



SOUTH GREENLAND EXPLORER

Narsarsuaq – Keflavik

02th August – 11nd September 2025

On board *m/v Plancius*



M/V *Plancius* was built in 1976 as an oceanographic research vessel for the Royal Dutch Navy and was named "Hr. Ms. *Tydeman*". The vessel was completely rebuilt as a passenger vessel in 2009 and complies with the latest SOLAS-regulations (Safety Of Life At Sea). M/v *Plancius* is 89 m long, 14.5 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5 m, ice class 1D, 10,5 knots average cruising speed and has 3 Diesel- Electric engines.



Captain Evgeny Levakov (Russia)

and his international crew of 48 sailors

Chief Officer:	Matei Mocanu	[Romania]
Second Officer:	Ward Dekkers	[Netherlands]
Third Officer:	Piotr Filipkowski	[Poland]
Hotel Manager:	Volodymyr Cherednychenko	[Ukraine]
Asst. Hotel Manager:	Liliana van Moers	[Poland]
Head Chef:	Sachin Naiz	[India]
Sous Chef:	Oleksii Shvets	[Ukraine]
Ships doctor:	Ninette van Es	[Netherlands]
Expedition Leader:	Pippa Low	[UK]
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Expedition Guide:	Ursula Tscherter	[Switzerland]
Expedition Guide:	Aitana Forcen Vazquez	[Spain]
Expedition Guide:	Andrea Schwetz	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Pierre Gallego	[Luxembourg]

WELCOMES YOU ON BOARD!

**Day 1 – Wednesday, September 2nd, Narsarsuaq,
Embarkation & Qassiarsuk - Brattahlíð**

08:00 GPS Position: 60°57.6'N / 045°39.7'W

Wind: E1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Fog • Air: 3°C



Our long-awaited voyage in South and Southeast Greenland began today with the embarkation of our international group of passengers in Narsarsuaq. Guests had travelled from all corners of the globe to join us, and although the weather greeted us with steady rain, the embarkation itself went remarkably smoothly. Thanks to the sheltered small port, everyone was able to board *Plancius* comfortably and without delay.

Once on board, we settled into our cabins and gathered in the lounge for the mandatory safety briefing. Afterward, another important briefing followed, ensuring that everyone was well-prepared for the days ahead. With our first dinner together served in the dining room, the atmosphere quickly became lively and filled with anticipation for the journey to come.

The evening program held a special highlight: our very first landing at Brattahlíð, today known as Qassiarsuk, the site of Erik the Red's settlement. Around the year 985, Erik the Red

established this farmstead after being exiled from Iceland. It was from here that the Norse began their exploration of Greenland, and ultimately, the voyages to Vinland in North America.



During our visit, we explored the reconstructed longhouse, which gave us a glimpse into the daily life of the Norse settlers. We also visited the small church, remembered as the first Christian church built on the continent, linked to Erik's wife Thjodhild. Finally, we stepped into the museum, located in the former home of Otto Frederiksen, the founder of modern sheep farming in Greenland. This added a fascinating modern layer to the historic setting, bridging past and present life in the settlement.

By the time we made our way back to the landing site, the light had faded, and dusk was settling over the fjord. Returning to *Plancius*, we were tired but deeply content. It had been a full and fascinating first day, and we fell into bed with excitement for the voyage ahead.

Day 2 Thursday, September 3rd, Alluitsoq & Unnartoq

08:00 GPS Position: 60°52.7'N / 046°02.6'W

Wind: NW3 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air: 4°C

After the very busy start of our journey yesterday, a small handful of people were out and about when the sun began its climb behind the mountain chain framing the fjord, witnessing vibrant colors in an otherwise dark sky. One obligatory briefing was still missing – the polar bear safety briefing to make sure that any bear-human encounter may be a mutually pleasant one – before we could land at the now-abandoned settlement of Alluitsoq, once known as Lichtenau.



When we disembarked the Zodiacs in the beautiful natural harbor at the foot of a decidedly green slope sprinkled with buildings in various states of decay, we were alone. The original German mission founded in 1774 by a Moravian missionary and five families was for a time the biggest permanent settlement in Greenland and played a central part in the colonization of Greenland. In 1900, the mission was surrendered to the Lutheran Church of Denmark and

the place gradually lost importance until the population was encouraged to settle elsewhere in the 1990s. The last of permanent inhabitants died in 2022. They are buried in the local graveyard. In three different hikes, we explored the material remains of a long, dynamic human history while at the same time valuing the quiet that holds the area captive today.

After lunch and a short transit further, the landscape and scenery had changed yet again from the lush slope that was somewhat difficult to walk to the more open tundra at Unnatoq – “the hot place”- the site of hydrothermal activity and hot springs. All three hikes had the opportunity to pass by the hot springs, which were at a very pleasant temperature, and to spend a lengthy amount of time relaxing in the pool or at least at the edge of it. Whether we were in the water or not, the hotel management had thought one step ahead, treating everyone to some Baileys ashore. Meanwhile, large icebergs were slowly making their way out of the fjord and provided that special detail in everyone’s photographs of the jovial event.



Shortly after dinner, wind and swell picked up somewhat, quickly emptying the dining room and lounge. With waves of up to 2 m high over night, a good place to be – if not the best and most deserved – was a warm bed, recharging for the next full day ahead of us

Day 3 – Friday, September 4th, Herjolfsnes & Prins Christian Sund

08h00 GPS Position: 59°46.1'N / 045°33.4'W

Wind: W6 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Clear • Air: 4°C

After a rougher night at sea we woke up in good shelter in Fjord compared to the outer parts of the coast where you could see the white caps created by the strong wind. We prepared ourselves for landing at Herjolfsnes (Ikigait) to discover the ruins of an early Norse settlement founded by Herjolf Bardsson in the late 10th century. This settlement is believed to have lasted for around 500 years. One of the still best-preserved buildings is the remains of the church and churchyard which are slowly getting eroded from the western shore by the sea. With a good eye we also managed to see the traces of the longhouses. While everyone joined their hiking groups, we enjoyed the landing and sun even though the wind was blowing sometimes stronger around us. Many investigated the details of the fauna of the richly vegetated tundra. While the wind picked up during the landing the way back in the Zodiacs was a fun but splashy ride back to *Plancius*.



