambition and abandonment in Ny-London. Both towns tell a story, not just of the Arctic, but of what we seek here — knowledge, opportunity, and sometimes, redemption. We cannot wait to see what tomorrow brings.

Day 3 – Monday 25th August, At Sea towards Greenland

09h00 GPS Position: 77°23.3'N, 001°00.7'W

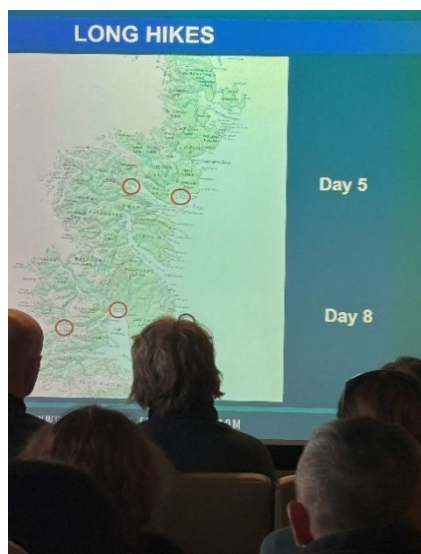
Wind: SSW-1 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 0°C

The ship slowly departed from the fjords of Svalbard, like a silver plow cutting through the dark silk of the Arctic Ocean. Outside the window stretched an endless gray-blue horizon.



Our day at sea began with a fun and engaging photography lecture. At 9:15 AM, Juan hosted a lecture on practical photography skills, including how to use a camera, develop photographic concepts, adjust camera settings and modes, and compose shots. Before the lecture, he briefly shared how he embarked on his photography journey and became a polar expedition team member. Many guests brought their cameras and participated attentively throughout the session.

After the workshop, guests spent their leisure time in several ways. Some stayed in the observation lounge chatting, others bundled up and walked on the outer deck to feel the Arctic Ocean breeze. Some browsed through books of Greenlandic Inuit prints in the library, while others enjoyed coffee while watching documentaries about the Arctic. After a short break, at 11:15 AM, Josh and Rose, held history lectures in English and Chinese respectively, in the observation lounge and lecture room. The topic was André's Arctic balloon expedition.



Following lunch and a rest, we held a briefing session for passengers who had signed up for the long-distance hike in Greenland. Since the number of initially registered participants was relatively small, we decided to hold the session in a smaller lecture room. Surprisingly, after the announcement was made, many guests who had not registered flocked to the room with great interest, filling it to capacity. Marco provided a detailed description of the scenery and precautions related to the long-distance hike. All the guests listened with great interest, some even taking photos. The briefing was simultaneously interpreted into Chinese for our Chinese guests. However, after the session, most guests hesitated and left the room with smiles, and,

about twenty passengers confirmed their participation in the hike.

At 4:15 PM, like the morning history lectures, Joyce and Jerry hosted lectures in English and Chinese in the lecture hall and observation lounge, respectively, on marine mammals. They shared knowledge about the types of mammals that can be seen in the Arctic and how to identify distinct species of whales. After the lecture, many guests stayed behind to ask the expedition team about the wildlife they might encounter and when they could see them. It was clear that the lecture had sparked their excitement to witness these magnificent marine mammals in person.

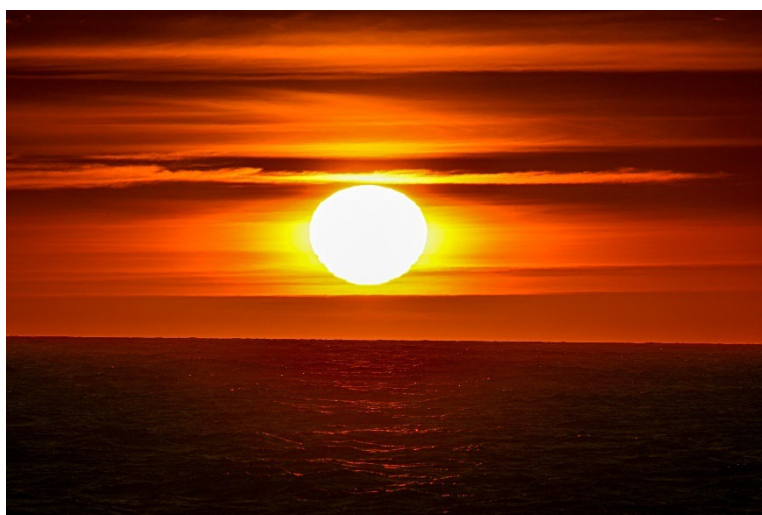
At 6:00 PM, Chris introduced the next day's itinerary. The day at sea concluded with documentary screenings after dinner, bringing today's journey to a close.

Day 4 – Tuesday 26th August, Approaching Greenland

09h00 GPS Position: 76°02.8'N, 016°38.7'W

Wind: SW-5 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +7°C

Our day began early with an excited wake-up announcement at 5:45 AM, calling us to the outer decks to witness one of nature's most tranquil spectacles — a breathtaking Arctic sunrise. The ship was nestled among the expansive ice pack, and as the first golden rays pierced the horizon, the ice glistened like scattered diamonds. It was a peaceful and meditative start to the day, reminding us of the silent majesty of this remote part of the world.



After taking in the serene beauty of the morning light, we headed inside for a warm breakfast, fueling up for the day ahead. Later in the morning, KJ delivered a highly engaging introductory lecture on Greenland. With insight and enthusiasm, he introduced us to the region's dramatic landscapes, its sparse but resilient human population, diverse wildlife, and surprisingly varied vegetation. His talk laid a rich foundation for our upcoming days exploring Greenland's rugged coastlines.

Following lunch, we resumed our journey through the icy labyrinth. The ship gently carved its path through the dense pack ice, surrounded by frozen floes. The sun hung high in the clear blue sky, casting a radiant light over the white seascape. Northern fulmars soared effortlessly alongside the vessel, their graceful presence adding life to the otherwise still surroundings.



Then came a rare and unexpected treat: a majestic gyrfalcon, the largest falcon in the world, briefly touched down on Deck 8. Its powerful yet elegant presence captivated everyone, fortunate enough to witness it. Moments like this, fleeting but unforgettable, are what make polar expeditions so magical.

About two hours into our afternoon sailing, the ship broke free from the ice and entered open water. Around

the same time, Marco and Jerry began a lecture on the science and dynamics of sea ice. Their talks were both informative and timely, given the dramatic transition we had experienced from ice to sea.

Midway through the session, an unexpected announcement electrified the ship: a bowhead whale had been spotted swimming close to *Hondius*. Our lecture came to an immediate pause as everyone rushed to the bow and outer decks, eyes scanning the waves in excitement. Though the elusive giant made only a brief appearance before slipping back into the deep, the thrill of the sighting and the collective effort to find it made for a memorable interlude. After about 20 minutes of scanning the sea, we returned to the lecture hall to complete the final part of the session.



As evening approached, we gathered for dinner, sharing stories and photos from the day, still buzzing from the close encounters and Arctic wonders. With full stomachs and full hearts, we turned our attention to the next chapter of the journey: the first landing in Greenland.

Day 5 – Wednesday 27th August, Clavering Ø

09h00 GPS Position: 74°06.8' N, 020°52.2'W

Wind: SW 2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Cloudy • Air temperature: +11°C



The day began at sunrise with a 3:30AM wake up call. Despite the early hour, there was a quiet buzz of excitement as we stepped out onto the deck. A gentle breeze greeted us as we watched a spectacular sunrise unfold across the horizon. The light spread slowly over the dramatic Greenlandic landscape, painting the sky in soft golds and pinks. It was unusually calm and warm, a perfect weather day in a region where conditions often change quickly.

After breakfast, we had a chance to relax and enjoy the morning views from the ship before lunch was served. Then we prepared for our first landing of the day at Dodemands Bay, on Clavering Island. Once ashore, we were given the option of three hiking routes: short, medium, and long to suit each person's interest and pace.

The terrain was striking, open and raw, with traces of ancient life scattered throughout. This bay holds deep historical significance as it is considered the last known location where the Thule people were seen. We explored the remains of winter houses and cultural structures, which offered a glimpse into a way of life long gone. Standing among the ruins with the mountains rising around us, it was impossible not to feel a strong sense of connection to the past.



After returning to the ship, we enjoyed a hearty lunch before setting off for our second landing at Eskimonaes, located further west along the coast of the same island. Here too, the group split into short, medium, and long hikes.

