



## Antarctica - Whale watching Discovery and Learning Voyage

Ushuaia – Ushuaia

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of March – Tuesday 31<sup>th</sup> of March 2026

On board *m/v Hondius*



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## Captain Jan Dobrogowski

and his international crew of 75 sailors

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**WE WELCOME YOU ON BOARD!**

## Day 1 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of March, Ushuaia, Embarkation Day - Setting sail for Antarctica

16h00 GPS Position: 54°48.5 S, 068°17.9 W

Wind: W2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 9°C

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Our journey began in Ushuaia under warm and windy skies, the kind that felt like a quiet blessing before heading towards the icy continent. With the mountains framing the harbor and the town buzzing softly behind us, we stepped aboard *Hondius* full of anticipation. Once on board, we made ourselves at home in our cabins, checking that all our luggage had arrived and beginning to settle into what would soon feel like our floating world. The Observation Lounge on Deck 5 quickly became a welcoming hub, with the gentle clink of cups and the comfort of tea and coffee easing us into the rhythm of ship life. In the late afternoon, we gathered in the Observation Lounge for the mandatory safety briefing with the Expedition Leader and Chief Officer. Practical and reassuring, it reminded us that adventure at sea always comes with responsibility. Soon after, the emergency alarm echoed through the ship, and we returned to our cabins to collect our life jackets, completing our first drill together as a crew and community.

As early evening approached, we were invited back to the Observation Lounge for the



Captain's Cocktails. With drinks in hand, we listened to a warm welcome from the Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader, who introduced life on board and outlined the exciting days ahead. Meeting the Expedition Team made the journey suddenly feel very real. It was a gentle,

perfect beginning to our Southern Ocean adventure.

## Day 2 – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of March, Drake Passage - At Sea sailing towards Antarctica

08h00 GPS Position: 57°12.7'S / 065°55.1'W

Wind: SW4 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 8°C

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Our first full day on board was spent crossing the legendary Drake Passage as we sailed south toward Antarctica. The ship gently rolled with the movement of the Southern Ocean, reminding everyone that the adventure had truly begun. After waking up to the sound of

the sea, guests made their way to the dining room to enjoy a warm breakfast and settle into the rhythm of life on board.

Later in the morning, everyone gathered in the lounge for an important introduction to our Antarctic journey. The expedition team explained how Zodiac landings would work and shared the environmental guidelines that help protect this remote and fragile region. These briefings gave passengers a clear understanding of how we would explore Antarctica safely and responsibly.

For those taking part in the diving program, the dive team hosted a detailed briefing, explaining procedures, equipment, and safety measures for polar diving. Excitement grew as divers began to imagine their first experiences beneath the icy waters.



As the ship continued south, guests were invited to learn more about the wildlife of the Southern Ocean. A presentation on the birds of the Drake Passage introduced the incredible seabirds that often follow ships through these waters. Soon after, many passengers headed outside to watch for soaring albatrosses and other ocean travelers gliding effortlessly above the waves.



The afternoon continued with a fascinating introduction to the whales and dolphins of the Southern Ocean. Guests learned how to identify different species and what behaviors to look for while scanning the sea from the decks. This was followed by a photography talk, offering practical tips on capturing the unique light, landscapes, and wildlife of the polar regions.

As the day came to an end, everyone gathered once more in the lounge for the first daily recap. The expedition team reflected on the day, shared observations from the crossing, and talked about what lay ahead. With the first full day behind us and only one more day to cross the Drake Passage, anticipation continued to build. Antarctica was no longer just a destination on the map; it was now very close!

### **Day 3** – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, Drake Passage - At Sea sailing towards Antarctica

08h00 GPS Position: 61°25.5'S / 064°09.9'W

Wind: NW4 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 3°C

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The day began with that quiet, anticipatory energy that only exists at sea. The ship cut steadily southward, with waves up to 3 meters and some guests staying in the cabin not feeling great. Our morning started in the lounge with Lucía's lecture, whose passion for penguins was as vivid as the creatures themselves. She guided us through the lives of Antarctic Peninsula. Not long after, Jakub the glaciologist took the stage, shifting our attention from life to landscape. By the end, the frozen world ahead no longer seemed static; it was dynamic, breathing in geological time.

Albatrosses circled effortlessly around the ship, riding invisible currents with a mastery that felt almost unreal. Among them, the sooty albatross stood out. They followed us for a while, silent companions in this vastness.



In the afternoon, we prepared for what lay ahead with a biosecurity check. Boots scrubbed, gear inspected, every precaution taken to protect the fragile ecosystems we were about to enter. It was a reminder that exploration carries responsibility.

At the same time, our experienced birding team was on the outer decks, teaching us about these amazing creatures and giving us advice on taking the best photos of them.

A quiet murmur spread across the ship as the first sight of land emerged on the horizon: Smith Island, part of the South Shetlands. Stark, rugged, and impossibly remote, it rose from the ocean like a promise fulfilled. Under remarkably clear skies, it was more like a painting than a place.



In the late afternoon Tyler, a guest lecturer, hosted a lecture on astronomy. And then, as if on cue, the ocean interrupted. Southern Bottlenose whales appeared, slicing through the water alongside the ship, their movements quick and playful. The lecture was paused for a moment to watch them.

The day closed with a daily recap from the expedition team. Plans were outlined, conditions discussed, excitement barely contained. Tomorrow would be our first true day of activities—our first steps into the Antarctic environment itself.

#### Day 4 – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March – Wilhemina Bay & Neko Harbour

08h00 GPS Position: 64°37.4'S / 062°11.0'W

Wind: S3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: -1°C

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We woke up to a proper Antarctic welcome—low visibility, light snowfall, and a quiet, foggy atmosphere hanging over Wilhelmina Bay. After breakfast on board the *Hondius*, we headed out into conditions that felt muted but calm, with very little wind. Humpback whales were already present throughout the bay, moving at a slow, steady pace. Most of the encounters were relaxed and distant, but a few individuals showed curiosity, approaching some of the zodiacs and briefly surfacing nearby as if checking us out before continuing. Their behavior remained unhurried, matching the soft, subdued feel of the morning.

Across the group, there were also reports of fin whales passing by the bay. A few lucky boats managed to get a glimpse of them as they moved through at a distance—faster and more directional than the humpbacks. We also spotted several Antarctic fur seals resting on ice floes, adding to the sense that the bay was full of life despite the low visibility.



Just before lunch, a pod of Killer Whales was spotted from the ship. We gathered on deck and were rewarded with clear views as they passed by—sleek, fast, and purposeful. It was a brief but memorable sighting, especially seeing them from the ship rather than from the water, giving a broader perspective of their movement through the Gerlache Strait.

In the afternoon, we made our continental landing at Neko Harbor—our first time setting foot on the Antarctic continent. Conditions remained wintry, with light snow continuing as we landed. The site was active with gentoo penguins moving between the water and their nests, while a few seals rested along the shoreline. The setting felt raw and immediate, with glaciers looming in the background and occasional sounds of ice shifting in the distance.

Following the landing, we went for a short zodiac cruise through brash ice. It was a compact but eventful outing, navigating through dense patches of ice while continuing to observe wildlife. Humpback whales were again present in the area, along with a crabeater seal resting on the ice. Gentoo penguins were active both in the water and on shore, and Wilson’s storm petrels could be seen skimming low over the surface, along with other seabirds moving through the bay. The afternoon came to an adventurous end with 50 knots of wind sending us off back to Hondius for dinner.

Overall, it was a strong first day in Antarctica—varied wildlife, changing conditions, and a good balance between ship-based observations, zodiac activity, and our first landing on the continent.



## **DIVE LOG**

**Dive No1\_Wilhelmina Bay: 26 Snorkelers/ Water temperature: 0°C**



The first day in Antarctica arrived, and the guests woke up to the stunning sights of Wilhelmina Bay. Unfortunately, the bay was not suitable for diving due to its depth. However, everyone headed out on the Zodiacs in their drysuits to try snorkeling in the area. With whales nearby, there was hope of snorkeling alongside them. The whales, however, were not very curious, so the group continued with a

Zodiac cruise. Later, they had the chance to climb a small iceberg and jump into the water—an incredible experience not many can claim!