After everyone got back onboard, we made our way towards Prins Christian Sund and therefore leaving the busier west coast and Labrador Sea. The remote east coast of Greenland was waiting for us. Cruising through the fjords and Prins Christian Sund in the end was a beautiful way of leaving the west coast. The long and narrow fjords with towering mountains made of granite around us reaching heights of around 1300 m made us all feel small. After a few surprisingly sharp turns we followed the straight line of Prins Christian Sund. And just as we were starting to leave the sound towards the open sea we were totally surprised by a sperm whale. What luck to see this marine mammal in such a place! And with that, a very eventful day came to an end.



Day 4 – Saturday, September 5th, Napasorsuaq

08h00 GPS Position: 60°52.1'N / 042°27.5'W

Wind: N2 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air: 6°C

We spent the day exploring the stunning Napasorsuaq Fjord, and it gifted us with perfect weather and unforgettable views.

In the morning, we set out on a Zodiac cruise through the fjord, weaving between towering icebergs calved from the nearby glacier. The sheer size and sculptural beauty of the ice made it feel like we were gliding through a frozen gallery, each iceberg unique in shape, color, and texture. The light danced across the surfaces, revealing shades of blue and white that seemed to glow from within.



In the afternoon, we went ashore for a short landing, giving everyone a chance to stretch their legs and take in the glacier from a different angle. The rock formations were remarkable, layered, weathered, and full of character, and many guests enjoyed spotting the small, hardy plants growing stubbornly in the cracks and crevices. Nature's resilience was on full display.

The return to the ship added a dash of excitement, as a bit of a wave had picked up, making the Zodiac boarding a true Arctic adventure, just the way we like it.

The day ended under a breathtaking sunset, as the sky turned orange and gold, casting warm light over the ice-filled fjord. A perfect end to a day rich with beauty, discovery, and a little splash of fun.

Day 5 – Sunday, September 6th, Timmiarmiit Ø

08h00 GPS Position: 62°14.3'N / 041°20.1'W

Wind: E1 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Clear • Air: 5°C

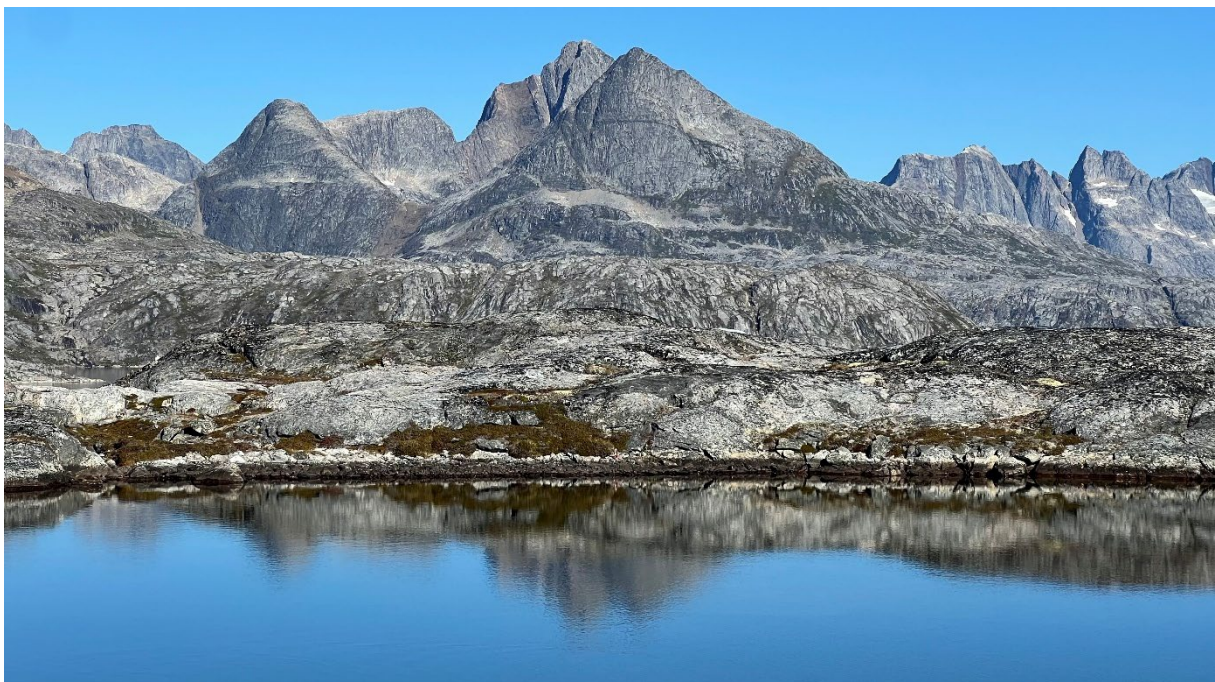
The sun appeared above the serrated mountain range to the east of the Skjoldungen Fjord system. The sea was flat calm and deeply blue reflecting the clear sky above. The dense ice from a week ago, which had almost blocked the way to our landing site at that time, was gone. Pushed deeper into the fjords by winds and current. Offering ideal conditions for our morning landing on Timmiarmiit Ø which translates to *"Where there are birds"*. However, Plan A had to be changed as several humpback whales surfaced far and close to the ship. When there are whales go don't hesitate to change the plan, as you never know where they are going to be in an hour. Therefore, and truly expedition-like we swapped today's planned activities.

Right after breakfast the ten launched Zodiacs left one by one the gangway full of exciting guests. It didn't take long, and the first Zodiac was in proximity of two humpback whales. Being in a resting mode they surfaced slowly and relaxed not much showing of their body. After a view surfacing cycles the experienced guides identified them as a mother and calf pair, which made this encounter even more unique. Others got to see a whale with a cut dorsal fin most likely caused by an entanglement in fishing gear. We were happy to see that the whale had survived and seemed to be in good health. Those Zodiacs who took the time to head further east even got to see a whale almost fully leaping into the sky, a spectacular behaviour called breaching. To the joy of the expedition team all guests got their share of unique moments among the magnificent humpback whales.



