



Weddell Sea, Antarctica

Ushuaia – Antarctica – Ushuaia

21st November 2025 – 1st December

On board M/V *Ortelius*



M/V *Ortelius* was built in 1989 in Gdynia, Poland as a special-purpose research vessel for the Russian Academy of Science. She was originally named “Marina Svetaeva” after a well-known Russian poetess and writer. The vessel was purchased by Oceanwide Expeditions in 2011, re-flagged in The Netherlands, and re-named *Ortelius*. She was extensively re-fitted in 2019 and complies with the latest SOLAS-regulations (Safety Of Life At Sea). M/V *Ortelius* is 91.25 m long, 17.2 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5.4 m. She has ice class UL1 (Equivalent to 1A, POLAR CODE), 10.5 knots average cruising speed and propulsion is 6 ZL 40/48 SULZER, that allows her sailing for 44 days **without needing to stop**. *Ortelius* is named after the Dutch cartographer Abraham *Ortelius* (1527-1598) who published the first modern world atlas, the “Theatrum Orbis Terrarum” (Theatre of the World) in 1570. Her home port is Vlissingen.



Captain Remmert Costa

[The Netherlands]

and his international crew of 53

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Assistant Expedition Leader	George Kennedy	[Australia]
Expedition Guide	Allan White	[Falkland Islands]
Expedition Guide	Beth Hitchcock	[Scotland]
Expedition Guide	Sam Bamford	[New Zealand]
Expedition Guide	Gary Miller	[Australia]
Expedition Guide	Jess Owen	[United Kingdom]
Expedition Guide	Saskia van der Meij	[The Netherlands]
Expedition Guide	Wei Deng	[China]
Expedition Guide	Yu Kan Cheng	[China]
Expedition Guide	Shan Zhou	[China]
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Helicopter Pilot	César Carrasco	[Chile]
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WE WELCOME YOU ON BOARD!

Day 1 – Friday 21st November 2025. Embarkation Day, Ushuaia

0800 GPS Position: 54°48.5'S, 068°17.9'W

Wind: SE1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Cloudy • Air Temp: +8°C • Sea Temp: +4°C

After exploring the town of Ushuaia, it was time to make our way to the pier to board m/v *Ortelius*. Everyone was intrigued and excited to see what our home would be for the next ten days. The hotel department showed us to our cabins and then we made our way to the lounge for a safety briefing. We were shown how to stay safe during the voyage, and we then took part in an abandon ship drill.

We could enjoy the views of the beagle channel as we set sail before being invited to the lounge again for the Captain's Welcome evening. Here we met Captain Remmet, and toasted the voyage. We also



met our Expedition Leader Pippa who introduced us to the Expedition team and explained to us what to expect from our time onboard.

We enjoyed a well-earned buffet dinner before heading back to the lounge for a mandatory briefing about IAATO, where Pippa informed us about how to safely explore Antarctica.

Many of us were tired from travelling and from the anticipation of beginning our exciting journey



and headed to our cabins for an early night. Others stayed up to watch the sun go down and enjoy the birds and scenery of the Beagle Channel and enjoy a drink at the bar with our new ship mates.

Day 2 – Saturday 22nd November – Sailing towards Antarctica

09:00 GPS Position: 57°41.5'S, 064°57.7'W

Wind: NW5 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air Temp: +5°C

This morning, we were excited to wake up to our first full day of the journey. The drake passage was surprisingly smooth given the approaching front looming in from the west.

The keen birdwatchers were thrilled to spot some exciting Southern Ocean birds throughout the morning including the wandering albatross, the southern royal albatross, the grey-headed albatross and the black-browed albatross.



After a great breakfast, Expedition Leader Pippa and Assistant Expedition Leader George invited us to the lounge for a briefing about helicopter operations, so that all would go smoothly on the day of operations.

Expedition guide Gary then gave a very entertaining talk about penguins, giving us an introduction to the species we would

hopefully come across and the behaviour and biology which helps them to survive in Antarctica.

After a wonderful lunch we managed to go down to the lower decks despite the rocking and rolling ship and collect our muck boots and any spare hire equipment. Afterwards Beth gave an insightful lecture on ice in Antarctica.

The low cloud stuck around creating quite the eerie ambience. But again, we managed to spot some species of



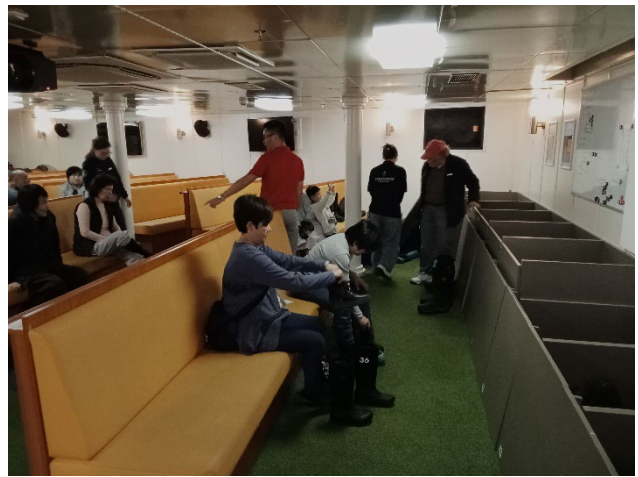


petrels, a southern fulmar and an Antarctic prion, that were gracefully flying in and out of the mist.

The day at sea flew by and soon it was time to gather for the first of our daily recaps. Pippa informed us about the plans for tomorrow, where we would be visiting the remarkable Deception Island, and informed us about our helicopter practice run and biosecurity measures that would be taking place the following day. Gary told us about how the seabirds make use of the wind and use dynamic soaring to travel

effortlessly across the waves. Jess, Saskia, and Beth then showed us just how large the wingspans of the birds we had been seeing were using a piece of string. Everyone was very impressed to see just how large the wingspan of the wandering albatross is.

After a delicious plated dinner and a chance to get to know each other some more, the ship chugged along southbound and at around 22:00hrs we crossed the 60 degree mark of southern latitude and officially sailed into Antarctic waters.



Day 3 – Sunday 23rd November – At sea and Deception Island

08:00 GPS Position: 62°34.2'S, 062°01.0'W

Wind: NE9 • Sea: Rough • Weather: Overcast • Air Temp: -1°C

We were woken up by our Expedition Leader Pippa at 07:45, with the message that we were already almost across the Drake Passage. Last night we went at a good speed and, again, we were gently rocked to sleep, as the Drake treated us well. Now and then we felt we were weightless for a bit. But that added to the excitement. This morning, we were warned about



slippery decks, as it had started snowing. That real Antarctic feel came over us. When we looked outside, through our portholes, we immediately felt we were getting closer to the seventh continent on this special journey south.

To be prepared to go on land we first had to complete mandatory IAATO Biosecurity in the lounge. We were called down by groups and had to bring all our outer garments, bags, poles, tripods that we were planning to use in Antarctica. It had to be checked and/or cleaned. In the end all of us got ticked off and we were ready to enter the pristine southern continent whenever we arrived.

Then at 11:30 Jess invited us up into the lounge to join her for her lecture about cetaceans of the Southern Ocean. She introduced us to the many species that we might see on our trip and taught us some interesting facts and the differences between whales, dolphins and porpoises. Soon after, lunch was ready, and we could enjoy another lovely meal in the dining room prepared by the galley team.

Then we slowly got closer to our destination for the afternoon. Out of the fog arose Deception Island, part of the South Shetland Islands. We were about to sail into Port Foster, the flooded caldera of this active volcano. With 45 knots of wind and snow blowing horizontally, it was a challenge to navigate into the narrow entrance called Neptune's Bellows. Within this passage of only 230 meters wide, there was an additional hazard to be considered. Just 2,5 meters below surface, in the middle of the route, lies Raven Rock. The experienced Bridge Team, under command of Captain Remmert Koster, maneuvered our *Ortelius* smoothly past it.



At 15:45 we were called down to the gangway to get ready for our first landing on this trip, at Whaler's Bay. We were excited! It was cold, but to be able to step on land again after two days at sea was for many of us that had been seasick, it was a good feeling. The striking contrast between history and amazing geology was almost surreal. We were given the chance to walk around and explore the historic Norwegian whaling station and see the remains of old research buildings from British scientists that were forced to leave the island after its most recent



eruption in 1970. A thick layer of snow covered the black beaches; this combined with the fog and many shades of white and grey made Deception Island look almost magical.



After a few hours of wandering around, taking in this beauty and photographing the landscape and penguins that were combing the beach too, we were ready to head back. A few brave souls took the challenge to do the polar plunge and straight after jumped into the Zodiacs, to be brought back for a warm shower on board. At 19:00, we were invited back up to

the lounge to join the Expedition Team for our daily recap and briefing, where Pippa shared her plans for the next day. At 19:30, our hotel manager Volodymyr informed us that dinner was ready, and the dining room team were waiting to welcome us. Everybody was hungry after our afternoon in the cold and enjoyed the great food!



Day 4 – Monday 24th November – Palaver Point

09:00 GPS Position: 64°00.5'S, 061°48.8'W

Wind: Var 2/3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Partial Cloud • Air Temp: 1°C • Sea Temp: 2°C



This morning, Pippa woke us up at 6:45am to magnificent conditions in the Gerlache Strait. Some were fortunate to spot a humpback whale off the bow before breakfast, and the birders were treated to a southern giant petrel and Antarctic tern.

At 8:30am the first shuttles were heading towards Palaver Point on Two Hummock Island. After fitting snowshoes, we were able to really stretch our legs and wander around capturing stunning scenes of nesting Chinstrap penguins with the backdrop of awe-inspiring glaciers. There was even a humpback whale that made a brief appearance near the ship again. The chinstrap penguins were busy collecting stones and getting their nests ready and some already had eggs. They were noisy as they socialized together and occasionally a few fights broke out.

