



Antarctica – Discovery & Learning

Ushuaia – Ushuaia

06th of February – 16th of February 2026

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 Matei Mocanu (Romania)

and his international crew of 51 sailors

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Sous Chef:	Oleksii Shvets	[Ukraine]
Ships doctor:	Emma Rottger	[Netherlands]
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Expedition Guide:	Annina Scholl	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Karoline Baelum	[Denmark]
Expedition Guide:	Celine Clement	[France]
Expedition Guide:	Chloe Marechal	[France]
Expedition Guide:	Gabriela Kolodko	[Poland]
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WE WELCOME YOU ON BOARD!

Day 1 – Friday 06th January, Ushuaia, Embarkation Day

12h00 GPS Position: 54°48.6'S / 068°17.8'W

Wind: SW7 • Sea: port • Weather: P. Cloudy sunny • Air temp.: 13°C • Water temp. 8°C

The day we'd all been waiting for had finally arrived! After traveling from distant corners of the globe, we gathered in Ushuaia to begin our Antarctic adventure. The port bustled with activity as massive cruise ships dominated the harbour, but tucked among these giants, we spotted our vessel—the distinctive blue Plancius.

When boarding commenced in the afternoon, the Expedition and Hotel Teams greeted us with warm welcomes and guided us to our cabins. We then had time to familiarize ourselves with the ship and settle in.



Once all passengers were aboard, our Expedition Leader Ali and our First Officer Don introduced themselves in the lounge. Following the mandatory safety drill, Captain Matei hosted a welcome reception where we toasted to the journey ahead. Hotel Manager Vova shared essential information about the ship, and Ali provided a brief introduction to the Expedition Team.

After a delicious first dinner aboard Plancius, we finally left Ushuaia in the evening. Strong winds delayed our departure, so the crew used this time to hand out our rubber boots. We sailed into the Beagle Channel as the sun set beautifully over the mountains of Patagonia.

Let the adventure begin!



Day 2 – Saturday 07th February, At sea, Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 56°46.3'S / 065°30.6'W

Wind: W9 • Sea: very rough • Weather: partly cloudy • Air temp.: 8°C • Water temp. 8°C

We woke early this morning to our ship, Plancius, changing direction. We headed south towards Antarctica after a few hours of sailing east to give us the best chance against the raging storm. The wind and the considerable swell were coming from the west, as they always do in the mighty Drake Passage. This meant they were hitting us side on and the ship was now rolling well in the large swell.

Ali, our expedition leader, gave a wake-up call at 7:45, informing us of our progress and the state of the weather. The first bird of the day was a Wandering or Snowy Albatross, which boded well.

Breakfast was at 8:00 AM for those who braved the conditions of a rolling, pitching ship. During the morning, our little ship battled south through the conditions. By late morning, we had left any shelter from the last pieces of South American land. We were now feeling the full force of the storm.

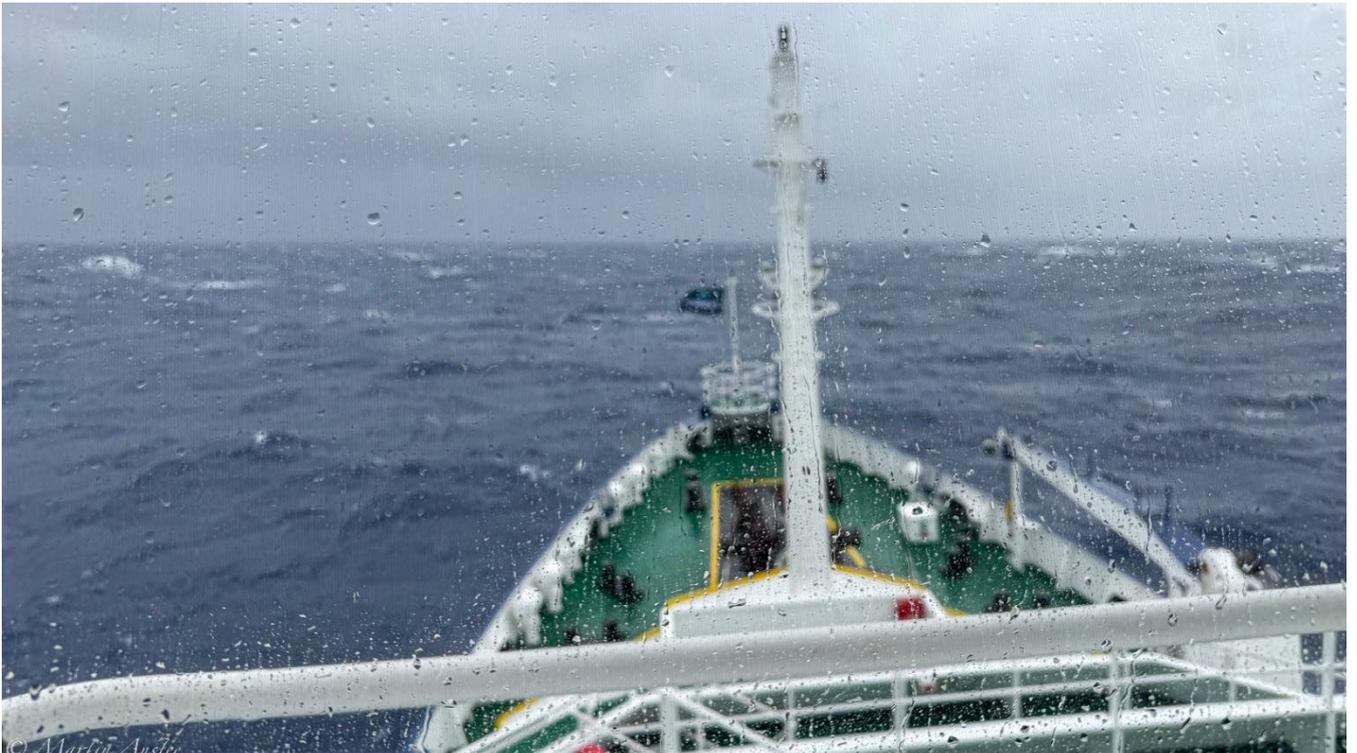
A few people managed lunch whilst most had confined themselves to their cabins. After lunch, a documentary was played in the lounge, followed by two fabulous lectures on whales—one in English and the other in French.

A few people managed a visit to the bridge and were treated to some beautiful views of the Drake Passage. The light turquoise patches showing on the water as the sun would hit a particular area of the ocean where waves were breaking was spectacular.

At 18:15, we had our first daily recap where Ali gave information about the weather and the following day's plans, and members of the expedition team gave some interesting information about the Drake Passage and the man and cartographer, Plancius, who our ship was named after.

Dinner followed for a few of us who could manage it. The ship was still moving a lot and seasickness was still an issue for many.

Most then took to their beds for the night.



Day 3 – Sunday 08th February, At sea, Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 59°16.6'S / 062°59.1'W

Wind: WSW8 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temp.: 05°C • Water temp.: 05°C

The Plancius wakes slowly this morning, almost cautiously, after yesterday's epic crossing of the Drake Passage. The ship is still rolling, but our movements are steadier now, and from early on the dining room fills with an enthusiastic buzz.

As we draw closer to the continent, it is time for formalities. Ali gathers us for a briefing on the IAATO regulations in Antarctica. Then we bring out the vacuum cleaners and brushes as we clean our jackets, boots, and backpacks, preparing for our first landing. Future campers meet with Charlotte and Annina to plan their polar night, snorkelers try on their dry suits, while the kayakers ask Nick their final questions. The ship is alive with activity, and it feels good after that first day at sea, when the Plancius had the air of a ghost ship.

After lunch, everyone is in good shape, and we begin to familiarize ourselves with Antarctic wildlife through a series of lectures: Ali and Nathalie introduce us to penguins, followed by Martin and Celine on seabirds.

Good news arrives during the evening briefing. Ali announces that we are nearing the continent and that operations will begin tomorrow afternoon. The recap concludes with Chloe, who warns us about colossal squid, and Karolina, who explains why the Plancius is sailing through fog as we cross the Polar Front.

Dinner time arrives; the lounge empties, and the restaurant comes to life.



Day 4 – Monday 09th February, Palaver Point

12h00 GPS Position: 52°19.1'S / 051°08.8'W

Wind: NE8 • Sea: moderate • Weather: Snow • Air temp.: 1°C • Water temp.: 2°C

We woke up to calmer seas and our first glimpse of Antarctica, on our port we could see Smith Island, the southern most of the South Shetland islands. We continued our journey south AS Ali gave a briefing about how to get in and out of the Zodiacs and Annina and Chloé gave presentations on plankton.

After lunch we prepared for our first landing in Antarctica at Palaver bay. Full of expectations we got into the zodiacs and onto land. The weather was true Antarctic, -1C and light snow. With help from the expedition team, we got out of the Zodiacs and onto the rocky shore. We hiked up the snow-covered hill to the chinstrap rookeries, where thousands of penguins were going about their daily business. We watched the adults make the track up the hill, stomachs full of krill, to feed the ever-hungry chicks. The fat, downy chicks were almost as big as the adults. At the beach we could see fur seals on the rocks and some playing in the water. A humpback whale was feeding in the bay close to the



snorkelers and we watched as it swam in between them, close to the shore. What a moment!

Chinstrap penguins are 65-70 cm tall and weigh up to 5 kg. They can dive more than 60 m deep and hunt krill and small fish and can swim at speeds up to 27 km/h, They live for about 15–20 years. They build nests from small stones, often stealing them from neighbours. Chinstrap penguin chicks hatch covered in soft grey down. They stay in the nest for about 20–30 days, guarded and fed by both parents.

The waters around here are known for high density of whales, and just after dinner we spotted 2 humpbacks feeding on a pod of krill. We watched for 30 min as the whales fluked, when down and came back up, mouths extended, full of food. Quite the dessert after our first day in Antarctica!



SNORKELLING:



At Palaver Point, 8 of our intrepid snorkelers joined us for our first foray into the icy waters of the Antarctic continent. We went to the chinstrap penguin colony at the foot of the mountain, and while we were admiring the charming penguins, two curious fur seals approached the shore, giving us a close-up view. A moment later, just

when we thought we were satisfied, a humpback whale came straight towards us, passing within a mere three meters. Although the visit from this gentle giant was brief, the feeling will last forever.

KAYAKING:

Arriving safely in the Antarctic Peninsula after a stormy crossing of the Drake Passage, our intrepid team of kayakers set forth to explore the west coast of Two Hummock Island. A light breeze combined with a gentle swell beneath the steep rocky shoreline, while the island's peaks remained blanketed in low cloud. We were privileged to watch a group of Antarctic fur seals as they peered curiously at us from the rocks on raised flippers.

Heading south from a protected glaciated bay, we admired clusters of Gentoo penguins as they perched ashore, viewing our progress along the coastline. We found new shelter in shallow bay fringed with low ice cliffs, marvelling at our first encounter with the wild Antarctic environment. A downwind route took us back around a rocky headland to our launch point, and finally back to our Plancius home.

Day 5 – Tuesday 10th February, Orne Harbour and Stony Point

12h00 GPS Position: 64°38'S / 62°33'W

Wind: NE3 • Sea: ripple • Weather: Overcast • Air temp.: -3°C • Water temp.: 1°C

Today we sailed through the Gerlache Strait and arrived at our first landing for the day - Orne Harbour. We were woken up by Ali. Orne Harbour is a continental landing so for some of us it's our 7th continent! We did a split landing zodiac cruise which meant we could walk on land to see the Chinstrap Penguin colony as well as go on a zodiac cruise. Unfortunately, the top was highly crevassed so we couldn't get up the top, but we were still able to see the Chinstrap Penguins and the beautiful view over Orne Harbour. While half the group was on land the rest of us were cruising the bay, there were beautiful Humpbacks and Chinstrap Penguins for us to watch. The wind was incredibly cold on the zodiac, so we were very happy to get back on the warm ship.



Once back on the ship we had a delicious buffet lunch and quickly afterwards we heard an announcement that Orca were close by! We all donned our waterproof clothing, got out on



deck and saw 20-30 Orca all around the ship, they were tail slapping and jumping through the water like a dolphin!