Although we watched the whales for some hours could have stayed all day. However, lunch was calling.

As we did not have to relocate the ship for the afternoon landing, we were soon after called back to the gangway to get shuttled on land. At the shore of a picturesque and sheltered bay we got to see well-preserved archaeological remains of various periods when people settled here. The oldest evidence dates back over 4000 years when the earliest known inhabitants of Greenland, belonging to the Saqqaq culture, had chosen this protected site for the very first time. In our usual groups we spread out to explore the magnificent little peninsula discovering little freshwater lakes nestled between large glacier sanded rocks, unique plants like various clubmoss species, fireweeds (the national flower of



Greenland), low growing juniper with berries and most amazing willow trees horizontally spreading over the rocky surfaces. Those who kneeled to look at the various lichens with the Ursula's magnifying glasses (*Lichen candelaris*) discovered a magic and hidden world of beauty triggering Uh's, Ah's and Oh's.

A highlight was the pile of polar bear feces not older than six days as it hadn't been here on our recent landing. Surely clear evidence that we are visiting their homes and protective precautions, for us as well as the bears, are reasonable. Eventually we had to leave another unique and amazing place of Greenland as it was time for today's recap and dinner. Meanwhile *Plancius* slowly sailed through the calm blue sea into the evening when the disappearing sun immersed the landscape in various colors of pink, orange and red.

However, the events were not over as we were woken up in the middle of the night invited to come on deck. Although at first very slim Northern Lights were visible in the clear black sky, they grew stronger and larger over time. Luckily it was not too cold so most of us stayed on the dark aft deck for quite some time enjoying this extraordinary phenomenon of the north.

Day 6 – Monday, September 7th, Skjolunden: Qoornoq & Dronning Marie Dal

08:00 Uhr GPS-Position: 63°11.6'N / 041°17.2'W

Wind: W1 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Clear • Air: 5°C

This morning, *Plancius* glided silently into the magnificent Skjoldungen Fjord—a hidden gem in Southeast Greenland named after a legendary Norse dynasty. The weather was stunning: clear skies, crisp sunlight, and not a breath of wind. Towering mountains flanked the fjord on both sides; their granite faces glowing under the morning sun. We could hardly believe our luck.

Our first landing of the day was at Qoornoq, a serene site tucked between the cliffs. As we set foot onshore, we split into hiking groups. The long hikers trekked past an ancient moraine, eventually reaching the snout of a glacier—its shimmering blue ice a stark contrast to the earthy terrain. Along the trails, low-growing Arctic blueberries and crowberries tempted many of us, and we picked them by the handful as we walked. From every angle, we were treated to sweeping views of the fjord, scattered icebergs, and the rugged landscape. On the shoreline, we came across remnants of Thule longhouses—timeless echoes of the Inuit ancestors who once called this land home.



After returning to *Plancius* for lunch, we headed out again, this time to Dronning Marie Dal (Queen Marie Valley). The valley was ablaze with autumn colors—creeping Arctic willow and dwarf birch painted the ground in carpets of fiery red and gold. We hiked along a winding river, the calm water reflecting the vibrant tundra and snow-dusted peaks beyond. The air was fresh and still, and the valley felt like a dreamscape.

In the late afternoon, the bravest among us took the plunge—literally—with a dip in the icy Arctic waters. Cheers and laughter echoed across the bay as swimmers emerged, breathless but exhilarated.

As the sun dipped low, we gathered on deck for a special treat: an open-air BBQ dinner. Music played, the grill sizzled, and soon a full-blown dance party was underway under the Arctic sky, a joyful finale to a day none of us will ever forget.



Day 7 – Tuesday, September 8th, Nansen Bugt

08h00 GPS Position: 63°25.6'N / 040°13.5'W

Wind: N3 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Cloudy • Air: 5°C

Today's sunrise was simply glorious. No surprise then that quite a few people had found their way to the outer decks enjoying the morning light flushing over the mountains, icebergs, and calm water in Nansen Bugt. The wide bay with a view of the Greenland ice sheet was the focal point of today's activities. We would not leave here until early evening.

After breakfast, we dressed warmly for a Zodiac cruise. Had there not been any wildlife, we would easily have been content with cruising in front of one of the large glaciers that comes off the ice sheet to calf into the sea. There was one iceberg in particular that was of the most mesmerizing blue, so naturally we circled it a handful of times, hoping for it to catch the rays of light in ever-changing ways.



But there was also wildlife! At first, we noticed a substantial number of noisy Arctic terns. These small birds hold the record of flying long distances, leaving the Arctic at around this time of year to winter in the Antarctic and then come back again in the following spring. Where these little birds fish, there is prey for larger animals, too, and a little patience was rewarded soon with two and later three humpback whales feeding close to our Zodiacs.

Before, during, and after the cruise, groups of people landed on the small headland from which Nansen began his crossing of the Greenland ice sheet in 1888. This was not a landing during which to go hiking – we merely had enough space to walk up to an old stone cairn and back – but as George and Sven explained, it is a historically important spot, and we would not want to miss it on the itinerary.

After lunch, a second landing took us onto some beautifully textured rocks at the bottom of the ice sheet. Luckily, the rocks were easy to walk on, so we could all make our way up to the ice – Nansen-style – and with a safe radius walk on and experience it. By now the sun was positively boiling. At the mention of ice, we had all dressed accordingly, only to find that the temperatures were very warm and the landing all in all a very leisurely one.



When the day ended and the sun was setting behind the mountains and ice sheet of Nansen Bugt, we were treated to the moon climbing out of the sea, over an iceberg and into the night sky.