After lunch we were straight into a practice helicopter run so that there would be no surprises on the real day. The Chilean DAP Helicopter team were extremely patient in their explanations, and it was a real successful and productive run through.

As we sailed northeast up towards our destination in Antarctic Sound dodging icebergs into the afternoon, many enjoyed cards, coffee, reading and more sightseeing. Some were lucky to spot Adélie penguins on passing icebergs, as well as breaching humpback whales.

Just before dinner, Pippa gave an update on the ice and weather conditions for the next few days; Saskia introduced us to volcanoes in Antarctica; Jess gave a talk on krill; Wei made us laugh about penguin poo and finally George gave a great little presentation on the laws of the sea and the zoning legalities.

As we sailed on through relatively calm seas northeastwards up the Bransfield Strait we were accompanied by an Antarctic petrel to finish off a fantastic day in this very special part of the world.



Day 5 – Tuesday 25th November – Sailing through the Antarctic Sound

0800 GPS Position: 63°16.3'S, 056°59.0'W

Wind: S10 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air Temp: -5°C • Sea Temp: -1°C

Good morning, good morning came the wake-up call today! “It’s a beautiful sunny day outside and we are just at the northern end of Antarctic Sound”. And what a day it turned out to be. The day started crisp and cold with strong 50-60 kt winds keeping all but the bravest inside. As we motored into the Antarctic Sound over the morning, the wind dropped nicely, just as predicted. The sea was scattered with big icebergs with many nice large tabular bergs south toward the entrance to the Weddell Sea. For a brief while in the morning, we had a few snow flurries, but that cleared up as we entered some of the loose pack ice to see how far we could push our way south. We passed Hope Bay, the home of Argentina’s Esperanza Station, where the first ever baby in Antarctica was born. The station is famous for having periods with whole families living in Antarctica in Argentina’s move to present their territorial claims in Antarctica. Some of our phones came to life as surprisingly, there is mobile phone service around the station. Hope Bay was also the site of part of the epic Nordenskjöld tale of survival and rescue. Three men wintered over in a tent pitched inside a small stone hut there in 1902.



Soon after we passed Hope Bay, we ventured into the pack ice in our hopes of going further south. A new experience for most on board, it was a fascinating and exciting process as our Captain and bridge team chose our path through a maze of variously thick and sparse sea ice, icebergs, bergy bits and brash. We had flocks of snow petrels, scattered Adélie penguin groups and even a couple of crabeater seals all using the pack ice as a convenient platform or backdrop for their foraging and resting. In the late morning, George gave us a talk on geopolitics, outlining the development of the Antarctic Treaty and some of the successes and challenges that have been solved as well as some that loom for our near future.

The day slid by with ice around the ship. We managed to push down into the southern end of the Antarctic Sound, only to be met with ice pack that was too thick for us to consider going on. The Captain changed course and we entered Fritdjof Sound for a different attempt. We got a little farther south, but again, blocked by thick ice. The decision was made to send out a scout helicopter to check the conditions and the distance to the colony while we stayed stationary in the pack ice at our farthest south position with the ship. Meanwhile, Allan gave us the full story of Nordenskjold and his 1901-1903 expedition to the area. The Swedish expedition built a hut on Snow Hill Island with the intention of spending one winter there and performing research over a full summer. That turned into an epic of survival over two winters when the relief ship, the *Antarctic*, got stuck in the ice and was crushed. With one party of three men at Hope Bay, the rest of the ship's crew at Paulet Island and Nordenskjold's team at Snow Hill Hut, it was nothing short of a miracle that everyone found each other. With the sad exception of a single death due to heart trouble, everyone else was eventually recovered by the SS *Uruguay*. As Allan wrapped up, the helicopter returned and after dinner at our briefing we all got the fantastic news. Things looked promising for tomorrow and the next day. If the forecast holds for tomorrow, we would attempt take everyone to the colony over the next two days. With fingers crossed for the weather to hold, everyone shuffled off to bed ready to dream of emperors tomorrow.



Day 6 – Wednesday 26th November – Antarctic Sound & Fridtjof Sound

0800 GPS Position: 63°37.5'S, 056°43.5'W

Wind: SE 3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Cloudy • Air Temp: -5°C



Overnight *Ortelius* remained in her 'ice garage' at the southern end of Fridtjof Sound, providing a quiet and motionless night for everyone on board. The morning brought still conditions that were broken occasionally by the distant squawk of Adélie penguins. The expanse of

heavy ice that had brought us to a halt yesterday, remained unbroken as far as the eye could see ahead of the ship. There was still no hope of us going any further south.



Unfortunately, the skies were overcast with a low cloud base and an occasional light flurry of snow that reduced visibility further. These were not good flying conditions, and as many suspected, it resulted in a delay to our planned activities. The helicopter pilots agreed to review weather conditions at 10:00. In the meantime, the Expedition Team and helicopter engineers set about loading the helicopters with all the equipment that had to be taken to the landing site.

A wave of great excitement ran through the ship when it was announced that a lone emperor penguin had appeared on the ice just off our starboard side. It was close enough to provide an excellent view and hung around long enough to be well photographed. What a joy it was to finally see one of these magnificent creatures. There followed a flurry of fantastic wildlife sightings from the ship. Soon after the emperor disappeared back into the water, another announcement alerted us to the presence of a minke whale off our port side. And then, even greater excitement when a pod of orcas (large type B) showed up, also on the port side. Their pod numbered somewhere in the region of 10 individuals, with one large male, two females with calves, and a mixture of other animals. It was a truly fantastic sight.



The 10:00 weather check revealed no obvious improvement in our immediate area. So, a phone call was made to Marambio, a large Argentinian station on Seymour Island, next-door to Snow Hill Island. They reported low clouds, snow showers and variable - but generally poor - visibility. The hold on helicopter operations continued, with another weather check scheduled for 12:00. Meanwhile, a lecture on the geology of the region was offered by Expedition Guide Beth. However, just before she started, we were informed that the pod of Killer whales had returned,



causing a rush for cameras and an exodus to the open decks. They didn't stay around for too long, and Beth was able to present her lecture before lunchtime.

The weather check at 12:00 did not bring good news. Another call to

Marambio Station revealed an un-forecasted worsening in the weather. The snow was falling heavier, and visibility was extremely poor in their area. Our visual reference in the direction



that we needed to go was the distinctive outline of Cockburn Island, some 35 nautical miles away. It had been visible for much of the morning but had now faded from view. Just before lunch Pippa called everyone to the bar for an update. She delivered the very sad news that we could not fly to Snow Hill today, and that our one remaining day tomorrow did not give us enough time to fly everyone

there. Sadly, this meant that all hopes of reaching the emperor penguin colony had now gone. This was a bitter pill to swallow. When relying on the unpredictable Antarctic weather for cooperation, it very often disappoints.

We wanted to make use of the helicopters, and the weather in our immediate area was still OK, so it was announced that there would be scenic flights in the afternoon. However, as preparations got underway, it started to snow, and the visibility was soon lost. Sadly, flying was out of the question. We then moved to plan C (or was it D, E, F or G?), a Zodiac cruise through Fridtjof Sound. But just before that activity got started, Antarctica fired another curveball in our direction. Several large icebergs that had remained grounded and motionless nearby over the last 24 hours or so, were now free-floating and moving with the strong current towards *Ortelius*. Understandably, Captain Remmert wanted to move the ship as soon as possible. The Zodiac cruise was postponed while we slowly made our way northwards through Fridtjof Sound, pushing through heavy sea ice and weaving our way between colossal icebergs. The strong



current in this narrow channel swirled and moved the ice around at an alarming rate, and at one point *Ortelius* was pushed off her heading by a large icefloe resulting in a close, but controlled encounter with an iceberg.

At the north end of Fridtjof Sound, our progress was halted by an impenetrable barrier of heavy sea ice which stretched clean across the deepest part of the channel. It was not there when we arrived the day before, having drifted in overnight with the current. We now had to wait for the tide to turn and move this brute out of our way. Always keen to seize an opportunity, our fearless leader Pippa announced that we would lower all the Zodiacs and go out for an exploratory cruise. This was to be a true taste of Antarctica! The sub-zero temperatures quickly froze the spray that splashed against the sides



of the Zodiacs, as the drivers guided their craft among the ice floes. Groups of Adélie penguins were found resting on ice, while gentoo penguins swam into the channel heading for their colony on nearby Jonassen Island. At Chauchepirat Point we admired the geology in the dramatic cliffs where Snow Petrels could be seen flying to and from their nests. The biting cold soon had us heading back to the warmth of our ship, where a hot shower and delicious dinner awaited us. The day ended with a gathering in the bar to learn about the plans for tomorrow and Gary and Jess gave us some more information about how sea ice is formed and the orcas we encountered.



Day 7 – Thursday 27th November – Brown Bluff & Scenic flights

0800 GPS Position: 63°30.1'S, 056°48.9'W

Wind: Var 2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Cloudy • Air Temp: 2.7°C

Today was going to be a day of surprises. We had gone to bed last night with a clear idea that today was going to be an adventure. We had aims and ambitions but with the ice conditions being so dense and the snow flurries that were coming through, disobeying the forecast, everybody on board curiously looked forward to what entertainment the day would hold.



We were woken by Pippa to a snow-covered deck and visibility only as far as the nearest snow laden mountains. The sea ice looked spectacular and mystical as we made our way through the freezing sea surface towards Brown Bluff. This is a landing site on the Antarctic Peninsula itself, with imposing big cliffs of volcanic origin.

Out on deck the conditions were very cold. We looked through our binoculars at the ice between us and Brown Bluff trying to find out if there was a clear route. To our delight, the experienced bridge team managed to get us through the ice. The announcement came shortly after breakfast that we had made it to Brown Bluff, and the ice conditions allowed us to make a landing!