## **Dive No2\_Neko Harbour:** 17 divers / 9 Snorkelers/ Water temperature: 0°C

In the afternoon, it was finally time for the first dive. This initial dive is a mandatory checkout dive for all divers, allowing them to get used to the environment and specialized equipment. It took place at Neko Harbour, where a shallow area provided ideal conditions. After the briefing, the group prepared to enter the water and perform a weight check. For some divers, everything went smoothly and they continued the dive. Others experienced issues, such as free-flowing regulators or difficulty adapting to the cold and chose to return to the surface. Those who remained underwater enjoyed their first glimpse of Antarctic diving, with excellent visibility beneath accumulated brash ice.



The snorkelers were also scouting the area for some good places. Visibility was very good, allowing them to explore the surroundings with ease. They spotted two crabeater seals resting on the ice and later spent some time climbing onto the ice. They also checked the shoreline for penguins, although the conditions were not ideal for observing them from the water.

## **Day 5 – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of March – Traveling South, crossing the Antarctic circle**

08h00 GPS Position: 65°43.7'S / 066°45.1'W

Wind: NE7 • Sea: Rough • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 2°C

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The transit of the ship to below the Antarctic Circle was marked by a dramatic blend of raw ocean power, wildlife encounters, and a milestone moment that brought the entire expedition together. The journey south began with a restless night on the open ocean, as waves peaked at around five meters. The ship rolled heavily in the swell, making sleep elusive for many on board. Drawers rattled, footsteps were unsteady, and even the most seasoned travelers were reminded of the Southern Ocean's reputation. Yet by morning, the sea began to ease, and a sense of calm gradually returned as the vessel pushed further into polar waters.

With improving conditions came one of the great pleasures of ocean travel in this region: seabird watching. Passengers gathered on deck to take in a remarkable array of species gliding effortlessly over the waves. Light-mantled Albatrosses, with their elegant grey plumage, swept past alongside the more robust Grey-headed Albatrosses. Smaller but equally captivating were the Blue Petrels, darting low over the water, while Cape Petrels flashed their striking black-and-white patterns. Southern Fulmars rounded out the spectacle, their stiff-winged flight a constant presence around the ship. These birds,

perfectly adapted to life in the Southern Ocean, provided a sense of companionship as the *Hondius* continued its journey south.



The morning also offered opportunities for learning, with well-attended lectures that deepened passengers' appreciation of the region. Saskia delivered a compelling talk on the historic *Belgica* expedition, recounting the hardships and discoveries of one of the earliest Antarctic ventures. Her presentation set the tone for the day, connecting the modern voyage with the legacy of exploration in these remote waters. This was followed by Pippa's informative overview of seal species likely to be encountered during the trip, equipping everyone with the knowledge to identify and better understand these iconic Antarctic inhabitants.

The defining moment of the day came shortly after lunch. Word spread quickly that the ship was approaching the Antarctic Circle, and passengers flocked to the bridge and outer decks in anticipation. A palpable sense of excitement built as the coordinates ticked closer to 66°33' south. When the moment finally arrived and the *Hondius* crossed the line, a spontaneous cheer erupted. For many, it was a once-in-a-lifetime achievement - a symbolic entry into one of the most remote and pristine regions on Earth.

The afternoon brought a shift in focus as the expedition team searched for a break in the weather that might allow a Zodiac cruise. Despite careful monitoring, the hoped-for window never materialized. While there was some disappointment, it was quickly overshadowed by what followed: a spectacular ship cruise through the rarely traveled

Gunnel. Navigating through the narrow passage of The Gullet toward Marguerite Bay, the *Hondius* offered breathtaking views of towering ice cliffs, snow-covered peaks, and calm, reflective waters.

Though passengers remained on board, the experience proved more than sufficient compensation. The sense of entering a seldom-visited wilderness, combined with the promise of favorable weather and landings below the Antarctic Circle the following day, left everyone with a feeling of anticipation and awe.



## Day 6 – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of March – Stonington Island

08h00 GPS Position: 68°10.5'S / 067°05.4'W

Wind: S3 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: -3°C

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The day's expedition unfolded as a vivid reminder of Antarctica's unpredictability, where shifting conditions continually reshape both plans and perspectives.

As *Hondius* approached Stonington Island in the early hours, it encountered formidable katabatic winds sweeping down from the continent's interior at speeds of up to 70 knots. These powerful gusts, driven by dense, cold air cascading off the ice sheet, tested both navigation and patience. Despite the intensity of the approach, the surrounding scenery remained breathtaking—an expanse of dramatic, rugged landscape punctuated by towering icebergs scattered across the water like frozen sculptures.

Remarkably, conditions transformed just offshore. The fierce winds subsided to a far more manageable 10 knots, allowing operations to proceed. The morning was

thoughtfully divided between intellectual engagement and exploration. This morning's activities were split between an engaging lecture on board from Gabi, whose insights provided valuable context on the region's history and environment and a landing at Stonington Island. The groups then rotated ashore in mid-morning. The landing allowed exploration of the abandoned US East Base and UK E Base, remnants of early Antarctic research efforts that now stand as silent witnesses to human endurance in one of the planet's harshest climates. Wildlife spectacle was provided by a resting Weddell Seal and a handful of Adelie Penguins, their low numbers, an indication of the time of year and end of the breeding season.



In the afternoon, however, Antarctica once again asserted its authority. Rising winds forced the cancellation of the planned zodiac cruise at Red Rocks, a reminder that

flexibility is essential in expedition travel. Rather than disappointment, the change opened the door to further learning, as Rose delivered an engaging lecture on Antarctic geology, illuminating the forces that have shaped the continent over millions of years.

The day concluded on a celebratory note as the vessel marked its southward crossing of the Antarctic Circle yesterday. Guests gathered on the bow, bundled against the cold and wind, to enjoy hot chocolate enriched with rum and cream. Music and laughter filled the air as passengers and staff danced together, embracing the spirit of adventure and camaraderie that defines such journeys.

From fierce winds to calm waters, cloudy to sunny, from history to geology, and from challenge to celebration, the day encapsulated the essence of expedition cruising in Antarctica—dynamic, educational, and unforgettable.

An evening photography workshop hosted by Martin encouraged discussion on layering and scale in photographic composition.

## **DIVE LOG**

**Dive No3\_Stonington Island:** 17 divers / 9 Snorkelers/ Water temperature: 0°C

The day before, the Antarctic Circle had been crossed, and the team was heading toward what would likely be the southernmost dive/snorkel of their lives. The morning was quite windy, making conditions challenging. Nevertheless, the divers prepared to explore smaller icebergs in the bay. Visibility was limited, and some divers felt the cold quickly, but the experience was still enjoyable. Meanwhile, the snorkelers cruised the area in search of a good spot and were rewarded with a curious Weddell Seal that swam among them for several minutes.



## **Day 7 – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of March Salpêtrière Bay & Peterman Island**

08h00 GPS Position: 65°08.2'S / 064°05.9'W

Wind: S3 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: -2°C

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We woke into a morning that felt suspended between dream and silence. The light was soft, diffused through a veil of mist that wrapped everything in a quiet kind of mystery. Breakfast had been warm and grounding, a gentle start before stepping out into the vastness waiting for us.

By the time we boarded the Zodiacs and set out into Salpêtrière Bay, the world had narrowed to shades of white, blue, and silver. The mist drifted low over the water, parting just enough for glimpses of sharp, spiky mountains rising like frozen sentinels. Sunlight filtered through the

clouds in pale beams, catching on glaciers and turning them luminous. It felt otherworldly, as though we had slipped into a place untouched by time.

We drifted through what we began calling an “iceberg garden,” surrounded by sculpted forms of ice—arches, shards, smooth curves—each one impossibly beautiful and unique. The sea was alive despite the stillness. Leopard seals slipped through the water nearby, sleek and watchful, while humpback whales surfaced in the distance, their breath hanging in the cold air. It had been one of those moments where no one spoke much; we just absorbed it, knowing how rare it was.



Back onboard, lunch felt almost surreal after the morning—like returning briefly to the ordinary while the extraordinary waited just outside.

In the afternoon, we split into groups. Some of us went ashore at Peterman Island, stepping carefully onto land dotted with gentoo and Adelle penguins. They bustled around us, completely unconcerned, going about their lives in a chorus of soft calls and flapping wings. It had been grounding in a different way—earthy, alive, full of small, persistent energy.