Day 8 – Wednesday, September 9th, Tasiilaq

08h00 GPS Position: 64°50.2'N / 038°50.4'W

Wind: NE6 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air: 4°C



Today we were lucky to visit the town of Tasiilaq during the morning just before we needed to head back to Iceland. We entered the scenic bay with very calm waters from where the name Tasiilaq comes from, which means “like a lake”. At about 8:30 am we disembarked, and Pippa welcomed us at the jetty. After arriving on the Zodiac shuttle, we were able to visit different places in town. In the local museum we were able to inform ourselves about the history of Tasiilaq. Further, we had the chance to see old traditional hunting artifacts including narwhal and walrus tusks. In addition, there was also a small souvenir shop with postcards or local jewelry like the typical Tupilak. The weather was overcast, and it rained a little bit every now and then. Nevertheless, it was still very enjoyable to walk around the town and to see what everyday life looks like in a Greenlandic town. At around 10:30 some of us joined the dog feeding session at the dog kennel where we also had the chance to pet some of the very cute looking puppies.



Towards the end of the visit, most of us visited the community center to listen to the local choir as a cultural event. The locals were very welcoming, and we heard an amazing performance by the local choir, which included two drum and dances as well. After the cultural event, we all made our way back to the ship and took our last steps on Greenlandic soil. During lunch we started to slowly move out of the fjord and said goodbye to Greenland. While we started to sail towards our last destination in Iceland, we listened to two lectures in the afternoon. First, Hans gave a lecture about “Greenland Whalers and their interactions with the locals”. Afterwards Thomas, the filmmaker from Germany, gave a talk about making his documentary with Oceanwide in Antarctica to give people an impression of his work since he was also filming on our trip. The day ended as always with our daily recap and the plans for the next and last day of our voyage before we headed to dinner.

Day 9 – Thursday, September 10th, Denmark Strait, Day at Sea

08h00 GPS Position: 65°05.9'N / 033°06.9'W

Wind: NW4 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Overcast • Air: 7°C

Our second day at sea began with the steady rhythm of the Denmark Strait beneath us—a wide expanse separating Greenland and Iceland, known for its deep waters and unpredictable weather. After breakfast, we stepped out on deck and were instantly rewarded with an unforgettable sight: whale blows scattered across the horizon. It was as if the ocean itself had come alive. We saw some Sperm whales surfacing methodically, their distinctive angled blows giving them away. Fin whales, the second largest animal on Earth, glided past like silent giants, while humpbacks showed their curved backs and tail flukes mesmerizing against the steel-blue sea. The swell had picked up a bit since the day before, and *Plancius* rocked gently as we kept our eyes on the water, fully immersed in the magic surrounding us.

Back on board, it was time for the symbolic return of our beloved muck boots—a small ritual marking the end of our land adventures. Soon after, we gathered in the lounge to listen to Pierre's fascinating lecture on humpback whales. His passion was infectious, and we came away with a deeper appreciation for these acrobatic giants.

After lunch, Pippa introduced us to future voyages with Oceanwide, planting seeds of wanderlust for journeys yet to come. Later, George and Ursula offered engaging mini lectures that rounded out the afternoon perfectly.

As the day began to end, we met in the lounge once more for the Captain's Farewell. With glasses of prosecco raised, we toasted the crew and expedition team who made this voyage unforgettable. A heartwarming slideshow brought back vivid memories of wild coastlines, Arctic wildlife, and shared moments.

Our final plated dinner followed, a fitting close to a day that felt both restful and rich with experience. The sea was kind, and so was the company.



Day 10 – Friday, September 11th, Disembarkation, Keflavik

08h00 GPS Position: 64°17.7'N / 023°33.7'W

Wind: NE7 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air: 13°C

We awoke one final time to the now-familiar voice of Pippa over the intercom—a voice that had become a comforting part of our daily routine over the past nine days. Outside our cabins, our bags stood ready, quietly awaiting their journey ashore with the help of the expedition team. Over breakfast, the atmosphere was soft with quiet chatter and lingering gazes—no one seemed quite ready for the journey to end.

We exchanged warm farewells with the dining room staff, whose kindness and laughter had brightened our days, and then made our way to the gangway. Stepping off *Plancius*—our home on the water for 9 extraordinary days—felt surreal. This vessel had carried us through some of the planet's most remote, awe-inspiring places. Now, we were not only leaving the ship, but also saying goodbye to the bonds forged across decks, in Zodiacs, and around shared meals.

How do you begin to sum up all we've seen and felt? We landed in Narsarsuaq to start a journey that would take us through echoes of the ancient Thule culture, to the remnants of

Erik the Red's historic settlement, and along the path once taken by Fridtjof Nansen. We stood on the vast expanse of the Greenland ice sheet, wandered the colorful streets of Tasiilaq, and watched humpback whales' breath from the edge of a Zodiac, mist rising from the sea like breath from another world.

We've had the rare opportunity to witness the raw, untamed beauty of the polar regions, glaciers, ice, silence, and sky. Each moment carved itself into our memories, reminding us how wild and wondrous this planet truly is. It has been nothing short of a remarkable journey.

Perhaps the words of Sir David Attenborough come closest:

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

Total distance sailed on our voyage: **1263,2 NM (2339 km)**



On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, the Captain, Crew and Expedition staff we would like to thank you for travelling with us, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.

South Greenland Explorer and Aurora Borealis

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Tasiilaq (Angmagssalik)

Umiivik (Nansen Bugt)

Skjoldungen Fjord

Qoornoq

Dronning Marie Dal

Timmiarmiut Ø

Napassorssuaq Fjord

**Narsarsuaq
Qassiarsuk (Brattahlíð)**

**Herjolfsnes &
Prins Christian Sund**

**Alluitsuaq (Lichtenau)
& Unnartoq**

English Name	Latin	German	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Eistaucher									
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Sterntaucher					x		x		
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Eissturmvogel				x	x	x	x		x
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Kurzschnabelgans									
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Weisswangengans									
White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Blässgans									
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Eiderente							x		
King eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	Prachteiderente									
Gyrfalcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Gerfalke		x							
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Wanderfalke						x			
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Eisente									
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>	Alpenschneehuhn									
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Sandregenpfeifer						x	x		
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sanderling									
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Meerstrandläufer									
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Knutt									
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Alpenstrandläufer									
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Steinwälzer									
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Spatelraubmöwe									
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Schmarotzerraubmöwe									
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Falkenraubmöwe									
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Skua									
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Eismöwe	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Sturmmöwe									
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Silbermöwe									
Lesser black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Heringsmöwe									
Great black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Mantelmöwe	x	x	x	x		x		x	
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Dreizehenmöwe					x	x	x		x
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	Elfenbeinmöwe				x					

Pippa Low – Expedition Leader



Pippa has worked as a marine guide and skipper for 15 years, primarily in Scotland, Australia, New Zealand and the polar regions. A marine scientist specialising in marine mammal research and conservation, she splits her time between the hemispheres, and loves showing the public the marine world and all it has to offer.