The weather remained sunny, although the wind picked up slightly in the afternoon. Even so, the conditions were still excellent for exploring. The area was both wild and beautiful, covered in colorful Arctic flowers and patches of soft lichen. The site was steeped in history, with the weathered remains of old Danish weather stations destroyed during the Second World War and huts once used by the Danish Sledge Patrol. These silent structures told stories of early scientific exploration and the harsh challenges faced by those who once lived and worked in this remote place.



We returned to the ship in the early evening, where the expedition team held the daily recap. This informal gathering is always a highlight, offering insights into the day's landings, wildlife, and history, as well as a preview of what to expect tomorrow.

Dinner in the restaurant followed, with everyone sharing stories and photos from the day. The experience was topped off with another stunning sunset just after 10PM, the sky ablaze with fiery colors reflected on the calm sea.

As the light faded and the evening settled in, there was a shared feeling of fulfilment and anticipation. Today was remarkable, and we are ready for more adventures tomorrow.

Day 6 – Thursday 28th August, Blomsterbugten and Renbugten

09h00 GPS Position: 73°19.6'N, 025°17.6'W

Wind: NW 1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Cloudy • Air temperature: +10°C



We started our day in Blomsterbugten, which means 'Flower Bay' in old Norwegian. We are not sure exactly when it got that name, but it is easy to imagine it full of flowers in the summer. Now that it is autumn, most of the flowers are gone, but the land is still full of color. We saw the golden yellow of Arctic Willows and the deep red of bearberries and dwarf birch, beautiful fall colors. The weather was once again beautiful, with blue skies and no clouds.

When we came ashore, we found an old trapper's hut. These huts were used by hunters, mostly to trap Arctic foxes. This one was still in good shape, and we could go inside to take a look. After exploring the hut, we hiked up into a valley. After a while, we reached a small lake. Many hikers who visit this area come to see it. The water had a brownish color, which comes from glacier melting mixed with iron from the mountains. It looked quite special.



We were lucky with the wildlife too! We saw a few Arctic hares, and best of all, we had a great view of some musk oxen in the distance. After the hike, we went back to the ship for lunch. Then we sailed for about two hours to our next stop: Renbugten. The name might mean Clean Bay or Reindeer Bay. As soon as we arrived, we got into the Zodiacs for a three-hour cruise around the bay.

Renbugten is known for its icebergs, and today they looked amazing. The ship followed us slowly into the bay, which made everything feel calm and peaceful. We could hear the distant sound of glaciers calving when ice breaks off and falls into the sea. That was a powerful sound to hear. We also saw two kinds of seals! One was a bearded seal, and the other a smaller ringed seal. Both were seen relaxing in the water.



After the cruise, we went back to the ship.

There was a short recap to talk about our next day plans. Then, it was time for an outdoor BBQ! We could smell the food even before getting back onboard. There was great food, free drinks, and even music and dancing on the deck. It was a fun and cozy way to end the day, and many of us stayed outside enjoying the evening until late.

Day 7 – Friday 29th August, Segelsällskapets Fjord and Alpefjord

09h00 GPS Position: 72°25.6'N, 024°33.1'W

Wind: WSW 1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +14°C



In the faint light of dawn, the expedition ship quietly anchored in Segelsällskapets Fjord. The sea was as calm as a vast sheet of lead-gray glass, reflecting the steep surrounding mountains. This landing site was exceptionally rich in geological formations, with exposed rock layers resembling an open textbook of earth's history.

At 9AM, three hiking teams set out one after another. The rock formations at the landing site immediately captured everyone's attention: black basalt and white granite interlaced in distinct striped patterns. In some areas, scratches left by glacial movement were clearly visible, with grooves of varying depths recording the history of retreating ice sheets.



While crossing the moraine plain, the middle hiking team unexpectedly encountered a musk oxen family. Five adults with two calves were foraging on the tundra, their thick fur glistening with morning dew under the sunlight. Several ptarmigans hopped among nearby gravel patches, deftly retreating into rock crevices whenever anyone approached.



At noon, everyone returned to the ship for lunch. The dining room was filled with the aroma of food, and through the portholes, people could still glimpse the extraordinary geological landscapes they had just explored.

In the afternoon, our ship entered Alpefjord. Sixteen Zodiacs advanced in formation, gradually approaching the terminus of the Alpine Glacier. We gazed up at the

blue ice cliffs, with layers refracting gradients from cobalt blue to emerald green. Though they did not witness the spectacular sight of calving, the low rumbling echoing from deep within the glacier reminded everyone of the immense power of this icy giant.

On the return journey, we detoured to the glacial lateral moraine area. We observed ridges of pushed-up gravel formed by glacial movement, a collection of debris composed of various rock types, like a natural museum of stones.

As the sun set, our expedition ship slowly sailed away from the fjord. Passengers on the deck watched the



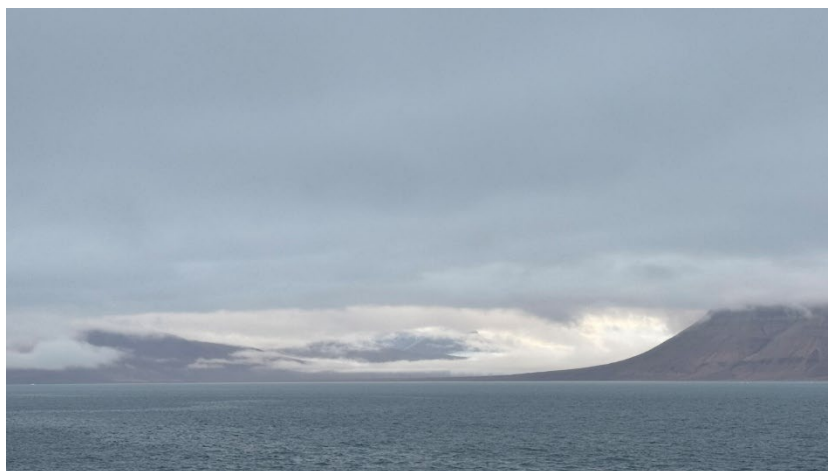
receding glaciers and unique rock formations, now draped in golden-red hues by the evening glow.

After nightfall, some guests spontaneously gathered in the observation lounge. Though no formal activities were arranged, small groups continued chatting late into the night. It was an unforgettable Arctic summer day, with the awe of geological wonders lingering in everyone's hearts.

Day 8 – Saturday 30th August, Carlsberg fjord

09h00 GPS Position: 71°25.6'N, 022°26.1'W

Wind: NE 1 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Fog • Air temperature: +6°C



This morning, we sailed into the calm waters of Carlsbergfjord. Mother nature greeted us in her own way, with a thick blanket of fog that softened the mountains and gave the landscape a quiet, mysterious mood.

After a lush breakfast in the warm dining room, we set off into the Zodiacs for a long transit to shore. Wrapped in mist, the coastline revealed itself slowly with muted autumn colors, subtle shades of brown, gold, and grey blending into the fog. It felt like stepping into a painting.

As always, hikes of different lengths were offered, and we spread out into the wilderness. Some of us climbed up the hillside where musk oxen were grazing, their heavy silhouettes blending with the tundra. Along the beach, the last few ringed plovers darted across the sand, soon to begin their long migration south. A reminder of the turning season.



Back onboard, head chef Kabir and the galley team spoiled us with another delicious lunch, while the hotel staff made sure we were all comfortable and cared for.

The afternoon brought a long sail ahead toward tomorrow's destination. Rose kept us company with a geology lecture in both Mandarin and English, opening a window into the story of the rocks and mountains around us. Meanwhile, some caught up on photos and stories.

As evening approached, we gathered for the daily recap, hearing the plans for tomorrow and sharing highlights from today. Soon after, the smell of dinner drew us into the dining room.



But the true highlight came just as we finished our meal. Word spread quickly, and everyone rushed outside. Before us, an unforgettable sight of more than 10 humpback whales feeding all around the ship. Everywhere we looked, blows rose into the air, tails lifted, and the ocean churned with life. Birds filled the sky and water— fulmars, kittiwakes, and to our delight, two different shearwater species: sooty and great shearwaters. Even a few

pomarine skuas joined the feast.

It was a wildlife spectacle like no other. A night to remember. With full hearts, we continued our journey through the darkening Arctic waters, ready for a good night's sleep and already excited about what tomorrow will bring.

Day 9 – Sunday 31st August, Vikingebugt

09h00 GPS Position: 70°21.6'N, 025°13.9'W

Wind: SW1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Clear • Air temperature: +9°C

The day kicked off early with a 6:45AM wake-up call, and by 7 AM, we were fueling up on a hearty brekkie in the dining room. We knew we would need the energy – today promised to be one of those classic Arctic adventures.