The rest of us stayed out on the water, and that was where the day seemed to crescendo. Humpback whales surrounded us—dozens of them, far more than we could count at first. They weren't distant figures anymore; they came close, curious and playful. We watched them roll, their massive bodies turning gracefully beneath the surface. Some spy-hopped, lifting their heads to look at us directly, as if just as intrigued. Others slapped fins or flukes, showing off in

a way that felt almost intentional. It was a spectacle—wild, generous, and deeply moving. We had felt small, but in the best possible way.



By the time we returned onboard, the light had softened again, and everything carried that quiet afterglow of a day fully lived. During the recap, we retraced it all—morning mist, ice sculptures, seals, penguins, whales—and somehow it already felt like a memory we would carry for years. Plans for tomorrow were shared, but part of us were still out there, drifting among the ice and the whales.

Dinner followed, warm and full of conversation, but underneath it all was a shared understanding: we had witnessed something rare, something vast and humbling. And as the ship moved gently through the Antarctic night, we felt both exhausted and deeply, quietly grateful.

## **DIVE LOG**

**Dive No4\_ Salpêtrière Bay:** 26 Snorkelers/ Water temperature: 0°C



The mission at Salpêtrière Bay was to search for wildlife and, if possible, snorkel alongside it. After a short cruise, the team encountered two curious crabeater seals swimming among the ice. Once the snorkelers entered the water, the seals showed great interest, approaching and observing them for quite some time. This remarkable close-up wildlife encounter was a highlight for many.

### **Dive No 5\_Petermann Island:** 17 Divers / 14 Snorkelers/ Water temperature: 0°C

In the afternoon, the divers set out to explore another iceberg near Petermann Island. A suitable one—large enough for the entire group—was quickly found. With good visibility, the group descended to explore this unique feature of Antarctica.

The snorkelers were active in the same area, with the first group encountering large numbers of penguins around them in the water. The second group spent more time around the ice, climbing on it and observing penguins along the shoreline from the water. Later, one of the divers had the opportunity to snorkel with a leopard seal, which stayed close by.



### **Day 8 –Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of March – Foyen Harbour & Cierva Cove**

08h00 GPS Position: 64°33.9'S / 061°59.5'W

Wind: E3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: -3°C

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This morning, we were woken early by Pippa to start our last day of activities on the Antarctic Peninsula. Low grey clouds kept the landscape darker for longer as light snow began to fall. As soon as the first boats headed out toward Foyen Harbour, we were welcomed by whales throughout the bay. Many of us didn't make it quickly to the Guvernøren shipwreck because of the incredible whale-watching opportunities along the way. Eventually, everyone had the chance to visit the shipwreck, which was deliberately run aground in Foyen Harbour after a fire broke out onboard in 1915. Alongside the humpback whales and the Guvernøren, there were plenty of fur seals covering the shorelines and small islands. During the cruise, the snowfall became heavier, and it truly

felt like winter was just around the corner. Many of us also spotted Antarctic shags and gentoo penguins. After a good two and a half hours outside, everyone was getting cold, and it was time to return to the ship. Once back onboard and warmed up again, we enjoyed a hearty lunch in the restaurant and had a proper rest, as we had a longer transit ahead of us to our afternoon destination, Cierva Cove.



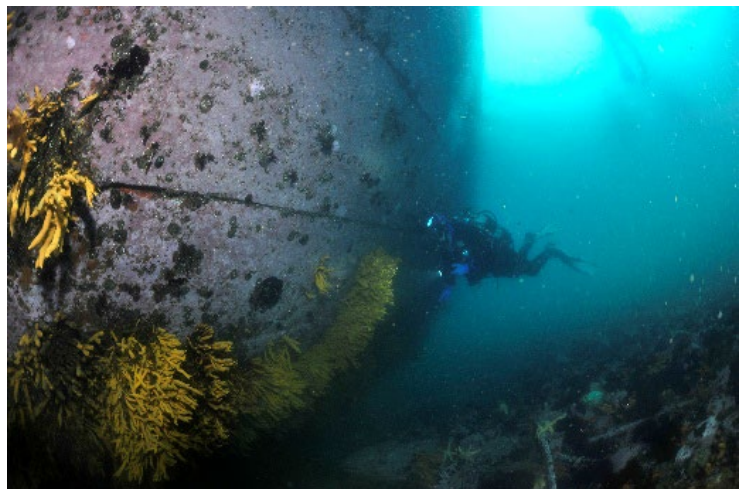
Upon arrival, a wide bay lay before us, with the Argentinian Primavera Base visible in the distance on a rocky, ice-free outcrop. The bay was filled with ice of all shapes and sizes, and whale blows could be seen further out. We quickly boarded the boats to explore the area. Some of us headed straight to an island where chinstrap penguins were gathered, while others made their way toward Primavera Base. A few were lucky enough to encounter whales or seals along the way. Even though many of us eventually grew cold, we made the most of the afternoon, cruising for around three hours. It was an incredible final activity on the Antarctic Peninsula, with several leopard seals resting on the ice or swimming nearby. Rafts of penguins drifted past, while humpback and fin whales surfaced around our Zodiacs. It felt like a truly wholesome day, and we were all very happy with how it turned out. Now, one final day of activities in the South Shetland Islands lies ahead before we return to Ushuaia.



## **DIVE LOG**

**Dive No 6\_ Foyn Harbour:** 15 Divers / 9 Snorkelers/ Water temperature: 0°C

In 1915, a whaling vessel caught fire during a crew celebration after a lamp was knocked over. Filled with whale oil, the ship burned rapidly, and the captain ordered it to be abandoned, intentionally running it aground in Foyn Harbour. Today, the Governoren is considered one of the southernmost diveable shipwrecks. Divers explored the wreck while snorkelers observed it from above. The biodiversity was remarkable: large sea stars of various species, sea cucumbers, anemones, brachiopods, and extensive sponge fields have transformed the wreck into a thriving artificial reef. This was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the trip.



## Dive No 7\_Cierva Cove: 24 Snorkelers/ Water temperature: 0°C



Another afternoon in a beautiful bay offered the group the chance to explore further. The area is known for leopard seals, and many participants were eager to encounter them in the water. Everyone headed out in their snorkel gear. Some seals were initially spotted resting on icebergs, but after continued searching, the group encountered a curious individual that approached closely. They also had encounters with whales and a fur seal in the water.

## Day 9 – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of March – Elephant Point & Whalers Bay

08h00 GPS Position: 62°41.0'S / 060°48.9'W

Wind: N3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air temperature: 5°C

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We were woken up early by our expedition leader Pippa, at 06:15. Shortly after we could go for breakfast in the restaurant, because we were already going out at 07:15 today. We arrived at Livingstone Island, one of the larger of the South Shetland Islands. It was the first land discovered south of 60° south latitude in 1819, a historic event after a centuries-long search of the mythical Terra Australis Incognita and it ignited the beginning of the exploration of more land further south. Livingstone Island is mostly covered in glaciers and there are a few small ice-free spits where we can land. This morning, we were about to land at Elephant Point with a beautiful view over the massive Verila Glacier. It is a beautiful morning with the sun rising over the ocean. We landed during the Golden Hour, which made for beautiful pictures on this 'little South Georgia' as it is referred to by many guides. What an impressive place! We were welcomed by giant snorting and puffing Southern Elephant Seals. They are hauled out on the beach, all packed together, some half on top of each other. But that all doesn't seem to matter at all. Some do get annoyed with each other and pick up a little fight, but soon after laying down again to sleep some more. Penguins waddled over the beach with the sunlight behind them. Some young fur seals were playing in the back of the landing site and when you spotted well, you could find three fluffy chicks of Southern Giant Petrels tucked away on a rocky outcrop. What an amazing start to this last day in Antarctica.



After a few beautiful hours we went back to Hondius and had an early lunch at 11:30 while we approached Deception Island. Around 12:30 we entered the flooded caldera of this ancient volcano, sailing through the narrow Bellows. Again, good navigation was required with Ravn Rock just two-and-a-half meters below the surface in the middle of the entrance. Fresh snow had fallen on the back volcanic soil, combined with beautiful patches of red ironized rocks. The sun illuminated history filled Whalers Bay. The rusting remains of the big blubber tanks and pressure cookers, reminded of the whaling era in the beginning of the 1900's, when a Norwegian whaling station was established here. They processed thousands of whales each season, producing oil that was shipped around the world. They stopped whaling in 1931. In 1944 the station was used by the British as part of Operation Tabarin and later transformed to a British Antarctic base (Base B). The station was manned every year, until volcanic eruptions in 1967 and 1969 damaged many of the



structures and the station was forced to be closed. Walking among the weathered remains today offers a striking reminder of Antarctica's industrial past and how nature gradually reclaims what people leave behind.