We donned our warmest layers and life jackets ready for some time ashore viewing the dense Adélie colony and clusters of gentoos. The water was glassy calm creating beautiful reflections of the ice bergs along the coast. The penguins all seemed very busy, some in large groups waddling with intent along the snowy shoreline. The rest of the flat coastal area was challenging to walk on where the penguins had not compacted it down by the repeated to-ing the fro-ing. First, we saw the gentoo penguins, which seem to be pushing Adélie's to a more confined area at this landing site as they increase their range into Adélie dominated beaches. They were mainly tending to their two eggs however some were a bit behind and were still at the mating phase. Atop one of the large ventifact boulders was a kelp gull. Its partner returned with a beak full of nesting material, which looked like a beard as it flew carrying it.



Above us were the impressive orange brown cliffs which give this sites its name. We were delighted to realize the cloud level was rising and there were even some blue patches to be



seen. This was first drawn to our attention as we were extremely warm in all our layers which we had come out in this morning. The improving light also meant that the color of the cliffs popped as the sun moved round to the midday north. Every moment was entertaining when there are these many penguins around. Their main activities

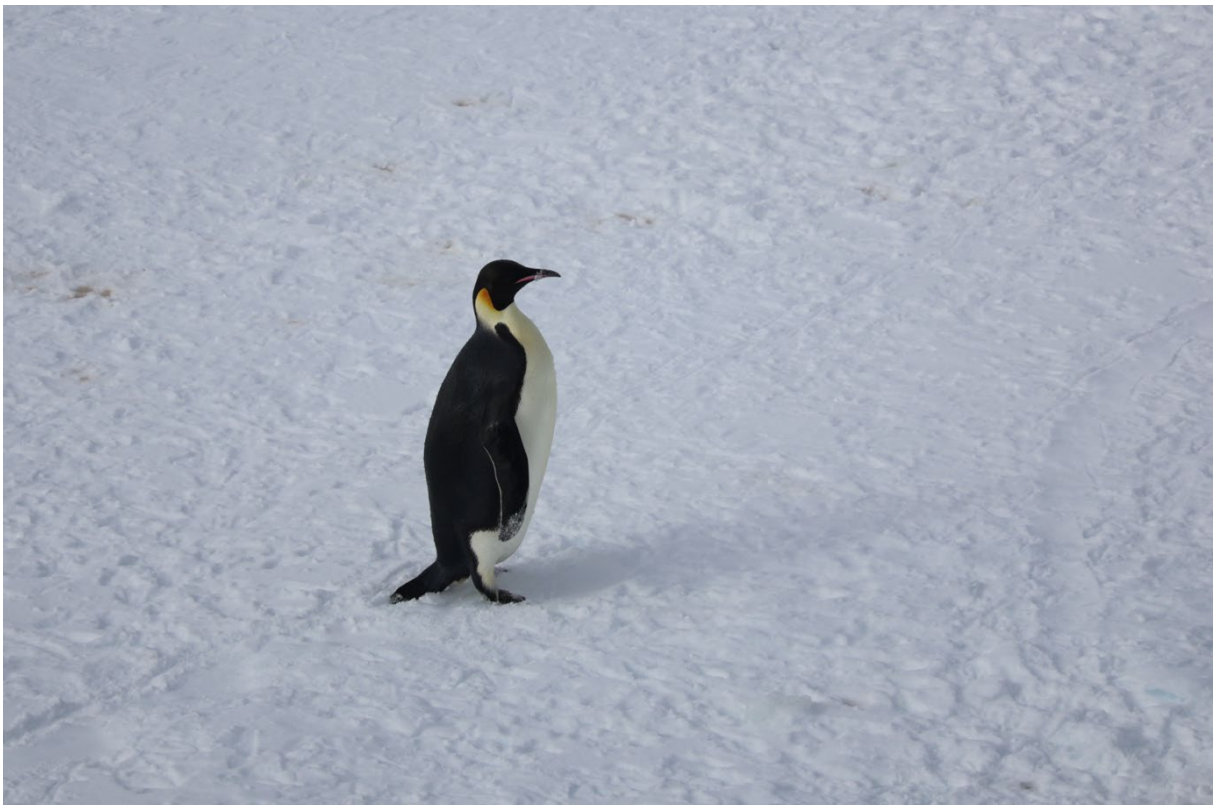
proved to be tending to their nests by stealing stones from the neighbors and preening their feathers which often needed cleaning after a projectile poo from the neighbors – not specifically launched in revenge.

On returning to *Ortelius* we could already see the heli deck was prepared for operation as the fencing was laid flat and Romeo's cover had been removed. This could only mean one thing. Once we were all back on board, the exciting announcement came from Pippa that our first



flight would be possible this afternoon as the conditions had cleared sufficiently! This was turning out to be a superb day!

After a quick lunch for some, we rolled into the next operation by making our way to the departure lounge. Our dry run had really helped us to get an idea of how the whole process works but doing it for real added a lot of excitement into the mix. The conditions were beautiful





out on deck for those who were not called up yet. We slowly meandered around the ice in front of Brown Bluff as the helicopters, Romeo, Victor and Tango, came and went.

By mid-afternoon there was an exciting call that an emperor penguin had been spotted on the starboard side of the ship. Those

who were able to make their way out on deck had hours of entertainment as the curious emperor kept us moving as it alternated from port to starboard, then under the bow then at the aft all the while jumping out on the odd ice floe to test our reaction speeds with a camera. It was incredible to see how clear the water was as we kept the emperor in sight even after it dived below the surface. Our indication as to which side he was on usually came from the characteristic call that it made. Later in the afternoon it was hard to pick apart the emperor's sound from everyone else on board who had also enjoyed mastering it!



The scenic flight on the helicopter was magnificent as we perused this magical landscape that is truly characteristic of Antarctica. Huge tabular ice bergs. Impressive extensive sea ice. Vast areas of glaciers pouring down to the coast. It was breathtaking.

The light only improved as the night when on, drawing more people to the outer decks to photograph the persistent emperor penguin. Before the last flight was back on board, dinner was called. Today, it was a special evening as we had a BBQ dinner on deck. It was the perfect moment to wrap up warm and enjoy the incredible scenery as the sun fell lower in the sky, lighting up the glaciers, the sea ice crunched as we passed through, and the dance music began to get everyone moving. The atmosphere was wonderful as we excitedly shared stories of the day and showed our awe for our surroundings. It wasn't long before the dining room staff, guests of all nationalities and the guides were dancing together on the top deck.

The excitement soon moved to the warmth of the bar with the musicians amongst us set the tone for the evening. We were all delighted to have made a continental landing on Antarctica and got into the air on board the helicopters where we could see the region from a new perspective!



Day 8 – Friday 28th November – Ships cruise & Scenic flights

0800 GPS Position: 63°23.9'S, 059°56.2'W

Wind: SE 4 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Cloudy • Air Temp: -0.3°C

Overnight we left the beautiful, icy Antarctic Sound behind and sailed to the westside of the Antarctic Peninsula. Along the way we encountered some more ice around Astrolabe Island. We had to slow down a little for that and therefore we woke up this morning, still heading south. It was cold and windy outside, but our Expedition Leader Pippa told us it should die off over the next few hours.



After breakfast, a lot of us are out on deck, spotting birds and enjoying the incredible scenery while we were cruising through the north part of the Gerlache Strait. The high mountains of the peninsula, covered in snow and separated by enormous glaciers loom in the background. On the horizon we saw massive tabular icebergs floating and around *Ortelius*, and we spotted several smaller, but still impressive icebergs. In between the waves, in the distance, we saw blows of a few whales. It is just a magical wonderland.

At 10:30 Allan invited us up in the lounge to join him for his lecture on “Dogs of Antarctica”. Listening to him with his soothing storytelling voice, talking about the unsung heroes of Antarctic exploration – the sled dogs. That was a great break in our morning. We came closer to our destination today. Trinity Island. During Allan’s talk we sailed down the east coast, looking at the peaks. Just before lunch we got close to an inlet in the south of the island, called Mikkelsen Harbour.



We listened to the announcement from our Expedition Leader Pippa. The wind died down, and the weather conditions were looking really good. This afternoon we are up for another scenic flight in the helicopters. This time it is over Trinity Island.

Lunch therefore was served earlier today, at 12:00 lunch. The galley team, again, did a great job!



At 13:45 the first group was called out to the 'departure lounge'. To make it as fair as possible we started from group 6 going up. The first ones flying were already eager to get checked in by the Expedition team. And shortly after they walked outside to get into the helicopter.

The pilots were eager to show us again the beauty and especially the vastness of Antarctica. We took off towards Trinity Island with its large snow sheets and glaciers on the mountains. We looked down on the massive crevasses and soaring like a bird, we dropped down to water level and flew over big icebergs that were stranded in the shallow waters in a bay on the other

side of the mountain range. The grey-bluish clouds gave this magical atmosphere to the landscape. With hardly any wind we could see the blue 'feet' of the icebergs under the water. Some of us even saw whales from the air.

On the southwest coast of Trinity there is a spot called Spert. It is a combination of caves, canyons and rocky stags, calved by the crushing waves of the Southern Ocean. We flew by and couldn't believe the beauty of this place. We all returned to the ship with a big smile. What a great last afternoon here in this incredibly beautiful place on earth.

At 18:30, Pippa invited us up to the lounge to share her plans for the next day which were followed by dinner. Stories about the great flights this afternoon buzzed around in the dining room.

Later that evening up in the bar we watched the National Geographic documentary "Endurance". A spectacular movie that showed us two sides of the story of the *Endurance*. First, the quest from the 2022 expedition led Mensun Bound, who miraculously found the final missing piece of this legendary expedition. And weaving through this story, the survival story of Sir Ernest Shackleton and his 27 men after the *Endurance* sank was shown. With all original footage made by the photographer Frank Hurley in 1914-1916. We could relate to their battle, braving the same unpredictable sea ice conditions that doomed the *Endurance* 109 years ago in the Weddell Sea.