By mid-morning, we were pulling on our warmest gear and heading down to the shell doors for a Zodiac cruise into Vikingebugt. This inlet is a stunner – the biggest among a string of small inlets spilling out from the mighty Scoresby Sund fjord. At about 14 kilometres long and six wide, it felt both intimate and vast at the same time. A medium-sized glacier, Bredegletscher, tumbled down from a small ice cap into the head of the bay, its ice groaning as if alive.



Then came the moment none of us will forget. As our Zodiacs edged closer to the glacier, someone spotted movement on the ice. Within minutes, we realized we weren't looking at just one bear – but six polar bears, all gathered near the glacier's edge. The sight was electric. Cameras clicked furiously, but for long stretches the boats sat in quiet awe as we watched these magnificent predators in their element. The crisp Arctic air carried every sound – the

cracking of ice, the distant call of seabirds, and, beneath it all, our thumping hearts. It was a perfect sighting, and everyone was buzzing with excitement as we reluctantly pulled away.



But what set Vikingebugt apart were the basalt cliffs. Towering hexagonal columns of rock stood guard over the inlet, looking like something straight out of a giant's toolbox. As the Zodiacs drifted close, the scale of it all really hit us – it was like paddling through nature's own cathedral.



After hours on the water, the chill eventually seeped in, so we headed back aboard for a hot buffet lunch. The afternoon brought a change of pace. Kana gathered us in the lecture room for a language exchange, sharing the basics of Mandarin and sparking lively conversations as English and Mandarin speakers swapped words and laughs.

Later in the day, Koen held court in the Observation Lounge, walking us through the story of Polar Bears – how the polar bear survives in the harsh conditions. His passion was contagious, and the talk left us seeing this amazing creature with fresh eyes.

As evening set in, we joined the expedition team for the daily recap, swapping highlights from the morning cruise and piecing together the bigger picture of our journey.

Dinner followed, and then, as night drew in, we gathered once more. Eric, the mountaineer, took the floor in the Observation Lounge, spinning tales from his extraordinary life on the world's great peaks. His words carried both grit and inspiration – a perfect way to close out an unforgettable day.

Vikingebugt had lived up to its reputation: wild, raw, and utterly mesmerizing. Another notch in the belt of this Arctic adventure.

Day 10 – Monday 1st September, Harefjord and Rypefjord

09h00 GPS Position: 70°55.2'N, 027°35.4'W

Wind: NNW • Sea: Calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +7°C

We awoke this morning to calm seas and crisp Arctic air, ready for another day of adventure in the stunning wilderness of East Greenland. After breakfast, we boarded the Zodiacs for an exhilarating morning cruise through ice-strewn waters, and what a cruise it was!



Our first sightings included a small group of musk oxen grazing on the tundra — a rare and exciting encounter. These shaggy, prehistoric-looking animals were a true highlight, and we were lucky to observe them at a respectable distance without disturbing their peaceful morning.

Shortly after, we glided past gigantic icebergs, their towering forms casting mirrored reflections on the glassy water. Each iceberg was uniquely sculpted by time, wind, and water — natural works of art. The stillness of the fjord was briefly interrupted when a bearded seal was spotted resting serenely on a small floe. With its thick whiskers and soulful eyes, it seemed unbothered by our presence, offering fantastic photo opportunities.



After returning to the ship, we warmed up with a hearty lunch while enjoying views of the surrounding ice and mountains from the comfort of the dining room.

In the afternoon, we made a perimeter landing along the shores of Harefjord, a truly breathtaking location. The weather graced us with warm sunshine and clear skies, a rare treat in these latitudes. The landing was a relaxed one, giving everyone the opportunity to soak in the panoramic views, sit quietly among the rocks and tundra, or photograph the landscape to their heart's content. Some guests even enjoyed a quiet moment journaling or sketching, inspired by the serene beauty of the fjord.



As the sun dipped lower, casting golden hues across the mountain ridges, we returned to *Hondius* for our evening recap and briefing. The Expedition Team shared their insights on the day's sightings and revealed the exciting plans for tomorrow's explorations, promising even more adventure ahead.

Another unforgettable day in the Arctic, marked by nature's grandeur and the quiet joy of shared discovery.

Day 11 – Tuesday 2nd September, Sydkap, Greenland

09h00 GPS Position: 71°17.8'N, 024°57.1'W

Wind: SW 1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +4°C



We awoke this morning to some substantial fog in the fjord as we approached our morning activity spot at Sydkap. However, our luck was in with the weather gods again, and as the morning progressed the fog began to lift, and we were able to go ashore only slightly delayed from our original timings. The small delay also meant we were able to enjoy our delicious breakfast for a little while longer.

Some of us joined the long hike for the day with our guides Marco, Kana



and Juan, and took a thoroughly enjoyable trip across the tundra. Heading south to begin with along the coastline, the group then headed inland and to higher elevations for lunch, before finally descending into a beautiful valley with a small beach in the mid-afternoon.

Those who opted for a medium and short walk in the morning spent time exploring the coastal tundra area near the landing site and taking in the ancient Thule ruins overlooking the beach. Some of us were lucky enough to spot a Lemming and get some photographs as it darted in and out of its burrow.



The area around Sydkap is littered with giant icebergs which have become grounded in the fjords, and it made for a truly spectacular backdrop throughout the day. Some of the huge tabular bergs near our afternoon landing site even back to calve and send massive amounts of ice into the water below with the sound echoing around the fjord.



For those who braved the slopes of the afternoon landing, further along the shore at Sydkap and nearby to two old hunting houses, were rewarded for their perseverance with magnificent views across Scoresby Sund. A few Arctic hares were polite enough to allow many of us to get some good views as they sat sunning themselves in the afternoon light. There were also some brief views of an Arctic Fox

walking along the ridge line with its winter coat beginning to come in.

After all the fresh air and the exploring ashore, many of us were delighted to sit back and relax in the evening with another entertaining recap and a delicious dinner to follow. Of course, the giant icebergs hadn't gone anywhere, and we continued to enjoy these in the golden, evening light as we sailed east towards our destinations for tomorrow.

Day 12 – Wednesday 3rd September, Hurry Inlet and Ittoqqortoormiit

09h00 GPS Position: 70°37.2'N, 022°27.7'W

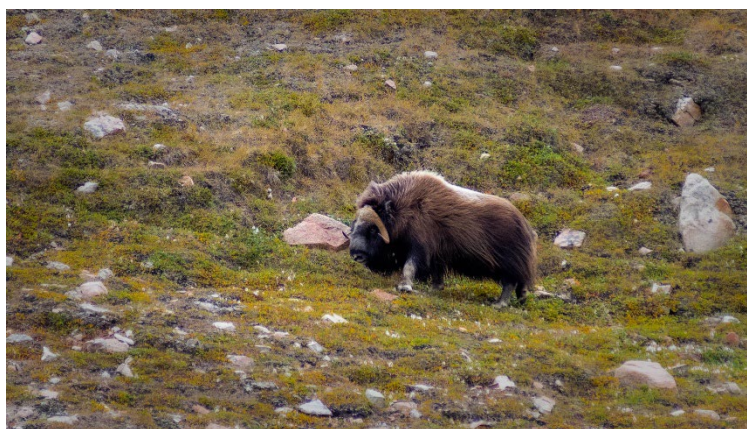
Wind: NW 6 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +6.5°C



How strange and sad it feels to realize that the last day of our outdoor operations has arrived. The beautiful Greenlandic nature, it seemed, was not in the mood either: low clouds hung over the tundra, gusty winds stirred the waters of the fjord, and fine drizzle would start from time to time, making us pull our hoods over our heads.

The final walk through the tundra was filled with melancholy. Some of us, deciding to tire ourselves out properly one last time, set off on a long hike, while others chose a shorter walk, and some preferred simply wandering leisurely within the protected perimeter not far from the landing site.

High up on the slope grazed a musk ox, flocks of geese moved from place to place, preparing for their long migration south, newly fledged ringed plovers fluttered about, whistling cheerfully. Firm ground underfoot gave way now and then to soft boggy mosses, the last flowers of purple saxifrage and arctic mouse ear stretched hopelessly toward the sky, while the leaves of the dwarf birch, adding joyful colors to the rainy autumn landscape, glowed with crimson and yellow.



As always, time flew by too quickly, and around 1PM we were already back on board the ship. The next stop – the peculiar settlement of Ittoqqortoormiit.



The dark, low clouds seemed determined to outdo the drabness of the settlement. Somewhere nearby, the muffled howling of dogs could be heard. The concrete street, along which locals sped back and forth on their ATVs, became the main artery of our walk through the village. The museum was closed, but the church was open — probably the most cheerful place around. Three lively Inuit women gladly posed for photos, while organ music floated from the speakers.