The cruise was stunning as well, and the expedition guides drove us out through the Bellows to have a look at the outside of this impressive island. On the opposite side of the bay, we visited a small beach with Chinstrap penguins walking all the way high up to the top of the rocks. There were lots of fur seals, who recovered after the mass extinction in the 1800's. A great thing to see! Then it was time for the brave ones to take a polar plunge. Many of us ran into the icy waters and being grateful to be handed a towel when finishing this memorable activity.

This was our last day in Antarctica. We made ourselves ready to go on the Drake Passage, which is not treating us as well as on our way down. We secured everything in our cabins and went up to the lounge, after another delicious dinner. Clara and Gonzalo organized their project 'Una Ventana al Mar Auction'. It was an amazing evening with fun and fundraising, all in aid of Ocean Conservation and Education.

## **DIVE LOG**

**Dive No8\_ Whalers Bay:** 10 Divers/ Water temperature: 1.8°C

The final day had arrived. After six days in Antarctica, the adventure was coming to an end, and the divers prepared for their last dive. At Deception Island, a volcanic caldera rich in whaling history, they explored a site where whale bones still rest on the seafloor—an eerie reminder of the past. Visibility was great, allowing them to see many whale bones, including some very large ones, scattered across the seabed. The area also featured soft corals and countless brittle stars covering the seafloor.

After the dive, those who wished to take part in a polar plunge, leaping into the icy waters of Deception Island. Back on board, equipment was rinsed, weights returned, and gear safely stored for the journey north. With that, another amazing trip came to an end.



**In the name of Oceanwide we would like to thank you for diving with us!**



**Gonzalo - Dive Team Leader**  
**Hugo - Clara - Angie**

**Day 10** – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of March – Heading North in the Drake Passage

08h00 GPS Position: 60°18.6' S, 064°17.3'W

Wind: NNE6 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: 5°C

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Today was a relaxing day at sea, giving us time to recharge after the incredible experiences in Antarctica. There was no wakeup call, so the morning began at our own pace. Breakfast in the dining room was a delight, with fresh fruits, pastries, and warm beverages to start the day.

The morning continued with a Photo Editing Workshop in the lecture room at 09:30. The photo team shared tips on enhancing our expedition photos, covering everything from color correction and cropping to storytelling techniques that bring wildlife and Antarctic landscapes to life.



At 11:30, there were two engaging lectures:

Joyce invited us to the lounge for her lecture on Benthic Communities – Life on the Deep Seabed, where she explored the remarkable ecosystems thriving on the ocean floor, from tiny microbes to larger invertebrates, and explained how these creatures survive in extreme cold and darkness.

Simultaneously, Rose delivered a Chinese-language lecture on the History of Antarctic Discovery in the lecture room. She recounted the daring voyages of early explorers, key milestones in Antarctic exploration, and how humans gradually reached this last continent.

Afterward, many of us submitted our favorite photos for the Photo Competition in the library. Categories included Wildlife, Landscape, and Comedy, and the photo team provided helpful advice on presenting our shots effectively.

The afternoon featured two more insightful lectures. Jakub spoke at 14:30 on The Future of Ice – The State and Fate of the World's Glaciers and Ice Sheets, highlighting glacial retreat, ice sheet dynamics, and the implications for global sea levels and climate change.

Later, Koen led a fascinating session on Antarctic Exploration History, recounting heroic voyages and challenges that made reaching this last continent possible.

The expedition team gathered at 18:15 in the lounge for the Daily Recap, sharing highlights and sightings from the day. The evening concluded with the Photo Competition Winners announcement at around 20:30, followed by a cozy Movie Night in the lecture room with popcorn while watching Happy Feet.

## Day 11 – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of March – Drake Passage towards Ushuaia

08h00 Position: 56°47.5' S, 066°12.3'W

Wind: NNW5 • Sea: Rough • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: 7°C

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Our final day aboard *Hondius* began with the memory of a restless night. The Drake Passage had shown its teeth—rolling, heaving, reminding us that this stretch of ocean is among the most formidable on Earth. Bunks creaked, waves slammed, and sleep came only in fragments for some. Yet by morning, there was a quiet acceptance: we were riding with the sea now, not against it, carried northward toward one of the great maritime landmarks of the world.

By late morning, we approached Cape Horn—the legendary sentinel at the southern tip of South America. Once dreaded by sailors, this rocky headland marks the point where the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans meet, and where countless ships have battled ferocious winds and towering waves. Though modern navigation has tamed much of its danger, the Horn still commands respect. As we passed it, cameras clicked and eyes lingered, each of us aware we were witnessing a place steeped in centuries of seafaring history.

Life onboard carried on with its usual rhythm, enriched by a series of engaging lectures. Pippa offered a glimpse into future adventures; the wide array of voyages Oceanwide Expeditions has to offer—each one a doorway to another remote corner of the planet. Lucia followed with an introduction to Argentina, painting a vivid picture of the country that awaited us just beyond the horizon.

After lunch, our guest lecturer Tyler transported us back south with a fascinating talk on NASA's involvement in Antarctica—where space science meets Earth's most extreme environment. His stories blurred the lines between polar exploration and cosmic discovery.

The afternoon brought a lighter mood with an Antarctica quiz, laughter echoing through the lounge as we tested what we had learned on this journey.

In the evening, we gathered for the captain's farewell. Glasses were raised, gratitude shared, and a sense of camaraderie filled the room. One final dinner followed—a chance to savour not just the meal, but the moments and friendships forged along the way.

That night, as we returned to our cabins for the last time, the ship felt different—quieter, reflective. The voyage was ending, but its imprint would remain, carried with us long after we left the Drake Passage behind.

## Day 12 – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of March – Disembarkation Day, Ushuaia

08h00 GPS Position: 54°48.5 S, 068°17.9 W

Wind: Light air • Sea: Calm • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air temperature: 10,5°C

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Our final morning arrived quietly as the ship had glided back into Ushuaia. Even before breakfast, suitcases lined the corridors outside our cabins, a quiet reminder that the voyage was ending. Breakfast was relaxed and comforting, filled with calm conversation and shared laughter as everyone revisited their most memorable moments of the journey.

Not long after, we went ashore where our luggage awaited us neatly arranged on the pier. Goodbyes echoed through the group as travellers embraced, shook hands, and offered heartfelt thanks to the crew who had cared for us so thoughtfully throughout the expedition.

Casting one last look at our dear Hondius that had carried us across the Drake Passage and through extraordinary days among the ice, we stepped into the peaceful Ushuaia morning, taking the memories of Antarctica with us, for life.