Growing up on the coast of the incredible Moray Firth sparked a love for the marine world and its inhabitants. Spending every spare minute in, on or under the water; professional life reflected this love from a young age, becoming an instructor in various marine disciplines and going on to study Marine biology at university in Scotland, then later, Australia.

Upon completion of her degree, Pippa has worked as a marine mammal observer, scientific diver and research assistant on various research projects; including photo ID, migration, distribution and behavioural studies on a range of marine mammals. She has developed a keen interest in marine mammal conservation through outreach and research.

After working in the Ross Sea region of Antarctica as a research assistant, she fell in love with Antarctica. Pippa now works as a full-time guide and Expedition Leader in both the Arctic and Antarctica. In-between seasons, she still finds time to work on research projects – most recently completing a masters research degree specialising in Humpback Whale physiology.

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Pippa arbeitete 7 Jahre als Guide und Skipper, vornehmlich in Schottland, Australien und Neuseeland. Es fand eine wissenschaftliche Spezialisierung auf marine Säugetiere und deren Schutz statt. Dafür verbringt Sie je die Hälfte des Jahres auf den unterschiedlichen Hemisphären und zeigt Menschen mit Begeisterung die Meereswelten und was diese zu bieten haben. An der Küste vom wunderschönen Moray Firth aufgewachsen begeisterte sich Pippa schon früh für die marinen Lebensräume und deren Bewohner. So verbrachte Sie jede freie Minute auf, im und unter Wasser, was dazu führte, dass Pippa Meeresbiologie an der Universität Schottland und später Australien studierte. Über Ihren Abschluss hinaus, arbeitete Pippa in australischen Forschungsprojekten zur marinen Lebewelt, als Beobachter mariner Säugetierarten, wissenschaftlicher Taucher und Forschungsassistent. Nach der Rückkehr nach Schottland baute Pippa eine Agentur für Bootstouren und Beobachtung in Ihrem Heimatort Findhorn auf und arbeitete die letzten 6 Sommer in Schottland, um Begeisterten die Einmaligkeit dieses Küstenstreifens näher zu bringen. Die Wintermonate verbrachte Sie auf der Südhalbkugel und arbeitete in marinen Forschungsprojekten, sowie der Foto-Identifikation und Verhaltensforschung mariner Säugetiere. Damit einher ging ein wachsendes Interesse am Schutz und Erhalt dieser Ökosysteme. Die letzten Jahre verbrachte Pippa im Gebiet der Ross Sea auf eine neuseeländischen Schiff für Ökoforschung und realisierte sich somit einen Traum, in der Antarktis zu arbeiten zu können. Während dieser Zeit half Sie, grundlegendes Datenmaterial hinsichtlich dieses grössten, geschützten marinen Lebensbereiches zu generieren.

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George Kennedy – Ass. Exp. Leader



George is an Australian social scientist specialising in polar geopolitics. He completed a Masters in Anthropology at Monash University in 2016 and a Graduate Diploma in Antarctic Governance at the Australian Institute for Marine and Antarctic Science in 2021. Since completing his studies, George has worked within the policy office of the Australian Antarctic Division, collaborating with other Antarctic Treaty Parties to develop sustainable tourism practices, environmental protection frameworks and fisheries management strategies.

Prior to his political studies, George worked as an ALS Paramedic in Australia, as well as a community development coordinator for conservation organisations in Latin America. George has a passion for travel, boats, and motorcycles. Over a three-year period, he rode a motorcycle from Patagonia to Mexico, exploring Latin America on two wheels. It was during his time in Patagonia that his passion for the Polar Regions developed, working closely with conservation organisations in Tierra del Fuego and visiting Antarctica

for the first time in 2017. George has been guiding in Antarctica and the Arctic since 2019, sharing stories of its incredible wildlife, landscapes and, of course, its unique politics!

Deutsch

George ist ein australischer Sozialwissenschaftler mit Spezialisierung auf polare Geopolitik. Er absolvierte 2016 einen Master in Anthropologie an der Monash University und 2021 ein Aufbaustudium in Antarktislicher Regierungsführung am Australian Institute for Marine and Antarctic Science. Seit dem Abschluss seines Studiums arbeitet George in der politischen Abteilung der Australian Antarctic Division. Dort kooperiert er mit anderen Vertragsparteien des Antarktisvertrags, um nachhaltige Tourismuspraktiken, Rahmenwerke zum Umweltschutz sowie Strategien für das Fischereimanagement zu entwickeln.

Vor seiner politischen Laufbahn war George als ALS-Notfallsanitäter in Australien tätig und arbeitete außerdem als Koordinator für Gemeinwesenentwicklung bei Naturschutzorganisationen in Lateinamerika. George hat eine große Leidenschaft für Reisen, Boote und Motorräder. Über einen Zeitraum von drei Jahren fuhr er mit dem Motorrad von Patagonien bis nach Mexiko und erkundete Lateinamerika auf zwei Rädern. Während seiner Zeit in Patagonien entwickelte sich auch seine Begeisterung für die Polarregionen, als er eng mit Naturschutzorganisationen in Feuerland zusammenarbeitete und 2017 erstmals die Antarktis besuchte. Seit 2019 arbeitet George als Guide in der Antarktis und der Arktis und teilt dort Geschichten über die beeindruckende Tierwelt, atemberaubende Landschaften und natürlich die besondere politische Situation dieser Regionen.

Frigga Kruse - Expedition Guide



Frigga comes from the beautiful county of Schleswig-Holstein in northern Germany. She makes her living as an archaeologist, geologist, and guide.