In the afternoon we did a split landing zodiac cruise at Stony Point/Paradise harbour. When we were out the sun started to peak through the clouds and within minutes the whole bay was glistening with sunshine. We had a very large Leopard Seal on an ice floe and many icebergs scattered throughout the bay. Penguins were porpoising and Weddell Seals were resting on land while huge mountains with glaciers towered above. We were all in such a good mood.



We had short recap from Ali the Expedition Leader followed by a buffet dinner. Tonight, was the night the campers were going camping, so at 2000 the camping guides Gabi, Charlotte, Celine and Annina went ashore to check out the landing - Leith Cove. The landing looked good, so Ali called us to the gangway to collect our camping gear. We were dropped ashore by the drivers, climbed ashore and were told to grab a shovel and walk up the hill to start digging our beds for the night. We had the most beautiful conditions clear skies, no wind and views of Paradise Harbour. Occasionally we would hear crashing from the glacier as it calved into the water, and a Humpback was logging close by which we could hear as it breathed. It started to get chilly, and we were in for a cold night; -8 C so we got into our sleeping bags and Gabi zipped us up just to make sure we were extra warm. As the sun got lower the stars started to come out and we were met with a beautiful starry sky with the snowy mountains at 0200. At 0430 the camping guides woke us up to tell us to pack up our sleeping kits because the drivers will be picking us up in 45 minutes. They arrived at 0500, we were sleepy but were very happy we managed to camp in Antarctica. We clambered back on the ship, had a pastry and a coffee and got ready for the day ahead.

SNORKELLING:

On a very cold morning, three of us snorkelers set off in search of an iceberg that would reveal its unique features. We spent some time in the water, but the cold forced us to get out. As if nature were giving us a small gift, so we wouldn't be left wanting more, on our way back to shore we found two very gentle Weddell seals resting peacefully on a piece of ice. We were able to observe them closely without disturbing their rest, and as we continued our journey towards the landing area, a curious fur seal came to peek at our boat. At the landing area, we were able to see a group of chinstraps and gentoo penguins. A cold morning, full of life.

On the first sunny afternoon of the trip, six adventurers in drysuits set out in search of ice that would reveal its transparency, its deepest blues, and its reflections. After sailing for a few minutes, we found a truly beautiful ice floe and spent a wonderful 40 minutes discovering its crystalline details. We took photos, posed, and played. During our journey, both on the way there and back, we spotted humpback whales and countless penguins in the distance. However, we couldn't, not for a single minute, be distracted from the breathtaking scenery. What a place!

KAYAKING:



After our continental landing morning among the Chinstrap penguins at Orne Harbour, we sailed to the magnificent glacial mountain surroundings of Paradise Harbour. Here, our kayak team ventured towards a grand tidewater

glacier as cloudy skies gave way to a bright sunny vista. Here amid dense brash ice, we encountered a Humpback whale that surfaced several times only a few metres from our kayaks. Stunned into silence, we gazed in awe at this gentle giant as its exhalations filled the air.

Heading back towards Stony Point, we carefully approached a resting Leopard seal, hauled out on a low ice floe. For several minutes we enjoyed the rare privilege of observing this powerful apex predator as it lay peacefully on the ice. We finally tore ourselves away to complete our return to Stony Point, transferring to our Zodiac to return to our floating home at the end of an unforgettable kayaking adventure.

Day 6 – Wednesday 11th February, Cuverville and Damoy Point

12h00 GPS Position: 64°49'S / 63°30'W

Wind: SSE3 • Sea: ripple • Weather: partly cloudy • Air temp.: 0°C • Water temp.: 1°C

After a peaceful night around in Leith Cove, the morning unfolded at its own gentle rhythm. Some of us indulged in a well-earned sleep-in, wrapped in the quiet hush of Antarctica, while others were eager to set foot ashore and explore nearby Cuverville Island.

The Blue Green chosen ones among us slipped into drysuits and braved the icy waters for a snorkel, rewarded with the surreal stillness of the underwater world. Kayakers paddled out into glassy channels, weaving between scattered bergy bits, each stroke carrying them deeper into

that Antarctic silence. Meanwhile, many of us made our way to a bustling gentoo penguin colony — and what a welcome it was.



Molting chicks, awkward and endearing in their patchy down, filled the air with constant chatter. Antarctic terns and skuas hovered and wheeled overhead, ever watchful. Then came a rare highlight: a leucistic gentoo chick, pale and luminous against the monochrome landscape, quietly stealing the show and our collective attention.



After lunch, we set course for Damoy Point. What began as a simple landing turned into a glorious leg stretch across snowy tracks and gentle rises. The historic Damoy Hut offered a fascinating glimpse of the region's past — a reminder of the resilience and resourcefulness of those who worked in this remote corner of the world. From the top, the view across to Port Lockroy was simply mesmerizing: jagged peaks, scattered ice, and the endless play of light on water.

The most enthusiastic walkers clocked an impressive 7 kilometers, boots crunching through snow, cheeks rosy from the cold.

As if the day hadn't already delivered enough magic, the evening brought a special Antarctic treat — a barbecue on the outer decks. Surrounded by ice and sea, plates piled high, laughter

carrying into the crisp air. The abundance of delicious choices fueled an impromptu dance session under the polar sky. But not too late! Antarctica always has surprises in store, and whatever tomorrow brings, we want to greet it bright-eyed and ready for more stunning views.



SNORKELLING:

On the morning of February 11th, four brave souls set out to explore the coast of Cuverville Island. There, we encountered many gentoo penguins, right in front of their colony. A group of icebergs also caught our attention, allowing us to take some beautiful half-and-half photographs. Before returning to the ship, we took a walk around the island where the views and the blend of azure blues and the white of the icebergs were immeasurable, difficult to describe.

In the afternoon, under a radiant sun, a group of eight snorkelers once again set out in search of ice. We found one with very conspicuous shapes and partial melting that had created a fascinating river inside. After spending some time there, on our way back to the boat, we spotted two beautiful Weddell seals on the ice.

KAYAKING:

This morning dawned bright and clear, with no more than a gentle breeze blowing from the Errera Channel past the steep shoreline of Cuverville Island. We launched at the north side of the island, alongside one of the Antarctic Peninsula's largest Gentoo penguin colonies. Choosing to explore the west side of the island, we navigated a narrow shallow channel between small, grounded icebergs, and past the remains of a wooden water boat, a century-old relic of the long-abandoned whaling industry.

Our excellent Zodiac driver alerted us to the nearby presence of a pair of Humpback whales that were feeding among the ice-strewn waters - we followed them respectfully as they swam towards the south side of Cuverville. Pausing a while to admire the magnificent waters of the Errera Channel, we transited the east side of the island beneath steep cliffs of bare rock, past Imperial cormorants nesting in clusters between groups of intrepid Gentoo penguins. We finally completed our excellent tour of this wonderful Antarctic Island, grateful for the settled conditions that permitted this adventurous excursion.

Our glorious ship's cruise through the Neumayer Channel took us through a spectacular landscape of glacial mountains, cloudless skies and still waters, culminating in the grand scenery of Damoy Point. Launching our kayaks at the entrance to Dorian Bay, we headed south towards the entrance to Port Lockroy. Here we admired the towering, jagged mountain backdrop from Jabet Peak to Janssen Peak, a 1000m-high wall of rock towering above our kayaks.

We continued deeper into Port Lockroy, towards the British research base and around a low series of rocks rising from the centre of the bay. Now several kilometres from Plancius, it was time to begin our return journey - we followed an offshore route into the Neumayer Channel, admiring distant whale spouts as we headed past Casablanca Island, slaloming among intricately sculpted icebergs as we drew closer to our floating base. Safely aboard again, we delighted in our excellent Antarctic kayaking adventure.

Day 7 – Thursday 12th February, Foyn Harbour and Danco Island

12h00 GPS Position: 64°41'S / 62°W

Wind: E1 • Sea: smooth • Weather: partly cloudy • Air temp.: 0°C • Water temp.: 1°C



We wake up to Ali's voice. It's only 6.15 but there are feeding humpback whales and orcas around the ship. So, we get up although we feel a little tired after the long and exciting last days. What a special encounter – the whales are all around us, feeding and not bothered by us. We get a good look at their extended throats and their tails as they go down for another dive to take up some more krill. Finally, it is time to approach the location for our morning zodiac cruise. We are at Foyn harbour with its many islands. At the beginning of the 20th century, it was an important location for the whaling industry. We can still see many remains of it including the water boat, mooring stations and the shipwreck of the Gouvernoren, a factory ship that was run aground on purpose after catching fire. A little off the island there is a large iceberg for us to admire. In addition, we have several encounters with humpback whales during the zodiac cruise.



For the afternoon, with transit to Danco island. The waters are filled with icebergs. Including several very large ones and one with a large arch. During our visit several pieces of ice fall of it and we wait for it to collapse completely, which it did not during our stay. We walk along the beach of Danco island, which is filled with gentoo penguins, so we must be careful to stick to the route that the guides have set up for us. Sometimes we must stop to let penguins cross from water to shore. Then we climb up the hill to the first colonies of gentoo penguins. Some of us climb even further up the 158m high top of the island. The view up there is stunning. We can see all around the island, with whales and seals in the water on this bright sunny day. Then is finally time for a special event – the polar plunge. The guides brought towels onshore for those of us who are brave enough to go for a dip in the 1-degree Celsius cold water. The crowd onshore cheers while we put our heads under water as Ali said that it doesn't count otherwise. Going into the water is surprisingly easy but coming out with half frozen feet is not as easy. Excited and happy we come back to the ship for a warm shower and a hot drink. As we sail once again through the Gerlache strait, the sunset shines a golden light on snow covered mountains, icebergs and feeding and breaching whales. With these views it is hard to go to bed, but finally it is time to rest before another upcoming day.



SNORKELLING:

This morning, the weather was on our side once again. Bright sunshine and pleasant temperatures invited us to spend over 45 minutes admiring the unique shipwreck, the Governoren. This whaling ship, ravaged by fire, whose remains now lie beneath the surface, is now home to many anemones and sponges visible from above. On our way back to the boat, aided by the blazing sun, we went to see two humpback whales up close. A wonderful morning for the 12 snorkelers!

This time, the group of six snorkelers set out determined to find a leopard seal. We hadn't seen one yet, and the passing days only increased our anticipation. We covered a great distance, meticulously searching among the ice. We encountered more than 14 Weddell seals and two crabeater seals, with whom we shared a few minutes in the water. But, driven by determination, and at the risk of missing an opportunity, we decided to press on with our search until we finally spotted it, resting comfortably in the sun on a small iceberg. The ultimate reward: we were in the water taking photos of it while the animal remained remarkably calm. What an afternoon!

KAYAKING:

Our fourth day dawned sunny and still, positioned close to Enterprise Island in the central sector of the Gerlache Strait. We launched our kayaks to explore its east shore, where the grounded shipwreck of the Governoren whaling ship offered an intriguing glimpse into the hazardous world of a previous age. Its rusting hull, now populated with Antarctic terns, lay peacefully in its narrow glacial inlet, hidden from open waters.

We continued towards the island's northerly point, past a pair of historic wooden water boats and on past steep ice cliffs to an impressive group of grounded ice bergs. Here we enjoyed a magical encounter with a pair of Humpback whales that surfaced repeatedly only a few metres from our kayaks. On this windless day, we sat quietly, listening intently to the sound of these giant cetaceans' breaths. Our return journey took us southwards back to Foyr Harbour, and finally via Zodiac to our Plancius home.

A short ship's cruise took us back to the Errera Channel, where Danco Island awaited our explorations beneath the grand mountain range of the Arctowski peninsula. A SW breeze lifted wave spray across the Zodiac as we drove to the more sheltered northern tip of the island. Here among shore bound Gentoo penguins, we paddled along Danco's wild eastern coast, making steady progress against a gentle headwind.

We paused behind sheltering rocks near the island's southern tip, with only a curious Weddell seal for company. The winds remained light as we crossed to Danco's west side, where we marvelled at the huge peaks of Rongé Island, beneath which an enormous, grounded iceberg provided a spectacular perspective on this superb Antarctic vista. An increasing tailwind assisted us to the landing site, where we enjoyed the spectacle of our polar plunge passengers gasping in the frigid waters of the bay.