Black ravens circled constantly above the village, searching for food and a place to perch. From time to time, some landed on lampposts, croaking loudly. A few of us even saw Arctic hares that had somehow wandered into the settlement.

The locals looked at us with curiosity and friendliness. Local children, kicking a football along the streets, shyly tried to speak English with us. Some, however, were more confident and eagerly told us about their joyful childhood lives among the colorful houses on the mountainside.

That was Ittoqqortoormiit: white hares, blue streetlights, black ravens, bleak houses.

When it was time for dinner, we returned to the ship. Soon the anchor was lifted, and *Hondius*, under Captain Ernesto's command, set course for Iceland. The shores of Greenland, veiled in clouds, faded away behind us.

Day 13 – Thursday 4th September, Heading towards Iceland

09h00 GPS Position: 67°59.7'N, 019°40.8'W

Wind: NNE • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +4°C



We woke up lulled by the gentle movement of *Hondius*, making her way at a steady pace of 13 knots across the Denmark Strait — the oceanic passage that separates Eastern Greenland from Iceland, our final inbound destination for this trip.

Unfortunately, some of us had to deal with a bit of seasickness, but for the most part, everyone was up and about. After a leisurely breakfast, it was time for the day's first lecture, given by

Koen, about his personal experience as a whale-watching guide — first in Iceland, and later in Tonga. Watching his videos and pictures of those gentle marine giants swimming past and willingly interacting up close was very moving.

The morning talk was followed in the lecture room by Chris's presentation on the different voyages Oceanwide has offered in the polar regions over the last three decades. It was fascinating and inspiring to hear his personal accounts of special trips in Antarctica, such as the Deep Weddell Sea Explorer, the Ross Sea Odyssey, and the Snow Hill Emperor Penguins expedition.



Then it was time for lunch and a little rest, as *Hondius* continued plowing through the waves heading south. The heavy swells from earlier in the morning had died down a bit, although visibility and fog had not improved much.

The afternoon passed quickly while most of us were idling in our cabins. Soon it was time for Meike to introduce us to the magnificent world of Greenlandic dogs. Her presentation was well-delivered, full of interesting information and facts about this unique breed that is so valuable along the coast of the island we had just left behind.

Before dinner, we were invited to this voyage's final recap: the Captain's Goodbye Ceremony. Sasha presented a beautiful slideshow — a summary of this amazing trip filled with memories of the unforgettable geological marvels of Eastern Greenland National Park, the elusive yet unique wildlife we were fortunate to observe, and the incredible scenery and landscapes we experienced over the past couple of weeks.



Plated dinner was served one last time in the dining room, now filled with the excitement of conversations among new friends. A sweet token of appreciation for the hardworking *Hondius* crew followed, as the entire team who made this voyage possible was introduced by the Hotel Manager, Albert. We finally had a chance to appreciate the faces of those incredible people who had worked tirelessly to make our vacation so special and comfortable.

In the distance, Eyjafjörður slowly became visible, and the lights of our port city, Akureyri, began dotting the horizon. One last drink in the lounge to celebrate, before heading back to our cabins to pack our belongings.

Day 14 – Friday 5th September, Akureyri

09h00 GPS Position: 65°41.1'N, 018°06.1'W

Wind: NE 2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Rain • Air temperature: +9°C

The wakeup call came at 7:15AM, but many of us were already up, quietly packing and taking in the final views from our cabin windows. The ship had docked in Akureyri, and with it came the bittersweet realization that our Arctic journey had come to an end.

After placing our bags in the hallway for transfer, we headed to the dining room for one last breakfast together. The mood was calm and reflective. We shared stories, laughed softly, and lingered a little longer over coffee than usual.

At around 8:15AM, we were called to the Lecture Room on Deck 5 for passport checks with Icelandic customs. There was an efficiency to it all, and before long, we were stepping off *Hondius* for the final time at about 8:45AM.

Those of us travelling to Reykjavik by coach made sure to take our luggage and said our goodbyes on the pier. There were hugs, promises to keep in touch, and one last look back at the ship that had carried us through ice, sea, and silence.

It is hard to put into words what this trip has meant. The landscapes were vast and wild, but it was the people, the crew, the guides, and fellow travelers who made it truly unforgettable.

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Ernesto Barria Vargas, Expedition Leader Chris Long, Hotel Manager Albert Don, and all the crew and staff of m/v *Hondius*, it has been a pleasure travelling with you!

Northernmost point: 79°01.8'N, 011°14.8'E

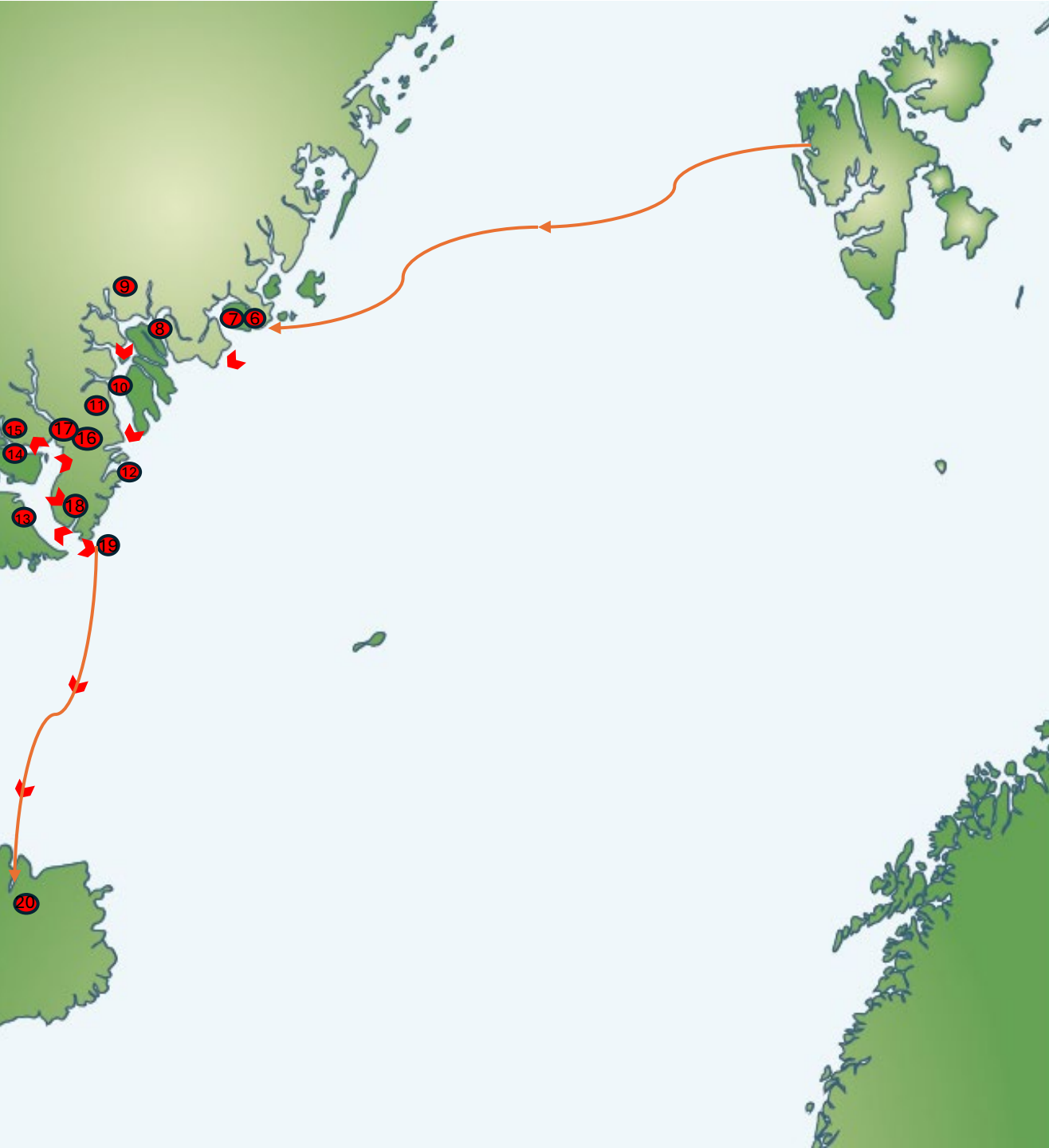


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1. Longyearbyen
2. Ny Ålesund
3. Ny London
4. At sea –towards to Greenland
5. At sea –Approching Greenland

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- 6. Dødemandsbugten
- 7. Eskimonæs - Clavering Ø
- 8. Blomsterbugten
- 9. Renbugten – Andréeland
- 10. Segelsällskapets Fjord – Skipperdal
- 11. Alpefjord
- 12. Carlsbergfjord
- 13. Vikingebugt
- 14. Rødefjord
- 15. Harefjord
- 16. Nordøstbugten
- 17. Sydkap
- 18. Hurry Fjord – Nøkkedal
- 19. Ittoqqortoormiit
- 20. Akureyri

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Christan Long – Expedition Leader



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

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

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

Peninsula, East Antarctica and the Atlantic Ocean.

