



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar Bear & Ice

6th of July – 15th of July, 2026

On board *m/v Hondius*



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Captain Remmert Koster

and his international crew of 75 sailors

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WE WELCOME YOU ON BOARD!

Day 1 – Monday 6th of July, Longyearbyen, Embarkation day

08h00 GPS Position: 78° 15'N / 015° 07.2'E

Wind: NW3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +12°C

Our Arctic adventure began under beautiful skies in Longyearbyen, the world's northernmost town with a permanent population. Nestled on the shores of Adventfjorden and surrounded by rugged mountains, this former coal mining settlement is now a vibrant hub for Arctic research, tourism, and exploration. For many of us, it marked the gateway to one of the planet's last great wildernesses.



Guests arrived throughout the day to embark on *MV Hondius*. With calm conditions and spectacular views across the fjord, excitement filled the air as everyone settled into their cabins and became acquainted with their home for the days ahead.



Once all guests were safely on board, we gathered for the mandatory safety briefing. The bridge and hotel teams guided everyone through the essential safety procedures, ensuring we were well prepared before leaving port. This was followed by an introduction to the voyage ahead, where the Expedition Leader presented our itinerary, outlining the exciting plans for the coming days. The expedition team then introduced themselves, sharing their backgrounds and the expertise they would bring to our explorations of the High Arctic.

Just as everyone was getting ready for dinner, we were treated to an unexpected wildlife encounter. An Arctic fox appeared along the pier beside the ship, calmly making its way along the shoreline as curious guests gathered on deck to watch. The fox lingered for a few minutes before disappearing as quietly as it had arrived, providing a memorable first wildlife sighting before we had even left the harbour.

As the evening progressed, *MV Hondius* cast off from Longyearbyen and began her journey north through Isfjorden. Guests enjoyed the scenery from the outer decks as the colourful buildings of the settlement gradually faded into the distance, replaced by the vast Arctic landscape bathed in the soft evening light.



Our first full day promises an exciting start. Weather and ice permitting, we plan to spend the morning cruising in front of the magnificent Lilliehöökbrean, one of Svalbard's largest and most impressive tidewater glaciers, before continuing to Ny-Ålesund in the afternoon. Once a coal mining town and now an international Arctic research community, Ny-Ålesund offers a fascinating blend of history, science, and spectacular polar scenery.



Day 2 – Tuesday 7th of July, Lilliehookbreen & Ny Alesund

08h00 GPS Position: 79°20'N / 011°40.4'E

Wind: N2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Clear sky • Air temperature: +10°C

We were very excited to wake up to the first full day of our expedition around Svalbard. The weather was incredibly warm for the Arctic and the sea around us was silky and smooth. The sun was shining and it was very comfortable to be on the outside decks.

During breakfast we visited the spectacular Lilliehookbreen, a beautiful glacier at the end of a large fjord on the Northwest of Spitzbergen. Shortly after Marcel made the wake-up call we heard that there were some Beluga whales outside. It was amazing to see them around the glacier ice, a true Arctic marine mammal species surfacing to breathe close by.



In the morning after breakfast, we were invited to the mandatory briefings. Here we learnt how to safely embark and disembark the zodiacs. We also learnt what to do in a situation where we might meet a Polar bear on one of our landings, and we watched the guidelines set out by AECO which showed us how to enjoy the Arctic in a way that is safe for us and the delicate environment.

We continued our scenic cruise from Lilliehookbreen down into Kongsfjorden where we sailed past the settlement Ny Alesund, where we would be visiting later that day. We went further into the fjord to see the islands home to many bird species. Throughout the morning, we enjoyed watching the landscape pass by. The mirror calm water was creating beautiful reflections of the mountains and islands, and we could see many species of bird like the kittiwakes, little auks, Brunnich's guillemots, and fulmars flying around and feeding at the surface. Even some minke whales were seen around the ship.

As if the morning couldn't be anymore spectacular, just before lunch we heard a very exciting announcement that a polar bear had been spotted from the bridge. It was a very large bear and its yellowish creamy colour stood out against the red and brown rocks. It was a hot morning, the bear was clearly warm, so it spent much of the time sleeping. It was quite a distance away, but we could see it well with our binoculars and telescopes.

After admiring the 'King of the Arctic' we went for lunch.

We arrived at the pier at Ny Alesund around 4pm. Ny Alesund is a settlement where many researchers live, studying the unique ecosystems of the Arctic and the impacts of pollution and climate change in this region. It is a unique place to live, and we enjoyed exploring the little town.

Famous polar expeditions have set out from Ny-Ålesund, including the first flight across the North Pole in 1926 led by Roald Amundsen. We went in two groups to visit the steel mast where Amundsen's airship was tethered to. Rose and Jens told the story of the expedition, starting at the large bust depicting Roald Amundsen and finishing at the mast. We learnt about the town's mining history in the museum and enjoyed looking at the architecture. We could also visit the dog kennels and see the working sled dogs from a distance and a lot of interesting wildlife species were seen including a very curious arctic fox, reindeer, common seals in the harbour, and lots of Barnicle geese with their fluffy chicks grazing the tundra.

We made our way back to the ship to hear about the plans for tomorrow from Marcel and to enjoy a plated dinner. We were quite amazed to have seen so many exciting arctic species and it was only the second day of our adventure. In the evening we soaked up the last views of Kongsfjorden before heading North to our next activities.



Day 3 – Wednesday 8th of July, Smeerenburg & Frambukta

08h00 GPS Position: 79°42.0'N / 011°03.2'E

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

The ship entered Smeerenburgfjorden in the early hours, and by the time the wake-up call came the northwest corner of Spitsbergen had opened out around us. Smeerenburg is one of the great names of Svalbard's history. Established by the Dutch in 1617, it once stood at the center of the European whale oil trade, and at its peak two hundred men worked here rendering the blubber of bowhead whales. The name they gave it, Blubber Town, tells you plainly enough what happened on these beaches. Today the ovens and the men are long gone, and the place belongs to the walrus.