When she travelled to the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula in 1999, there was nothing to suggest that the polar regions would become her place of work.

In 2008, she first visited Svalbard to carry out archaeological fieldwork as part of her PhD research on the British mining history of the Arctic Archipelago, which resulted in the book *Frozen Assets* (2013). She has since become a regular. Her current research focuses on 420 years of natural-resource exploitation (whaling, sealing, fur-hunting, and mining) in and around Svalbard and Jan Mayen and the lasting impact on Arctic marine and terrestrial ecosystems.

Since 2015, she has been sharing her broad polar knowledge and a knack for story-telling as a guide and lecturer on Oceanwide's expedition cruises. You can

approach her in German, English, and Dutch.

Deutsch

Frigga stammt aus dem herrlichen Holsteinland in Norddeutschland. Sie verdingt sich als Archäologin, Geologin und Guide.

Als sie 1999 die Südshetlandinseln und die antarktische Halbinsel besuchte, ließ noch nichts vermuten, dass die Polarregionen später ihr Arbeitsplatz werden würden. 2008 reiste sie das erste Mal nach Spitzbergen, um archäologische Feldarbeiten für ihre Doktorarbeit in der britischen Bergbaugeschichte des Archipels auszuführen, was zu dem Buch *Frozen Assets* (2013) führte. Seitdem gehört sie zum arktischen Inventar.

Ihre derzeitigen Forschungen konzentrieren sich auf 420 Jahre Rohstoffausbeutung in Spitzbergen und Jan Mayen. Welchen bleibenden Umwelteinfluss hatten Wal- und Robbenfang, Pelzjagd und Bergbau? Seit 2015 teilt sie ihr breitgefächertes Wissen und ein Händchen zum Geschichtenerzählen als Guide und Lektorin auf Oceanwide's Expeditionskreuzfahrten. Ihr könnt sie auf Deutsch, Englisch und Niederländisch ansprechen.

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.

Ursula Tscherter – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

Deutsch

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

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

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

Aitana Forcén-Vázquez – Exp. Guide



Aitana is a passionate oceanographer and adventurer, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to her role as a polar guide. Originally from Spain, she spent 12 years in New Zealand, where she earned her PhD in Physical Oceanography—focusing on unravelling the mysteries of how the ocean moves.

Her expertise extends to large-scale currents, waves, ice and water mass formation, and climate, with an unwavering enthusiasm for discussing these topics. Aitana's conversations can seamlessly transition from the intricacies of oceanography to her love

for endurance sports and the art of knitting. With a strong background in ocean-going fieldwork, Aitana served as the Principal Investigator for the Ross Sea Outflow Experiment, a groundbreaking initiative examining the export of cold water from the Ross Sea. She made history as one of the most junior-ever physical scientists to assume the role of voyage leader on the R V Tangaroa, New Zealand's esteemed research vessel, during an oceanographic voyage to the Southern Ocean.

Aitana's career has been as diverse as the marine environments she has explored. From driving a weather boat for two editions of the America's Cup as a meteorological technician to transitioning into the private sector, where she provided vital marine forecasts for port operations and Defence exercises. In these roles she has been a key player in ensuring the safety and efficiency of maritime operations. When adventure allows it, Aitana shares her knowledge with university students as an associate lecturer, fostering the next generation of marine scientists.

In her free time, Aitana is an avid open water swimmer, a dedicated communicator and content creator, and a seeker of unconventional road trips off the beaten path.

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!

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.

Ninette van Es – Ship's doctor



Ninette was born in the southern part of the Netherlands and undertook her medical training at the University of Utrecht. After completing medical school and 6 clinical years of residency in the Department of Surgery at the University of Utrecht and Amsterdam she served as a surgeon in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam.

Feeling the need to widen her horizons further she changed her specialization towards a general practitioner. Also interested in travelling she was excited when an opportunity came up while she was finishing her studies to travel as a ship's physician to the South Pole in 2011. Since then she has been bitten by the Polar bug and has returned back each summer and winter to the North and South Pole since. More recently she has had a permanent job in two different GP practices which enables Ninette to combine her time

with opportunities to travel to far away places with, often as ship's physician.

Currently she is chairman of a Medical Committee to improve medical treatment on board of the expedition ships and besides this is a member of the Dutch Medical Nautical Society. When time permits she enjoys reading, running, traveling and skating.

Deutsch

Ninette wurde im Süden der Niederlande geboren und absolvierte ihre medizinische Ausbildung an der Universität von Utrecht. Nach Abschluss des Medizinstudiums und sechs klinischen Jahren der Facharztausbildung in der Abteilung für Chirurgie der Universität Utrecht und Amsterdam arbeitete sie als Chirurgin in der Abteilung für orthopädische Chirurgie am Akademischen Medizinischen Zentrum in Amsterdam.

Da sie das Bedürfnis verspürte, ihren Horizont weiter zu erweitern, änderte sie ihre Spezialisierung in Richtung Allgemeinmedizin. Da sie sich auch für das Reisen interessierte, war sie begeistert, als sich während ihres Studiums die Gelegenheit ergab, 2011 als Schiffsärztin zum Südpol zu reisen. Seitdem hat sie das Polarfieber gepackt und sie ist seitdem jeden Sommer und Winter an den Nord- und Südpol zurückgekehrt. In jüngster Zeit hat sie eine Festanstellung in zwei verschiedenen Hausarztpraxen, was Ninette die Möglichkeit gibt, ihre Zeit mit Reisen an weit entfernte Orte zu kombinieren, oft als Schiffsärztin.

Derzeit ist sie Vorsitzende eines medizinischen Komitees zur Verbesserung der medizinischen Versorgung an Bord von Expeditionsschiffen und außerdem Mitglied der Dutch Medical Nautical Society. Wenn es die Zeit erlaubt, liest sie gerne, läuft, reist und läuft Schlittschuh.

WELCOME ABOARD!

*** * Tea and coffee are always available in the Observation Lounge on deck 5 * ***

±1600 **Welcome & safety briefing** - Please join us in the **Observation Lounge** (deck 5, forward) for a welcome to your new home from the Hotel Manager, followed by a **mandatory** safety briefing and lifeboat drill.