Day 9 – Saturday 29th November – Drake Passage

0800 GPS Position: 61°29.5'S, 062°42.2'W

Wind: NE 4/5 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air Temp: 0°C

It was a leisurely start to the day as *Ortelius* charged northwards across the Drake Passage. There wasn't very much wind, but there was a large swell of 2½ to 3 meters, generated by a storm system that had recently passed through the area. The movement of the ship - although not that bad - was enough to keep some people in their bunks and ensured that there were many empty seats at breakfast. Despite the swell, *Ortelius* maintained full speed towards South America.

For those who ventured to the bridge, the ship was in company with the usual bird life for the region and latitudes – petrels, prions, fulmars, and of course a variety of albatrosses. The most delightful



among this airborne parade was several Antarctic petrels. Birding enthusiasts were also excited to see light-mantled, grey-headed and black-browed albatrosses flying around the ship. The ease with which these remarkable birds roam the Southern Ocean is so humbling. The adoration for these incredible birds is hard to put into words, especially when we consider the mariner's legend that every albatross carries the soul of a sailor lost at sea. It is the bird of good omen for all who work upon the oceans of the World. The words of English poet Samuel Taylor-Coleridge (1772-1834), from his epic work 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' are so fitting.....

*At length did cross an Albatross, through the fog it came.
As if it had been a Christian soul, we hailed it in God's name.*

At 09:30 Expedition Guide Sam kicked off the lecture program for the day with his talk about 'Living in Antarctica'. Illustrated with his own images and videos, Sam's lecture gave an overview of the 18-months (summer-winter-summer) that he spent at New Zealand's Scott Base in the Ross Sea. Next up at 11:30 was Gary, who told us 'The Truth about Skuas'. Although a renowned penguin expert, Gary has also conducted in-depth research on skuas and revealed some of the surprising secrets of these highly intelligent and often misunderstood birds.

After lunch we were called to the Lecture Room on Deck 3 to return our muck boots, helicopter cards and dry bags, if we had borrowed one. Then, for many, there was the opportunity to enjoy a little siesta, with the motion of the ship gently rocking everyone into a relaxing sleep. At 15:00, Expedition Guide and historian extraordinaire Saskia wowed an audience in the bar

with her story of the Belgian Antarctic Expedition, led by Adrien de Gerlache on the ship *Belgica* in 1897-99. It is an astonishing story where the ship became trapped in ice and was forced into an unplanned over-wintering, the very first in Antarctica. This resulted in most of the crew going mad. Among the crew, and one who kept his head throughout the whole ordeal, was a young Roald Amundsen making his Antarctic debut.



At 18:00 we gathered in the bar for the daily recap and briefing on the next day's activities. Chief Engineer Guntis gave us a talk on the inner workings of the ship and George talked to us about becoming Antarctic Ambassadors. Then dinner was served, followed by another movie night in the bar. This was a showing of the delightful, animated penguin classic, 'Happy Feet'. Our very own Gary Miller was chief penguin consultant on the project, and it was brilliant to hear an introduction to the movie by Gary before it started. And so, ends the first day of our return journey across the Drake Passage.



Day 10 – Sunday 30th November – Drake Passage

0800 GPS Position: 56°37.5'S, 065°33.4'W

Wind: WNW 6 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air Temp: +6.2°C

We woke up with mixed feelings today as it was our last full day on *Ortelius*. After breakfast we began to prepare for life outside of the ship, including paying our bar bills at reception.

We started the lecture program by listening to a fascinating talk by Pippa about the days of whaling in the Southern Ocean. In the mid-morning, Jess continued the whale theme and gave a talk about the role that marine mammals play in the ecosystem titled 'What whales do for us'.

In the morning, we saw the beautiful southern royal albatross, a huge seabird with a 3.5m wingspan soaring around the ship along with our cape petrel friends. We spent our free time in the day packing our belongings and getting ready for the next stage of our travels. We continued to enjoy the seabirds of the Southern Ocean soaring above the waves in between packing and napping.

In the afternoon, George gave a talk about the future of Antarctica with regards to geopolitics. It was thought provoking to think about what the future holds for this unique and special continent.

In the early evening, we were invited to the lounge for the Captains Farewell cocktails. This was a nice excuse to dress up a little and toast to the end of an exciting voyage. Here Pippa told us about the plans for disembarking in the morning and everything we needed to know about luggage and logistics. She thanked all the departments for their efforts over the last ten days. We then received a real treat from Beth. She had been working on producing a slideshow of photographs and videos of our journey which we could take home and show to our friends and family.

We gathered in the dining room for a final plated dinner and enjoyed getting the chance to meet and thank all the hotel department, galley team, and dining room team.



Day 11 – Monday 1st December – Disembarkation Ushuaia

0800 GPS Position: 54°48.5'S, 068°17.9'W

Wind: Var 1/2 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Overcast • Air Temp: +8°C • Sea Temp: +4°C

Pippa woke us up for the final time. It was amazing how quickly ten days had whizzed by and after leaving our large luggage outside our rooms we headed to breakfast. We said goodbye to the dining room team who had kept us so well fed and cared for throughout the trip. We gathered our belongings and headed to the gangway to say bye to the crew, staff, and new friends we had made. Some of us hopped straight on the bus to the airport to head home, while others set off to explore Ushuaia and continue travelling in Patagonia. This was a trip that really reminded us of the power of nature, and we saw firsthand just how wild and rugged Antarctica is. The highlights of this trip will stay in our thoughts for many years to come. We got to see Antarctica from the sky, a unique perspective on this incredible landscape. We stepped onto the mainland at Brown Bluff. We got to see one of the most impressive apex predators when we saw the orcas. And of course, we had two very special visitors come and inspect us at the ship, the beautiful and curious emperor penguins.

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Per Andersson, Expedition Leader Pippa Low, Hotel Manager Volodymyr Cherednychenko and all the crew and staff of *M/V Ortelius*, it was a great pleasure and a privilege traveling with you!



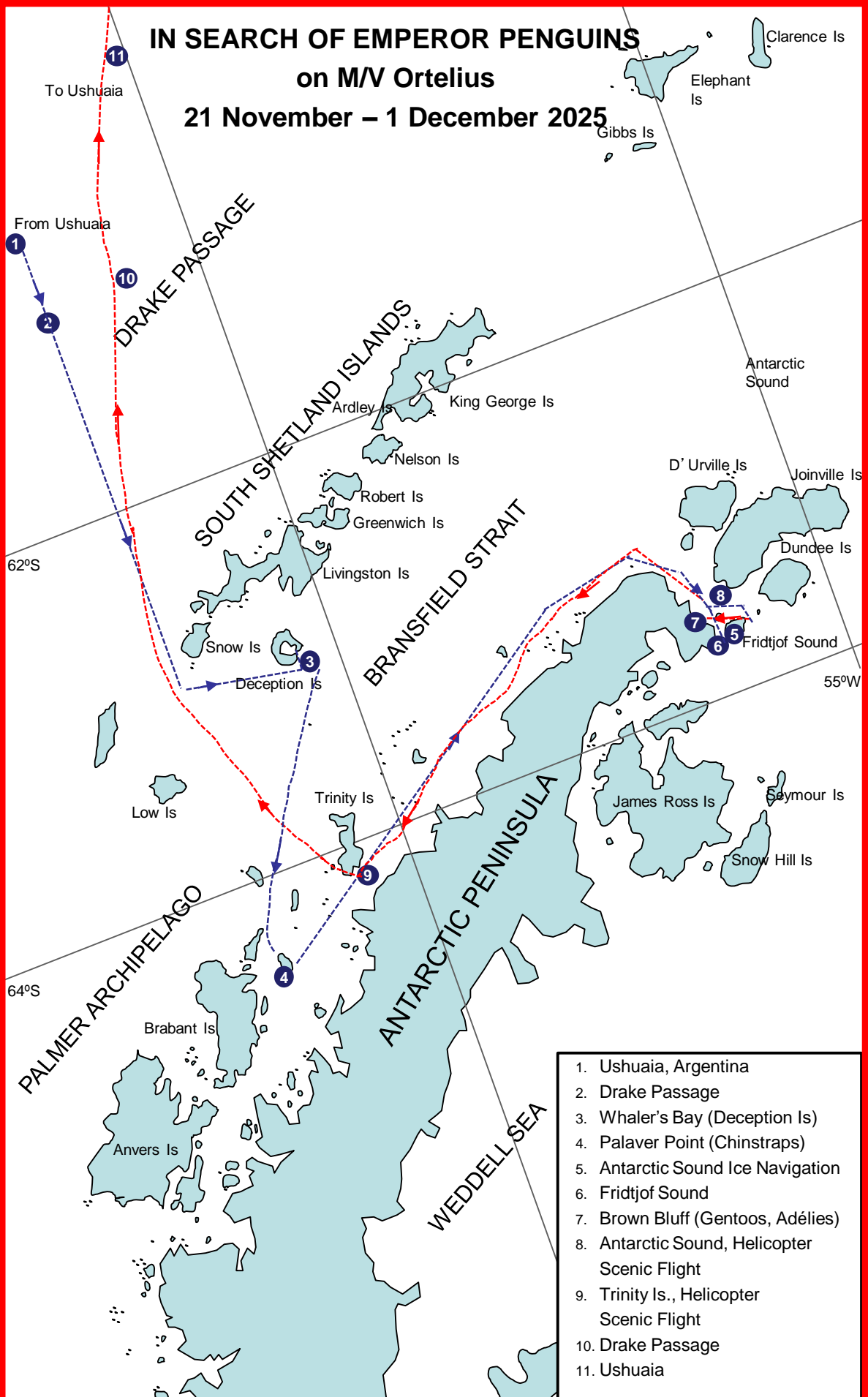
Total distance sailed on our voyage: 1641 nautical miles