We boarded the zodiacs after breakfast, the Red Group first and the Blue Group close behind and set out to cruise the shoreline and the neighboring bay of Virgo Hamna. It did not take long to find what we came for. Walrus were hauled out on the low sandy beach, piled together in the loose heap they seem to prefer, and we held offshore at a respectful distance to watch them. There is no dignified way to describe a walrus at rest, and no need to. They are enormous, tusked, entirely unbothered, and they made the morning.

Further along the shore the cruise brought us to something rather more sobering. A dead polar bear lay on the peak of the tiny island inside Virgo Hamna, right next to the hut. It is not the sighting anyone hopes for, and it prompted a good deal of quiet conversation aboard the zodiacs and later back on the ship. But there is nothing unnatural about it. Bears die, and in an ecosystem, this lean nothing is wasted. The carcass will feed foxes, gulls, and other bears through the season ahead. Seeing it up close is a reminder that this landscape is not a museum piece. It is a working Arctic, with all that implies.



We continued the cruise through the area, taking in the low islands and the open sweep of the fjord before returning to the ship for lunch.

The afternoon took us south to Frambukta, a small bay on the northwestern coast. The cloud that had sat low over the mountain peaks for much of the morning was still with us as the first zodiacs went ashore. The long hikers landed at half past two and set off inland, with the perimeter walkers and the beach strollers following shortly after. Three different options, three different paces, and a landscape big enough to absorb all of them.

Then the weather did what Svalbard weather occasionally does when nobody is expecting it. The cloud broke up, lifted, and cleared away entirely. What had been a grey morning turned into a bright, blue-sky afternoon, and the glacier at the head of the lagoon came fully into view. The light on the ice was extraordinary. Whichever group people had joined, everyone came back with photographs they will be looking at for a long time, and several came back declaring it the best landing they had ever done.



The long hikers pushed further inland and worked for their views. The perimeter group had the slower, closer pleasures of the shoreline. Those who took the beach at an easy pace had the water, the ice and the light, and needed nothing more. By the time the last zodiacs came back to the ship, the bay was still in full sun.

We gathered in the bar later for recap, where the Expedition Team unpacked some of what we had seen, the walrus among them and the harder question of the bear on the beach. Dinner followed in the dining room. Afterwards the bridge and the open decks stayed busy as we cruised through the islands of northwest Svalbard, with people scanning the water and the shorelines in the long light of an Arctic evening that never quite becomes night.

Two hugely different halves to one day. History and walrus in the morning, ice and blue sky in the afternoon, and in between a reminder of what it costs to live here.

Day 4 – Thursday 9th of July, Into the Pack Ice

08h00 GPS Position: 80°57.0'N / 018°04.6'E

Wind: SSE1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +4°C

We woke up to a calm morning with Albert's voice calling us for breakfast. The sea was smooth with small waves moving about. Mirroring the dark clouds above, the sea was dark grey with shimmer of the light coming through the clouds. At the horizon, as a rim of white, the sea ice was waiting for us. Slowly we were moving closer, and the rim was growing wider. During breakfast, we were hitting the first ice floes, and soon we were surrounded by ice on all sides. What a different atmosphere out here, a different world. As we moved further into the sea ice, fog started building and soon this new world got even more mystical in the midst of the fog. With the wind blowing from the south, moist warmer air is pushed over the sea ice where it is cooled down and the vapour condenses, creating fog.



We were out on deck taking in this new musical place, slowly making our way deeper into the sea ice. Sea birds were flying about, enjoying the free meals brought up by the ships propellers. Every now and then, a seal popped its head out of the water. A bearded seal was also spotted resting on an ice floe.

In the afternoon Li and Annelou held a lecture about sea ice and glacier ice and how important the ice is up here, both for the climate, the ecosystem and the glacier ice carving the landscape. Later on in the recap we learnt about the brinacles created as frozen fingers from underneath the sea ice, from the highly salty water expelled when the sea ice forms, slowly sinking down below and freezing on the outside.

In the evening the outer decks were ready for an outdoor bbq with a nice selection of food prepared by the galley team. Now, the fog had also lifted a bit and the evening light was peeking out from the clouds. After a delicious meal, the tables were cleared and the music turned. And what a great effort on the dance floor, we were all showing off our best dance moves and spreading joy and smiles.



Day 5 – Friday 10th of July, Into the Pack Ice

08h00 GPS Position: 81°32.6'N / 019°58.6'E

Wind: E1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +2°C

Today was one of the most memorable days of our expedition. Overnight, we drifted amongst the Arctic pack ice, surrounded by endless white ice floes beneath the incredible midnight sun. With no wake-up call, we enjoyed a relaxed start to the day, although a few of us were feeling a little worse for wear after last night's BBQ festivities. We headed out onto the outer decks and bridge to scan the ice for wildlife. The silence and beauty



of the Arctic made every moment feel special, and although we remained hopeful, hours of searching without a sighting had us wondering if today would be our lucky day.

After breakfast, we attended Charlotte's lecture on polar bears, which was extremely insightful. We learnt how these remarkable animals are perfectly adapted to survive in one of the harshest environments on Earth and how dependent they are on the sea ice for hunting and raising their young. At the time, we had no idea that everything we had just learnt would become so relevant later in the day. Throughout the morning, the expedition team encouraged us to continue keeping watch for wildlife, even as our hopes of spotting a polar bear slowly began to fade.