Day 8 – Friday 13th February, Telefon Bay and Whaler's Bay

12h00 GPS Position: 62°59'S / 60°34'W

Wind: SE1 • Sea: smooth • Weather: overcast • Air temp.: 7°C • Water temp.: 5°C



This morning, we arrived at 6:30 AM at the entrance to Deception Island through the narrow passage called Neptune's Bellows. Many brave souls were already awake and on deck before Ali's wake-up call and Chloé's famous "Good morning, good morning!" Indeed, the place is quite remarkable. Created by volcanic activity several thousand years ago, the island was originally a conical volcano that collapsed at its center during a violent eruption to form a caldera that is now navigable. The entrance, therefore, is very impressive because, due to the seabed, the ship is forced to approach very close to the cliff.

We went directly to the back of the crater into the small bay of Telefon. At 8:00 AM the guides team attempted a first landing at one of the possible sites but quickly decided to go straight to plan B due to excessive swell on the beach. No matter, the site was magnificent. Protected in a small lagoon, we discovered a very striking scene with black ground made up of small pebbles of cooled lava and streaks of snow. Many attempted the walk on the rim of this secondary crater to go around it and see, but the strong gusting wind didn't make it easy. Fortunately, there were also lovely little walks to take along the shore among numerous kelp gulls.

The return to the ship was around 11:30 AM and we were able to have lunch at 11:45 AM as we were going to head out again very quickly.



Ali had planned a second landing at another site on the island called Whaler's Bay. At 1:00 PM we discovered a strange, ghostly, and captivating site. An old whaling station active in the 1920s offered us its remains still very much present amid fumaroles, formed by hot water upwellings with a distinctive sulphur smell in places. There was so much to see and we were very happy to stretch our legs one last time before the Drake! Numerous fur seals also delighted photographers with their sometimes-funny poses. A few gentoo penguins, subantarctic skuas, some terns made the scene a bit more alive.



At 3:00 PM the last zodiac was back on board, and we departed quickly to head north on our route. Once again, the exit from the crater kept many people outside despite the still very present wind. The late afternoon was spent discussing the trip, looking at our photos, and wondering a lot about what weather we would have in the Drake Passage!

The day's recap brought us very complete information about whaling activity from Nathalie and reassuring news from Ali concerning the next day's weather and a resolved technical problem that had delayed us a bit. The wonderful dinner served comforted everyone and the evening continued at the bar in joy and good spirits.

KAYAKING:

Our final Antarctic day took us to Deception Island, where a fresh breeze blew across Port Foster, raising wind waves along the shoreline at our Telefon landing site. A small team of adventurous kayakers set forth to experience the unique thrill of paddling in the caldera of a huge Antarctic semi-dormant volcano. A first mini caldera offered sheltered exploration in this otherworldly post-eruption environment - departing its narrow entrance inlet, we headed downwind along the main coastline towards a second caldera, surfing small wind waves as we navigated its shallow approaches. A circuit of this fascinating venue, lined with black volcanic sand, took us back into the wilder waters of Port Foster. After a brief exciting paddle into larger conditions, we transferred to the Zodiac for a final journey back to Plancius - and so ended an amazingly memorable series of Antarctic kayaking adventures!

Day 09 – Saturday 14th February, Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 54°29.1'S / 035°56.4'W

Wind: NW5 • Sea: slight • Weather: overcast • Air temp.: 4°C • Water temp.: 4°C



The Plancius had begun her return journey, and it was in the waters of the Drake Passage that we opened our eyes that morning. Many of us, still wrapped in sleep, immediately paid close attention to the ship's movement, quietly assessing the familiar sway of the hull with a hint of apprehension.

But the Drake had chosen to be gentle. There was only a soft roll, sixteen knots of wind, and a veil of mist surrounding the vessel in a pale, muted light. The morning

unfolded peacefully, carried along by the steady rhythm of navigation. Some wandered the decks, collars turned up and binoculars in hand, watching for the majestic glide of albatrosses above the steel-grey waves. Inside, puzzles begun days earlier were finally completed, and we exchanged our finest photographs, still in awe of the landscapes we had crossed.

Caroline and Nathalie invited us to a lecture on ice. Together, we revisited the many forms we had encountered throughout the voyage: sea ice, wind-sculpted icebergs, glaciers glowing in shades of blue. Each projected image rekindled the memory of luminous cold and the resounding silence of the White Continent.

After a long and lively lunch, filled with laughter and shared stories, the lounge slowly filled once more. The sun eventually pierced through the mist, and binoculars reappeared, scanning the horizon for albatrosses gliding effortlessly through the gusts. Annina and Chloe then presented their talk on krill, that tiny crustacean—an essential link in the Antarctic ecosystem—upon which so much life depends. A documentary followed, revealing the fascinating hunting techniques of Arctic and Antarctic wildlife, where infinite patience alternates with sudden bursts of action.

The day ended in the same spirit in which it had begun—calm, reflective. We gathered with Ali and the hotel and expedition teams for the evening recap, sharing the day's highlights before heading to the restaurant for dinner. The ship continued steadily on her course towards Ushuaia.



Day 10 – Sunday, 15th February, Drake Passage

12h00 GPS Position: 56°14.4'S / 039°46.7'W

Wind: W7 • Sea: rough • Weather: overcast • Air temp.: 5°C • Water temp.: 2°C



Today marked our last day crossing the Drake Passage. The weather was partially cloudy as we made our way north. The sea was a little bit rougher than yesterday but still more gentle than on our way in, when we had encountered waves up to 7 meters.

The morning featured two fascinating talks. Karoline shared stories of her life living in a trapper cabin in Svalbard, the Norwegian archipelago in the High Arctic. Located roughly midway between mainland Norway and the North Pole, Svalbard is known for its isolation, polar bears, and long polar nights.

Adam spoke about his experiences as boating officer at Rothera Station, the British Antarctic Survey's largest research facility located on Adelaide Island off the Antarctic Peninsula. He also shared stories from his time as base commander at King Edward Point in South Georgia, a remote outpost that serves as both a research station and government base on this subantarctic island. Both presentations were delivered in English.

For our French-speaking passengers, the morning program focused on Commandant Jean-Baptiste Charcot and his historic Antarctic expeditions. Charcot, a French explorer, scientist, and medical doctor, led two major Antarctic expeditions in the early 20th century (1903-1905 and 1908-1910) aboard the *Français* and the *Pourquoi Pas?* making significant contributions to Antarctic exploration and scientific research, particularly in mapping and oceanography.

After lunch, we enjoyed a mini lecture series. For the English speakers, Charlotte talked about killer whales, Karoline introduced us to the giant isopod, and Ali spoke about albatross conservation. For the French speakers, Chloé discussed the pinnipeds we saw during our voyage and underwater life in the Southern Ocean, while Céline presented on seabird research.

In the evening, it was time to raise a toast to our incredible journey together with the captain. The team also presented us with a slideshow—the staff had taken photos throughout the

journey, and Gabi made a beautiful slideshow out of them. What wonderful memories to cherish. It was now time for us to head to our last dinner onboard the *Plancius*.

Day 11 – Friday, 16th February. Ushuaia, Disembarkation Day

12h00 GPS Position: 54°48.6'S / 068°17.8'W

Wind: NW-5 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Mainly sunny • Air temperature: 6°C

It is time to go. Time to say our goodbyes, time to exchange contacts with new friends we made along the way, time to travel on. We walked down the gangway and back onto the pier of Ushuaia, looking back at the ship and the crew.

Farewell, goodbye, stay safe and fair winds until we meet again!

Total distance sailed on our voyage: 1763,7 NM
Southernmost position: 64°54'S / 62°55'W

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



Antarctica Discovery

Feb 6- 16, 2026



- Feb 6 U s h u a i a
- Feb 7 Drake Passage
- Feb 8 Drake Passage
- Feb 9 Palaver Point
- Feb 10 Orne Harbour
- Feb 11 Stony Point
- Feb 11 Cuverville Island
- Feb 11 Damoy Point
- Feb 12 Foyn Harbor
- Feb 12 Danco Island
- Feb 13 Telefon Bay
- Feb 13 Whaler 's Bay
- Feb 14 Drake Passage
- Feb 15 Drake Passage
- Feb 16 U s h u a i a

Total Distance Travelled:
1670 km



USHUAIA	54° 48' S	0068° 18' W
PALAVAR POINT	52° 19' S	0051° 08' W
ORNE HARBOUR	64° 38' S	0062° 33' W
STONY POINT	64° 54' S	0062° 35' W
CUVERVILLE ISLAND	64° 41' S	0062° 40' W
DAMOY POINT	64° 49' S	0063° 30' W
FOYN HARBOUR	64° 11' S	0062° 38' W
DANCO ISLAND	64° 45' S	0062° 35' W
TELEFON BAY	62° 59' S	0060 34 W
WHALER S BAY	62° 59' S	0060 34 W
USHUAIA	54° 48' S	0068° 18' W



Deception Island

Deception Island
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Gabriel de Castilla (Spain)
Macaroni Pt
Mt Pond 539
Baily Head
Foster
76
71

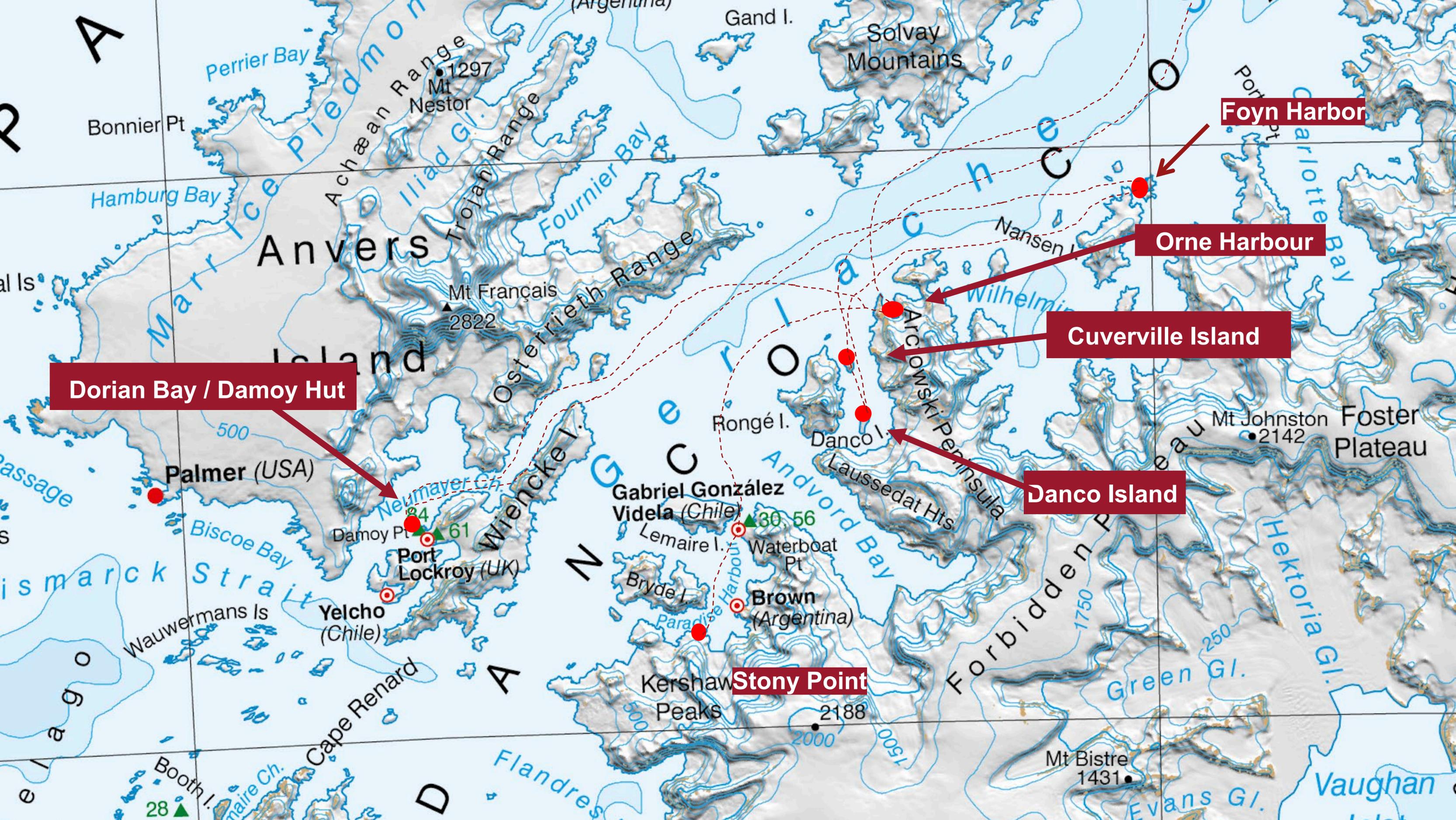
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Hurd Pen. 91
Barnard Pt

Robert Island
Arturo Prat (Chile)
32
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Smith Island
Cape Smith
Mt Foster 2046
Cape James

Low Island

Astrolabe I.