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

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

中文

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

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

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

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

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

Jerry Zhao – Asst. Exp. Leader



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

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

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

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

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

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

中文

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

Koen Jongerling –Asst. Exp.Leader



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

Combining his love for nature and the desire to learn more, he started guiding expeditions through the mountain ranges of Patagonia. Travelling back and forth to Europe for additional mountain courses - every time feeling more at home in the rough conditions of Patagonia. In 2017 he started his own guide company, introducing travelers to the beauty of Southern Chile.

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

中文

科恩在荷兰长大，但他一直向往生活在地型崎岖、地貌特殊的地方，绝非是低地国家的平原，这就成为为什么在2011年完成野外生存培训后，科恩选择搬到智利巴塔哥尼亚的缘由，因为这里有他向往并追寻的连绵起伏的山脉。

出于对自然的热爱和对未知世界的渴望，科恩带领探险队穿越巴塔哥尼亚的山脉。科恩也会往返欧洲参加额外的山地课程，助力他能更加自如地应对巴塔哥尼亚恶劣的气候条件。2017年，他创办了自己的导游公司，以专业的视角向游客展示智利南部的壮美风景。

生活在纳塔莱斯港的经历也让科恩爱上了寒冷和极端的天气，在这个世界最南端的山脉之一工作多年后，科恩开始向南探寻未知的白色大陆——南极洲。

Eric Wong – Expedition Guide



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

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

During 2017 and 2018, he successfully completed several remarkable projects which included Eiger, Matterhorn and Grand Jorasses in the Alps, speed ascent North America highest peak, Denali (6190m); solo climb Winter Fuji (3778m); solo climb Winter Island Peak (6189m); and solo climb Ama Dablam (6812m) in Himalaya.

Besides his climbing projects, Eric and his climbing partner established a non-profit initiative mentoring program designed for young individuals who aspire to

become alpinists and polar explorers to promote clean, lightweight, and low impact climbing and exploration.

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

中文

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

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

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

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 ;).

Marco Rosso – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

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

中文

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

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

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

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

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

Alexander Romanovskiy – Exp.Guide



Aleksander 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 geoeological 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!

中文

亚历山大·罗曼诺夫斯基来自俄罗斯北部首都圣彼得堡，他出生于1981年。从寄宿学校毕业后，亚历山大进入圣彼得堡国立大学，5年中，他学习了包括自然地理学、生态学、区域地理学和国际旅游在内的许多课程。随后，他在俄罗斯赫尔岑国立师范大学攻读博士学位，涉足地质生态学研究。

然而 2011 年，亚历山大决定暂停他的科研生涯，开始从事一些与研究完全不同的事情——环游世界。他在范恩山脉（塔吉克斯坦）担任了两个季节的徒步向导，在 Novolazarevskaya 南极科学站担任了一整个冬季的酒店工作人员。

自 2012 年 2 月起，亚历山大一年中的大部分时间都在斯瓦尔巴群岛度过。其中，亚历山大连续五个冬季都在皮拉米登，这个被俄罗斯政府废弃的城市生活和工作。2016年，亚历山大的导游生涯翻开了新的一页，他开始在世界极地地区——斯瓦尔巴群岛和南极洲的游轮上担任博物学家和导游。

每年，亚历山大有3到4个月的时间仍致力于他的主要爱好——环游世界。没有公共交通，没有酒店，只能搭便车，与当地人一起过夜或睡在帐篷里，就这样他已经走遍了几乎所有的前苏联加盟共和国、中东（伊朗、土耳其）、亚洲（中国）、南美洲（阿根廷、智利、巴拉圭），但他的旅程还远没有结束，对亚历山大来说，世界很大，很友好，也很有趣，他将继续他的探索之旅。

Juan Berenstein – Expedition Guide



Juan is a professional photographer and drone pilot born in Ushuaia, Argentina and is a Zodiac driver, expedition and photography guide.

He is a young and highly motivated person, who loves enjoying the outdoors and being in the mountains. His hobbies are hiking, FPV drone flying and photography.

His passion for nature started at an early age with his family, who enjoyed the weekends camping at the end of the world and travelling around the country on holidays.

He studied photography in Buenos Aires and decided to return to his hometown to start his career and develop an independent way of life.

Juan has been working in the polar regions for several years now, including Antarctica, South Georgia, Falkland Islands, Svalbard, Greenland, and the Great Lakes in North America.

中文

胡安·贝伦斯坦（Juan Berenstein）是一位出生于阿根廷乌斯怀亚的专业摄影师和无人机飞行员，也是冲锋舟驾驶员、探险队员和摄影向导。

他是一个年轻且积极进取的人，喜欢享受户外活动和山里的时光。他的爱好是户外徒步、FPV 无人机飞行和摄影。

他对自然的热情源于从很小的时候，他的家人给他的户外启蒙，他们喜欢周末在世界的尽头露营，并在假期环游全国。

他在布宜诺斯艾利斯学习摄影，但最后决定回到他的家乡开始自己的职业生涯并发展独立的生活方式。

胡安多年来一直在极地地区工作，包括南极洲、南乔治亚岛、福克兰群岛、斯瓦尔巴群岛、格陵兰岛和北美五大湖。

Li Ye – Expedition Guide



Li was born and raised in China, her childhood's dream was to travel the world and she had visited more than 50 cities in more than 20 countries around the world.

She fell in love with polar expedition on her first trip to the Antarctica and plans to continue her career in this field to become a professional expedition guide.

Li has wide range of hobbies, she likes calligraphy, incense, tea, sports and travel. When not working in the polar region, Li also likes to try and challenge new things. It's hard to imagine such a slim girl like her once went to Chiang Mai, Thailand, to learn Muay Thai by herself. Li is also an influencer who loves to share her experiences traveling around the world and working in the polar regions.

中文

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

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

Nathalie Ansel – Expedition Guide



Nathalie is a historian and art historian by training. She quickly realizes that her passion for history and culture must be experienced and shared in the field. So, she sets off and crosses the oceans to follow in the footsteps of the great explorers. Her life is transformed the first time she sets foot on the Arctic ice. This majestic, ever-changing, and challenging environment overwhelms her.

Her particular interest lies in Svalbard and Greenland, where she explores Inuit culture and how indigenous peoples adapt to this extreme environment. She is also interested in

all the men and women who have shaped the history of the polar regions, such as trappers, whalers, and explorers. Her curiosity goes beyond human boundaries and extends to other creatures inhabiting the Arctic, from seabirds to cetaceans, studying their ability to adapt to this unique ecosystem.

With a wealth of experience in sharing knowledge, Nathalie conveys her passion through lectures, where she enthusiastically addresses topics ranging from history to ethology.

Lucia Romero – Expedition Guide



Lucia is an extroverted and curious person always looking for new challenges and experiences worldwide.

Born and raised in Puerto Madryn, a small town of Argentinian Patagonia coast, she grew up surrounded by marine wildlife and outdoor lifestyle. This led her to choose her career, with a bachelor degree in hospitality and tourism and becoming a professional tour guide and kayak guide.

She loves sharing her passion for exploration, learning, discovering, conservation and wildlife.

With over 12 years of experience on leading groups around Patagonia, she is now focusing on the wonders and biodiversity of the polar environments.

中文

露西娅·罗梅罗（Lucia Romero）是一个外向的且充满好奇心的人，总是在世界各地寻找新的挑战 and 经历。

她在阿根廷巴塔哥尼亚海岸的一个小镇马德林港出生和长大，在海洋野生动物和户外生活方式的包围下长大。这促使她选择了自己的职业走向，获得了酒店和旅游学士学位，并成为了一名专业导游和皮划艇向导。

她喜欢分享她对探索、学习、发现、保护和野生动物的热情。

她拥有超过 12 年带队巴塔哥尼亚旅行的经验，现在专注于极地环境的奇观和生物多样性。

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.

中文

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

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

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

Joshua Peck – Expedition Guide



A native Falkland Islander, Josh has always been fascinated by the natural world and exploring new destinations.