Just when we were starting to think we might not see one, an announcement came over the ship that a female polar bear and her two cubs had been spotted on the pack ice. We quickly gathered on deck, making sure to stay quiet so we didn't disturb them. It was incredible to watch the family moving across the ice, with the cubs disobeying their mother, as they began play fighting on ice and, subsequently,

loitering in the water as she searched for food. We were fortunate enough to witness her attempting to hunt seals amongst the ice floes, giving us a rare glimpse into the natural behaviour we had only learnt about that morning. Seeing everything from Charlotte's lecture come to life before our eyes made the experience even more meaningful. It was an unforgettable moment and undoubtedly the highlight of our day.

Later in the afternoon, we attended Jens' lecture on Andrée's balloon expedition towards the North Pole. Learning about the determination and hardships faced by the early explorers gave us an even

greater appreciation for the Arctic and the challenges of travelling through such a remote environment.

Before dinner, we gathered in the bar for the daily recap, where everyone enthusiastically shared their thoughts on the incredible polar bear sighting. As we reflected on the day, we realised how fortunate we

were to witness such a rare moment in the wild. Today reminded us that patience is often rewarded in the Arctic, and seeing a mother polar bear teaching her cubs how to survive in their icy home is a memory we will all treasure forever.



Day 6 – Saturday 11th of July, Kinnvika, Lomfjorden & Alkefjellet

08h00 GPS Position: 80°02.5'N / 018°12.8'E

Wind: S5 • Sea: Rough • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +7°C

Following breakfast, guests divided into long, medium, and short hiking groups for a morning ashore on Nordaustlandet, Svalbard's second-largest island. The long hikers initially set out as a single group before splitting partway through the excursion. One group, led by Charlotte and Matt, continued on a 13-kilometre wilderness hike lasting approximately six hours, while the second group, led by Li and Chris, completed an extended 17-kilometre hike over the course of seven hours. With no marked trails to follow, both groups crossed the island's stark polar desert, traversing vast gravel plains, patterned ground, and gently undulating terrain. The landscape felt almost lunar—an immense, silent wilderness where life appeared scarce at first glance. Yet, on closer inspection, delicate Arctic flowers sheltered beneath rocks to escape the relentless wind, while the occasional fossil scattered across the ground hinted at a very different past, telling the story of a time when this now-barren landscape lay beneath the sea as an ancient shoreline.



Meanwhile, the medium and short hiking groups explored the historic Kinnvika research station and its surrounding wilderness at a more leisurely pace, taking time to appreciate the area's unique geology, fragile tundra vegetation, and the well-preserved remnants of its scientific past. After returning to the ship, guests enjoyed a buffet lunch while the vessel cruised through the spectacular scenery of Lomfjorden and the Hinlopen Strait.

In the Observation Lounge, Jess presented an engaging lecture on "Birds of the Arctic," introducing many of the Bird species encountered during the voyage and explaining their remarkable adaptations to life in one of the world's harshest environments. Later, Matt and Juan hosted a photography workshop, sharing practical techniques for capturing Arctic landscapes and wildlife with their beautiful photographs. Before dinner, the Expedition Team gathered everyone in the bar for the daily recap, reflecting on the day's adventures and outlining the evening's plans.

After dinner, guests boarded the zodiacs for an evening cruise beneath the towering cliffs of Alkefjellet. This was an unforgettable opportunity to witness one of Svalbard's largest seabird colonies, where 60,000 pairs of Brünnich's Guillemots crowded the dramatic dolerite cliffs. The spectacular setting along with an Arctic Fox made a fantastic end to the day.



Day 7 – Sunday 12th of July, Freemansundet & Negribreen

08h00 GPS Position: 78°15.4'N / 022°06.5'E

Wind: N6 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +5°C

Our day began with an early morning transit through Freemansundet, the narrow sound separating Edgeøya from Barentsøya. The passage offered stunning views of Svalbard's rugged eastern landscapes, while guests gathered on the outer decks and in the Observation Lounge, keeping a careful watch for wildlife. Freemansundet is well known as a prime polar bear habitat, and anticipation remained high as we slowly made our way through the 35-kilometre strait.

During the morning, Hana presented her lecture, One Year in Svalbard, sharing her experiences of living in the High Arctic through the ever-changing seasons. Her stories provided a fascinating insight into the unique challenges and rewards of life in one of the world's northernmost inhabited regions.

By early afternoon, we arrived at the magnificent front of Negribreen, one of the largest tidewater glaciers in Svalbard. Towering blue ice cliffs stretched across the horizon as countless icebergs drifted quietly in the waters of Storfjorden, creating a breathtaking setting for our Zodiac cruise.



The afternoon quickly became one of the highlights of the voyage. While exploring the glacier front, we were delighted to spot a polar bear resting on the sea ice. Fresh from a recent meal, the bear's stained, "dirty" fur—a common sight after feeding or travelling across muddy ice and sediments—made for an authentic glimpse into the life of Svalbard's top predator. The encounter allowed everyone to enjoy prolonged views from a respectful distance while witnessing the bear in its natural environment against the spectacular backdrop of Negribreen.

To make the afternoon even more memorable, the Hotel Department surprised everyone by sending a Zodiac loaded with hot chocolate, delivering warm drinks directly to guests while they admired the glacier from the ice-filled waters. Enjoying a steaming cup of hot chocolate surrounded by towering blue ice and floating bergs was a truly special Arctic experience that many will remember for years to come.

With excellent weather, calm conditions, and such exceptional wildlife viewing, our Expedition Leader decided to extend the Zodiac cruise by an additional hour, allowing everyone even more time to appreciate the glacier and continue observing the polar bear. The extra time on the water was met with great enthusiasm, and smiles were evident on every face as guests soaked up the remarkable scenery and unforgettable wildlife encounter.