Dorian Bay / Damoy Hut

Foyyn Harbor

Orne Harbour

Cuverville Island

Danco Island

Stony Point

Ali Liddle - Expedition Leader



Originally from the UK, Ali spent 15 years living in the Falkland Islands where she worked as a Primary school teacher both teaching out in 'camp' and at the school in Stanley. Latterly, she was employed as Education Officer for Falklands Conservation and shared her time between classroom teaching and conservation. In 1997, she spent 9 months living on South Georgia where she ran the Post Office and took every opportunity to hike, ski and explore the surrounding peaks and coastline. She has published three books to date: *Plants of the Falkland Islands* and two art and craft books for children using penguins and albatross as the inspiration. Ali is a keen runner, having completed three marathons in the Falkland Islands and two in the UK, and she also enjoys cycling, hiking and camping. Ali has been working on Antarctic and Arctic expedition cruises with Oceanwide for more years than she cares to remember and works on all of the Oceanwide vessels at some point during the year. She has recently relocated from Northumberland to the Isle of Skye where she is renovating a cottage and enjoying the hiking opportunities of the island. Her particular

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

Français

Originaire du Royaume Uni, Ali a vécu 15 ans aux Falklands où elle a travaillé comme enseignante du Primaire à l'École de Stanley et comme enseignante « itinérante ». Plus tard, elle est employée comme Responsable de l'Education pour « Falklands Conservation » et partage son temps entre enseignement et conservation. En 1997, elle passe 9 mois en Géorgie du Sud où elle est en charge de la Poste et profite de la moindre opportunité pour y randonner, skier et explorer les sommets et les littoraux alentours. Ali a publié trois livres à ce jour : *Plantes des îles Falklands* et deux ouvrages à destination des enfants utilisant les albatros et les manchots comme inspiration. Ali est une adepte de la course à pied, elle a ainsi couru trois marathons dans les Falklands et deux au Royaume Uni. Elle aime également le cyclisme, la randonnée et le camping. Ali travaille pour des expéditions Arctiques et Antarctiques à bord des navires d'Oceanwide depuis de très nombreuses années, au point de ne plus les compter. Ali s'est récemment installé sur l'île de Skye où elle rénove un cottage et profite des nombreuses randonnées de l'île. Elle est très attirée par la Biologie et la vie sauvage et aime partager son savoir et sa passion pour les régions polaires.

Adam Burke – Asst. Exp. Leader



Adam has always had a love of the outdoors and adventure, from an early age he dreamt of visiting exotic places and immersing himself in other cultures.

This love of the outdoors led him to work teaching adventurous activities and for over fifteen years this pursuit has given him the opportunity to live and work all over the globe. He has taught sailing in Australia, paddle sports on Europe's rivers and led expeditions in Africa.

After spending five years teaching white water safety & rescue and boat handling techniques to the fire brigade, he moved on to providing marine science support in Antarctica. He has spent over five years living between the Antarctic continent and the island of South Georgia, including overwintering twice.

Whilst providing science support he spent his time in Antarctica managing boating operations and helming RIBs for diving operations. This covered understanding environmental changes and its effects, wildlife monitoring and counting as well as water sampling for a

long-term data collection.

Adam enjoys travelling with his partner who shares the same values and love of the outdoors. This has taken them from deserts to rain forests and ultramarathons in the mountains.

Français

Adam a toujours eu une passion pour la nature et l'aventure. Dès son plus jeune âge, il rêvait de visiter des endroits exotiques et de s'immerger dans d'autres cultures. Cet amour du plein air l'a amené à enseigner des activités d'aventure et, pendant plus de quinze ans, cette passion lui a donné l'occasion de vivre et de travailler partout dans le monde. Il a enseigné la voile en Australie, le canoë-kayak sur les rivières européennes et a dirigé des expéditions en Afrique.

Il a également passé cinq ans à enseigner le sauvetage en eaux vives aux pompiers. Après quoi, il s'est orienté vers le soutien logistique à la station Rothera, la plus grande base britannique en Antarctique. Il a passé plus de cinq ans en Antarctique et en Géorgie du Sud, où il a eu la chance de passer deux hivers.

Il gérait les opérations nautiques et conduisait les bateaux pneumatiques semi-rigides pour les opérations de plongée. Il a participé à des missions de recherche portant sur la compréhension des changements environnementaux et de leurs effets, sur la surveillance et le comptage de la faune sauvage, ainsi que sur l'échantillonnage de l'eau pour une collecte de données à long terme.

Adam aime voyager avec sa compagne, qui partage les mêmes valeurs et le même amour pour la nature. Cela les a menés à visiter des déserts, des forêts tropicales et à participer à plusieurs ultramarathons en montagne.

Annina Scholl – Expedition Guide



Annina is a biologist with a passion for remote destinations and marine life – especially plankton, one of the most essential groups of creatures on our planet.

After dreaming of everything alive and wild during her childhood, she studied biology at the TU Darmstadt, where she graduated with a PhD in cell biology. More specifically, she studied how genetic material, DNA, is packed and organized within the cell nucleus.

During her bachelor and master studies however, Annina decided to deepen her understanding and knowledge in marine biology when she worked at the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI) in Bremerhaven, Germany in the research group “Antarctic krill”. Her master thesis focused on how the annual light conditions in Antarctica influence the metabolism of Antarctic krill, which is the very centre of the food web.

In 2018 her dream of the polar regions became true when she started working as an expedition guide. Since then, Annina has worked in some of the wildest and remotest environments on earth - from the high Arctic down to Antarctica. While it is easy to infect guests with the polar bug in these unique places, it is important to Annina that this happens in a passionate but respectful manner. It is a privilege to visit, and it is our responsibility to protect these environments and all its inhabitants.

In her free time, Annina enjoys spending time outdoors especially hiking, horseback riding and photography.

Français

Annina est une biologiste passionnée par les destinations lointaines et la vie marine, avec un intérêt particulier pour le plancton, l'un des groupes d'organismes les plus essentiels de notre planète.

Ses rêves d'enfance d'explorer tout ce qui est sauvage et vivant l'ont conduite à des études de biologie à la TU Darmstadt, où elle a obtenu un doctorat en biologie cellulaire, se concentrant sur l'organisation et la structure de notre patrimoine génétique dans le noyau cellulaire.

Pendant ses études de licence et de master, Annina a choisi de se spécialiser en biologie marine. Elle a travaillé à l'Institut Alfred-Wegener, Centre Helmholtz de recherche polaire et marine, au sein du groupe de recherche “Krill antarctique”, où elle a également réalisé son mémoire de master. Ce mémoire portait sur l'impact des conditions lumineuses au cours de l'année sur le métabolisme du krill antarctique, une espèce clé du réseau trophique antarctique.

Le rêve d'Annina d'explorer les régions polaires s'est concrétisé en 2018, lorsqu'elle a commencé à travailler comme guide d'expédition dans certaines des régions les plus éloignées et sauvages de la planète – de l'Arctique à l'Antarctique. Depuis, elle prend plaisir à transmettre aux visiteurs de ces lieux extraordinaires le "virus polaire", mais toujours avec passion et respect. Vivre dans ces régions est un privilège, et il est de notre responsabilité de les protéger ainsi que leurs habitants. Annina préfère passer son temps libre en plein air, en pratiquant la randonnée, l'équitation et la photographie.

Karoline Bælum – Expedition Guide



Karoline came to Svalbard as an undergraduate geology student in 2001 and never managed to leave. After more than 20 years on the island she has so far acquired a team of sled dogs, a master's degree in glaciology, a PhD in Geology, a kid and a trapper station.

In addition to guiding part time since 2002 she has worked both at the University Centre in Svalbard as a scientist and as a senior advisor for the Norwegian Research Council. She has guided trips for Oceanwide in Svalbard, Greenland, and Antarctica since 2007.

Together with her son, partner and 7 dogs she has done two overwinterings at Farmhamna Trapper station in Forlandssundet, keeping Svalbard's 400-year-old trapper tradition alive. When not working you can find her out with the dogs, up on a glacier or training with the Red Cross Avalanche rescue team.

Working and guiding in the Polar regions is a geoscientists dream as most of the landscape consists of rocks and ice. With no trees or much other vegetation

to obscure the rocks the fascinating geological history is visible and easily accessible.

Français

Karoline est arrivée à Svalbard en 2001 en tant qu'étudiante en géologie de premier cycle et n'a jamais réussi à repartir. Après plus de 20 ans passés sur l'île, elle a acquis une équipe de chiens de traîneau, une maîtrise en glaciologie, un doctorat en géologie, un enfant et une station de trappeur.

En plus de guider à temps partiel depuis 2002, elle a travaillé au Centre Universitaire de Svalbard en tant que scientifique et comme conseillère senior pour le Conseil norvégien de la recherche. Elle guide des expéditions pour Oceanwide à Svalbard, au Groenland et en Antarctique depuis 2007.

Avec son fils, son partenaire et ses 7 chiens, elle a effectué deux hivernages à la station de trappeur de Farmhamna dans le Forlandssundet, préservant ainsi la tradition de trappeur vieille de 400 ans à Svalbard. Lorsqu'elle ne travaille pas, vous pouvez la trouver avec les chiens, sur un glacier ou en entraînement avec l'équipe de secours en avalanche de la Croix-Rouge.

Travailler et guider dans les régions polaires est le rêve de tout géoscientifique, car la majorité du paysage est constitué de roches et de glace. Sans arbres ni végétation dense pour obscurcir les roches, l'histoire géologique fascinante est visible et facilement accessible.

Céline Clément – Expedition Guide



Celine was born in the south west of France, in the vineyard region of Bordeaux. She grew up with a passion for travel, the natural world especially ocean wildlife... and wine!

Celine was initially Research Manager at the Department of Geography of the University of Bergen, Norway, investigating fisheries management issues in the Barents Sea. Since 1998, various contracts for France's national scientific research center (CNRS) have led this cartographer to participate in fifteen scientific missions in the Arctic (Northern Norway, Bear Island, and Spitsbergen) and Antarctic Peninsula. This work was primarily conducted as part of research programs funded by the French Polar Institute (IPEV) and focused on the adaptations of polar seabirds to changes in their environment. She knows all the ins and outs of capturing, bird banding, biometric measurements, blood sampling, and activity recorders.

During the same period, Celine has been a hiking guide in Spitsbergen and has regularly accompanied cruises in the Polar Regions, which has given her a taste for science outreach programs.

She currently works as Scientific Mediator and ensures the coordination and the carrying out of communication events in scientific culture. Member of the Board of APECS France, the national committee of the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists, she contributes to communicating the latest scientific discoveries in the polar world

Français

Céline est née dans le sud-ouest de la France, dans les vignobles du bordelais. En grandissant elle a développé sa passion pour les voyages, la nature, le monde marin en particulier... et le vin!