Growing up in the wildlife haven of the Falklands - with the polar regions on his doorstep - Josh has spent most of his life living alongside penguins, seals and whales, most recently in South Georgia where he was based for 4 months working for the Government of South Georgia.

Josh loves living and working in remote locations and on isolated islands, especially in his homeland of the

Falklands, where he has been involved in conservation projects since an early age. Josh has also travelled and worked extensively around the world from the USA and Canada to Iceland, Zambia, Australia and Poland.

Following on from obtaining degrees in History and Politics in Bristol and London in the United Kingdom, Josh returned home to the Falkland Islands to pursue his passion for wildlife and wild places, co-founding a local tour company with two childhood friends in 2016. Focussing on nature and historical tours, Josh worked for the following four seasons guiding and sharing his love of his home with the many guests that visited.

An avid photographer and an international footballer for his home country (soccer), he is always looking for new experiences and places to visit to broaden his horizons, and is looking forward to more adventures with Oceanwide Expeditions this season.

Meike Sjoer - Expedition Guide



From early on Meike has been a passionate naturalist and traveller who just loves birds.

At the age of 7 she bought her first bird book. Being outdoors all the time, she wanted to learn more about the amazing creatures she encountered. Investigating and learning about nature and wildlife has been a passion ever since.

Meike has a master degree in film and television from the University of Utrecht. For the last 25 years she has been working as a television director. Her stories involve nature, wildlife and environmental topics. If not travelling she is directing the prime-time wildlife television program Vroege Vogels.

When time permits, she volunteers as a nature guide for the Dutch institute for nature and education. As a teenager Meike started sailing the oceans but her true love for the life in the oceans began 14 years ago when she started working with Sea Shepherd on the mediateam.

Meike is thrilled to be your guide on this trip, and looking forward to sharing knowledge and the passion for this magical polar world with you.

中文

麦卡很早就是很喜欢鸟类的有热情的自然学者和旅行者。

7 岁时自己买了第一本关于鸟类的书。为了看到接触到这些鸟类而长时间身处户外，并研究学习自然和野生动物。

她有电影电视系的硕士学位，过去的 25 年她一直是电视节目导演，她的节目都是有关自然，野生动物和环境的话题。

有时间的时候她在荷兰的自然教育机构做志愿者，因为对大海的热爱，她在 14 年前就开始为海洋保护组织工作。

麦卡非常荣幸能成为探险队员，并非常高兴和大家分享她的知识经历和热情。

Yu Kan (Kana) Cheng – Exp. Guide



Kana, with a Chinese name, Yu Kan, pronounced as "You Can," means "creating value in the universe" in Chinese. This belief shapes her perspective that life is about finding meaning, instilling in her a positive attitude that you can achieve anything in life. Yu Kan was born and raised in Hong Kong, a city famous for its towering skyscrapers. But actually, Hong Kong also has stunning coastal and mountain landscapes.

After earning her degree in accounting and working in an office, Yu Kan realized her passion for nature and adventure surpassed her interest in an office job. Seeing people's joy and growth has brought her more fulfillment than working with numbers. Therefore, she transitioned to the outdoor education industry, where she spent 10 years providing experiential learning in an outdoor setting for children aged 8-18. Witnessing the growth and development of these children has been her most significant achievement.

Fluent in Cantonese, Mandarin, and English, Yu Kan has had the opportunity to work and live in various countries, including China, Malaysia, Australia, the UK, and New Zealand. Her travels across different continents have made her comfortable and deeply interested in exploring diverse cultures.

In 2024, Yu Kan joined Oceanwide Expeditions. She is excited to offer a unique and memorable experience to all passengers.

中文

Kana, 中文名是宇芹 (Yu Kan), 意为“在宇宙中创造价值”。这一信念塑造了她的人生观, 认为生命的意义在于找到价值, 并给予她积极的人生态度: 你可以在生活中完成一切。宇芹在香港出生和长大, 这座城市以其高耸的摩天大楼而闻名。但实际上, 香港也有迷人的海岸和山脉景观。

在获得会计学学位并在办公室工作后, 宇芹意识到她对自然和冒险的热情超过了对办公室工作的兴趣。看到人们的快乐和成长带给她比处理数字更多的满足感。因此, 她转入户外教育行业, 花了10年时间为8至18岁的孩子提供户外体验式学习。见证这些孩子的成长和发展是她工作中最显著的成就。

宇芹精通粤语、普通话和英语, 这使她有机会在不同国家工作和生活, 包括中国、马来西亚、澳大利亚、英国和新西兰。她在不同大陆的旅行使她对探索多样文化感到舒适和深感兴趣。

2024年, 宇芹加入了Oceanwide Expeditions。她非常期待为所有乘客提供一次独特而难忘的体验。

Margrette Yan - Translator



Margarette Yan started to work on cruise ships since 2016 right after her graduation from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh with Master's degree in C_E Translating & Interpreting.

As growing into an experienced seafarer she started to get the chance to set foot in numbers of countries and regions located at different continents including South-east Asia, Alaska, Caribbeans, Bahamas, South America, as well as Antarctica & Arctic: abundant wildlife, unique geography and mysterious climates has been such attractive that driven her craving for returning to the white, snow and wind covered icy world.

Margarette originally joined expedition team as a translator in 2019 for her first Antarctic season, from where she get to know plenty wonderful people in the team who sharing the same enthusiasm towards polar regions, also with the encouragement of these people she has now grew as an Antarctic guide. After receiving the impact of the beauty of the polar regions, she is always love to share and spread that thrill to everyone

who having their adventurous spirits ready to discover the world, as well as to work and guide in an environmentally responsible manner to maintain this unique and best preserved area on the planet as how it is.

中文

燕修洋出生于内蒙古自治区赤峰市，2016年于英国爱丁堡赫瑞瓦特大学中英笔译与口译专业毕业并获得硕士学位。

毕业后她选择进入邮轮行业工作，从拥有辽阔草原的内陆地区来到漫无边际的汪洋大海，这一生活方式上的巨变也帮她打开了新世界的大门。在不知不觉中她逐渐成长为一名有经验的海员，也因为这特殊的工作性质她得以踏足世界上许多不同角落：东南亚，日韩，阿拉斯加，北美，加勒比，巴哈马，南美以及南北极。其中极地地区的壮观景象，丰富的生物圈，独特的地理环境和变幻莫测的气候天气给她内心带来了极大的震撼。

燕修洋于2019年首次以翻译的身份加入南极探险队，在这里她结识了许多与她拥有共同梦想和激情的队员们，也是在这些可爱的人们的帮助和鼓励下，如今她已经成长为了一名有经验的正式南极探险队员。在经历过极地景象带来的心灵震撼后，她非常开心能够 and 所有对世界抱有探索精神和兴趣的志同道合的朋友们分享这份极地赞叹。同时她也希望在保护尊重自然的前提下做好队员的引领工作，让这些冰原覆盖，人迹罕至的极地地区始终保持她们独特的魅力

Chloe Wang - Translator



Chloe, originally from China, has always had a profound passion for nature and its diverse living creatures. She earned a Master's degree in marine microbiology and biogeochemistry in Denmark, which allowed her to explore her fascination with the ocean's mysteries. Her interest in polar ecosystems and landscapes peaked during a three-month research project in Arctic biology in Svalbard university centre. Following this, she worked as a marine biologist or translator, guiding in polar regions.

Chloe hopes to use her scientific expertise and linguistic skills to bridge

the gap between complex scientific concepts and the broader public. She is dedicated to raising awareness and support for environmental and biodiversity conservation in our planet's fragile polar ecosystems.

Outside of her research and work, Chloe enjoys outdoor adventures, freediving, and photography.

来自中国的 Chloe 一直对大自然和各种生物怀有深厚的热情。她在丹麦攻读海洋微生物学硕士学位，这让她有机会探索海洋的奥秘。在斯瓦尔巴大学中心进行的为期三个月的北极生物学研究项目，让她对极地生态系统和地貌的兴趣达到了顶峰。随后她选择在极地地区担任向导。

Chloe希望利用她的科学专业知识和语言技能，为来到极地的人们架起一座沟通的桥梁。她致力于提高人们对生物多样性和环境的认知，以保护我们星球脆弱的极地生态系统。

在研究和工作之余，Chloe喜欢户外运动、自由潜水和摄影。

Joyce Mulder – Expedition Guide



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

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

Her academic journey also brought her to the Norwegian town of Tromsø, where she studied fish migrations, further honing her expertise in marine biology. For her master thesis, she joined a research vessel in Greenland, where she studied the benthic communities

by mapping the seabed in previously unexplored regions in both 2022 and 2023.