Most southern point sailed: 63° 37.0' S, 056° 43.5'W

IN SEARCH OF EMPEROR PENGUINS

on M/V Ortelius

21 November – 1 December 2025



BIRD AND MAMMAL LIST

Ortelius: Weddell Sea Emperors 21 November- 1December 2025

		November										December			
BIRDS	Latin name	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1			
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>						X	X							
King Penguin	<i>A. patagonicus</i>														
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X						
Adelie Penguin	<i>P. adelaie</i>				X	X	X	X	X						
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>P. antarctica</i>				X										
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	X									X				
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>														
Rockhopper Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysocoe</i>										X				
Snowy Wandering Albatro	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>		X							X	X				
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>D. epomophora</i>		X	X							X				
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>D. sanfordi</i>														
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophrys</i>	X	X	X		X			X	X	X				
Grey-headed Albatross	<i>T. chrysostoma</i>		X							X	X				
Light-mantled Albatross	<i>Phoebetria palpebrata</i>		X							X	X				
Cape/Pintado Petrel	<i>Capense capense</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>			X						X	X				
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>			X	X	X	X	X							
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialoides</i>	X	X	X					X	X	X				
Northern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>														
Southern Giant Petrel	<i>M. giganteus</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>		X							X	X				
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>														
Slender-billed Prion	<i>P. belcheri</i>		X							X	X				
Antarctic Prion	<i>P. desolata</i>														
White-headed Petrel	<i>Pterodroma lessoni</i>														
Mottled Petrel	<i>P. inexpectata</i>														
Soft-plumaged Petrel (dar	<i>P. mollis</i>														
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>										X				
White-chinned Petrel	<i>P. aequinoctialis</i>		X	X						X	X				
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Fuegian Storm-petrel	<i>O. chilensis</i>														
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>		X								X				
Grey-backed Storm-petrel	<i>Garrodia nereis</i>														
Common Diving-petrel	<i>Pelacanoides urinatrix</i>									X					
Imperial Cormorant	<i>Phalacrorax atriceps</i>	X									X				
Antarctic Shag	<i>P. bransfieldensis</i>				X	X	X	X							
Chilean Skua	<i>Catharacta chilensis</i>	X													
Subantarctic skua	<i>C. antarctica</i>			X	X	X	X	X							
South Polar Skua	<i>C. maccormicki</i>														
Dolphin Gull	<i>Larus scoresbii</i>	X													
Kelp Gull	<i>L. dominicanus</i>	X			X	X	X	X							
Antarctic Tern	<i>S. vittata</i>				X	X	X	X	X						
South American Tern	<i>S. hirundinacea</i>	X													
Arctic Tern	<i>S. paradisaea</i>														
Pale-faced Sheathbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>				X			X							

MAMMALS	Latin name	November											December		
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1			
Southern Right Whale	<i>Eubalaena australis</i>														
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>			1	2				2	1					
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>								1						
Sei Whale	<i>B. borealis</i>														
Antarctic Minke Whale	<i>B. bonaerensis</i>						1								
Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>														
Antarctic Killer (type A)	<i>Orcinus species</i>														
Antarctic Killer (type B)	<i>Orcinus species</i>						10								
Hourglass Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i>		2												
Peale's Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>										2				
Dusky Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus cruciger</i>														
Dolphin	<i>Unidentified Species</i>														
S. Bottlenosed Whale	<i>Hyperoodon planifrons</i>														
Arnoux's Beaked Whale	<i>Berardius arnuxii</i>														
Beaked Whale-	<i>Cuvier's or Grey's</i>														
South American Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus australis</i>	X	X												
Antarctic Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus gazella</i>														
Southern Elephant Seal	<i>Mirounga leonina</i>														
Crabeater Seal	<i>Lobodon carcinophaga</i>					X	X	X							
Weddell Seal	<i>Leptonychotes weddellii</i>							X							
Leopard Seal	<i>Hydrurga leptonyx</i>														
		Depart Ushuaia	Drake Passage	Drake-Whalers Bay (Deception Is.)	Palaver Pt. (Two Hummock Is.); Toward Ant. Sound	Antarctic Sound; Fridtjof Sound	Antarctic Sound; Fridtjof Sound	Brown Bluff; Antarctic Sound; Scenic Ft.	Trinity Island Scenic Flight	Drake Passage	Drake Passage; Cape Horn; Beagle Channel	Ushuaia			

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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琵琶·洛 (Pippa Low) 担任海上向导和船长已有 15 年，主要在苏格兰、澳大利亚、新西兰和极地地区。作为一名专门从事海洋哺乳动物研究和保护的海洋科学家，她将时间分配在半球之间，并喜欢向公众展示海洋世界及其所提供的一切。

在令人难以置信的马里湾海岸长大，激发了她对海洋世界及其海洋生物的热爱，她把每一分钟的空闲时间都花在水上或水下；职业生涯从年轻时就体现了这种热爱，成为各种海洋学科的讲师，并继续在苏格兰大学学习海洋生物学，后来又在澳大利亚继续攻读。

完成学位后，琵琶曾担任海洋哺乳动物观察员、科学潜水员和各种研究项目的研究助理；包括对一系列海洋哺乳动物的身体独有特征的照片ID、迁徙、分布和行为研究。通过推广和研究，她对海洋哺乳动物保护产生了浓厚的兴趣。

在南极罗斯海地区担任研究助理后，她爱上了南极洲。琵琶现在在北极和南极担任全职探险队员和探险队长。在非极地工作时间，她仍会抽出时间从事研究项目——最近完成了座头鲸生理学专业的硕士学位。

George Kennedy – Asst. Exp. Leader



George is an Australian social scientist specialising in polar geopolitics. He completed a Masters of International Development Practice 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 policy, as well as representing Oceanwide at the IAATO general meetings.

Alongside polar geopolitics, George has worked as an ALS paramedic for over a decade, and is now in the final stages of completing his Doctorate of Medicine at Deakin University where he hopes to specialise in Remote Medicine.

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!

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乔治是一名澳大利亚社会科学家，专门研究极地地缘政治。他于2016年在莫纳什大学获得国际发展实践硕士学位，并于2021年在澳大利亚海洋和南极科学研究所获得南极治理研究生文凭。完成学业后，乔治在澳大利亚南极司政策办公室工作，与其他南极条约缔约国合作制定可持续旅游政策，并代表 Oceanwide 参加国际南极旅行社协会（IAATO）大会。

在从事极地地缘政治研究的同时，乔治还从事了十多年的ALS辅助医疗工作，目前正处于迪肯大学医学博士学位的最后完成阶段，他希望在该校专攻远程医学。

乔治对旅行、船只和摩托车情有独钟。在三年的时间里，他骑着摩托车从巴塔哥尼亚到墨西哥，用两个轮子探索拉丁美洲。在巴塔哥尼亚期间，他与火地岛的保护组织密切合作，并于2017年首次访问了南极洲。自2019年以来，乔治一直在南极洲和北极地区担任向导，分享其令人难以置信的野生动物、地貌，当然还有其独特政治的故事！

Allan White – Expedition Guide



Allan was born and raised in the Falkland Islands. He's a fifth generation Islander, and a descendant of one of the original British colonists in 1840. His higher education was completed in England, after which he embarked on a military career.

He joined the British Army aged 17. After serving in West Germany for two years during the Cold War period, he completed deployments in Northern Ireland, Cyprus as a United Nations peace-keeper, and with British Forces South Atlantic Islands. He left the Army to settle back in the Falklands.

While working as a Port Agent, Allan worked with the late Lars-Eric Lindblad, the inspirational pioneer of the small-ship expedition cruising concept. He encouraged Allan to become a Zodiac driver and go to sea for a year. Thirty years later, he's still at it. His voyages have taken him all over the world, with particular focus on the Polar regions. His travel experience ranges from 90° North to 78° South.

In the Falklands, Allan and his wife owned and operated their own tourist lodge for over a decade. More recently they managed a privately owned island, where they were the sole residents for almost 5 years, with thousands of albatrosses, penguins and seals for neighbors.

Allan is an experienced guide and Zodiac driver, with a keen interest in natural history and heroic age polar exploration. He lives in the Falklands capital Stanley, with his wife Jacqui.

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艾伦在福克兰群岛出生和长大。他是第代岛民，是 1840 年英国最早一批居民的后裔。他在英国完成高等教育，之后开始了军事生涯。

艾伦在17 岁时加入英国陆军。冷战期间在西德服役两年后，他作为联合国维和人员驻扎在北爱尔兰、塞浦路斯和南大西洋群岛。退伍后，他与妻子雅基以及一只拉布拉多犬长住在福克兰群岛首府斯坦利。

在担任港口代理期间，艾伦曾与已故的小型船舶探险巡航的先驱拉尔斯·埃里克·林德布拉德合作，拉尔斯先生的鼓励让艾伦成为一名冲锋艇驾驶员。二十八年后，艾伦仍然坚持不懈，他的航海足迹遍及世界各地，特别关注极地地区，他的旅行经历范围从北纬 90 度到南纬 76 度，对自然历史和极地探险浓厚的兴趣，也让艾伦成为一名经验丰富的导游。

在福克兰群岛，十多年来艾伦和他的妻子共同经营着自己的旅游旅馆。最近，他们又拥有了一座私人岛屿，近五年来，他们是岛上唯一的居民，与岛上数千只信天翁、企鹅和海豹成为了邻居。

Beth Hitchcock – Expedition Guide



Beth has worked as a deckhand / guide on a tall ship and, when on the land, as an Engineering Geologist working mainly on Scotland's road and railway networks.

On the tall ships, Beth visited many places around the Atlantic Ocean from the Azores to Cape Town and Tristan da Cunha. In the austral summers she guides on the ship when they visit Antarctica and South Georgia. These are ideal places to interpret the landscape and how the glaciers and geological processes have carved what we see today. The incredible human history in these regions has a significant impact on our understanding of the regional and global geology.