Elle a d'abord été chargée d'étude à l'Institut de géographie de Bergen en Norvège sur des questions de gestion des pêches en mer de Barents. Depuis 1998, divers contrats au CNRS ont mené cette ingénieure cartographe à participer à une quinzaine de missions scientifiques en Arctique (Norvège du nord, Ile aux ours, Spitzberg) et en Péninsule antarctique. Ces travaux se sont principalement déroulés dans le cadre de programmes de recherche de l'Institut Polaire Français (IPEV) et axés sur les adaptations des oiseaux marins polaires aux variations de leur environnement. Capture, baguage, mesure biométrique, prise de sang, pose d'enregistreurs d'activité sur différentes espèces n'ont plus de secrets pour elle. Dans la même période, Céline a été guide de randonnée au Spitzberg et a régulièrement accompagné des croisières dans les régions polaires, ce qui lui a donné le goût de la vulgarisation scientifique. Elle travaille actuellement comme chargée de médiation scientifique et assure la coordination et la réalisation d'actions de communication et de culture scientifique. Présidente d'APECS France, le comité national français de l'Association of polar Early Career Scientists (association des jeunes chercheurs et éducateurs des régions polaires), elle y contribue à la communication sur les dernières découvertes scientifiques dans le monde polaire (Semaine polaire, Jour de l'Antarctique, colloques).

Chloe Maréchal – Expedition Guide



Chloé is a dedicated diver with an insatiable passion for marine life and exploration. Armed with a European master's degree in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, she's on a mission to share her expertise and promote the conservation of the marine environment. But here's the twist—while everyone else is busy oohing and aahing over flashy dolphins and majestic whales, Chloé's heart belongs to the unsung heroes of the ocean—the often underrated world of plankton and the mysteries of unseen microbes. She's here to show that even the tiniest organisms can have big personalities!

In April 2013, Chloé's dedication and skills were recognized when she was chosen as the prestigious 2013-14 European Rolex Our World Underwater Scholar. This remarkable opportunity allowed her to work alongside renowned leaders in the fields of marine science and diving industry, providing her with diverse experiences and invaluable insights. During this transformative year, her first encounter with Antarctica left an indelible mark, igniting a lifelong passion for polar exploration.

Chloé isn't just a science nerd with a thing for plankton. She's an adventurous soul with an insatiable curiosity. She's dived across all continents, lived in 20 countries, and now sails on her 12-meter aluminum boat. Together with her partner she has recently crossed the challenging waters of the North Sea.

Currently, Chloé calls northern Norway her home, residing just above the polar circle. When not guiding, she explores underwater wonders, uncovers forgotten wrecks, and maps uncharted underwater caves. Her passion for the ocean, sailing, and work with Oceanwide Expeditions fuel her relentless pursuit of adventure.

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Gabriela Kolodko – Expedition Guide



Having been exposed to the pristine wilderness of Alaska, Canada, and Lapland before turning ten, Gabi developed a deep-rooted passion for cold climates and the great outdoors. Each summer, she devoted herself to sailing, and in 2012, her adventures included crossing the Baltic Sea from Poland to Scandinavia and back aboard the *Zawisza Czarny*, a historic 42-meter vessel originally built in 1952.

With a Master's in Fine Arts and a fascination for art, culture, and history, Gabi's curiosity led her to explore the unique human-animal relationships in polar regions, combining her interest in zooanthropology with the stories of Antarctica's early exploration and modern conservation. Her first journey to Antarctica in 2019 only deepened her connection to the continent's striking landscapes and rich history.

Gabi's enthusiasm for the cold extends beyond her travels; she actively practices the Wim Hof method and regularly takes on ice baths, walrusing, and cryotherapy throughout the year. A memorable encounter with a herd

of Musk Oxen in 1993 at Herschel Island off the Canadian Arctic coast sparked her love for Arctic wildlife, with the Gentoo Penguin now topping her list of favorites in Antarctica.

She loves being part of life-changing voyages, rediscovering the polar regions with each new group of guests. Driven by a passion for adventure and a genuine desire to share the wonders of the poles, Gabi aims to inspire awe and respect for these breathtaking and fragile landscapes, offering others a transformative glimpse into the natural world.

Français Ayant été exposée à la nature sauvage et préservée de l'Alaska, du Canada et de la Laponie avant l'âge de dix ans, Gabi a développé une passion profonde pour les climats froids et les grands espaces. Chaque été, elle se consacrait à la voile et, en 2012, ses aventures l'ont amenée à traverser la mer Baltique de la Pologne à la Scandinavie et retour à bord du *Zawisza Czarny*, un navire historique de 42 mètres construit en 1952.

Titulaire d'une maîtrise en beaux-arts et passionnée par l'art, la culture et l'histoire, la curiosité de Gabi l'a amenée à explorer les relations uniques entre l'homme et l'animal dans les régions polaires, combinant son intérêt pour la zooanthropologie avec les récits des premières explorations de l'Antarctique et de la conservation moderne. Son premier voyage en Antarctique en 2019 n'a fait que renforcer son attachement aux paysages saisissants et à la riche histoire de ce continent.

L'enthousiasme de Gabi pour le froid va au-delà de ses voyages ; elle pratique activement la méthode Wim Hof et prend régulièrement des bains de glace, fait du « walrusing » et de la cryothérapie tout au long de l'année. Une rencontre mémorable avec un troupeau de bœufs musqués en 1993 sur l'île Herschel, au large de la côte arctique canadienne, a éveillé son amour pour la faune arctique, le manchot papou figurant désormais en tête de sa liste de favoris en Antarctique.

Animée par une passion pour l'aventure et un désir sincère de partager les merveilles des pôles, Gabi souhaite inspirer l'émerveillement et le respect pour ces paysages à couper le souffle et fragiles, offrant aux autres un aperçu transformateur du monde naturel.

Charlotte Taplin – Expedition Guide



Charlotte grew up along the rugged coastline of Cornwall, United Kingdom, where her fascination with wildlife and the ocean began at an early age. Inspired by the natural world around her, she went on to study Wildlife Conservation at University, laying the foundation for a life devoted to research, adventure, and the protection of marine ecosystems.

Her love for ships and life at sea began in 2013, when she worked aboard Research and Dive vessels exploring the remote regions of the Great Barrier Reef. During her time in Australia and New Zealand, Charlotte's passion for Marine Biology deepened as she studied Humpback Whales, Minke Whales, and Sperm Whales.

Between 2020 and 2022, Charlotte joined the Superyacht and Explorer vessel industry, working as a Deckhand and Divemaster in remote and challenging regions. These experiences further honed her seamanship and deepened her appreciation for the ocean environment.

A keen traveller, Charlotte has been exploring the world since the age of 18, backpacking across Asia,

Australasia, and South America. In 2015, she undertook an overland journey from South Africa to Jordan in a Land Rover before settling in Mozambique in 2018. There, she founded her own backpacker hostel - combining her entrepreneurial spirit with her love of travel. Alongside managing the hostel, she worked as a Researcher studying Whale Sharks and Manta Rays along the Mozambican coast. Most recently, she completed a 7,000 km journey in a 4x4 across Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. When she's not at sea Charlotte loves scuba diving, surfing, freediving, and hiking, but she also enjoys life's simple pleasures - drinking tea and walking her dog. She feels very fortunate to call Oceanwide her second home and looks forward to continuing to combine her love of the sea, wildlife, and adventure in a career dedicated to exploration and the frozen wilderness.

Français

Charlotte a grandi le long de la côte sauvage des Cornouailles, au Royaume-Uni, où sa fascination pour la faune et l'océan a commencé dès son plus jeune âge. Elle a étudié la conservation de la faune à l'université, posant les fondations d'une vie consacrée à la recherche et à la protection des écosystèmes marins. Son amour pour la vie en mer a débuté en 2013, lorsqu'elle a travaillé à bord de navires de recherche explorant la Grande Barrière de Corail. En Australie et en Nouvelle-Zélande, elle a approfondi sa passion pour la biologie marine en étudiant les baleines à bosse, les petits rorquals et les cachalots.

Entre 2020 et 2022, elle a rejoint l'industrie des superyachts et des navires d'exploration comme matelot et chef de plongée, affinant ses compétences maritimes dans des régions reculées.

Voyageuse passionnée depuis l'âge de 18 ans, Charlotte a parcouru l'Asie, l'Océanie et l'Amérique du Sud. En 2015, elle a voyagé de l'Afrique du Sud à la Jordanie en Land Rover avant de s'installer au Mozambique en 2018, où elle a fondé une auberge de jeunesse tout en étudiant les requins-baleines et les raies manta. Plus récemment, elle a effectué un périple de 7 000 km en 4x4 à travers l'Asie centrale.

Lorsqu'elle n'est pas en mer, Charlotte adore la plongée, le surf et la randonnée, mais apprécie aussi les plaisirs simples comme boire du thé et promener son chien. Elle se sent chanceuse de considérer Oceanwide comme sa seconde maison.

Nathalie Ansel – Expedition Guide



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

Her particular interest lies in Svalbard and Greenland, where she explores Inuit culture and how indigenous peoples adapt to this extreme environment. She is also interested in all the men and women who have shaped the history of the polar regions, such as trappers, whalers, and explorers. Her curiosity goes beyond human boundaries and extends to other creatures inhabiting the Arctic, from seabirds to cetaceans, studying their ability to adapt to this unique ecosystem. With a wealth of experience in sharing knowledge, Nathalie conveys her passion through lectures, where she enthusiastically addresses topics ranging from history to ethology.

Français

Nathalie est historienne et historienne de l'art de formation. Elle prend rapidement conscience que sa passion pour l'histoire et la culture doit être vécue et partagée sur le terrain. Elle embarque donc et parcourt les océans, afin de suivre les traces des grands explorateurs. Sa vie est bouleversée la première fois qu'elle pose le pied sur la banquise arctique. Cet environnement majestueux, changeant et difficile la bouleverse.

Son intérêt se porte tout particulièrement sur le Spitzberg et le Groenland, où elle explore la culture Inuit et la manière dont les peuples autochtones s'adaptent à cet environnement extrême. Elle s'intéresse également à tous ces hommes et femmes qui ont marqué l'histoire des régions polaires, tels que les trappeurs, baleiniers et explorateurs. Sa curiosité dépasse les frontières humaines et s'étend aux autres créatures qui peuplent l'Arctique, des oiseaux marins aux cétacés, en étudiant leur capacité à s'adapter à cet écosystème unique.

Forte d'une riche expérience dans la transmission des connaissances, Nathalie partage sa passion à travers des conférences, où elle aborde avec enthousiasme des sujets allant de l'histoire à l'éthologie

Gonzalo Sabattini – Lead Dive Guide



Gonzalo was born in Córdoba, Argentina in 1987. Son of Cecilia and Juan and brother to Matias and Marcos. Since a young kid his life was connected to water because his family owns fishing boats in Los Molinos Lake in Córdoba. Summers and weekends were endless among friends and family, swimming, and fishing.

As time passed by, swimming in the lake evolved into diving; Gonzalo received his first diving certification as a Argentinian Federation of Subaquatic Activities (FAAS_CMAS)-One Star Diver at the age of 16. During his twenty's Gonzalo was an active member of the local diving school collaborating as a volunteer as he continued his formation as a diver.

In 2013 he was invited to work to Cozumel, Mexico as a dive guide guiding certificate and first-time divers. At the island, he gained a lot of experience working with international tourism and he spent more than a year diving daily. When he came back to his country, he set sails to a new adventure. Decided to move to Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, where diving and weather conditions are a challenge. For the

last 6 years he has become a cold-water diver, mastering the dry suit and the rest of cold-water equipment. On 2018 he was certified as a dive instructor (FAAS – CMAS) and since then, works at a diving school lecturing new cold-water divers and guiding national and international divers who marvel with the kelp forests that characterize dives in the Beagle Channel. On top off diving Gonzalo has always been as sportive person, he loves snowboarding, fishing, and spending time in nature and wilderness, and he found in Ushuaia a perfect playground.

Français

Gonzalo est né à Córdoba, en Argentine, en 1987. Fils de Cecilia et Juan et frère de Matias et Marcos. Depuis tout petit, sa vie est liée à l'eau car sa famille possède des bateaux de pêche dans le lac Los Molinos à Córdoba. Les étés et les week-ends étaient interminables entre amis et famille, à nager et à pêcher.