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

中文

乔伊斯是一位充满热情的导游，对学习和探索极地海洋生物感兴趣。她的探险旅程始于 2018 年，在亚速尔群岛担任观鲸导游的经历，也让她对海洋生物有了更深刻的认识。此后，她在荷兰皇家气象研究所研究北极的降雪变化，为她后来从事极地研究奠定了基础。

为了继续自己的学术追求，乔伊斯于 2019 年在斯瓦尔巴群岛大学中心研究北极生物学，深入了解极北地区珍贵的生物物种和生态系统。她拥有海岸和海洋管理学士学位，并于 2021 年至 2023 年在冰岛伊萨菲厄泽（Ísafjörður）攻读同一领域的硕士学位。

她的学术之旅还把她带到了挪威小镇特罗姆瑟，在那里潜心研究的鱼类迁徙，进一步夯实了她在海洋生物学方面的专业知识。为了完成硕士论文，她加入了格陵兰岛的一艘研究船，2022年至2023年，通过绘制以前从未开发和勘探的海底区域地图，逐步涉猎海底群落的研究。

现在，乔伊斯将对海洋野生动物的兴趣、知识和经验带到了泛海探险队，担任探险导游，乔伊斯希望通过这样一种交流，向更多人分享她的专业知识和研究成果，进一步加深人们对极地的感受与认知。

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Matt Cheok – Expedition Guide



Matt is an adventure photographer and videographer from Sydney, Australia.

His work has taken him to some of the planet's most remote and captivating destinations – from the polar regions of Antarctica, Svalbard and Greenland to the majestic African savannah, landlocked steppe countries of Central Asia, and rugged mountains of South America.

In Antarctica, Matt's favourite subjects to capture are the playful gentoo penguins and the dramatic polar landscapes in the late afternoon light.

As a photography educator, Matt enjoys sharing his expertise with fellow travellers and inspiring them to connect with the natural world.

Matt's career path has been full of surprises. He previously worked as a commercial and insurance lawyer in Sydney, but he's now much happier pursuing his passion for photography and adventure.

When he's not guiding, Matt spends much of his time camping, thru-hiking, drinking lots of Bialetti coffee, and exploring the outdoors, having recently returned from the Fann Mountains in Tajikistan.

Onboard, you'll find Matt out on deck, cameras in hand. Don't hesitate to approach him with any photography questions or just for a friendly chat!

Ruth Gussenhoven – Ships Doctor



This is Ruth, 34 years old, and she will be your doctor during this expedition. In the Netherlands she is currently in training to become a Global Health and Tropical medicine doctor. This training brings together her greatest passions, namely helping people improve their health and discovering new places around the world. Going to remote areas where no healthcare facilities are available and providing the best possible care is what challenges her the most.

As a doctor she graduated almost ten years ago. The past years she has worked in the emergency department of several hospitals in the Netherlands. Abroad, she has worked in an African hospital and refugee camps in Europe. Moreover, she has gained experience in pre-hospital and outdoor medicine while working at several sport events, music festivals and she guided repatriations of patients to the Netherlands.

She was born and raised in a small village in the southern part of the Netherlands. In her spare time she loves to be outside, spending time in the nature which she preferably combines with sports. If the weather allows it she likes to go out for a mountain bike ride. But as an enthusiastic skier and snowboarder she also does not fear the snow and cold.

Ruth is very much looking forward to a great and healthy expedition together. Please contact her for all questions or concerns regarding your health. Stay safe but most of all enjoy this unforgettable expedition!



Spitsbergen - Northeast Greenland - Aurora Borealis, Including Long Hikes **Welcome on Board!**

Date: 23rd August 2025

Day 1: Longyearbyen

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

PLEASE LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 17:15+/- Ship safety briefing, in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY**. After the briefing the emergency alarm will be sounded, and you will need to go back to your cabin and get your life jacket. All guests accommodated on Deck 3 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.
- 18:15+/- Please join the Captain and Expedition Team in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5** for a celebratory toast to the voyage.
- This will be followed by an introductory briefing by the Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader to orientate you to life on board and explain the plan for the forthcoming days.
- 19:30-20:30 Buffet dinner in the **Restaurant on Deck 4**.
- 20:30+/- We will call you deck by deck down to **Deck 3** to collect your Muck Boots, please bring your thick socks so you can try them for size

"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



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Date: 24th August 2025

Day 2: Ny Alesund and Ny London.

In the morning, we will do a landing at the northern most permanent settlement in the world, Ny Alesund. Please note that the wifi will be off when we wake up in the morning, until about 9pm in the evening for our visit to Kong Fjorden. Wifi and Bluetooth devices interfere with the sensitive scientific equipment near the research station, so it is important we have all Bluetooth and wifi emitting devices off.

06:45 Wake-up call. Good morning!

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

08:00 Please join us for AECO, Bear safety, and Zodiac safety briefing, in the Observation Lounge and lecture room on Deck 5. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY** so please join us straight after breakfast.

09:30+/- We invite everyone to disembark by gangway for our landing at Ny Alesund.

There will be two guided walks to the Amundsen's Mast, the first at **10:30 in English**, and another at **11:30 in mandarin**, if you would like to join either of these please meet at the Amundsen's Bust, in the centre of town.

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

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

Bring your credit/debit cards to use at the shop and post office!

Please be back at 12:45 at the latest as the ship will be leaving.

In the afternoon, we plan to land at Ny London for a hike, and to explore the rich history of the area.

14:45 We invite the **long hikers** to the shell doors for a hike at Ny London

15:15 We invite the **medium hikers** to the shell doors for a hike at Ny London

15:45 We invite the **short hikers** to the shell doors for a hike at Ny London

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

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

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

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



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Date: 25th August 2025

Day 3: At sea heading towards Greenland

07:45 Wake-up call

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

09:15 Please join Juan in the Observation lounge on deck 5 for his lecture all about "Polar Photography"

11:15 Please join Rose in the Observation lounge on deck 5 for her history lecture all about the "Andree Balloon Expedition to the North Pole" in Mandarin

11:15 Please join Josh in the lecture room on deck 5 for his history lecture all about the "Andree Balloon Expedition to the North Pole" in English

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

13:45 For all those guests wanting to do the **long hikes**, there will be a **Mandatory** briefing in the lecture room. Anyone who hasn't signed up for the long hikes before the voyage but still want to join are all welcome.

16:15 Please join Joyce in the lecture room on deck 5 for her lecture about the different kinds of Whales that we can encounter in the Arctic Sea.

17:45 Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for daily recap.

18:30 Plated dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

20:30+/- Come and see a documentary in the Lecture room on deck 5 about an amazing overwintering story on Svalbard.

Please note the ships clocks go back 1 hour over night.

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



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Date: 26th August 2025

Day 4: Approaching the East Coast of Greenland

Please note the ships clock went back 1 hour over night.

07:45 Wake-up call

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

We hope to spend a few hours ship cruising along the ice edge today as we make our final approach towards the Northeast National Park. During this time, we encourage you to join the expedition team on the outside decks or on the bridge, looking for wildlife. Depending on what time we reach the ice, the lecture programme may change, so please listen to announcements.

11:15 KJ welcomes you to the lounge for a lecture titled 'First Impressions of Greenland'. This will be given in **English** and translated into **Mandarin**

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

16:15 Please join Marco in the lecture room for a presentation titled "Sea Ice formation and Dynamics in the Arctic Ocean"

16:15 Please join Jerry in the lounge for a presentation about "Ice in its many forms", this will be given in **Mandarin**.

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

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

**Please note the ships clock goes back again 1 hour over night.
Another extra hour of sleep!**

"It is of no purpose to discuss the use of knowledge. Man wants to know, and when he ceases to do so he is no longer man". - Fridtjof Nansen



Spitsbergen - Northeast Greenland - Aurora Borealis, Including Long Hikes

Date: 27th August 2025

Day 5: Clavering Ø

Please note the ships clock went back 1 hour over night.