**Total distance sailed on our voyage: 2200NM (4074KM)**

**Furthest south: 68°10.5'S / 067°05.4'W**

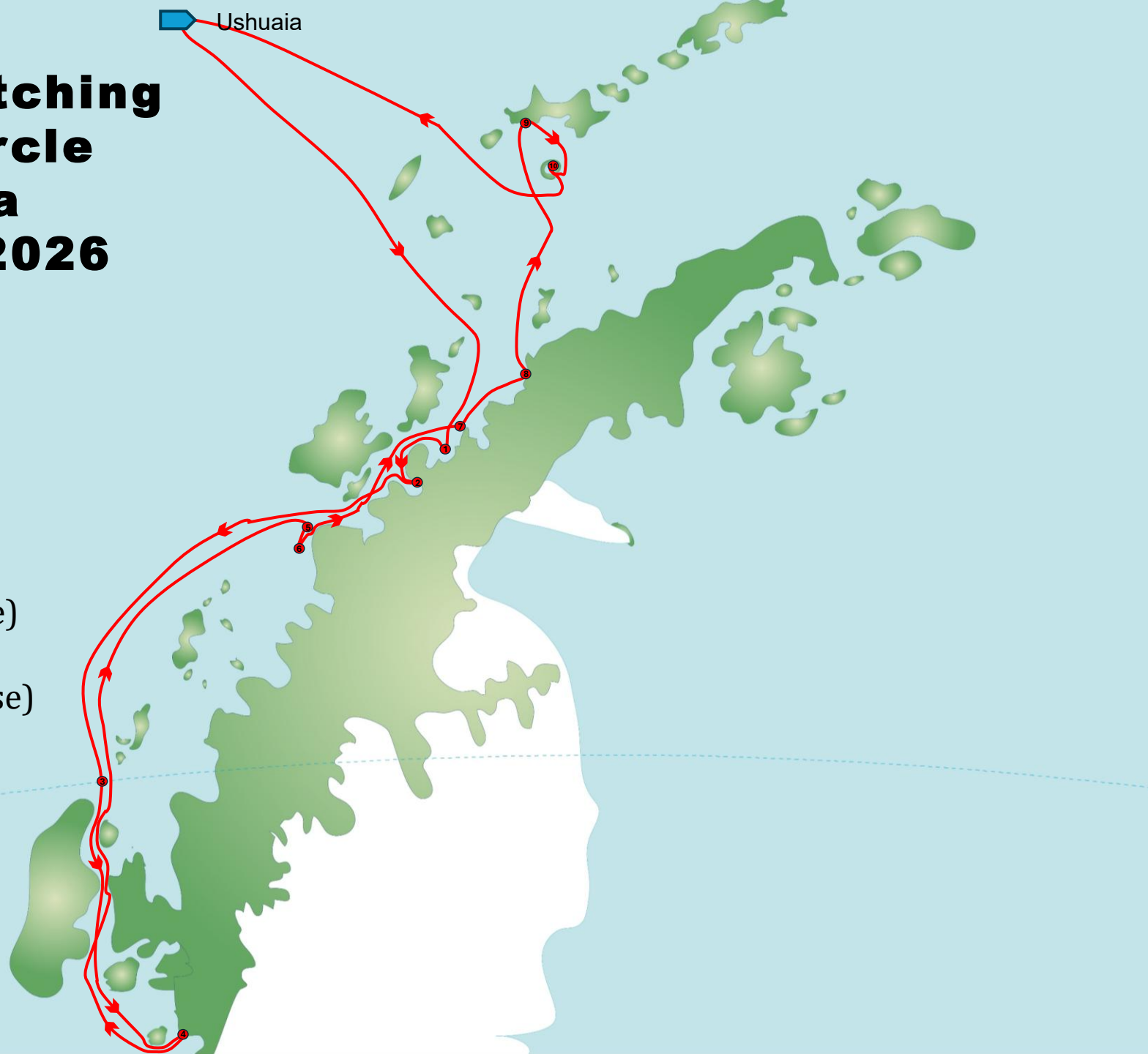
***(Stonington Island)***

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



# Antarctica - Whale Watching Beyond the Polar Circle Ushuaia – Ushuaia 20th–31th of March 2026 m/v Hondius

1. Wilhelmina Bay (Zodiac Cruise)
2. Neko Harbour (Landing & Zodiac Cruise)
3. Antarctica Circle (Ship Cruise)
4. Stonington Island (Landing & Zodiac Cruise)
5. Port Charcot (Zodiac Cruise)
6. Pertermann Island (Landing & Zodiac Cruise)
7. Foyn Harbour (Zodiac Cruise)
8. Cierva Cove (Zodiac Cruise)
9. Elephant Point (Landing & Zodiac Cruise)
10. Whalers Bay (Landing & Zodiac Cruise)



## Birds and Marine Mammals of the Antarctic region

English	Latin	20-mrt	21-mrt	22-mrt	23-mrt	24-mrt	25-mrt	26-mrt	27-mrt	28-mrt	29-mrt	30-mrt
Emperor Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes forsteri</i>											
King Penguin	<i>Aptenodytes patagonicus</i>											
Adélie Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>						X	X				
Gentoo Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis papua papua</i>				X			X	X	X		
Chinstrap Penguin	<i>Pygoscelis antarctica</i>				X				X	X		
Macaroni Penguin	<i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i>											
Magellanic Penguin	<i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>											
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>		X									X
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>											
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>		X									X
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Diomedea melanophris</i>	X	X	X							X	X
Grey-Headed Albatross	<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>		X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X
Light-Mantled Sooty Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>		X	X		X						
Northern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>		X	X		X						
Southern Giant-Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Southern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialisoides</i>			X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Cape Petrel (Pintado)	<i>Daption capensis</i>			X		X		X	X	X	X	
Antarctic Petrel	<i>Thalassoica antarctica</i>											
Snow Petrel	<i>Pagodroma nivea</i>					X						
Blue Petrel	<i>Halobaena caerulea</i>		X	X		X					X	
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>		X	X							X	X
Soft-Plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>		X	X							X	X
Great-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma macroptera</i>											
Atlantic Petrel	<i>Pterodroma incerta</i>											
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	X	X	X								X
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>											X
Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>			X							X	
Fairy Prion	<i>Pachyptila turtur</i>											
Slender-billed Prion	<i>Pachyptila belcheri</i>		X	X							X	X
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Black-bellied Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta tropica</i>			X							X	
Grey-backed Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanites nereis</i>											
Common Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides (urinatrix) berard</i>		X	X							X	
Magellanic Diving-Petrel	<i>Pelecanoides magellani</i>											X
Imperial (Blue Eyed) Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax atriceps</i>	X										X
Antarctic Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax bransfieldensis</i>				X	X	X	X	X	X		
Snowy (Pale-faced) Sheatbill	<i>Chionis alba</i>				X			X	X	X		



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# Pippa Low – Expedition Leader

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

Growing up on the coast of the incredible Moray Firth sparked a love for the marine world and its inhabitants. Spending every spare minute in, on or under the water; professional life reflected this love from a young age, becoming an instructor in

various marine disciplines and going on to study Marine biology at university in Scotland, then later, Australia.

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

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

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# Juan Berenstein – Assistant Expedition Guide

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

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

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

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

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

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# Koen Jongerling – Assistant Expedition Leader

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Having grown up in the Netherlands Koen always knew he wanted to live in a more rugged landscape than the rather flat lowlands that surrounded him. That is why after finishing his outdoor education in 2011, he chose to move to Patagonia, Chile to find the mountains he was longing for. Combining his love for nature and the desire to learn more, he started guiding expeditions through the mountain ranges of Patagonia. Travelling back and forth to Europe for additional mountain courses - every time feeling more at home in the rough conditions of Patagonia. In 2017 he started his own guide company, introducing travellers to the beauty of Southern Chile.

Living in Puerto Natales he came to love the cold and extreme weather and he could not stop looking further south to the great white continent, Antarctica.

He started to work there in 2019 as a camping/ snowshoe guide and year by year got more knowledgeable about the history and fauna. And so, his work kept on evolving into different roles within the team. Since 2022 he works as an assistant expedition leader and that year he started to work in the Arctic region as well. His everlasting curiosity will keep him yearning to learn more and together with his passion to teach this will surely be a lifelong project that he is more than happy to share with you.

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## Mark Whiffin – Expedition Guide

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Mark holds a Master's Degree in Conservation Biology and is an ornithologist and birder with extensive field experience. His passion for birds and travelling started from a very young age in East Sussex, England and expanded from there.

While at university studying Biochemistry and Molecular Plant Biology, he participated in an ornithological expedition to Indonesia. This experience led to a Masters degree in Conservation Biology and he subsequently led numerous expeditions and scientific research projects to

remote tropical areas of the world in search of birds with a particular emphasis on threatened and endemic species.

Mark first visited Antarctica in 2018 employed by the British Antarctic Survey, and subsequently spent five years living and working on Bird Island, South Georgia as a Zoological Field Assistant working primarily with the penguins and petrels that breed on the island. During this time he developed a deep love for the Southern Ocean, its scenery and the birds that call it home, "seeing the first Cape Petrels on any trip always gives a feeling of arriving home".

In his free time Mark enjoys trekking, running or cycling. He is also a keen photographer and videographer who enjoys documenting and sharing his passion for birds, travel and wild places, his images have been used by Birdlife International, newspapers and online. He looks forward to sharing the birds of the southern ocean with you.

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# Gabi Kolodko – Expedition Guide

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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.