Au fil du temps, la baignade dans le lac s'est transformée en plongée ; Gonzalo a obtenu son premier brevet de plongée en tant que plongeur étoile de la Fédération argentine des activités subaquatiques (FAAS_CMAS) à l'âge de 16 ans. Pendant sa vingtaine, Gonzalo a été un membre actif de l'école de plongée locale, collaborant comme bénévole tout en poursuivant sa formation de plongeur.

En 2013, il a été invité à travailler à Cozumel, au Mexique, en tant que guide de plongée guidant les plongeurs certifiés et les plongeurs débutants. Sur l'île, il a acquis beaucoup d'expérience en travaillant avec le tourisme international et il a passé plus d'un an à plonger quotidiennement. Lorsqu'il est rentré dans son pays, il a mis les voiles vers une nouvelle aventure. Il a décidé de s'installer à Ushuaia, en Terre de Feu, où la plongée et les conditions météorologiques sont un défi. Au cours des 6 dernières années, il est devenu un plongeur en eau froide, maîtrisant la combinaison étanche et le reste de l'équipement pour l'eau froide. En 2018, il a été certifié comme instructeur de plongée (FAAS - CMAS) et depuis, il travaille dans une école de plongée où il donne des cours aux nouveaux plongeurs en eau froide et guide les plongeurs nationaux et internationaux qui s'émerveillent devant les forêts de varechs qui caractérisent les plongées dans le canal de Beagle. En plus de la plongée, Gonzalo a toujours été une personne sportive, il aime le snowboard, la pêche et passer du temps dans la nature et les espaces sauvages, et il a trouvé à Ushuaia un terrain de jeu parfait.

Kevin Verbist – Dive Guide



As a diving instructor for over 20 years working from the most tropical places with ripping currents to the polar regions. I just love diving.

My name is Kevin, born in Belgium and for the last 5 years mainly based in Iceland, where i fell in love with the polar regions. As an ice diving instructor my favourite time in Iceland is actually the winter where most days, you will find me either under the ice or digging a hole to get underneath it.

I have lived in many countries during my diving career and was fortunate to pick up some languages, I speak English, Dutch, French, German, Spanish and medium Icelandic (it is work in progress to get fluent).

My goal in life is to show guests the beauty of the underwater world, and especially the less-visited polar regions. While also educating people about the threats and challenges that faces this delicate and crucial ecosystems.

The way the sunlight reflects the ice and shows you 50 shades of blue and the wildlife that Antarctica brings is unique and a diver's dream.

I can't wait to meet you on our ship and make everlasting memories together

Français

Moniteur de plongée depuis plus de 20 ans, je travaille depuis les régions les plus tropicales aux courants violents jusqu'aux régions polaires. J'adore la plongée.

Je m'appelle Kevin, je suis né en Belgique et je vis principalement en Islande depuis 5 ans, où je suis tombé amoureux des régions polaires. En tant que moniteur de plongée sous glace, mon moment préféré en Islande est l'hiver, où je suis généralement sous la glace ou en train de creuser un trou pour y accéder.

J'ai vécu dans de nombreux pays au cours de ma carrière de plongeur et j'ai eu la chance d'apprendre plusieurs langues : je parle anglais, néerlandais, français, allemand, espagnol et islandais (je travaille actuellement à le maîtriser).

Mon objectif est de faire découvrir la beauté du monde sous-marin, et notamment des régions polaires moins visitées, tout en sensibilisant le public aux menaces et aux défis auxquels sont confrontés ces écosystèmes fragiles et cruciaux. La façon dont la lumière du soleil reflète la glace et vous dévoile 50 nuances de bleu, et la faune de l'Antarctique est unique et un rêve pour les plongeurs.

J'ai hâte de vous retrouver sur notre navire et de créer ensemble des souvenirs inoubliables.

Nick Cunliffe – Lead Kayak Guide



Nick is a professional sea kayak guide in North Wales, United Kingdom. He has been paddling for about 30 years and owes many rewarding experiences to his involvement in sea kayaking. This is Nick's second Antarctic season with Oceanwide Expeditions - he is excited to share his developing knowledge of this remarkable coastal environment. Nick's background in sea kayaking spans 30 years and includes many expedition sea kayaking experiences: Arctic Norway Lofoten islands outer coast:

À to Svolveaer Chilean Patagonia Chonos archipelago / San Rafael glacier British Columbia Mainland coast / Vancouver Island W coast SE Alaska Sitka to Glacier Bay / Admiralty Island Nick has also led many sea kayaking expeditions in Scotland's Outer Hebrides. Personal highlights include the Barra island group, St Kilda archipelago, and the isle of Skye. In addition to wilderness sea kayaking, Nick loves to explore mountain environments, as a skier and climber in the European Alps. Closer to home, Wales' Snowdonia peaks remain a personal favourite playground. Nick loves to share the

experience of exploring wilderness places, and encountering coastal & marine life in its natural environments. He places great value on the rewards that such encounters can offer - the Antarctic Peninsula provides these experiences in abundance. Nick looks forward to sharing unforgettable Antarctic experiences with his Oceanwide Expeditions guests.

Français

Nick est un guide professionnel de kayak de mer basé au nord du pays de Galles, au Royaume-Uni. Il pratique le kayak depuis environ 30 ans et doit de nombreuses expériences enrichissantes à son engagement dans le kayak de mer. Il s'agit de la deuxième saison antarctique de Nick avec Oceanwide Expeditions, et il se réjouit de partager les connaissances qu'il continue de développer sur cet environnement côtier remarquable.

L'expérience de Nick en kayak de mer s'étend sur plus de 30 ans et comprend de nombreuses expéditions, notamment :

- Norvège arctique, côte extérieure des îles Lofoten, d'À à Svolveaer
- Patagonie chilienne, archipel des Chonos / glacier San Rafael
- Colombie-Britannique, côte continentale / côte ouest de l'île de Vancouver
- Sud-Est de l'Alaska, de Sitka à Glacier Bay / île de l'Amirauté

Nick a également dirigé de nombreuses expéditions de kayak de mer dans les Hébrides extérieures, en Écosse. Parmi ses moments forts personnels figurent le groupe d'îles de Barra, l'archipel de St Kilda et l'île de Skye.

En plus du kayak de mer en milieu sauvage, Nick aime explorer les environnements montagneux, en tant que skieur et alpiniste dans les Alpes européennes. Plus près de chez lui, les sommets de Snowdonia, au pays de Galles, restent son terrain de jeu favori.

Nick aime partager l'expérience de l'exploration de régions sauvages et les rencontres avec la faune côtière et marine dans son environnement naturel. Il accorde une grande importance aux richesses qu'offrent ces rencontres — et la péninsule Antarctique en offre en abondance. Nick se réjouit de faire vivre des expériences antarctiques inoubliables aux passagers d'Oceanwide Expeditions.

Martin Anstee – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Français

Depuis de nombreuses années, Martin est un naturaliste et photographe passionné.

Depuis l'année 2000, Martin est devenu bagueur. Le baguage est un outil de recherche scientifique qui consiste à capturer puis relâcher des oiseaux sauvages après leur avoir apposé une bague d'identification. Il apprécie tout particulièrement l'observation et l'étude des oiseaux marins.

Martin utilise un appareil photo depuis son plus jeune âge et a su combiner son amour de la nature et des habitats des oiseaux marins avec la photographie. Il vient de passer un mois au Zimbabwe et au Botswana pour photographier d'autres espèces sauvages.

En parallèle, Martin a mené une carrière dans la police, d'abord au Royaume-Uni où, entre autres rôles, il a été officier chargé des crimes contre la faune. Son dernier poste dans la police était celui de sergent dans la police royale des îles Falkland.

Martin a vécu à Stanley, dans les îles Falkland, pendant un peu plus de deux ans, avant de retourner au Royaume-Uni en novembre 2021. Pendant ces deux années, Martin a été bénévole pour Falklands Conservation, où il a aidé au Programme de Surveillance des Oiseaux Marins des îles Falkland (FISMP), en particulier pour le comptage des oiseaux marins et le baguage des albatros à sourcils noirs. Il a également participé à des travaux de terrain pour une étude sur le caracara austral (Johnny Rook). Grâce à cela, Martin a visité la plupart des grandes (et certaines des petites) îles périphériques qui composent les îles Falkland.

C'est aussi aux îles Falkland que Martin a commencé sa carrière de guide, appréciant de partager ses connaissances sur les îles et la faune, ce qu'il continue de faire à ce jour.

Emma Röttger – Ships Doctor



Dr. Röttger was born and raised in the Netherlands, where she also completed her medical training. After earning her medical degree, she went on to specialise in Emergency Medicine, completing her residency in January 2020. Stepping into her new role as a consultant just as the Covid-19 pandemic unfolded brought unexpected challenges, but also reaffirmed her passion for the dynamic, high-stakes world of emergency care.

Her medical journey has been as international as it has been rewarding. During both her undergraduate and postgraduate training, she gained valuable experience abroad — through an exchange programme in Egypt, an elective in Ghana, and a three-month rotation in New Zealand. These experiences not only broadened her clinical perspective but also deepened her appreciation for cultural diversity and global health.

Outside the hospital, Emma's curiosity and love of exploration continue to shape her path. An avid traveller and mountaineer, she spends her free time exploring

mountain ranges across Europe, refining her skills in the outdoors. She recently completed the Diploma in Mountain Medicine, combining her medical expertise with her passion for wilderness and expedition medicine.

In recent years, Emma has also found a unique calling as a ship's doctor in the polar regions. Working in these remote, breathtaking landscapes combines her love of adventure with the challenge of practising medicine in extreme conditions. Despite the harsh climates and long journeys, she keeps finding her way back to the ice — drawn by the pristine beauty, the camaraderie of expedition life, and the privilege of caring for people in some of the most isolated corners of the world.

Français

Le Dr Emma Röttger est née et a grandi aux Pays-Bas, où elle a effectué ses études de médecine et s'est spécialisée en médecine d'urgence, achevant son internat en janvier 2020. Débuter sa carrière de consultante au moment où la pandémie de Covid-19 déferlait a représenté un défi inattendu qui, paradoxalement, a renforcé sa passion pour l'univers intense des soins d'urgence.

Son parcours médical est international. Durant sa formation, elle a enrichi son expérience à l'étranger grâce à un programme d'échange en Égypte, un stage clinique au Ghana et une rotation de trois mois en Nouvelle-Zélande. Ces immersions ont élargi sa vision clinique tout en approfondissant sa sensibilité à la diversité culturelle et aux enjeux de santé mondiale.

Au-delà de l'hôpital, la curiosité et le goût de l'exploration d'Emma continuent de tracer sa route. Voyageuse passionnée et alpiniste confirmée, elle consacre son temps libre à parcourir les massifs montagneux européens, perfectionnant ses compétences en milieu naturel. Elle a récemment obtenu le Diplôme de Médecine de Montagne, unissant ainsi son expertise médicale à son amour de la nature sauvage et des expéditions.

Ces dernières années, Emma a découvert une vocation singulière comme médecin de bord dans les régions polaires. Exercer dans ces paysages reculés et grandioses allie son esprit d'aventure au défi de pratiquer la médecine dans des conditions extrêmes. Malgré les climats rigoureux et les longues traversées, elle retrouve toujours le chemin de la glace — attirée par sa beauté immaculée, la fraternité de la vie d'expédition et le privilège de soigner dans les contrées les plus isolées du monde.



Antarctica
Ushuaia
Embarkation
Friday 6th February 2026

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

After dinner we will hand out Boots from the Boot Room on Deck 3.
Please listen for announcements. Thank you.