Back on board, everyone gathered in the Bar for the evening recap, where the day's incredible experiences were relived and tomorrow's plans revealed. The excitement around the ship was unmistakable as conversations continued over dinner, with many agreeing that witnessing a polar bear in front of the majestic Negribreen had been one of the defining moments of the expedition.

Day 8 – Monday 13th of July, Morning at sea & Samarinvagen

08h00 GPS Position: 78°15.4' N, 022°06.5'E

Wind: SW6 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +3°C

The weather wasn't great today. During the morning wake-up call, the Expedition Leader Marcle announced that wind speeds had reached over 30 knots. As had been communicated during the previous day's briefing, the Expedition Team had no choice but to cancel this morning's outdoor expedition activities. Instead, a series of lectures on various topics were arranged. Lucia gave a lecture on the special physiological adaptations that polar wildlife has evolved to survive the harsh Arctic environment. Li presented a comparative lecture on the geography of the Arctic versus the Antarctic, along with other differences between the two poles. Assistant Expedition Leader Chris also introduced additional expedition itineraries offered by Oceanwide Expeditions.



Despite the rough seas and noticeable ship rolling in the morning—which caused seasickness among quite a few passengers—attendance at the lectures remained fairly high. The Expedition Team kept a close eye on the weather conditions and provided real-time updates throughout the day.

By the afternoon, the ship anchored within Hornsund fjord, hoping to use the fjord's topography as a sheltered haven. However, the weather did not improve; in fact, wind speeds climbed to 51 knots. Under such conditions, no outdoor activities could be arranged for safety reasons. But Expedition Team member Charlott had prepared a fun quiz with prizes—all questions were drawn from the knowledge shared during previous lectures and daily recaps. Passengers formed teams to answer the questions, recalling together everything they had learned over the past few days. The prizes were two bottles of red wine, and everyone participated with great enthusiasm. It was clear that everyone had a wonderful time.

Despite the poor weather, life onboard remained rich and enjoyable. In the evening, Hotel Manager Albert gave a presentation on the disembarkation procedures. It was hard to believe that this voyage would come to an end—time had flown by far too quickly, and everyone felt a deep sense of reluctance to leave. Many passengers were already starting to plan their next Antarctic adventure.

Let's hope tomorrow brings the good weather that was forecasted during the briefing. For the final day of the itinerary, we all wish for a perfect and memorable conclusion.



Day 9 – Tuesday 14th of July, Brucebyen & Adolfbukta

08h00 GPS Position: 78°26.2'N / 015°49.2'E

Wind: SW3 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Partially overcast • Air temperature: +10°C

After a rough night, with quite a bit of swell, we sailed into the waters of Billefjorden. First past Longyearbyen, a town very recognisable to us, and then past Pyramiden, which was a completely new sight for us. Some of us heard stories about this Russian ghost town, but even from afar it was quite impressive to see. But that was not our destination for today; we were landing again at Brucebyen! Sailing close to the landing site it was nice to feel that the waters were already calmer



here. Then, around 9, first the long hikers came ashore, followed by the medium and the short hikers. Hana lead the long hikers, and as we walked past the historic huts, as once this was a place for coal mining, two journalists staying in the hut were discovered! They talked a bit about their project and the long hikers continued on their way. Most of us got the opportunity to see some beautiful tundra vegetation, including cotton grass, and even some eggs were laying around. Some of us even saw reindeer! At the end of this morning, we got a crazy opportunity; to polar plunge! Many of us took this chance to test our bathing suits and to test how cold the water actually was. Spoiler: it was not very warm. We welcomed lunch after this eventful morning, and then continued with our last outing of the trip!

We went out with the zodiacs into Adolfbukta, near the glacier front. The glacier, Nordiskolbreen, was named after the famous Swedish explorer who was the first one to complete the Northeast Passage. We had the opportunity to see a modern cabin (which looked very cozy), some glacier calvings, and even some Common Eider ducklings, which were very cute. After about 1,5 hour or so the wind picked up significantly, so we had to return to the Hondius. For our last trip back, we truly had an Arctic



experience; we started with sunshine but ended with a experience almost similar to the plunge some of us experienced that morning!

At the end of the day, we all gathered in the observation lounge for the last time, for a Captain's cocktail. As we reflected back on the trip we had and the amazing memories we shared, we toasted, and Guan showed us the amazing slideshow he prepared of our trip, which we all gladly watched, reminiscing of our trip and some of the moments we shared. During dinner, we

gave several rounds of applause for our amazing hotel staff, and then finally, the moment arrived where we started preparing our suitcases. After this last full day, we went to bed tired but content, ready for the last wakeup call that Marcel would give tomorrow.



Day 10 – Wednesday 15th of July, Dismbarkation, Longyearbyen

08h00 GPS Position: 78°13'N / 015°64'E

Wind: S4 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +8°C

After an unforgettable journey through the High Arctic, today marked the end of our adventure aboard M/V Hondius. It was a bittersweet morning as we enjoyed one last hearty breakfast together, sharing stories, favourite moments and plenty of laughs from the past days exploring Svalbard.

Before long, it was time to gather ourselves and prepare to leave the ship that had been our home throughout the voyage. As we stepped ashore in Longyearbyen, there was a real mix of emotions. While everyone was looking forward to the next stage of their travels, it was also hard to say goodbye to the wonderful crew, Expedition Team and new friends who had become our Oceanwide family.

From towering glaciers and dramatic ice-covered landscapes to incredible wildlife encounters and unforgettable Zodiac cruises, we've shared experiences that will stay with us for years to come. Together we've explored one of the most remote and spectacular places on Earth, creating memories that are sure to be retold long after we've returned home.

Although our expedition has come to an end, the memories, photographs and friendships made along the way will remain. We leave Hondius with full hearts, incredible stories to share and a deeper appreciation for the beauty and fragility of the Arctic. Safe travels, and we hope our paths cross again on another adventure.