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# Andi Schwertz – Expedition Guide

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

As a scuba and freediver, she was able to get particularly close to many whale species and experience adventures. For example, she has already swum with orcas three times in arctic Norway. She came to Oceanwide because she wanted to share her passion with heart and enthusiasm. She was already able to gain experience as a trainee in Antarctica in the spring of 2023. The polar regions with their special fauna exert a very special attraction on her. She is also interested in landscape photography and has great tips for successful mobile phone photography. Another passion of hers is yoga, which she also practices as a yoga instructor. She speaks English, German, Hungarian, and a little bit of Spanish and French. Andi is looking forward to more great adventures as a team member of Oceanwide!

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# Jakub Malecki - Expedition Guide

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Jakub, born in Poland in 1985, is a university professor in glaciology. He dreamed of becoming an astronaut as a child. His focus later shifted toward astronomy, and he eventually earned a Master's degree and a PhD in Earth Sciences, becoming a glaciologist. As he puts it, researching remote, glacier-covered regions is almost like landing on another planet, making his childhood dream partly come true.

Since 2007, Jakub has been studying glaciers across the world, either directly in the field or remotely using satellite and aerial imagery. His primary research interest is how glaciers respond to climate change in diverse environmental settings. He carries out most of his glaciological work on Svalbard, an Arctic archipelago located midway between Norway and the North Pole, where he fell in love with ice. Since then, Jakub joins expeditions to remote regions on an annual basis.

Jakub considers public education by the science community to be at least as important as delivering new scientific knowledge. He is an avid glaciology communicator, a published author, and a frequent guest on Polish media outlets and at science festivals, where he comments on polar and mountain affairs. Apart from glaciology, Jakub is a huge enthusiast of planetary sciences and space exploration and tries to play the ukulele in his free time.

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# Lucia Romero - Expedition Guide

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

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

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

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

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# Joyce Mulder – Expedition guide

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While studying Coastal and Marine Management in the Netherlands, Joyce began working as a whale-watching guide in the Azores in 2018 in Vila Franca do Campo. After this, she studied the Arctic snowfall variability at the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, laying the foundation for her future career in Polar research.

Continuing her academic pursuits, Joyce studied Arctic terrestrial biology at the University Centre in Svalbard in 2019, acquiring insights into the valuable ecosystems of the far north.

With a bachelor's degree in Coastal and Marine Management, she followed a master's program in the same field in Ísafjörður, Iceland, making it her home from 2021 to 2023.

Her academic journey also brought her to the Norwegian town of Tromsø, where she studied fish migrations. For her master's thesis, she joined a research vessel in Greenland to study benthic communities, mapping previously unexplored regions of the seabed, a project she continues to return to, exploring the deep-sea environments around Greenland.

Today, Joyce works as an expedition guide with Oceanwide Expeditions, sharing her knowledge of marine wildlife and the polar regions with visitors.

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# Rose - Expedition Guide

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Rose Li is an accomplished expedition professional with a diverse background in interior design, hospitality, and polar guiding.

Originating from China, she graduated from Wuhan College with a degree in Interior Design. Since 2014, her career has been dedicated to immersive travel, beginning on international cruise ships where she honed her skills as an Expedition Guide, VIP Services Executive, and Head Cruise Ambassador across Asia and Europe.

In 2018, Rose transitioned into the expedition industry, where her passion for geology and history became central to her role. She serves as a Polar Expedition Guide & Lecturer, captivating guests with insights into the earth's past and landscapes. Her versatile skill set also encompasses interpretation, Zodiac driving, and Guest Services Management.

An avid adventurer, Rose has visited over 50 countries. Outside of work, she channels her creativity and energy into skiing, and hosting. She is always looking forward to her next adventure and is committed to providing exceptional customer service while sharing the incredible journey of discovery with fellow travelers.

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## Saskia van der Meij – Exp. guide

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Saskia is an adventurous girl born in The Netherlands. With a huge national park in her backyard, she felt at a young age how great it is to be active in & part of nature.

Saskia has a background in tourism and hospitality. For almost twenty years she was a product manager for a nature-oriented tour operator. She travelled to develop interesting products in Alaska, Canada, Argentina, Chili, Southern Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

In 2019 she worked for three months in Namibia as an assistant manager in two different remote private game lodge. Two fantastic years followed while spending her time in North Norway, Spitsbergen and the Baltic Sea as a hotel manager on a three mast Barque (Tallship).

But her heart told her to go guiding. She spent almost every season in Spitsbergen from mysterious Blue February until the colourful sunsets in October. Here, she started guiding as part of a two-man expedition team on a small sailing ship. Since 2022 she guides for Oceanwide Expedition in both the Arctic and Antarctic. Saskia loves the vast wilderness of Antarctica, with its fifty shades of white, which is home to her for three to four months every season. As a camping guide, on specific trips, she can't wait to take guests out for a night in the snow on this incredible seventh continent.

She is passionate about nature in general and has a wide interest and understanding, from animals to landscapes and ice. But she developed a deeper love for the fascinating polar history and whales.

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

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# Sven Joest – Expedition Guide

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

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

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

As an enthusiastic hobby photographer, and an increasingly keen birder since volunteering at a bird nature reserve on the island of Fehmarn, you'll most likely find him out on deck taking snaps of the landscapes and the wildlife in his spare time during the voyage.

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

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# Martin Anstee - Expedition Guide

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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.

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# Simon Davies – Expedition Guide

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Yukan Cheng – Expedition Guide

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

After earning her degree in accounting and working in an office, Yu Kan realized her passion for nature and adventure surpassed her interest in an office job.

Seeing people’s joy and growth has brought her more fulfillment than working with numbers. Therefore, she transitioned to the outdoor education industry, where she spent 10 years providing experiential learning in an outdoor setting for children aged 8-18. Witnessing the growth and development of these children has been her most significant achievement.

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

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

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# Gonzalo Sabattini-Lead Dive Guide

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Gonzalo Sabattini 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 twenties 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 of 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.

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# Hugo Bulbulyan – Dive Guide

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Hugo was born in France and grew up in Greece, where his fascination with the underwater world began at the early age of 13. At 19, he became a scuba instructor; a path he has never stepped away from since.

What captivates him most about diving is the profound sense of stillness beneath the surface. Whether descending into a deep shipwreck off the Greek coast, exploring cave systems in the Mexican jungle, or diving beneath the ice of a frozen Icelandic lake, Hugo is always drawn to untouched nature.

His professional journey started in Athens, Greece, and continued in the Cyclades, where he managed a dive center on the island of Naxos. From there, he moved to the Riviera Maya in Mexico, expanding his expertise in tropical waters and cave diving. He later settled in Iceland, working both as an instructor and a dive guide at the renowned Silfra fissure.

Over a decade as a professional diver, Hugo became a full cave diver and a technical instructor.

When he's not underwater, Hugo finds balance outdoors; skiing or hiking with his beloved dog, Saga.

With his passion for diving and untouched wilderness, Antarctica was a natural next destination. Its pristine waters and remote landscapes offer the perfect setting for him to share his passion with others.

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## Clara Iachetti – Dive Guide

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Clara is Argentinean, who is born in Buenos Aires. Since she was a child Clara loved the ocean and the adventure. In 2011 she obtained her bachelor's Marine Biology-oriented degree in Biological Sciences, at the Universidad de Buenos Aires and a European M.Sc. in Marine Environment and Resources (MER) in 2012. Since 2012 she has been working in the Austral Centre of Scientific Investigations (CADIV- CONICET) at Ushuaia, Tierra de Fuego (Argentina). Firstly, on her PhD on plankton dynamics, then with her postdoctoral project on harmful algal blooms, and nowadays as a researcher at CADIC. For the last 10 years she has participated of several research expeditions to the South Atlantic and Antarctica, even spending some time in the Shetland Islands, at the Argentinean Base "Carlini".

On top of her scientist career, she is a member of Beagle Secretos del Mar, a non-profit organisation that supports marine conservation in which she is responsible for the education program, lecturing and diving. Living in Ushuaia (and previously in Bariloche) has also led her passion towards mountaineering, mainly backcountry skiing and climbing.

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# Angela Buschor – Dive Guide

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Angela was born in Austria and raised in Switzerland. She always enjoyed spending her time outdoors and exploring the areas around her. Whenever possible, she traveled to different places around the globe and, in 2017, began scuba diving in the US. She quickly became hooked and wanted to pursue her new hobby in her home country. That's how she ended up diving in Switzerland.