±1700 **Expedition Introduction & Mandatory Briefings** – Please join us in **The Observation Lounge** (deck 5) for an introduction to the expedition as well as a **mandatory** AECO & Zodiac briefing.

Luggage will be delivered to your cabin. Please make check to make sure you have received all your luggage. If any of your luggage is missing or you have any extra luggage in your cabin – please notify a crew member.

1830 **Dinner** is served in the **Dining Room** (deck 3).

This evening, we hope to land at Qassiarsuk-Brattahlid – the first Norse settlement in Greenland, founded around 985 by Erik the Red after his exile from Iceland. Today it is a tiny sheep-farming village of around 50 residents, with huge historical significance. We hope to visit a reconstruction of Erik the Red's longhouse, his wife Thjodhild's church and a small museum. There is also a small coffee shop that also sells local souvenirs (accepting card & DKK cash).

+/-1930 **Qassiarsuk-Brattahlid Landing** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area** (deck 3, starboard).

"Adventure is just a romantic name for trouble"
– Roald Amundsen

0715 **Wakeup call** – Good Morning

0730 **Breakfast** is served in the **Dining Room**.

0830 **Morning briefing** – Please join the expedition team in the lounge for a briefing on today's activities.

This morning, we hope to land at Alluitsoq. Formerly a Moravian missionary settlement named Lichtenau, it is now (mostly) abandoned. Here we hope to explore the abandoned town and offer a range of hikes in the area. Please be respectful when exploring as some houses are still utilised.

+/-0915 **Long Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

+/-0925 **Medium & Short Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

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

This afternoon, we hope to land at Unnartoq – 'The Hot Place'. Here we hope to offer a range of hikes on this small island surrounded by the beautiful fjord scenery of Southern Greenland. At the end of our walks, we hope to offer you the chance to swim in a naturally geothermally heated pool there. Please wear your swimming clothes under your clothes for landing or carry them with you to change in to (small basic hut for changing available). Please do not bring the towels from your cabin – we will provide towels. For those who do not wish to swim in the hot springs, we will enjoy the area around the hot springs at the end of your hike.

+/-1430 **Long Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

+/-1440 **Medium & Short Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1845 **Daily Recap & Captains Welcome** - Please join the expedition team in the **Observation Lounge** for our daily briefing and a Welcome toast from the Captain.

1930 **Dinner** will be served in the dining room (deck 3).



South Greenland Explorer
Thursday 4th September 2025
Herjolfsnes &
Prins Christian Sund

0715 **Wakeup call** – Good morning

0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the **Dining room**.

This morning we hope to land at Herjolfsnes, an Eastern Norse settlement established by Herjolf Bardsson in the late 10th Century. We hope to offer a range of hikes as well as a visit to the foundation remains of the long house, church and graveyard.

+/-0900 **Long Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

+/-0910 **Medium & Short Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **Dining room**.

This afternoon, we hope to sail through Prins Christian Sund onboard Plancius. A 100km long Fjord with towering mountains and glacial landscapes throughout the fjord. Please join us on the outer decks, on the bridge or by a window to enjoy one of Greenland's most spectacular Fjords.

1800 **Daily Recap** - Please join the expedition team in the **Observation Lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.

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

Expedition Day – Exploring Napasorsuaq Fjord

0745 **Wakeup call** – Good morning
0800 **Breakfast** will be served in the **Dining room**.

Today we hope to explore Napasorsuaq fjord – a stunning 40km-long east-west fjord system hidden deep in Greenland’s eastern coast. Throughout the day we hope to explore the glacier fronts and towering 1800m peaks littering this beautiful coastline. As we enter Eastern Greenland, we hope to find a greater abundance of wildlife, as well as more rugged landscapes with more ice.

TBC **Zodiac Boarding** – On arrival, we hope to take you for an exploratory zodiac cruise along the glacial front found on the fjords southern shore.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **Dining room**.

This afternoon, we hope to explore the fjords northern shore, as well as the nearby Tunua Sund in hope of a suitable landing. We will advise on arrival whether we are able to offer long, medium and short hikes, or a perimeter landing.

TBC **Zodiac Boarding** – On arrival, we hope to take you for landing in Tunua Sund, exploring the towering landscapes of East Greenland.

1815 **Daily Recap** - Please join the expedition team in the **Observation Lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.

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



East & South Greenland Explorer
Saturday 6th September 2025
Timmiarmiit Ø

0715 **Wakeup call** – Good morning

0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the **Dining room**.

This morning, we plan to explore Timmiarmiit Ø, a beautiful island surrounded by towering peaks of Southeast Greenland. This region has a long history of human presence, including sprawling Thule communities across its southern shore, as well as more modern European and Greenlandic hunters. During our landing, we hope to enjoy evidence of life on the island, as well as the stunning ice filled waters of the surroundings fjord system.

+/-0900 **Zodiac Boarding** for our landing at Timmiarmiit Ø.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **Dining room**.

This afternoon we hope to continue exploring this magnificent fjord system by zodiac. During our zodiac cruise, we hope to reach deep into the fjord's northern coastline in search of wildlife, as well as enjoy an abundance of icebergs which regularly feed into the fjord from the surrounding glaciers.

+/-1430 **Zodiac Boarding** for our zodiac cruise in Timmiarmiit fjord.

1815 **Daily Recap** - Please join the expedition team in the **Observation Lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.

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



South Greenland Explorer
Sunday 7th September 2025
Skjoldungen Fjord, Qoornoq
& Dronning Marie Dal

0715 **Wakeup call** – Good morning

0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the **Dining room**.

This morning, we plan to cruise in to the stunning Skjoldungen fjord aboard Plancius, surrounded by towering glaciars and 2000m high mountains.

We hope to land at Qoornoq, an archaeologically interesting site with Thule house remains and structures. We hope to offer a range of walks here.

+/-0900 **Long Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

+/-0910 **Medium & Short Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **Dining room**.