Beth also enjoys spending time in the mountains of Scotland where she works when she is not guiding on board ships. She grew up sailing around the islands of the west coast of Scotland - home to some fascinating geology where she spent many field trips during her undergraduate years. This sparked the desire to explore and embark on adventures to discover new landscapes and cultures around the world

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贝丝·希区柯克2018年在格拉斯哥获得的地质荣誉学位后，曾同时担任两份工作，直到2021年全职投身向导工作。贝丝曾在一艘高桅帆船上担任甲板水手/向导，同时在陆地上担任工程地质学家，主要负责苏格兰的道路和铁路网络工作。

在高桅帆船上，贝丝曾访问过大西洋周边的许多地方，从亚速尔群岛到开普敦再到特里斯坦达库尼亚。在南半球夏季，她会随船前往南极洲和南乔治亚岛。在这些地方，我们可以很好地诠释当地的景观，并向游客们解释冰川和地质过程是如何塑造出我们今天所看到的景象的。这些地区令人难以置信的人类历史，对区域地质故事和我们对全球地质的理解产生了重大影响。

当她不在船上工作的时候，贝丝也喜欢花时间在苏格兰的山区。她从小就在苏格兰西海岸的岛屿上航行，那里有一些迷人的地质，她

Samuel Bamford – Expedition Guide



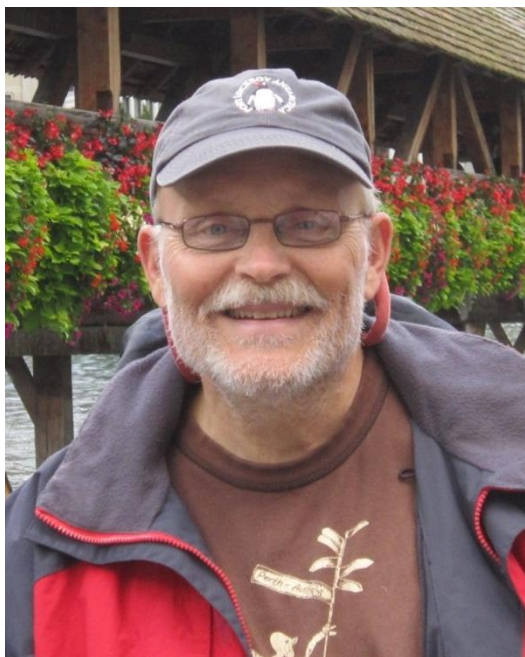
Sam was raised between both France and New Zealand. Over the past 20 years, he has worked in the alpine world. His experience includes three seasons at New Zealand's Scott Base, where he completed a 14-month overwinter stint as well as ski patrolling, alpine search and rescue and ski guiding in Hokkaido, Japan. Recently, he has returned to tertiary education and completed a Diploma in Land Surveying. When he's not in the snow, you'll likely find him surfing somewhere warm."

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塞缪尔在法国和新西兰的双重文化背景中成长。过去二十年间，他始终活跃于高山探险领域，曾在新西兰斯科特基地完成三轮极地工作季，期间包括历时14个月的越冬驻站。他还曾担任日本北海道的滑雪巡逻员、高山搜救队员及野雪向导。

近期，他重返校园完成高等教育，顺利获得土地测量专业文凭。若不在冰雪之境，你多半会在某个温暖的海域遇见他乘风破浪的身影。

Gary Miller - Expedition Guide



Gary's love of the polar regions began over 40 years ago when he studied polar bears in Canada for his MA in Zoology. He started by following an academic career as a scientist studying wildlife. During that time he also worked on bowhead whales and gray whales in Alaska and Mexico and then a 3-year study of desert bighorn sheep in Arizona for his PhD in Behavioral Ecology in 1986. After that his life took a dramatic turn to the south when he began research on Antarctic penguins and skuas. He immediately fell in love with the Antarctic and has continued to work there for his career. Starting with 6 summers of research on Ross Island, deep in the Ross Sea, he has logged 10 summers and one winter at research stations studying South Polar Skuas, Adelie, Gentoo, Chinstrap, Royal, King, and Emperor penguins. Gary has tremendous experience with Emperors having spent an entire winter studying the emperor penguins at Auster colony in East Antarctica.

For the past 30 years, Gary has split his time between research expeditions and ship-based tours to the polar regions. He enjoys sharing his knowledge, enthusiasm and experience with passengers from all over the world. In his many years he has circumnavigated Antarctica, visited a wide range of penguin colonies in different parts of Antarctica, and has managed to visit 10 different Emperor penguin colonies. Gary is one of the most experienced naturalist/guides working today.

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加里对极地的热爱始于四十余年前——为完成动物学硕士学位，他在加拿大开启了北极熊研究。此后他走上科研道路，先后在阿拉斯加和墨西哥研究弓头鲸与灰鲸，并于1986年凭借对亚利桑那沙漠大角羊为期三年的研究取得行为生态学博士学位。

此后他的人生轨迹向南极大幅转折，开始了对南极企鹅和贼鸥的研究。从踏足南极的第一刻起，他便被这片大陆深深吸引，并将职业生涯扎根于此。从深入罗斯海的罗斯岛开启六个夏季的科研，到累计在南极科考站度过十个夏季与一个完整冬季，他对南极贼鸥及阿德利企鹅、巴布亚企鹅、帽带企鹅、王企鹅、帝企鹅等物种展开了系统研究。其中对帝企鹅的研究尤为深入——他曾在东南极奥斯特栖息地通过整季越冬驻守，积累了极为珍贵的观测经验。

过去三十年间，加里始终穿梭于极地科考与探险邮轮之间。他热衷于与来自世界各地的旅客分享知识、传递热情。从业数十载，他不仅完成了环南极航行，探访了南极各地多种企鹅栖息地，更成功造访过十处不同的帝企鹅栖息地，堪称当今极地探险领域资历最深的自然学家与向导之一。

Jess Owen – Expedition Guide



Jess is from England and has recently been living on the Isle of Skye in Scotland. Since graduating from a degree in Wildlife and Media, Jess has been working in environmental research and education roles with wildlife conservation charities in the UK, with a focus on marine mammals and birds. Jess is a passionate science communicator, wildlife guide, and nature enthusiast. She has delivered lectures, workshops, tours, school lessons, and training courses to a wide variety of audiences on subjects such as birds, insects, marine mammals, marine and terrestrial conservation, citizen science, and gardening for wildlife. She is particularly passionate about citizen science and helping inspire people to become connected to wildlife and active in its conservation.

Jess now specialises in whales, dolphins, and porpoises, having worked as a marine mammal surveyor and whale watching guide since 2015. This work has taken her to the Bay of Biscay, the West Coast of Scotland, the Southern Ocean, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Svalbard, Greenland, and the Antarctic Peninsula. She is very excited to be returning to work with Oceanwide

Expeditions for another season in the polar regions.

When she is not out at sea, Jess spends her time gardening, reading, making films, snorkelling, and bird watching. She loves to spend time with her nieces and nephew and likes travelling in her beloved campervan.

中文

杰西来自英格兰，目前住在苏格兰斯凯岛。从野生动物和媒体专业毕业后，杰西一直在英国野生动物保护慈善机构从事环境研究和教育工作，重点关注海洋哺乳动物和鸟类。

杰西是一位充满热情的科学传播者、野生动物导游和自然爱好者。她特别热衷于公民科学，举办了包括鸟类、昆虫、海洋哺乳动物、海洋和陆地保护、公民科学和野生动物园艺等不同主题的讲座和研讨会，通过学校课程和培训课程，帮助并引导人们建立人类与野生动物和谐共生的关系，并积极参与野生动物保护。

现在，杰西专注于研究鲸鱼、海豚和鼠海豚，自 2015 年以来一直担任海洋哺乳动物测量员和观鲸导游。这项工作让她的足迹遍布比斯开湾、苏格兰西海岸、南大洋、福克兰群岛、南乔治亚岛、斯瓦尔巴群岛、格陵兰岛和南极半岛，她非常高兴能够重返泛海探险并和我们重新开启极地地区新的旅程

杰西的兴趣爱好广泛，当不在海上时，她会花时间花在园艺、阅读、拍摄微电影、浮潜和观鸟上，同时，杰西还喜欢与侄女和侄子共度美好时光，也喜欢乘坐她心爱的露营车旅行

Saskia van der Meij – Exp. guide



Saskia is an enthusiastic girl born in The Netherlands. With a huge national park in her backyard, she felt at a young age how great it is to be active in & part of nature. Multiple-day hikes in the Andes or the Himalayas, kayaking around remote islands in Canada or camping on mountain tops overlooking Alaska's glaciers.

Saskia has a background in tourism and hospitality. For almost twenty years she was a product manager for a nature-oriented tour operator. She travelled to develop interesting products in Alaska, Canada, Argentina, Chili, Southern Africa, Australia and New Zealand. In that time, while co-guiding a trip in Iceland, she knew she wanted to be a nature guide. In 2019 she worked for three months in Namibia as an assistant hotel manager in two different private game lodges. Two fantastic years followed while spending her time in North Norway, Spitsbergen and the Baltic Sea as a hotel manager on a three mast Barque (Tallship).

But her heart told her to go guiding. She spent almost every season in Spitsbergen and became an expedition guide on several ships. She called Antarctica home for three months last winter/summer. As a camping guide she took guests out for a night on this amazing continent. She has a wide interest and understanding, from animals and landscapes to ice and history with its interesting explorer stories.

Hospitality lies in her core and her ongoing 'sunshine' is what guests remember Saskia by. She welcomes you on board and likes to share her knowledge and enthusiasm for these breathtaking destinations.