Over the years, she gained experience in cold water diving, continuing to dive year-round, even during the cold Swiss winters. In 2023, she was ready for a new challenge and flew to Bali to complete the Divemaster course. Back home, she became part of the team at a local dive center in Zurich, where she led local dives and assisted with various diving courses.

In 2025, Angela decided to change her career path and left Switzerland to move to Cyprus, where she began working at a local dive center. During the season, she completed her Scuba Instructor training and gained valuable first-hand experience teaching a variety of scuba courses.

Back in colder waters, Angela is looking forward to returning to Antarctica for her second season as a dive guide, eager to share the unique underwater world of Antarctica with the guests aboard the vessels of Oceanwide Expeditions.

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## Danique de Waal Malefijt – Doctor

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Danique is a medical doctor from the Netherlands, where she works as a general practitioner. She enjoys combining her work in medicine with a curiosity for the world and a love for travel and adventure.

Before joining this expedition, Danique gained experience working as a ship's doctor on sailing vessels in the Caribbean, caring for crew and passengers in remote maritime environments. She enjoys the unique atmosphere of life at sea and the sense of connection with nature that comes with travelling by boat.

Danique has a deep love for nature and wildlife and spends much of her free time outdoors. She enjoys hiking and rock climbing and is happiest in wild landscapes and mountainous environments. Her travels have taken her to many remote places — and quite literally from pole to pole: just last week she was standing on the Arctic Circle before heading south toward Antarctica.

She is very much looking forward to sharing this journey with you and helping ensure everyone stays safe and healthy while experiencing the incredible wildlife, landscapes and atmosphere of the Southern Ocean.



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Polar circle and Whale watching  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Embarkation – Ushuaia

## WELCOME ABOARD!

*Luggage will be delivered to your cabin. Please check to make sure you have received all your luggage. If you have any extra luggage in your cabin – please notify a crew member. Please also check your cabin for any rental gear and try it on to ensure it fits.*

**\*\* Tea and coffee are always available in the lounge on deck 5 \*\***

±1715 **Welcome & safety briefing** - Please join us in the **lounge** (deck 5, forward) for a **mandatory** safety briefing and lifeboat drill.

### **Lifeboat Drill**

All guests accommodated on **Deck 3** (Cabins 301-337) will go to **MUSTER STATION A** which is the **Restaurant on Deck 4**.

All guests accommodated on **decks 4, 6, and 7** will go to **MUSTER STATION B** which is the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**.

±1800 **Departure from Ushuaia.**  
The bridge will be closed during these operations.

±1815 **Captain's Welcome & Expedition Introduction** – Please join us in the **lounge** (deck 5) for an introduction to the expedition, a welcome to your new home from the Hotel manager, the captain's toast and to meet your expedition team.

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

*We will sail into open sea this evening and the ship may move – please secure your belongings and be careful when moving around the ship.*

*Take your seasickness medication before we head out into open sea- the doctor will be available in the lounge after dinner to assist.*

- 0745      **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!
- 0800      **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 0915      **Zodiac & IAATO Briefing** - Please join us in the **lounge** (deck 5) for our **mandatory** zodiac operations and biosecurity briefings.
- 1030      **Mandatory Dive Briefing** – Please join Gonzalo and the dive team in the **lecture room** on (deck 5) to learn all you need to know about the diving activity. *(only for prebooked divers)*
- 1130      **Birds of the Drake Passage** – Please join Mark in the **lounge** (deck 5) for a lecture about the birds of the Drake Passage and the Antarctic peninsula.
- 1230      **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 1345      **Boots** – We will call you by deck to collect your Muck boots from the zodiac boarding area on **Deck 3**. *Please listen for announcements.*
- 1430      **Introduction and ID of Whales of the Southern Ocean**– Please join Andi in the **lounge** (deck 5) for an introduction to the Whales & Dolphins in the Southern Ocean.
- 1630      **Introduction to Photography** – Please join Martin in the **lounge** (deck 5) for an introduction on photography in the polar regions.
- 1800      **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge** (deck 5) for our first daily recap and briefing.
- 1900      **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4) – *Tonight’s dinner will be plated – please make your way to the dining room promptly.*

*Please walk slowly on the ship, never rush. Keep one hand for yourself and at least one hand for the ship – always keep your hands clear of door frames.*

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

- 0745      **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!  
0800      **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).

*Throughout the day, please take a moment to clean all clothing and equipment you plan to take ashore. Brushes and paperclips will be available for borrowing in the library.*

- 0915      **Penguins** – Please join **Lucia to the lounge** for a presentation on the penguin species we may encounter during our journey.
- 1030      **Mandatory Snorkelling Briefing** – Please join Gonzalo in the **lecture room** to get all the information regarding this activity.
- 1130      **On thin ice** - Please join **Jakub** in the **lounge** (deck 5) for a lecture about the global role of glaciers & icesheets.
- 1230      **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room** (deck 4).
- 1400      During the afternoon we will call you deck by deck for the **mandatory IAATO Biosecurity check** in the **Lounge on Deck 5**. When called, please bring all your CLEAN outer garments, bags, boots, life jackets, tripods etc. that you plan to use in Antarctica for the Expedition Staff to check. Please ensure you sign the self-declaration form once you have been approved by the Expedition Team.
- 1400/1600 **Workshop** - Everybody not busy at the Biosecurity is welcome to join Simon, Mark and Martin outside on deck 6 on the **aft**(back) of the ship for a **Birdwatching and Photography workshop**.
- 1630      **Astronomy** – Please join Tyler, our guest lecturer, in the **lounge** (deck 5) for a lecture for some more information about the Aurora Australis.
- 1815      **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the lounge (deck 5) for our first daily recap and briefing.
- 1900      **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4) – *Tonight's dinner will be plated – please make your way to the dining room promptly.*

*“By endurance we conquer.”*  
- Ernest Shackleton



Antarctica - Whale watching  
Discovery and Learning voyage  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**  
**Wilhelmina Bay & Neko Harbour**  
Sunrise: 0713 Sunset: 1918

0645      **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!  
0700      **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

*In the morning, we aim to offer a zodiac cruise at **Wilhelmina Bay**, surrounded by steep, glacier-covered mountains, the bay is known for its beautiful scenery bays filled with glaciers and is one of the best places in the region to encounter Whales.*

0800      **Red Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a cruise.  
0815      **Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a cruise.  
0830      **Divers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
1230      **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.  
1345      **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the lounge for our daily recap and plans for the next day.

*In the afternoon, we hope to offer a landing and zodiac cruise in **Neko Harbour**, a continental landing home to a Gentoo Penguin colony. At the head of the bay is an active glacier, meaning there are many glacial icebergs, as well as excellent chances for whales and seals.*

**Both groups will land and zodiac cruise. We will swap ashore mid afternoon.**

+/-1515      **Snorkelers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
+/-1515      **Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a landing.  
+/-1530      **Red Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area** for a cruise.  
+/-1545      **Divers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
1930      **Buffet Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

*Even if you never have the chance to see or touch the ocean, the ocean touches you with every breath you take, every drop of water you drink, every bite you consume. Everyone everywhere is inextricably connected to and utterly dependent upon the existence of the sea.*  
– Sylvia Earl, American marine biologist, oceanographer and explorer.



Antarctica – Beyond the  
Polar circle and Whale watching  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Sailing South and Crystal Sound**  
Sunrise: 0634 Sunset: 1937

- 0745      **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!  
0800      **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

*This morning, we will be sailing towards the south on our goal to reach the **Antarctic Polar Circle** and spend the next day enjoying the beauty of the deep south. We will be sailing in open sea, and the ship could be rolling, prepare yourself and your belongings. **Please standby for announcements for the exact timing of crossing the Antarctic Circle.***

- 0915      Join **Saskia** in the **lounge** to learn more about the **de Gerlache Antarctic expedition**, the 1897–1899 Belgian expedition led by Adrien de Gerlache, which became the first to overwinter in Antarctica.
- 1115      Join **Pippa** in the lounge for her lecture on **Pinnipeds**; stories about the different type of seals living in the Southern Ocean.
- 1230      **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

*In the afternoon, we hope to find shelter to zodiac cruise in the southern **Crystal Sound**; a beautiful bay called Hanusse Bay where we will look for amazing ice and wildlife.*

- +/-1415      **Red group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you for a Zodiac cruise in **Crystal Sound**.
- +/-1430      **Blue group** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**. We will take you for a Zodiac cruise in **Crystal Sound**.
- +/-1445      **Divers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

*Before dinner we hope to make our way through the scenic and narrow passage known as the Gullet. If visibility allows, we hope to pass towering mountains, icebergs and wildlife as we sail southwards.*

- +/-1900      **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the **lounge**.  
1930      **Dinner** will be served in the **dining room**.