Total distance sailed on our voyage: 1160 nautical miles

Northernmost point: 81°46'N

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Remmert Koster , Expedition Leader Marcel Paul, Hotel Manager Albert Don and all the crew and staff of M/V Hondius, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.

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English Name	Chinese	Scientific Name	6-Jul	7-Jul	8-Jul	9-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul	15-Jul
Great Northern Diver	北方大潜鸟	<i>Gavia immer</i>										
Red-throated diver	紅喉潜鸟	<i>Gavia stellata</i>										
Northern Fulmar	暴风鹱	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Northern Gannet	北方鲣鸟	<i>Morus bassanus</i>										
Barnacle Goose	白颊黑雁	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	x	x	x							x
Brent Goose	黑雁	<i>Branta bernicla</i>										
Light bellied Brent	白腹黑雁	<i>Branta bernicla hrota</i>										
Pink-footed Goose	粉脚雁	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>										
Common Eider	欧绒鸭	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	x	x	x			x			x	x
King Eider	王绒鸭	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>										
Long-tailed Duck	长尾鸭	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>		x							x	
Rock Ptarmigan	岩雷鸟	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>										
Common Ringed Plover	剑鸻	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>									x	
Red Knot	紅腹滨鹬	<i>Calidris canutus</i>										
Sanderling	二趾鹬	<i>Calidris alba</i>										
Purple Sandpiper	紫鹬	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	x	x				x			x	
Dunlin	黑腹滨鹬	<i>Calidris alpina</i>										
Whimbrel	中杓鹬	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>										
Ruddy Turnstone	翻石鹬	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>										
Grey Phalarope	瓣蹼鹬	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>										
Pomarine Skua	中贼鸥	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>										
Arctic Skua	短尾贼鸥	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>		x	x				x			
Long-tailed Skua	长尾贼鸥	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>							x			
Great Skua	大贼鸥	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>										
Sabine's Gull	叉尾鸥	<i>Xema sabini</i>										
Glaucous Gull	北极鸥	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	
Herring Gull	银鸥	<i>Larus argentatus</i>										
Lesser black-backed	小黑背鸥	<i>Larus fuscus</i>										
Great black-backed	大黑背鸥	<i>Larus marinus</i>										
Black-legged Kittiwake	三趾鸥	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ross' Gull	羅斯鸥	<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i>										
Ivory Gull	白鸥	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>					x		x			
Arctic Tern	北极燕鸥	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>		x	x			x			x	x
Common Guillemot	崖海鸦	<i>Uria aalge</i>										
Brunnich's Guillemot	厚嘴海鸦	<i>Uria lomvia</i>		x	x	x		x		x	x	
Black Guillemot	黑海鸦	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Little Auk	小海雀	<i>Alle alle</i>	x		x	x	x			x	x	
Atlantic Puffin	大西洋海鸚	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	x	x	x	x	x					
Snow Bunting	雪鹀	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	x	x							x	x
English	Chinese	Latin	6-Jul	7-Jul	8-Jul	9-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul	15-Jul
Walrus	海象	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	x		x					x		

Bearded seal	髯海豹	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>		x		x						
Ringed seal	环斑海豹	<i>Phoca hispida</i>					x					
Harp seal	竖琴海豹	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>				x	x					
Hooded seal	冠海豹	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>										
Common /Harbour seal	港海豹	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		x	x							
Minke Whale	小须鲸	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>		x								
Sei Whale	塞鲸	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>										
Blue Whale	蓝鲸	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>										
Fin Whale	长须鲸	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>						x				
Humpback Whale	座头鲸	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>										
Bowhead whale	弓头鲸	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>										
Sperm Whale	抹香鲸	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>										
Narwhal	独角鲸	<i>Monodon monoceros</i>										
Northern Bottlenose	瓶鼻鲸	<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>										
Orca (Killer Whale)	虎鲸	<i>Orcinus orca</i>										
White-beaked Dolphin	白喙斑纹海豚	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>										
Beluga	白鲸	<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>		x						x		
Polar Bear	北极熊	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>		x	x		x			x		
Arctic Fox	北极狐	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	x	x				x				
Spitsbergen Reindeer	北极驯鹿	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>		x				x			x	

Marcel Paul – Expedition Leader



From his teens Marcel has been a keen traveller. After camping and trekking with friends, he led groups trekking to Austria, Switzerland, England, Wales, and Scotland.

His own travels over the last 30 years brought him to more than 65 countries on all 7 continents.

With his interest in history, ice, cartography, exploration, and as keen hobby photographer, the Polar Regions have always been drawing his attention.

At his first arrival to Svalbard in 2011 and a second trip in 2013, he felt connected with the remoteness of the place and the dynamics of the polar nature. At that time the idea started to grow to become a polar guide and give up a job that was keeping him indoor most of the time.

When the Dutch organised a scientific polar expedition to Edgeøya it seemed the perfect opportunity to gain more knowledge about Spitsbergen, the uniqueness of

the islands and their eco systems by working with the scientists.

He joined the expedition in 2015 as field assistant and participated in various fields of research. In 2016 he spent time in the summer at the Dutch polar station in Ny Ålesund, again as field assistant. From 2017 Marcel has been working as a polar guide in the Arctic followed by Antarctica in 2018.

Today he still spends about half the year onboard with Oceanwide whilst sailing around Spitsbergen, Greenland, Jan Mayen, Antarctica, Falklands, and South Georgia. The rest of the year is spent either at his homes in Holland and Slovakia or traveling with his wife and their dog.