中文

萨斯基亚·凡·德尔·梅杰 (Saskia Van Der Meij) 是一位出生在荷兰的热情女孩。她的后院有一个巨大的国家公园，她从小就感受到活跃在大自然中并成为大自然的一部分是多么美好。

在安第斯山脉或喜马拉雅山脉进行多日徒步旅行，在加拿大的偏远岛屿周围划皮划艇，或在俯瞰阿拉斯加冰川的山顶露营。

萨斯基亚拥有旅游和酒店业背景。近二十年来，她担任一家专注自然体验的旅行社的产品经理。她前往阿拉斯加、加拿大、阿根廷、智利、南部非洲、澳大利亚和新西兰开发有趣的旅行产品。在当时，在与他人一起带队冰岛旅行时，她知道自己想成为一名自然类向导。

2019年，她在纳米比亚的两家不同的私人游猎酒店担任酒店经理助理三个月。接下来的两年的美妙时光在挪威北部、斯匹次卑尔根和波罗的海的一艘三桅帆船上担任酒店经理。

但她的内心告诉她要去做向导。她几乎每个北极季都在斯匹次卑尔根岛度过，并成为多艘探险船只的探险队员。去年冬天/夏天，她在南极呆了三个月。作为露营向导，她带客人登陆并在这片神奇的大陆上度过一个难忘的夜晚。

她有着广泛的兴趣和了解，从动物和景观到冰和历史以及及其有趣的探险家故事。热情好客是她的核心特质，她持续的“阳光”是客人对她的深刻印象。她非常期待大家的到来，并迫不及待地想与大家分享她对这些令人惊叹的目的地的知识与热爱。

Wei Deng – Expedition Guide



Wei Deng was born and raised in Guangzhou, China. She graduated from the University of Bonn with a master degree in Economics. During her studies in Germany, she backpacked in Europe a lot and has been hooked on travel ever since.

Wei's passion for nature and outdoor adventure urged her to quit her consultant job in 2011. She loves diving and taking pictures. This got her to become an underwater photographer. She has been leading diving trips all over the world since 2012. Her underwater photos are featured in magazines and newspapers in China and the US. She has over 1800 logged dives under her belt, is also a PADI dive master.

In 2017 she started to work in Antarctica as an expedition guide. Polar region instantaneously became her favorite place besides underwater world. She now works all over the world on various expedition ships and is particularly passionate about everything in the ocean. Wei's previous travel, dive and work experiences have taken her to all 7 continents, over 60 countries. She is adventurous and always eager to increase everyone's understanding of the natural environment, especially, to

promote marine conservation.

中文

邓薇来自中国广州。她毕业于德国波恩大学，获得经济学硕士学位。在德国学习期间，她经常背包旅行欧洲，从此迷上了旅行。邓薇对自然和户外探险的热爱促使她在2011年辞去了咨询师的工作。她热爱潜水和拍照。这使她成为一名水下摄影师。自2012年以来，她一直在世界各地带队潜水旅行。她的水下摄影作品曾刊登在中国和美国的杂志和报纸上。她有超过1800次潜水经验，也是一名PADI的潜水长。

2017年，她开始在南极洲工作担任探险队员。极地世界瞬间成为她除了水下世界最喜欢的地方。她现在在世界各地的不同探险船上工作。她尤其热爱海洋中的一切。邓薇之前的旅行、潜水和工作经历让她走遍了七大洲、60多个国家。她富有探险精神，热衷于提高大家对自然环境的了解，尤其是推动海洋保护。

Yu Kan Cheng – Expedition 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。

Shan Zhou – Translator



Shan, from Anhui, China, holds a Master's degree in Sustainable Tourism and worked as an environmental educator before.

With three years of experience in wildlife conservation and environmental education, she has conducted research across major protected areas in China, residing permanently on the frontlines of conservation sites for fieldwork. Shan has participated in the baseline species survey projects and environmental education development initiatives in the Tangjiahe area of Giant Panda National Park and the Dongning area of Northeast China Tiger and Leopard National Park. As a female wildlife conservationist, she blends feminine delicacy with extensive field experience.

Having joined the polar expedition team in 2024, she finds that each successful landing and cruise has deepened her passion for the polar regions. In her role, she always upholds the principles of safety first and nature protection, and her interdisciplinary background in sustainable tourism and ecological conservation allows her to better guide visitors in experiencing the polar beauty and jointly safeguard this pure world.

In her spare time, Shan enjoys traveling and diving, and has a love for all things related to nature and wildlife.

中文版

珊来自中国安徽，拥有可持续旅游硕士学位，是一名环境教育家。

她

有三年野生动物保护与自然教育的经验，足迹遍布中国各大保护区，常驻保护地一线参与野外调研，曾参与大熊猫国家公园唐家河片区和东北虎豹国家公园东宁片区的本底物种调查项目和环境教育建设。作为一名女性野保人，她既有女性的细腻，也有丰富的野外经验。

珊

于2024年加入极地探险行业，每一次的成功登陆与巡游，都加深了她对极地的热爱。在工作中，她始终遵守安全至上与保护自然的原则，而可持续旅游与生态保护的复合背景，也让她能更好地引领访客去感受极地之美，和访客共同守护这一片纯净的世界。

工作之余，珊也很爱旅行和潜水，喜欢一切和自然和野生动物相关的事物。

Elmar Kleimann – Ships Doctor



Dr. Kleimann is a specialist in surgery with a focus on visceral surgery and emergency medicine. He completed his medical studies at the universities of Marburg and Aachen. For more than 20 years, he served as Consultant Surgeon and Head of the Department of Surgery at St Franziskus Hospital in Cologne. Over the course of his career, he acquired extensive qualifications in surgery, visceral surgery, emergency medicine, sonography, and maritime medicine. After taking early retirement from his hospital post, he fulfilled a longstanding dream: working as a

ship's doctor on expedition cruises and research vessels. In this role, he combines his medical expertise with his deep connection to the sea.

Since summer 2024, Dr Kleimann has been sailing with Oceanwide Expeditions, joining voyages to Svalbard, Greenland, and Antarctica. He also participated in a scientific mission aboard the German research vessel *Maria S. Merian* in the North Atlantic, which focused on locating continental shelf basalts for the permanent storage and mineralisation of CO₂.

Outside of his medical career, Dr Kleimann is an experienced sailor who has completed numerous voyages across the North Sea, Baltic Sea, English Channel, Irish Sea, Mediterranean, and North Atlantic, including a transatlantic crossing. Away from the sea, he is a passionate globetrotter, photographer, and nature enthusiast who has travelled extensively across Europe, the USA, Central America, Africa, the Indian Ocean, and Australia.

With his expertise in surgery, emergency medicine, and maritime medicine, Dr Kleimann is dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of both crew and passengers during every voyage.



Weddell Sea
In search of the Emperor Penguin
Friday 21st November 2025
Embarkation – Ushuaia

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

*** * Tea and coffee are always available in the lounge on deck 6 * ***

±1515 **Welcome & safety briefing** - Please join us in the **lounge (deck 6)** for a brief introduction to your new home aboard MV Ortelius, followed by a **mandatory** safety briefing and lifeboat drill.

Lifeboat Drill

All guests please collect your orange lifejackets from your cabin and proceed to the passenger MUSTER STATION in the **lounge (deck 6)**.

±1700 **Expedition Introduction & Captain's Welcome** – Please join us in the **lounge (deck 6)** for a toast from our Captain and an introduction to the expedition and your expedition team.

1900 **Buffet Dinner** is served in the **dining room (deck 4)**.

±2000 **Zodiac & IAATO Briefing** - Please join us in the **lounge (deck 6)** for a **mandatory** briefing on the zodiac operations and our behaviour ashore in Antarctica. **(All passengers must attend please)**.

We will sail into open sea this evening and the ship may move – please secure your belongings and be careful when moving around the ship. Take your seasickness medication before we head out into open sea- the doctor will be available in the lounge after dinner to assist.



Weddell Sea
In search of the Emperor Penguin
Saturday 22nd November 2025
At Sea to Antarctica



Sunrise: 0402

Sunset: 2005

This morning, we sail south on the Drake Passage. Please enjoy the outer decks, open bridge and the lecture program.

Please check the helicopter groups at reception before lunch – any changes – please speak to George.

- 0745 **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 0915 **Helicopter Briefing** - Please join us in the **lounge** (deck 6) for our **mandatory** helicopter operations briefings **(All passengers must attend please)**.
- 1115 **Penguin Biology** – Please join Gary in the **lounge** (deck 6) for his lecture exploring the wonderful world of Penguins and the species we hope to see on our trip.
- 1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 1330 **Boots** – We will call you by deck to collect your Muck boots & **Helicopter cards** from the lecture room on **Deck 3** (forward).
- 1600 **Antarctic Ice** – Please join Beth in the **lounge** (deck 6) for an introduction to the many forms of ice we will encounter on our voyage to Antarctica and the Weddell Sea.
- 1800 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** (deck 6) for our first daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4) – *Tonight's dinner will be plated – please make your way to the dining room promptly.*

Please walk slowly on the ship, never rush. Keep one hand for yourself and at one for the ship. Shut all doors gently but firmly and keep fingers away from door frames.

"Adventure is not outside man; it is within" – Roald Amundsen

0745 **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!

0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).

+/-0930 **MANDATORY Helicopter Dry Run** - During the morning you will be called to the **lounge (deck 6)** by your helicopter group number. Please wear your Muck boots, waterproof clothing, life jackets, and bags and bring your **helicopter card** and **signed helicopter declaration form**. We will start with **Group 1** and work upwards (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10).

Simultaneously, we will also be calling helicopter groups for the **MANDATORY IAATO Biosecurity** in the **Lecture Room (deck 3)**. We will start with **Group 6** and work upwards (6,7,8,9,10,1,2,3,4,5). Please bring all your outer garments, bags, poles, tripods & lifejackets etc. that you plan to use in Antarctica to be checked and/or cleaned. Please take time to check and clean your gear **before** the biosecurity inspection – brushes & paperclips can be found at reception. Please bring your zodiac lifejackets to be fitted. **PLEASE LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ONLY ATTEND EACH ACTIVITY WHEN YOUR GROUP IS CALLED.**

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room** (deck 4).