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Polar circle and Whale watching  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Stonington Island – Red Rock Ridge**  
Sunrise: 0649 Sunset: 1947

- 0645      **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!  
0700      **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

*This morning, we hope to take you out for a landing on **Stonington Island**. Here we hope to visit a British Base from “Operation Tabarin”, as well as an American Base. There are two large huts build on this island in the 1930s and 60s. Impressive glaciers come down from the mainland at a near proximity from the island.*

*At the end of the morning, we hope to offer a **Polar Plunge** for those feeling brave! Please listens for announcements, and if possible - **wear your swimsuit underneath your expedition gear**. Towels will be provided, **do not** bring the towels from your cabin.*

- 0815      **Blue group and Snorkelers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
0830      **Red group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
*Both groups will swap on shore mid morning.*  
0845      **Divers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
  
1300      **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

*In the afternoon, we hope to take you on a beautiful zodiac cruise at **Red Rock Ridge**. A large peak reaching out of the peninsula in to Marguerite Bay where Adelie penguins call home.*

- +/-1445      **Red group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
+/-1500      **Blue group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
+/-1515      **Divers and Snorkelers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
  
1845      **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the lounge for a short recap about plan for tomorrow.  
  
1930      **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

*“Men Wanted: For hazardous journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in case of success.”  
— Ernest Shackleton*



Antarctica – Beyond the  
Polar circle and Whale watching  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Foyn Harbour & Cierva Cove**  
Sunrise: 0705 Sunset: 1904

- 0745      **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!  
0800      **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

*In the morning, we hope to take you out for a zodiac cruise around **Foyn Harbour**. We will explore the shores of Enterprise Island and the shipwreck of the Governoren; a whaling factory ship that caught fire and shipwrecked here in 1915. We also hope to encounter icebergs and wildlife.*

- 1015      **The Red Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
1030      **The Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
1045      **Divers & Snorkelers**- Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

- 1300      **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

*In the afternoon, we hope to offer a zodiac cruise in **Cierva Cove**, a beautiful bay where the Argentina Base “Primavera” is located, an we often find whales and leopard seals surrounded by icebergs.*

- 1500      **Snorkelers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
1515      **The Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
1530      **The Red Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
1545      **Divers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
- 1830      **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the lounge for a short recap about plan for tomorrow.
- 1900      **Dinner** will be served in the dining room. Bon Appetit!

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



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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Foyn Harbour & Cierva Cove**  
Sunrise: 0705 Sunset: 1904

0645      **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!  
0700      **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

*In the morning, we hope to take you out for a zodiac cruise around **Foyn Harbour**. We will explore the shores of Enterprise Island and the shipwreck of the Governoren; a whaling factory ship that caught fire and shipwrecked here in 1915. We also hope to encounter icebergs and wildlife.*

0800      **The Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
0815      **The Red Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
0830      **Divers & Snorkelers**- Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

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

1345      **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the lounge for a short recap about plan for tomorrow.

*In the afternoon, we hope to offer a zodiac cruise in **Cierva Cove**, a beautiful bay where the Argentina Base “Primavera” is located; we often find whales and leopard seals surrounded by icebergs.*

1515      **The Red Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
1530      **The Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
1545      **Divers & Snorkelers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

1930      **Dinner** will be served in the dining room. Bon Appetit!

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**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Elephant Point & Deception Island**  
Sunrise: 0722 Sunset: 1856

- 0615      **Wakeup call** - Good Morning!  
0630      **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**. Please allow red group and divers to  
breakfast first.

*In the morning, we hope to offer a landing at **Elephant Point**. It was first charted and named by Robert Fildes in 1820-22. The name of the site come from the Elephant seal haul-outs that can be found in the area. This site is also home for nesting Giant petrels and Gentoo & Chinstrap penguins.*

- 0715      **Red Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
0730      **Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
0745      **Divers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

- 1130      **Lunch** is served in the **dining room**.

*This afternoon we hope to reach **Deception Island** – a flooded caldera and active volcano. We hope to sail into the caldera, sailing through '**Neptunes Bellows**' – the entrance to Port Foster within the caldera. This is an impressive navigation – please enjoy from the outside decks or bridge.*

*This afternoon, we hope to visit **Whalers Bay**, located within Deception Island. This historic site features the remains of an early 20th-century whaling station, including old oil tanks, abandoned buildings, and whale bones along the black volcanic beach. **Please listen for announcement.***

*At the end of the afternoon, we'll be offering a **Polar Plunge** for those feeling brave! Please **wear your swimsuit underneath your expedition gear**. Towels will be provided, so **do not bring the towel from your cabin along.***

- +/-1245      **Blue Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
+/-1300      **Red Group** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.  
+/-1315      **Divers** - Please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.

- 1745      **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the lounge for a short recap about plans for tomorrow.  
1830      **Dinner** will be served in the **dining room**.

*"Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colours."*

- Terry Pratchett

- 0800      **No wakeup call – enjoy!**  
**Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.
- 0930      **Photo Editing Workshop** – Please join the photo team in the **lecture room** for an overview of creative ways to enhance the photos from your incredible expedition.
- 1130      **Joyce** invites you to the lounge for her lecture about benthic communities; life on the deep seabed.
- 1230      **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.
- 1330      **Photo Competition Submissions** – Please submit your photos with the photo team in **the library** to enter the photo competition – entry categories: Wildlife, Landscape & Comedy.
- 1430      **Jakub** invites you to the lounge for his lecture **The Future of Ice** about the state and fate of the world’s glaciers and ice sheets.
- 1630      Antarctica is the last continent to be reached by humans. Its discovery was only possible by many fascinating journeys. To know more about it please join **Koen** in **the lounge** for an enthusiastic lecture about **Antarctic history**.
- 1815      **Recap** – Please join the expedition team in **the Lounge** for our daily briefing and recap.
- 1900      **Dinner** will be served in the **dining room**.
- +/-2030      **Photo Competition** – Please join the Photo team in **the lounge** to reveal the Photo Competition winners.
- Movie Night** – After the Photo Competition we will have a movie night in **the Lecture room** – join us for **Happy Feet** & Popcorn.

*Please walk slowly on the ship, never rush. **Keep at least one hand for the ship.***

*“Penguins are extraordinarily like children, these little people of the Antarctic world, either like children, or like old men, full of their own importance and late for dinner, in their black tail-coats and white shirt-fronts and rather portly withal”*  
– Aspley Cherry-Garrard, British Explorer

0745      **Special Wakeup call** – A Good Morning from one of your fellow guests.  
0800      **Breakfast** is served in the **dining room**.

*You will receive your bill in your cabin, when you are ready, please come to reception to complete your payments at reception.*

0915      Please join **The Expedition Team** in the **Lecture room** for an informative presentation about **Oceanwide Expeditions destinations**. Discover the spectacular regions we explore, including Greenland, Svalbard, South Georgia or even Tristan da Cuna!

1100      **Argentina** – Please join **Lucia** in the **Lounge** to hear all about her home nation; including a summary of the history and culture.

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

1400      **NASA in Antarctica** - Please join **Tyler** in the **Lounge** for a talk on the work NASA does in, and how they utilise Antarctica.

1600      **Antarctic Trivia!** Please join the **Expedition Team** in the **Lounge** for a fun afternoon of Antarctic Trivia – join a team and come up with a fun team name!

1800      **Farewell Toast & Trip Slideshow** - Please join the Captain and the Expedition Team in the **Lounge** to toast our voyage through the Southern Ocean and watch the trip slideshow.

1900      **Dinner** will be served in the **dining room**.

*Please walk slowly on the ship, never rush. **Keep at least one hand for the ship.***

*“It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves”  
- Edmund Hillary*

0715        **Wakeup call** – Good Morning!

0730-0830   **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

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

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

Upon disembarkation, please identify and collect your luggage from the pier and:

1.    Take it with you into Ushuaia and walk into town.
2.    Put it on the airport bus and get on the bus.
3.    Put it in the luggage truck, you can pick up at the luggage depot before 14:00.
4.    If you have arranged your own transport – please take your luggage.

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