- 07:30 Wake-up call
- 08:00-09:00 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
Please can long hikers go into breakfast first and remember to make your lunch bag to take with you.
- TBD Please can the **long hikers** be ready to go ashore at Clavering Ø, this may be our first extended long hike.
- TBD We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Clavering Ø.
- TBD We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Clavering Ø. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.
- 12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- TBD Please can the **long hikers** be ready to go ashore at Clavering Ø, this may be our first extended long hike.
- TBD We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Clavering Ø.
- TBD We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Clavering Ø. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.
- 18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for daily recap.
- 19:00 Plated dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

"It is of no purpose to discuss the use of knowledge. Man wants to know, and when he ceases to do so he is no longer man". - Fridtjof Nansen



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Date: 28th August 2025

Day 6: Blomsterbugten and Renbugten

- 06:45 Wake-up call
- 07:00-08:00 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
Please let the Longhikers in first to maximize their time for breakfast.
- 07:30 We invite the **long hikers** for a long hike at Blomsterbugten (5+/- hours).
- 08:30+/- We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Blomsterbugten, this will be a 3-3.5 hour hike.
- 09:00 We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Blomsterbugten, this will be for 2-2.5 hours. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.
- 13:00-14:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 15:00 We invite the RED group for a Zodiac cruise of Renbugten.
- 15:15 We invite the BLUE group for a Zodiac cruise of Renbugten.
- 18:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for daily recap.
- 19:00 We will invite you to a special Arctic BBQ dinner.

"To dine with a glacier on a sunny day is a glorious thing and makes feasts of meat and wine ridiculous. The glacier eats hills and drinks sunbeams." – John Muir



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Sunrise: 05:23

Date: 29th August 2025

Day 7: Segelsällskapets Fjord and Alpefjord

07:30 Wake-up call

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

This morning we hope to take you to Skipperdal in Segelsällskapets Fjord, it is place with stunning geology right beneath your feet.

09:15 We invite the **long hikers** ashore at Segelsällskapets Fjord, this will be for a hike of about 3+/- hours.

09:45+/- We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Segelsällskapets Fjord, this will be a for a 2-2.5-hour hike.

10:00+/- We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Segelsällskapets Fjord, this will be for 1-1.5 hours. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.

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

This Afternoon we plan to take you on a zodiac cruise in the stunning Alpefjord, to explore in front of a glacier running down from the towering mountains above.

14:45 Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for daily recap.

15:30 We invite the **Blue** group for a Zodiac cruise of Alpefjord.

15:45 We invite the **Red** group for a Zodiac cruise of Alpefjord.

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

"What is the urge to travel? I think it comes from the desire to see what is behind the next hill; a sense of adventure and restlessness." - Peter Schmidt Mikkelsen, A member of the military Sirius Dog Sledge Patrol



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Date: 30th August 2025

Day 8: Carlsberg Fjord

- 06:45 Wake-up call
- 07:00-08:00 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 07:45 We invite the **long hikers** ashore at Carlsberg Fjord, this will be for a hike of about 6+/- hours.
- 08:30 We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Carlsberg Fjord, this will be for a 3-3.5-hour hike.
- 09:00 We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Carlsberg Fjord, this will be for 1.5-2 hours. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- We will spend the rest of the afternoon ship cruising down the coast of Liverpool Land as we head towards Scoresby Sund.
- 15:15 Please join Rose in the Lounge for a presentation about the amazing geology of Greenland. This will be given in **Mandarin**
- 16:30 Please join Rose in the Lecture room for a presentation about the amazing geology of Greenland. This will be given in **English**.
- 18:00 Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for daily recap.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

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Date: 31st August 2025

Day 9: Vikingebugt

06:45 Wakeup call.

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

This morning we plan to do a zodiac cruise in Vikingebugt. Vikingebugt is the largest of a series of small inlets in the broad outer portion of the Scoresby Sund fjord, it is approximately 14 km long and 6 km wide. A medium-sized glacier, Bredegletscher, drains from a small ice cap into the head of the inlet but Vikingebugt is probably most famous for its spectacular hexagonal basalt columns.

08:15 We invite the **RED** group for a Zodiac cruise of Vikingebugt. Please dress warmly and only come out the shell door when your group has been called.

08:30 We invite the **BLUE** Group for a Zodiac cruise of Vikingebugt. Please dress warmly and only come out the shell door when your group has been called.

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

14:30 Please join Kana in the lecture room for a language exchange. She will introduce some basic theory of the Mandarin language, and teach some basic phrases. We invite both english and mandarin speakers to join, so we can exchange both english and mandarin languages between each other.

16:15 Marco invites you to the Observation Lounge for his lecture: Glaciers Formation and Dynamics in the Greenland Ice Sheet. This will be translated into Mandarin.

18:00 Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for daily recap.

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

20:30+/- Please join Eric in the lecture room for his lecture about his inspirational life as a mountaineer.

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



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Date: 1st September 2025

Day 10: Harefjord and Rodefjord

07:15 Wakeup call.

07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4. (Please let the long hike go first for breakfast)

Harefjord (Hare Bay) is the innermost branch of Scoresbysund, furthest to the west and nearest to the Inland Ice. The slopes around inner Harefjord are mostly pretty steep, but the occasional patch of tundra, gives muskoxen and the name giving Snowy hare space to live and to roam around and it is in these areas are where we hope to lead our hike and form our perimeter landing.

08:30+/- We invite the **long hikers** for a landing at Harefjord, this will be a 7-8 +/- hour hike with lots of available breaks.

10:00+/- We invite the **BLUE** group for a Zodiac cruise of Rodefjord.

10:15+/- We invite the **RED** Group for a Zodiac cruise of Rodefjord.

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

14:00+/- We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Harefjord, this will be a 3-3.5+/- hour hike.

14:30+/- We invite **all other guests** for a perimeter style landing at Harefjord, giving you the chance to roam at your own pace and enjoy your last afternoon ashore in Greenland

We hope to offer a **polar plunge** at the end of the landing, if you wish to take part, please wear your swimwear under your expedition clothing. We provide the towels so please do not bring them from your cabin.

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

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

During the evening, we will sail through Øfjord, meaning 'Island fjord', it was named in 1891 by Carl Ryder during his 1891–92 East Greenland Expedition. The steep sided fjord is between two large islands, Renland and Milneland and it is common to find large icebergs grounded in here so should make for a very picturesque backdrop for our dinner and evening entertainment.

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



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Date: 2st September 2025

Day 11: Sydkap and Immikkeertigajik

- 07:15 Wakeup call.
- 07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4. Please let the long hike go first to breakfasts and long hikers please pack your lunch.
- 08:00+/- We invite the **long hikers** for a landing at Sydkap, this will be a 7-8 +/- hour hike with lots of available breaks.
- 09:00+/- We invite the **Medium hikers** for a landing at Immikkeertigajik, this will be a 2+/- hour hike with lots of available breaks
- 09:30+/- We invite the **Short hikers** for a landing at Immikkeertigajik, this will be a 1.5 +/- hour hike. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 14:00+/- We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Sydkap, this will be a 3-3.5+/- hour hike.
- 14:30+/- We invite **all other guests** for a perimeter style landing at Sydkap, giving you the chance to roam at your own pace and enjoy the afternoon.
- 18:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for daily recap.
- 19:00 Plated dinner will be served in the dining room

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Date: 3rd September 2025

Day 12: Hurry Inlet, Nøkkedal and Ittoqqortoormiit

07:15 Wakeup call.

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

Please can the long hikers go to breakfast first.

08:00 We invite the **long hikers** for a landing in Hurry Inlet at Nøkkedal, this will be a 5+/- hour hike.

08:45 We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing in Hurry Inlet at Nøkkedal, this will be a 3+/- hour hike.

09:30 We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Hurry Inlet, this will be inside a perimeter. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.

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

14:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for daily recap.

16:30 We invite the **RED** group for a landing at Ittoqqortoormiit.

16:45 We invite the **BLUE** group for a landing at Ittoqqortoormiit.

There will be shuttles back to the ship all afternoon, the last shuttle will be 19:00, please do not be late.

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

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Date: 4th September 2025

Day 13: Heading towards Iceland.

07:45 Today there will be no wake up call. You may wake up at your leisure
08:00-09:00 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

Please pass by reception any time after breakfast to settle your account at reception, please ensure this is done before 17:00.

PLEASE NOTE THE SHOP WILL SHUT AT 12:00

09:15 Koen welcomes you to the Lounge for a presentation about his personal experiences with Humpback whales.

11:15 Please join Chris for a lecture about "Oceanwides other destinations"

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

16:15 Please join Meike for her presentation about "Greenland Sled Dogs"

18:00 Join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for Captain's Farewell Cocktails and a viewing of the slideshow. You will receive the slideshow by email after the voyage. Please make sure you have scanned the QR code and registered for the trip log to do so.

19:00 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: 5th September 2025

Day 14: Akureyri.

06:45 Wakeup Call.

Please ensure your luggage is outside your room by 07:00am as we need to move it to the pier for you during breakfast.

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

08:00+/- We will invite you to begin disembarking. This will be a slow process as we all need to go through immigration on the pier. You will proceed down the gangway, past the immigration, then collect your luggage, and then to the busses. Please do not leave anything on the ship when you go to immigration.

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