中文

从十几岁起，马塞尔就热衷于旅行。在有了多次与朋友露营和徒步旅行的经历后，马塞尔带领团队徒步前往奥地利、瑞士、英格兰、威尔士和苏格兰。在过去的 30 年里，他的旅行足迹遍及七大洲超过 65 个国家。马塞尔对历史、冰雪、制图、探险有浓厚的兴趣，同时也是一名摄影爱好者，因此，极地地区的风景能同时满足他的所有兴趣爱好。2011 年马塞尔第一次抵达斯瓦尔巴群岛，而在2013年，当他第二次抵达斯瓦尔巴群岛时，他感到自己与这个偏远的大自然有着一一种说不清道不明的联系。那时，马塞尔萌生了成为一名极地向导的念头，并放弃了他所从事的白领工作。当荷兰人组织前往埃奇岛的科极地探险时，对马塞尔来说，这就是通过与科学家的合作，获得更多关于斯瓦尔巴群岛及其生态系统独特性知识的绝佳机会。马塞尔于2015年作为野外助理加入泛海探险，并参与了各个领域的研究。2016 年夏天，他在新奥勒松的荷兰极地站工作了一段时间，再次担任现场助理。自 2017 年起，马塞尔一直在北极担任极地向导，随后于 2018 年又前往南极洲。

一年中，马塞尔在泛海探险公司几乎要度过大半年的时间，斯匹次卑尔根岛、格陵兰岛、扬马延岛、南极洲、福克兰群岛和南乔治亚岛都留下他航行的足迹。剩下的时间，马塞尔要么在荷兰和斯洛伐克的家中度过，要么与妻子和爱犬一起旅行。

Lucia Romero – Asst.Exp.Leader



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

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

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

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

中文

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

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

她喜欢分享她对探索、学习、发现、保护和野生动物的热情。

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

Christan Long – Asst. Exp. Leader



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

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

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

Peninsula, East Antarctica and the Atlantic Ocean.

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

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

中文

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

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

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

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

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

Juan Berenstein – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

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

中文

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

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

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

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

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

Sid Paul Dewfall – Expedition Guide



Sid Dewfall is a professional dive instructor and expedition guide with a strong background in marine science and field operations. Originally from Gibraltar, he has built his career around a passion for the ocean and a fascination with remote environments.

Sid holds a Master of Science degree in Marine Science and Climate Change and has been involved in research and conservation projects ranging from coral restoration in the Mediterranean to community-based citizen science initiatives.

With thousands of dives completed around the world, Sid has developed his particular expertise in polar diving and the unique demands it brings. Working in challenging conditions has given him a deep respect for safety, teamwork, and careful preparation. His focus is on helping guests explore the polar regions with confidence, while sharing insights into the ecosystems and wildlife encountered along the way.

On board, Sid can often be found supporting dive operations, guiding Zodiac cruises, or assisting guests during landings. He enjoys working closely with people, making sure each experience is both safe and memorable. His approachable style and enthusiasm for the natural world make him a valued member of the team.

Away from the polar regions, Sid continues to pursue underwater research and outdoor adventure. Whether in the water, on the mountainside, or travelling by motorcycle, he is most at home in environments that demand resilience and curiosity. He believes that time spent in wild places fosters a lasting connection with nature and he is proud to help guests experience that in the Arctic and Antarctic.

中文

Sid Dewfall 是一位专业潜水教练和探险向导，拥有扎实的海洋科学与野外作业背景。Sid 来自直布罗陀，多年来始终围绕着对海洋的热爱以及对偏远自然环境的探索热情发展自己的职业生涯。他拥有海洋科学与气候变化硕士学位，曾参与多个科研与自然保护项目，包括地中海珊瑚修复工作，以及以社区为基础的公民科学项目，致力于推动公众参与海洋环境保护。

凭借在世界各地累计完成数千次潜水的丰富经验，Sid 尤其擅长极地潜水，并对极地环境下潜水活动的特殊挑战有着深入理解。在严苛环境中的工作经历，使他更加重视安全、团队协作以及周密的准备工作。他致力于帮助宾客以充满信心的方式探索南北极，同时分享沿途生态系统、野生动物及自然环境的专业知识。

在船上，Sid 经常负责协助潜水活动、登陆活动以及驾驶冲锋艇巡游。他热爱与人交流，始终确保每一次探险都兼顾安全与难忘的体验。凭借亲切随和的性格和对自然世界的热情，他已成为团队中备受信赖的重要成员。离开极地之后，Sid 依然持续投身于水下科研和户外探险。无论是在海底潜水、山间徒步，还是骑着摩托车踏上旅程，他都乐于置身于那些需要坚韧精神与探索热情的环境之中。他坚信，在原始荒野中的亲身体验能够让人与自然建立深刻而持久的联系，也因此十分荣幸能够帮助宾客在北极与南极收获这样的珍贵经历。

Annelou Hulsker – Expedition Guide



Annelou grew up in a seaside town in the Netherlands known for its navy base and fisheries. There she spent most of her time sailing, hiking, or looking for shiny rocks and shells on the beach. This is where her passion for the Earth began, which she decided to turn into her career.

Annelou specialized in Earth Sciences and graduated from Utrecht University. She specialized in physical geography, where her focus is on land-surface processes, natural hazards, geomorphology, climate reconstruction and climate changes and a minor in sustainability.

The connection between the academic and practical aspects of Earth Sciences, which involves a lot of fieldwork and is highly hands-on, is what she enjoys most. She loves to share her understanding of the Earth in general and the Arctic in particular. She also got a special interest in the history of whaling as it played a large role in her hometown's history.

She is overjoyed to be able to combine her passion for the Earth with traveling the seas by ship.

In her free time she still loves to collect shiny rocks. Most of the time she can be found on the water sailing somewhere in Europe with her family, hiking, or, when at home, bouldering and climbing.