After lunch we hope to land at Dronning Marie Dal, a beautiful sheltered valley in the South Western corner of Skjoldungen fjord. Here we hope to offer hikes up onto the Arctic tundra, exploring the beautiful landscapes and hoping for views of wildlife and the beautiful flowers along the rolling slopes

1430 **Long Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1440 **Medium & Short Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1815 **Daily Recap** - Please join the expedition team in the **Observation Lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.

1900 **Special Dinner** is served on deck 3 aft – dress warm!

0715 **Wakeup call** – Good morning

0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the **Dining room**.

This morning, we hope to visit and explore Nansen Bugt (bay). It was here in 1888, that Fridtjof Nansen and his five-man team began the first successful crossing of the Greenland ice sheet. The area is surrounded by glacial landscape, and where the Greenland ice sheet slopes close to the coast. This morning, we hope to offer both a zodiac cruise and landing. Everyone will have the opportunity to zodiac cruise for approximately 2 hours and land at the point where Nansen's campsite for approximately 1 hour.

+/- 0900 **Zodiac Boarding** for exploratory cruise and landing at Nansen Bugt.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **Dining room**.

After lunch we hope to visit the Greenland Ice sheet, landing on a beautiful rocky peninsula with direct access to the second largest ice sheet on earth. During our landing, we hope to offer the opportunity to approach the outermost edge of the ice, and even take a few steps on this frozen land. This is a perimeter landing – please stay within the perimeter clearly indicated by guides.

+/-1430 **Zodiac Boarding** for perimeter landing alongside the Greenland Ice Sheet.

1745 **Daily Recap** - Please join the expedition team in the **Observation Lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.

1830 **Dinner** is served in the **Dining Room**.

"I demolish my bridges behind me...then there is no choice but to move forward"
— Fridtjof Nansen

0715 **Wakeup call** – Good Morning.
0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the **Dining room**.

This morning, we hope to visit the town of Tasiilaq, Greenland's largest eastern, where we will enjoy the regions beautiful scenery, as well as the famous East Greenlandic hospitality. During our visit, you are free to move throughout the town at your leisure, but please do not leave the town limits due to risk of polar bear.

+/- 0830 **Zodiac Boarding for Tasiilaq**

Please remember:

- *Public toilets can be found at the Church, Municipality Office & Community House*
- *Most stores accept credit card or Danish crowns. However, if you require cash, an ATM can be found in the communities' largest supermarket.*
- *Here, you may purchase items from the Supermarket*
- *Please do not enter homes or private property and do not take photos of people without permission – remember, a hesitation means no.*
- *Zodiac's will be available for shuttles to and from Plancius throughout the morning.*

During your visit, we recommend visiting:

- **Tasiilaq Museum**, offering complimentary admission – Open 0900
- **Stunk Souvenir shop** and workshop – Open 1000/ on arrival
- **Post office** located above the towns largest supermarket – Open 0900

In addition, we invite you to the following events provided through our local partners:

1030 **Greenland Dog Feeding and Sled Handling** – Please join Rasmus and his dog sled team above town near the cemetery.
1200 **Community Choir, drum and dance recital** – Please join Tasiilaq's finest musicians for a special recital – Location to be confirmed.

Please come directly to the pier following the Choir performance for the Last Zodiac From the Jetty to Plancius – the last zodiac will leave around 1300– Don't be late :)

+/-1230 **Lunch** is served in the **Dining Room**.

1430 **Greenland Whalers and their interactions with locals** – Please join guest lecturer Hans in the Observation Lounge to hear of the history of Greenlandic whaling.

1600 **Thomas Junker in Antarctica** – Please join Thomas in the Observation Lounge to hear stories of his documentary making with Oceanwide in Antarctica.

1745 **Daily Recap & Briefing** - Please join the expedition team in the **Observation Lounge** for our final recap and plans for our crossing to Iceland.

1830 **Dinner** is served in the **Dining Room**.

Today we will spend the day at sea, sailing towards Iceland. We will be keeping a look out for wildlife along the way, please enjoy some time on the outer decks, or up on the bridge as conditions allow. We will also offer a lecture program and collect your muck boots.

- 0745 **Wakeup call** – Good Morning
- 0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **Dining Room**.
- 0915 **Muck Boots** - We will **call you by deck** to collect back your muck boots at the zodiac boarding area on deck 3 - ***Please listen for announcements.***
- 1030 **The Humpback Whale** – Please join **Pierre** in the **Observation Lounge** for his lecture about the ocean giants we have had the privilege to view on our voyage.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the **Dining Room** (deck 3).
- Time change – clocks go forward 1 hour 1230 -> 1330.**
- 1500 **Oceanwide Expeditions Future Voyages** – Please join Pippa in the **Observation Lounge** for a presentation on the incredible locations Oceanwide sails to.
- 1700 **Lecture miniseries** – Please join the expedition team in the **Observation Lounge** for a series of short presentations from the team.
- 1845 **Captains Farewell** – Please join us in the **Observation Lounge** for a toast to the voyage with the captain and the trip slideshow.
- 1930 **Dinner** – will be served in the dining room.

“With friends like these, one might endure, I would say, under any circumstances”

– Andre Solomon, Swedish Expeditioner



South Greenland Explorer
Thursday 11th September 2025
Disembarkation – Keflavík

0715 **Wakeup call** – Good Morning!

0730-0830 **Breakfast** is served in the dining room.

*Please place your large/check-in luggage outside your cabin no later than **0730**. During breakfast we will collect your luggage and deposit it on the pier where it will be your responsibility to identify and collect each item.*

0830-0900 **Disembarkation** – Please listen for announcements. We will inform you once we have been cleared by local authorities. Once the clearance has been completed, we will invite you to the gangway to disembark Plancius.
Please return your keycard holders to reception.

*Upon disembarkation, **please identify and collect your luggage** from the pier and **take it with you.***

On behalf of all at Oceanwide Expeditions and all aboard Plancius we thank you for a truly incredible expedition. Safe travels home.

“Why then do we feel this strange attraction for these Polar regions, a feeling so powerful and lasting, that when we return home, we forget the mental and physical hardship, and want nothing more than to return to them?”
– Jean-Baptiste Charcot, French Explorer