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

- 1600 Bienvenue à bord ! Vos bagages devraient être dans votre cabine lors de votre arrivée. Vérifiez attentivement qu'il ne manque aucun bagage et si des bagages qui ne vous appartiennent pas se trouvent dans votre cabine, veuillez le signaler à l'un des membres du personnel. N'hésitez pas à explorer le navire.
Du thé et du café sont disponibles dans le salon, niveau 5.
- >17h00 Présentation obligatoire sur la sécurité à bord et les canots de sauvetage dans le salon. TOUS LES PASSAGERS sont tenus de participer à cette importante présentation.
- 1800 Départ de l'embarcadère.
- 1845 Rejoignez-nous dans le salon pour une présentation du navire par votre directeur d'hôtel Volodomyr.
Vous aurez ensuite l'occasion de rencontrer votre capitaine, Matei Mocanu, puis votre chef d'expédition, Ali Liddle. Elle vous expliquera les plans pour les jours à venir et vous aurez l'occasion de rencontrer votre équipe d'expédition.
- 1930 Un buffet est disponible pour le dîner au restaurant du niveau 3, derrière la réception. Savourez votre repas.
- Après le dîner, nous distribuerons les bottes devant la salle des bottes (boot room) située sur le pont 3. Veuillez écouter les annonces. Merci.

Ce soir, nous naviguerons en pleine mer et nous nous attendons à ce que le navire bouge. Veuillez à ce que tous vos objets de valeur (appareils photo, ordinateurs, etc.) soient correctement rangés dans votre cabine afin d'éviter tout accident.

Toujours utilisez les rambardes lorsque vous vous déplacez sur le navire, en particulier lorsque la mer est agitée. Ayez toujours une main pour le navire et une main pour vous. Nous vous remercions de votre compréhension.

We are expecting some strong wind and rough sea in the morning so our programme may change during the day.

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 1030 **Seabirds.** We will see lots of seabirds on our journey across the Drake Passage and around Antarctica. If you would like to learn more about the species, we will see then please join Martin in the Lounge.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1500 **Antarctic Whales.** We hope to see some whales during our voyage so if you would like to learn about the species and how to identify them at sea then please join Charlotte in the Lounge.
- 1630 **Documentary.** We will screen a documentary in the lounge.
- 1830 **Recap** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for recap and learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant. Enjoy your meal.

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Nous prévoyons des vents forts et une mer agitée dans la matinée, notre programme pourrait donc être modifié au cours de la journée.

- 0745 Réveil par votre chef d'expédition Ali.
- 0800 Le petit-déjeuner sera un buffet, disponible dans le restaurant pendant 1 heure.
- 1030 **Découverte du monde fantastique des oiseaux marins !** Nous verrons, en effet, beaucoup d'oiseaux marins au cours de notre voyage à travers le passage du Drake et autour de l'Antarctique. Si vous souhaitez en savoir plus sur les espèces que nous verrons, rejoignez Céline dans le restaurant.
- 12h30 Le déjeuner est servi dans le restaurant.
- 1500 **Baleines en Antarctique.** Nous espérons voir des baleines au cours de notre voyage. Si vous souhaitez en savoir plus sur les espèces et sur la manière de les identifier en mer, rejoignez Chloe dans le restaurant.
- 16h30 **Documentaire.** Nous projetterons un documentaire naturaliste dans le salon.
- 1830 **Récap.** Rejoignez l'équipe d'expédition dans le salon pour un résumé et connaître nos plans pour demain.
- 1900 Le dîner est servi au restaurant. Bon appétit !

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- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **IAATO Briefing.** Please attend this short briefing regarding our visit to Antarctica.
- 1000 Camping and Kayaking briefings in the Dining Room. This is only for guests who are already booked for these activities.
- Bio-Security checks.** Before we go to Antarctica, we need to make sure all our outer gear and bags are clean. Please bring your outer gear and backpacks to the Lounge for the staff to check and then you will need to sign the IAATO self-declaration form. We will call you by deck so please wait until you are called.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1500 **Penguins.** Everybody loves penguins and we hope to see plenty of them on our voyage but if you would like to learn more then please join Ali in the Lounge.
- 1630 **Seabirds.** We will see lots of seabirds on our journey across the Drake Passage and around Antarctica. If you would like to learn more about the species, we will see then please join Martin in the Lounge.
- 1830 **Recap** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for recap and learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the Restaurant. Enjoy your meal.

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- 0745 Réveil par votre chef d'expédition Ali.
- 0800 Le buffet du petit-déjeuner sera disponible au restaurant pendant une heure.
- 0930 **Briefing IAATO.** Veuillez assister à ce bref briefing obligatoire concernant notre visite en Antarctique.
- 10h00 Briefing sur le camping et le kayak dans la salle à manger. Cette séance d'information est réservée aux passagers qui ont déjà réservé ces activités.
- Contrôles de biosécurité.** Avant de partir pour l'Antarctique, nous devons nous assurer que nos vêtements d'extérieur et que nos sacs soient propres. Veuillez apporter vos vêtements et vos sacs à dos au salon pour que le personnel les vérifie, puis vous devrez signer le formulaire IAATO. Nous vous appellerons par ponts, veuillez donc attendre qu'on vous appelle.
- 12h30 Le déjeuner est servi dans la salle à manger.
- 1500 **Manchots.** Tout le monde aime les manchots et nous espérons en voir beaucoup au cours de notre voyage, mais si vous souhaitez en savoir plus, rejoignez Nathalie au restaurant.
- 16h30 **Découverte du monde fantastique des oiseaux marins !** Nous verrons, en effet, beaucoup d'oiseaux marins au cours de notre voyage à travers le passage du Drake et autour de l'Antarctique. Si vous souhaitez en savoir plus sur les espèces que nous verrons, rejoignez Céline dans le restaurant.
- 1830 **Récap journalier.** Rejoignez l'équipe de l'expédition dans le salon pour un bilan de la journée et connaître nos projets pour demain.
- 1900 Le dîner est servi au restaurant. Bon appétit

Our arrival time in Antarctica will depend upon our progress overnight. As you are aware the storm in the Drake Passage slowed us down a little so we will need to see where we are during the early morning.

0745 Wake up call from Ali

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

0930 **Zodiac Briefing.** This is a mandatory briefing that all passengers must attend. Thank you.

1030 **Plankton.** If you would like to learn all about the small creatures that form the basis of life in Antarctica, then please join Annina in the Lounge.

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

Kayaking and Snorkelling groups please listen for announcements regarding your activities today

TBA **Palaver Point.** This morning, we hope to take you ashore at Palaver Point on Two Hummock Island where there are small colonies of chinstrap penguins all the way up the hill. Please give penguins the right of way at the highway and remember your 5m distance for the wildlife. We will flag a route up to the higher penguin colonies on the island but please stay on the track and stop at any crossed poles.

1900 **Buffet Dinner** is available for **1 hour**.

TBA **Cierva Cove.** This afternoon we hope to take you out on a zodiac cruise at Cierva Cove. There will be icebergs in the bay and gentoo penguins on shore. We will be out in the zodiacs for 1.5 to 2 hours so please dress warmly.

Tôt dans la matinée, nous approcherons de la péninsule Antarctique et devrions commencer à apercevoir des icebergs et des montagnes enneigées. Profitez de la vue !

07h45 Réveil par Ali.

08h00 Le petit-déjeuner buffet sera servi dans la salle à manger pendant 1 heure.

09h30 **Briefing Zodiac obligatoire** pour tous les passagers, merci

10h30 Tout ce que vous avez toujours voulu savoir sur le plancton, la forme de vie la plus importante en Antarctique, avec Chloé au restaurant

12h30 Le déjeuner est servi dans la salle à manger.

Les groupes de kayak et de plongée avec tuba sont priés d'écouter les annonces concernant leurs activités du jour.

En fonction des annonces

Palaver Point. Ce matin, nous espérons vous emmener à terre à Palaver Point, sur l'île Two Hummock, où de petites colonies de manchots à jugulaire vivent tout en haut de la colline. Veuillez céder le passage aux manchots sur la route et respecter la distance de 5 mètres avec les animaux sauvages. Nous baliserons un itinéraire menant aux colonies de manchots situées plus haut sur l'île, mais veuillez rester sur le sentier et vous arrêter à chaque signal (poteaux en croix)

18h30 Récap : Rejoignez l'équipe d'expédition dans le salon pour un récapitulatif de la journée et pour connaître nos projets pour demain.

19h00 Le dîner buffet est servi pendant 1 heure.

À déterminer **Cierva Cove.** Cet après-midi, nous espérons vous emmener faire une croisière en zodiac à Cierva Cove. Il y aura des icebergs dans la baie et des manchots papous sur le rivage. Nous serons en zodiac pendant 1h30 à 2 heures, veuillez donc vous habiller chaudement.

- 0645 Wake up call from Ali
- 0700 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0800 **Orne Harbour.** This morning, we hope to take you on shore at Orne Harbour, which is a continental landing. Here we will walk up the slope to view the chinstrap penguins but also for incredible views over the Gerlache Strait. We will also offer a zodiac cruise in the bay.
Group 1 will go ashore first.
Group 2 zodiac cruise.
During the morning we will swap so everyone will do both activities.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Stony Point.** This afternoon we hope to take you ashore at Stony Point in Paradise Bay. This is a small landing site with great views over the bay and glaciers around. Enjoy the time on shore. We will also offer a zodiac cruise in the bay where there may be seals, penguins and whales.
Group 2 will go ashore first.
Group 1 zodiac cruise.
During the afternoon we will swap so everyone will do both activities.
- 1830 **Recap** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for recap and learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Buffet Dinner** is available for **1 hour.**
- Camping.** Campers please come to the Boot Room at 2000 to collect your camping kit and head ashore for your night in the snow!

06h45 Réveil par Ali.

07h00 Le petit-déjeuner buffet sera servi dans la salle à manger pendant 1 heure.

08h00 Port d'Orne. Ce matin, nous espérons débarquer sur le continent au port d'Orne. Nous gravirons la pente pour observer la colonie de manchots à jugulaire, mais aussi pour profiter d'une vue incroyable sur le détroit de Gerlache. Nous vous proposerons également une croisière en zodiac dans la baie.

Le groupe 1 débarquera en premier.

Croisière en zodiac pour le groupe 2.

Au cours de la matinée, nous échangerons les groupes afin que tout le monde puisse participer aux deux activités.

12h30 Le déjeuner est servi dans la salle à manger.

À confirmer Stony Point. Cet après-midi, nous espérons vous emmener à terre à Stony Point, dans la baie Paradise. Il s'agit d'un petit site de débarquement offrant une vue imprenable sur la baie et les glaciers environnants. Profitez de votre temps à terre. Nous proposerons également une croisière en zodiac dans la baie, où vous pourrez apercevoir des phoques, des manchots et des baleines.

Le groupe 2 débarquera en premier.

Croisière en zodiac pour le groupe 1.

Au cours de l'après-midi, nous échangerons les groupes afin que tout le monde puisse participer aux deux activités.

18h30 Récapitulatif Rejoignez l'équipe d'expédition dans le salon pour un récapitulatif et pour connaître nos projets pour demain.

19h00 Le dîner buffet est servi pendant 1 heure.

Camping. Les campeurs sont priés de se rendre à la salle des bottes à 20h00 pour récupérer leur kit de camping et se rendre à terre pour passer la nuit dans la neige !

- 0715 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0830 **Cuverville Island.** This morning, we hope to take you ashore on Cuverville Island which is home to one of the largest gentoo penguin colonies in Antarctica. Enjoy your time on shore with the penguins and enjoy the views of the ice and glaciers all around.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Damoy Point.** This afternoon we hope to take you ashore at Damoy Point where we will find colonies of gentoo penguins. We hope to be able to offer you a longer walk up onto the ridge for views over the surrounding area. Please follow the trail with the guides. There is a historic British Antarctic Survey hut on shore and we hope to be able to open this for you to view inside.
- 1845 **Recap** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for recap and learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Special Antarctic Dinner** is served. Deck 3 aft!

- 07h15 Réveil par Ali, votre chef d'expédition.
- 07h30 Le petit-déjeuner buffet sera servi dans la salle à manger pendant 1 heure.
- 08h30 **Île Cuverville.** Ce matin, nous espérons vous emmener à terre sur l'île Cuverville, qui abrite l'une des plus grandes colonies de manchots papous de l'Antarctique. Profitez de votre temps à terre avec les manchots et admirez la vue sur la glace et les glaciers tout autour.
- 12h30 Le déjeuner est servi dans la salle à manger.
- À confirmer **Pointe Damoy.** Cet après-midi, nous espérons vous emmener à terre à la pointe Damoy, où nous trouverons des colonies de manchots papous. Nous espérons pouvoir vous proposer une plus longue promenade sur la crête pour admirer la vue sur les environs. Veuillez suivre le sentier avec les guides. Il y a une cabane historique du British Antarctic Survey sur le rivage et nous espérons pouvoir vous ouvrir ses portes pour que vous puissiez la visiter.
- 18h45 Récapitulatif Rejoignez l'équipe d'expédition dans le salon pour un récapitulatif et pour connaître nos projets pour demain.
- 19h00 Un dîner spécial Antarctique est servi. Pont 3 arrière !