中文

安妮卢在荷兰的一个海滨小镇长大，小镇以海军基地和渔业而闻名。这里的一切激发了她的热情，让他置身大自然的美景，仿佛梦开始的地方。

空闲时间，安妮卢喜欢收集闪亮的岩石，或者在海滩上寻找美丽的贝壳。大多数时候，她还是会和家人一起在欧洲某个地方航行、徒步旅行，各类攀岩活动也是安妮卢的最爱。

安妮卢毕业于乌得勒支大学，专业为地球科学。她擅长自然地理学，重点研究地球表面变化过程、自然灾害、气候重建和气候变化，并辅修环境可持续性。

地球科学的学术和实践方面有着密切联系，涉及大量的实地考察和实践活动，而这也是安妮卢最喜欢的。她喜欢分享她对地球，特别是北极的认知，她还对捕鲸的历史特别感兴趣，因为捕鲸在她家乡的发展历史中也是浓墨重彩的一笔。安妮卢非常高兴能够将对地球的热情与乘船航行结合起来，使其成为了自己热爱的职业。

Matt Cheok – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

中文

马特是一位来自澳大利亚悉尼的探险摄影师与摄像师。

他的工作足迹遍及地球上一些最偏远、最迷人的目的地——从南极洲、斯瓦尔巴群岛和格陵兰的极地地区，到雄伟的非洲稀树草原、中亚的内陆草原国度，以及南美洲的崎岖山脉。

在南极洲，马特最喜爱的拍摄对象是活泼的巴布亚企鹅，以及晚霞映照下壮丽的极地风光。

作为一名摄影教育者，马特乐于与同行的旅伴分享他的专业知识，并激励他们与自然世界建立联结。

马特的职业道路充满惊喜。他曾在悉尼担任商业与保险律师，但如今的他更为自己能够投身于对摄影和探险的热爱而感到欣喜。

在不担任领队时，马特大部分时间都在露营、长途徒步、品尝大量的比乐蒂咖啡以及探索户外世界中度过，他最近才从塔吉克斯坦的范山脉归来。

在船上，您总会发现马特在甲板上，相机不离手。请随时向他请教任何摄影问题，或者只是来一场友好的交谈。

Jess Owen – Expedition Guide



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

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

Expeditions for another season in the polar regions.

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

中文

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

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

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

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

Rose Li – Expedition Guide



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.

中文

Rose Li 是一位经验丰富的极地探险专业人士，兼具室内设计、酒店服务及极地导览的多元化背景。

她来自中国，毕业于武汉学院，获室内设计学位。自2014年起，她的职业生涯便致力于沉浸式旅行，最初在国际邮轮上担任VIP客户关系主管及邮轮大使主管，穿梭于亚洲欧洲各地，积累了丰富的服务与管理经验。

2018年，李玫瑰正式进入专业探险领域，她对于历史与地质学的热爱在此成为了工作的核心。作为极地探险向导和讲师，她通过讲述地球的过往与地貌的变迁，为旅客带来富有深度的体验。她的综合技能还包括口译、冲锋艇驾驶以及宾客服务管理。

作为一名狂热的探险者，Rose的足迹已遍布全球50多个国家。她始终期待着下一次冒险，并致力于提供卓越的客户服务，与同行旅客分享探索世界的无穷乐趣。

Johanne Skrefsrud – Exp. Guide



Johanne is an oceanographer and works as a polar expedition guide and as a scientist studying ocean currents and heat transport in the ocean.

Growing up in Norway with access to the forests, mountains and the sea, Johanne gained a strong passion for the outdoors. Skiing and hiking in the mountains, ice skating on a lake, snorkelling in the sea or simply enjoying the sight of a beautiful view feeling the wind in her hair, there is an activity for every season.

Johanne has always had a fascination towards the complexity of nature and the extreme forces lying within it, and together with a special love for the ocean, this led her to study the physics of the ocean and becoming an oceanographer. She enjoys sharing her knowledge of how the ocean system works and what goes on beneath the surface.

Working as a guide in the Arctic, she loves the combination of sharing knowledge, working in teams and experiencing the wild nature with people of all kinds of backgrounds. There is something about the Arctic that draws people back again and again... For Johanne it represents something pristine and wild, something undisturbed, which is rare to get in touch within our world today.

中文

Johanne 是一位海洋学家，从事极地探险向导，也是研究海洋洋流及海洋热量输送的科学家。Johanne 在挪威长大，那里拥有广袤的森林、巍峨的群山和辽阔的大海，这样的成长环境让她从小便对户外活动充满热爱。无论是在山间滑雪、徒步远足，在冰封的湖面滑冰，在海中浮潜，还是仅仅站在壮丽的风景前，感受微风拂过发梢，她都能在每一个季节找到属于自己的乐趣。

Johanne 一直对大自然的复杂性以及蕴藏其中的强大力量深深着迷。加之她对海洋怀有特殊的热爱，这份兴趣最终引领她学习海洋物理，并成为一名海洋学家。她乐于与他人分享海洋系统如何运作，以及海面之下那些鲜为人知的奥秘。

作为一名在北极的探险向导，她热爱这份工作，在这里能知识分享、团队合作以及与来自世界各地、拥有不同背景的人们共同探索这片荒野。北极有一种独特的魅力，总能吸引人们一次又一次地回到这里

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对 Johanne 而言，北极象征着一种原始、纯净而狂野的自然状态，一片几乎未受人类干扰的天地。在当今世界，这样的地方已愈发难得，也因此显得格外珍贵。

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.