*This afternoon, we hope to reach Deception Island. We hope to sail in to this flooded caldera through a narrow entrance called **Neptunes Bellows** at around +/-1500. After our transit through the bellows, we hope to offer a landing at Whaler's Bay, where history and geology meet in striking contrast. We also hope to offer a polar plunge at the end of the landing – please wear your swimmers under your outdoor clothing. We will provide the towels.*

+/-1545 **Whalers Bay Zodiac Boarding** - please come to the zodiac boarding area (**deck 4**) – *please listen for announcements.*

+/-1900 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** (deck 6) for our first daily recap and briefing.

1930 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).

0645 **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!

0700 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).

This morning, we hope to land at Palaver Point, a bustling chinstrap penguin colony located on the western shore of Two Hummock Island. Here we hope to observe the local residents, as well as offer a hike to a scenic viewpoint overlooking a spectacular glacial front.

+/-0830 **Palaver Point Zodiac Boarding** - please listen for announcements.

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room** (deck 4).

This afternoon, we will sail northwards towards the Antarctic Sound, traveling through the Northern Gerlache and Orleans Strait's. During our transit, we hope to encounter penguins and whales in the water, as well as beautiful views of the Antarctic peninsulas western coast.

+/-1400 **MANDATORY Helicopter Dry Run** - During the morning you will be called to the **lounge (deck 6)** by your helicopter group number. Please wear your Muck boots, waterproof clothing, life jackets, and bags and bring your **helicopter card** and **signed helicopter declaration form**. We will start with **Group 10** and work downwards (10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1).

PLEASE LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ONLY ATTEND WHEN YOUR GROUP IS CALLED.

1800 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** (deck 6) for our first daily recap and briefing.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).

"If Antarctica were music, it would be Mozart. Art, and it would be Michelangelo. Literature, and it would be Shakespeare. And yet it is something even greater; the only place on earth that is still as it should be. May we never tame it."

- Andrew Denton

Expedition Day – Antarctic Sound

0715 **Wakeup call!** Good morning!

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

Today, we hope to navigate through the Antarctic Sound and assess ice conditions to get in to the Weddell Sea. The ice conditions will dictate where we can get to. We will spend most of the day navigating our way past stunning Antarctic scenery, huge tabular icebergs and vast amounts of sea ice. Please join us up on the bridge or on the outer decks. Our lecture program may vary throughout the day depending on sightings and conditions outside.

+/-1030 **Polar Geopolitics; the emergence of the Antarctic Treaty System** - Please join George in the **lounge** to hear the story of how this unique political system was formed.

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

+/-1500 **Swedish Antarctic Expedition** – Please join **Allan** in the **lounge** to hear the incredible story of Otto Nordenskjold and his men on one of the most epic survival expeditions in Antarctica.



1745 **Recap** meet the expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap.

1830 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

“The land looks like a fairytale.”
— Roald Amundsen



Fridtjof Sound & Brown Bluff
In search of the Emperor Penguin
Wednesday 26th November 2025
Snow Hill Emperor Penguin Colony

 **Sunrise: 0252**
 **Sunset: 2223**

0715 **Wakeup call!** Good morning!
0730 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

Today, we hope to begin our operations to visit the **Snow Hill Island Emperor Penguin Colony**.

Whilst you are on the ship, please enjoy the beautiful Antarctic surroundings from the forward decks and stay clear of the back decks & helicopter operation areas. We will also display some documentaries in the lecture room (deck 3).

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**. *If you are out at the colony during lunch – sandwiches will be available in the lounge.*

This afternoon, we hope to take you for a zodiac cruise in Fridtjof Sound to explore the incredible icebergs and wildlife here at the entrance to the Weddell Sea.

+ / 1530 **Fridtjof Sound Zodiac Cruise – Please join us at the gangway (deck 4)** for a zodiac cruise in the Fridtjof Sound. Please listen to the announcements. We will invite Groups 6-10 first, followed by groups 1-5 to best accommodate language preferences.

1830 **Recap** meet the expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap.

1900 **Dinner** will be served in the **dining room**. *If you are out at the colony during dinner – sandwiches will be available in the lounge*

After dinner, we hope to take you for landing at Brown Bluff, a bustling Adelie Penguin colony with 40,000 residents. This is also a continental landing for those who are joining us in Antarctica for the first time.

+ / 2000 **Landing at Brown Bluff – Please join us at the gangway (deck 4)** for a landing at Brown Bluff. Please listen for announcements. We will invite Groups 1-5 first, followed by groups 6-10.

*“It is in our nature to explore, to reach out into the unknown. The only true failure would be not to explore at all”
– Ernest Shackelton*



Weddell Sea
In search of the Emperor Penguin
Thursday 27th November 2025

Expedition Day
 **Sunrise: 0259**
 **Sunset: 2202**

0715 **Wakeup call!** Good morning!

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

Today, we hope to offer helicopter operations. Please listen to announcements for exact timings. As you appreciate, helicopter operations take a significant time - please be patient.

When your group is called, please proceed to the lounge, ensuring you have your helicopter number card with you and clearly visible. Please dress warmly, in waterproof clothing, with your muck boots and lifejacket.

We will be starting with Group 5 and continue in order (4, 3, 2, 1, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6).

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

We also aim to explore in search of Emperor Penguins. Dependent on conditions and wildlife sightings, we may offer off-ship activities. Please enjoy the sights from the outer decks and listen for announcements.

1815 **Daily Recap** – Please join Pippa and the Expedition Team in the lounge.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

(ALL TIMINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

“Through endurance we conquer”
– Ernest Shackelton



Weddell Sea In search of the Emperor Penguin

Friday 28th November 2025

Trinity Island Expedition Day

 **Sunrise: 0308**

 **Sunset: 2235**

During the night we will navigate out of the Antarctic Sound to maximise our last operational day.

0715 **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!

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

0830 **Briefing** – please join us in the lounge to hear the plans for the day.

This morning, we will transit through the Bransfield towards the northern reaches of the Gerlache Strait on the Western Antarctic Peninsula. During our transit we should enjoy beautiful views of the Antarctic continent along our port side, as well as icebergs and wildlife in the icy waters.

We hope to reach Trinity Island sometime in the late morning. If we arrive in good time we hope to offer a zodiac cruise. Standby for announcements.

1200 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

This afternoon, we hope to offer helicopter scenic flights over Trinity Island. Please listen to announcements for exact timings. As you appreciate, helicopter operations take a significant time - please be patient.

When your group is called, please proceed to the lounge, ensuring you have your helicopter number card with you and clearly visible. Please dress warmly, in waterproof clothing, with your muck boots and lifejacket.

*We will be starting with Group 6 and continue in the following order
(7,8,9,10,1,2,3,4,5).*

1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

+/-2015 **Daily Recap** – Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for our daily recap.

Movie Night – Finding Endurance – Join us for an evening movie night in the lounge – hear the story of Ernest Shackleton's Endurance expedition alongside the story of the team that found his sunken ship in the Weddell Sea.

*"I thought, dear, that you would rather have a live ass than a dead lion."
-Sir Ernest Shackleton [to his wife Emily,
after deciding to turn back 97 miles from the Pole.]*



Weddell Sea
In search of the Emperor Penguin
Saturday 29th November 2025

At Sea to Ushuaia



Sunrise: 0322

Sunset: 2217

This morning, we sail North in the Drake Passage. Please enjoy the outer decks, open bridge and the lecture program.

- 0745 **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.
- 0930 **Living in Antarctica** - Please join Sam in the **lounge** to hear stories of his time living on the white continent.
- 1130 **The Truth about Skuas** – Please join Gary in the **lounge** to hear more about these remarkable and interesting Antarctic birds.
- 1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.
- 1330 **Boots Helicopter Cards** – We will call you in groups to the boot room on deck 3 to return your muck boots, red dry bags and helicopter number cards. ***Please listen for announcements.***
- 1500 **Gerlache Expedition** – Please join Saskia in the **lounge** for her lecture about the Belgian Antarctic expedition.
- 1800 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.
- +/-2045 **Movie Night – Happy Feet** – Join us in the lounge for an evening of Antarctic animation – with an introduction to the movie from Gary (the films' penguin consultant/guru).

Please walk slowly on the ship, never rush. Keep one hand for yourself and at one for the ship. Shut all doors gently but firmly and keep fingers away from door frames.

"We do not live for ourselves alone; our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads."

- Douglas Mawson



Weddell Sea
In search of the Emperor Penguin
Sunday 30th November 2025

At Sea to Ushuaia



Sunrise: 0323



Sunset: 2046

0745 **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!

0800 **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

Today we will continue northwards in the Drake Passage This morning you will receive your bill in your cabin. Please complete your payments at reception.

0930 **Antarctic Whaling** – Please join Pippa in the lounge to trace Antarctica’s whaling story from the height of industrial exploitation to the modern era of scientific stewardship and ecological recovery.

1130 **What Whales do for us** - Please join Jess in the **lounge** to hear about the many ways whales help our planet.

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

1500 **Future History of Antarctica** – Please join George in the **lounge** to explore the future challenges and opportunities for Antarctica.

1800 **Farewell Toast & Trip Slideshow** - Please join Captain Remmert and the Expedition team in the **lounge** to toast our voyage and watch the trip slideshow.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

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*“With friends like these, one might endure, I would say, under any circumstances”
– Andre Solomon, Swedish Expeditioner*



Weddell Sea
In search of the Emperor Penguin
Monday 1st December 2025
Disembarkation - Ushuaia

0715 **Wakeup call** – Good Morning!

0730 **Breakfast** will be 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 **Disembarkation** Please join us at the gangway for our final farewell.

Please place your cabin key card holders at reception before departing the vessel.

*Upon disembarkation, **please identify and collect your luggage** from the pier and
choose to either;*

- 1. Take it with you into Ushuaia and walk into town.*
- 2. Put it on the airport bus and get on the bus.*
- 3. Put it in the luggage truck.*
- 4. If you have arranged your own transport – please take your luggage.*

***On behalf of everyone at Oceanwide Expeditions and all on board
Ortelius, we thank you for a truly incredible expedition.
Safe travels home – we hope to see you again soon.***