- 0715 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0730 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- TBA **Foyn Harbour, Enterprise Island.** This morning, we hope to take you out in the zodiacs to cruise around the islands. There is an old shipwreck, the Governoren and there are often humpback whales in the bay area. Dress warmly and enjoy the cruise around the islands.
Group 1 Please come to the gangway at 0830
Group 2 Please come to the gangway at 0945
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Danco Island.** This afternoon we hope to take you on shore on Danco Island where there are lots of small colonies of gentoo penguins. Please give penguins the right of way at the Penguin Highways!
Please follow the marked trail up the hill and when you get to the top please stay within the marked area as there are crevasses on the summit. At the end of the landing we will offer you the chance to do a Polar Plunge. We will bring the towels!
- 1830 **Recap** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for recap and learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

07h15 Réveil par Ali, votre chef d'expédition.

07h30 Le petit-déjeuner buffet sera servi dans la salle à manger pendant 1 heure.

08h30 **Port de Foyn, île Enterprise.** Ce matin, nous espérons vous emmener en zodiac pour une croisière autour des îles. Vous pourrez y voir une vieille épave, le Governoren, et souvent des baleines à bosse dans la baie. Habillez-vous chaudement et profitez de la croisière autour des îles.

Groupe 1 Veuillez vous présenter à la passerelle à 08h30.

Groupe 2 Veuillez vous présenter à la passerelle à 09h45.

12h30 Le déjeuner est servi dans la salle à manger.

À déterminer **Île Danco.** Cet après-midi, nous espérons vous emmener sur l'île Danco, où se trouvent de nombreuses petites colonies de manchots papous. N'oubliez pas de céder le passage aux manchots sur leurs « autoroutes » !
Veuillez suivre le sentier balisé qui monte la colline et, une fois au sommet, restez dans la zone balisée car il y a des crevasses.

À la fin du débarquement, nous vous offrirons la possibilité de prendre un bain polaire. Nous apporterons les serviettes !

18h30 **Récapitulatif.**

Veuillez rejoindre l'équipe d'expédition dans le salon pour un récapitulatif et pour connaître nos projets pour demain.

19h00 Le dîner est servi. Bon appétit.

We will sail through the dramatic entrance to the volcanic caldera of Deception Island, known as Neptune's Bellows. Please listen for announcements for timings of this.

- 0630 Wake up call from Ali. Good morning!
- 0700 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0800 **Telefon Bay, Deception Island.** This morning we hope to go ashore in Telefon Bay where we will offer a walk to the rim of a small volcanic crater. There are sometimes Weddell seals on shore and occasional Chinstrap penguins.
- 1200 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- TBA **Whaler's Bay.** For our final landing we hope to take you ashore at Whaler's Bay. From the landing site you can explore the whaling station buildings but please do not go inside any of the buildings. We will also offer a walk along the beach to Neptune's Window where there are great views over to the outside of the island. Please stay near the water line and be aware of any fur seals or penguins.
- 1830 **Re-cap and Briefing.** Our plans for tomorrow and some stories from staff.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

We will be sailing into the Drake Passage so please secure all of your belongings in your cabin and take care as you move around the ship.

Nous allons naviguer à travers l'entrée spectaculaire de la caldera de l'île de la Déception, connue sous le nom de Soufflet de Neptune. Merci de rester attentifs aux annonces concernant l'heure d'arrivée.

0645 Réveil d'Ali. Bonjour Bonjour !

0700 Le petit déjeuner sera disponible dans le restaurant pendant 1 heure.

0800 **Telefon Bay, Deception Island.** Pour notre dernier débarquement, nous irons à terre dans Telefon Bay où nous ferons une promenade jusqu'au bord d'un petit cratère volcanique. Il y a parfois des phoques de Weddell sur le rivage et occasionnellement des manchots à jugulaire.

12h00 Le déjeuner est servi dans le restaurant.

À confirmer **Whaler's Bay.** Pour notre dernier débarquement, nous espérons vous emmener à Whaler's Bay. Depuis le site de débarquement, vous pourrez explorer les bâtiments de la station baleinière, mais veuillez ne pas entrer à l'intérieur. Nous vous proposerons également une promenade le long de la plage jusqu'à Neptune's Window, d'où vous pourrez profiter d'une vue imprenable sur l'extérieur de l'île. Veuillez rester près du rivage et faire attention aux otaries à fourrure et aux manchots.

1830 Recap et Briefing. Nos plans pour demain et quelques histoires du personnel.

1900 Le dîner est servi. Bon appétit.

Nous naviguerons dans le passage de Drake. Nous vous demandons donc de mettre tous vos effets personnels en sécurité dans votre cabine et de faire attention lorsque vous vous déplacez sur le navire.

- 0745 Wake up call from Ali. Good morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **Ice.** As we leave the icy continent of Antarctica we will all have incredible images of the ice. If you would like to learn more about ice then please join Karoline in the Lounge.
- 1100 **Seals.** We have been lucky to see quite a few species of seals during our voyage so if you would like to learn more about these marine mammals then please join Charlotte in the Lounge.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1500 **Krill.** This is the basis of all marine life in Antarctica with whales, seals and penguins feeding on the huge swarms here in the summer. Please join Annina in the Lounge to hear more.
- 1630 A wildlife documentary will be screened in the Lounge.
- 1830 **Plans for Tomorrow.** Please join the expedition team in the Lounge for the re-cap of the day and learn of our plans for tomorrow.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

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

- 07h45 Réveil d'Ali. Bonjour Bonjour !
- 08h00 Le petit déjeuner sera servi au restaurant pendant 1 heure.
- 10h30 **La glace.** Alors que nous quittons le continent glacé de l'Antarctique, nous gardons tous en mémoire des images incroyables de la glace. Si vous souhaitez en savoir plus sur la glace, rejoignez Nathalie au restaurant.
- 12h30 Le déjeuner est servi dans la salle à manger.
- 15h00 **Le krill.** Il forme la base de toute la vie marine en Antarctique, les baleines, les phoques et les manchots se nourrissent des énormes essaims présents ici tout l'été. Rejoignez Chloe au restaurant.
- 16h30 Un documentaire sur la faune sauvage sera projeté dans le salon.
- 18h30 Programme pour demain. Rejoignez l'équipe d'expédition au salon pour un récapitulatif de la journée et pour connaître notre programme du lendemain.
- 19h00 Le dîner est servi. Bon appétit !

Nous naviguerons en pleine mer et nous nous attendons à ce que le navire bouge. Veuillez à ce que tous vos objets de valeur (appareils photo, ordinateurs, etc.) soient correctement rangés dans votre cabine afin d'éviter tout accident. Toujours utilisez les rambardes lorsque vous vous déplacez sur le navire, en particulier lorsque la mer est agitée. Ayez toujours une main pour le navire et une main pour vous. Nous vous remercions de votre compréhension.



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At Sea – Drake Passage
Sunday 15th February 2026

- 0745 Wake up call from your Expedition Leader Ali.
- 0800 **Breakfast buffet** will be available in the Dining Room for 1 hour.
- 0930 **Alone but not lonely.** Karoline has spent time living and working in a remote trappers hut in Svalbard. This presentation reflects on remote living and how we adapt to it. Please join her in the Lounge.
- 1100 **Living and Working in Antarctica.** Adam spent 5 years working for the British Antarctic Survey and spent much of that on the continent. If you would like to hear about his time working for BAS then please join him in the Lounge.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1500 **Tri-lecture series.** Please join the staff in the Lounge for 3 short presentations. Charlotte will talk about Orca, Killer whales, Karoline will introduce you to Giant Isopods and Ali will talk about Albatross conservation.
- 1630 **Documentary.** We will screen a documentary in the lounge.
- 1815 **Captain's Cocktails.** Please join the Expedition team and Captain Mocanu in the Lounge to toast our voyage to Antarctica.
- 1900 **Farewell Dinner** is served. Enjoy your meal.

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



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En mer - Passage de Drake

Dimanche 15 février 2026

07h45 Réveil par Ali, votre chef d'expédition.

08h00 Le petit-déjeuner buffet sera servi dans la salle à manger durant 1 heure.

10h30 Retour sur les expéditions du Français et du Pourquoi-Pas en Antarctique, ainsi que sur plusieurs sites que nous avons eu la chance de visiter. Pour en savoir plus sur Jean-Baptiste Charcot, ce 'gentleman des pôles', rejoignez Nathalie au restaurant

12h30 Le déjeuner est servi dans la salle à manger.

15h00 Série de trois conférences : Les pinnipèdes, les Albatros et la science et la vie sous-Marine en Antarctique proposées par Chloe et Celine au restaurant.

16h30 Documentaire. Nous projetterons un documentaire au salon.

18h15 Cocktail du capitaine. Rejoignez l'équipe d'expédition et le capitaine Mocanu dans le salon pour trinquer à notre voyage en Antarctique.

19h00 Le dîner d'adieu est servi. Bon appétit.

Nous naviguerons en pleine mer et nous nous attendons à ce que le navire bouge. Veuillez à ce que tous vos objets de valeur (appareils photo, ordinateurs, etc.) soient correctement rangés dans votre cabine afin d'éviter tout accident. Toujours utilisez les rambardes lorsque vous vous déplacez sur le navire, en particulier lorsque la mer est agitée. Ayez toujours une main pour le navire et une main pour vous. Nous vous remercions de votre compréhension.

0745 Your final wake up call from Ali! Good Morning everyone, Good Morning!

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

During the morning we will be sailing up the Beagle Channel. Enjoy the navigation and keep a watch for wildlife. We often see dolphins and seals.

1200 **Buffet lunch** is available in the dining room.

Before lunch at 1200 please could you put your large check in luggage outside your cabin so that we can get it onto the pier for you.

If you are taking a bus from the ship straight to the airport, please make sure your luggage has a **BLUE label on it.**

If you would like to store your luggage at the Luggage building where you dropped your luggage before the trip please put a **YELLOW label on your luggage. You must collect it before 1700.**

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

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

TBA **Disembarkation.** We ask for those going on the Airport bus to come to the gangway first. Please listen for announcements.

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

07h45 Dernier réveil d'Ali ! Bonjour bonjour à tous!

08h00 Le petit-déjeuner buffet sera servi dans la salle à manger pendant 1 heure.

Au cours de la matinée, nous naviguerons dans le canal Beagle. Profitez de la navigation et gardez l'œil ouvert pour observer la faune. Nous y observons souvent des dauphins et des phoques.

12h00 Le déjeuner buffet est servi dans la salle à manger.

Avant le déjeuner à 12h00, veuillez déposer vos bagages en soute à l'extérieur de votre cabine afin que nous puissions les transporter jusqu'à l'embarcadère.

Si vous prenez un bus depuis le navire pour vous rendre directement à l'aéroport, veuillez-vous assurer que vos bagages soient munis d'une étiquette **BLEUE.**

Si vous souhaitez entreposer vos bagages dans le bâtiment où vous les avez déposés avant la croisière, veuillez apposer une étiquette **JAUNE sur vos bagages. Vous devez les récupérer avant 17h00.**

Si vous avez pris d'autres dispositions et restez à Ushuaia, vous pouvez prendre vos bagages et vous rendre à pied à l'entrée du port où vous trouverez un taxi.

Gardez vos bagages à main dans votre cabine ou emportez-les dans le salon.

À déterminer **Débarquement**. Nous demandons aux personnes qui prennent la navette pour l'aéroport de se présenter en premier à la passerelle. Veuillez écouter les annonces.

Au nom d'Oceanwide Expeditions, le capitaine, l'équipage et le personnel d'expédition vous remercient de voyager avec nous et vous souhaitent un bon retour chez vous.