中文

夏洛特在英国康沃尔郡崎岖的海岸线旁长大，自幼便对野生动物与海洋深怀热爱。受身边自然世界的感召，她进入大学攻读野生动物保护专业，由此开启了致力于生态研究、户外探险与海洋保护的人生旅程。2013年，她开始在探索大堡礁偏远区域的研究与潜水船上工作，从此与航海结缘。在澳大利亚和新西兰期间，她通过对座头鲸、小须鲸和抹香鲸的深入研究，进一步坚定了对海洋生物学的热忱。2020至2022年间，夏洛特进入超级游艇及探险船行业，在偏远艰险海域担任甲板员与潜水长。这些经历不仅磨砺了她的船艺，更深化了她对海洋环境的敬畏。作为一名旅行爱好者，夏洛特自18岁起便背起行囊探索世界，足迹遍布亚洲、澳新与南美。2015年，她驾驶路虎汽车完成从南非到约旦的穿越之旅，并于2018年定居莫桑比克。在那里，她将创业精神与旅行热爱结合，创立了自己的背包客旅舍。在经营旅舍的同时，她还在莫桑比克沿海担任研究员，致力于鲸鲨和蝠鲼研究。最近，她刚完成驾驶四驱车穿越哈萨克斯坦、吉尔吉斯斯坦、乌兹别克斯坦和塔吉克斯坦的七千公里壮游。

不在海上时，夏洛特热爱水肺潜水、冲浪、自由潜与徒步，同时也享受喝茶与遛狗这般的生活简单乐趣。她非常荣幸能将泛海探险视为第二个家，并期待在未来继续将对海洋、野生动物与冒险的热爱，融入这片冰封荒野的探索事业中。

Jens Binderup – Expedition Guide



Born on a farm in central Denmark, later working as an air traffic controller in Copenhagen for many years, now living near the coastline on the countryside south of the capital.

A keen interest in wildlife has been a lifelong companion, and the majority of travelling through the years has been to all 7 continents, where animal life- and behaviour was the main focus.

Whether it was swimming with the orcas in northern Norway, dogsledding in Finland, experiencing the abundance of wildlife in southern Africa or enjoying the magnificence of landscapes and animal life in the Arctic and Antarctica.

Jens is a sociable and talkative person, loving to share all the experiences with our guests – and his enthusiasm has made him guiding friends and colleagues on several occasions.

He also possesses a deep interest in the polar expeditions – both to the Arctic and Antarctic – made by the brave men a hundred years ago, exploring the last frontiers by ships, planes, airships and dogsleds.

When not travelling, spare time is used enjoying the massive migration of birds of prey near his home, mountain biking, trekking in the Scandinavian wilderness and flying gliders together with all the predatory birds.

Fulfilling a lifelong dream of being an expedition guide, Jens is looking forward to another season in the Antarctic with passion and enthusiasm, sharing the magnificent experiences that await all on an expedition cruise.

中文

延斯出生于丹麦中部的一个农场，后来在哥本哈根担任了多年的空中交通管制员。他现在住在首都哥本哈根南部乡村海岸线附近。

对延斯来说，野生动物是他一生的挚爱，多年来，延斯的旅行足迹基本涵盖了七大洲，在旅行中，延斯会格外关注当地的野生动物。

多年来，延斯在挪威北部与虎鲸一起游泳，在芬兰体验狗拉雪橇，在非洲南部观测丰富的野生动物，也在北极和南极洲见识了壮丽的风景。

延斯是一个喜欢交际并健谈的人，他喜欢与我们的客人分享他的旅行经历——他的热情感染了一批又一批的探险团队。

延斯还对南北极的探险历史——那些一百年前勇敢开启极地探险的人们和经历有着浓厚的兴趣。曾几何时，探险先驱们借助轮船、飞机、飞艇和狗拉雪橇等方式，探索这些被地球遗忘的大陆。

在旅行季的间歇期，延斯会利用业余时间观测家附近猛禽的大规模迁徙，会骑山地自行车、会在斯堪的纳维亚的荒野中徒步旅行，或者尝试飞行一把滑翔机。

现在延斯，实现了成为一名探险导游的梦想，他正满怀激情地期待着他在南极的第一个旅行季，与大家一起分享探险邮轮上的壮阔经历

Hana Spickova – Expedition Guide



Hana is a chemist who is working the last two years at the University Centre on Svalbard. She comes originally from the Czech Republic and has spent the last 11 years in Norway.

Her love for nature and outdoor life brought her first to Tromsø in Northern Norway where she did her master degree while working as a northern light guide, photographer, dog sledding guide and dog handler. She likes to spend her free time in the mountains skiing, hiking, kayaking and diving. She spent two years traveling to Asia, Africa, South America and Patagonia. She worked as a volunteer in rescue stations for wild animals in Bolivia and Peru and as a humanitarian helper in Iraq, Rwanda and Ethiopia. After finishing her studies, she has been working as an analytical chemist in Norway. Her curiosity and enthusiasm for outdoor life brought her all the way to Svalbard where she enjoys ski touring, dog sledding and exploring new places on a snowmobile. She speaks Czech, English and Norwegian.

中文

汉娜在斯瓦尔巴大学做了两年化学师。她出生于车臣，在挪威生活了11年。

她对自然和户外生活的热爱将她带到了挪威北部的特朗姆森，她在完成硕士学位期间并成为极光领队，雪橇犬领队。她的空闲时间都在山间滑雪，徒步，皮划艇，潜水。她花了两年时间在亚洲，非洲，南美洲旅行。在玻利维亚和秘鲁做野生动物救护的志愿者，在伊拉克，卢旺达和埃塞俄比亚做人道主义救援。在她完成学业后，他在挪威作为化学分析师。她对户外生活的好奇和热情将她带到了斯瓦尔巴并在此享受滑雪，带领雪橇犬和发现新地点。她会说法语，英语和挪威语。

Luce Moussiere – Expedition Guide



Luce knew how to swim before she could walk. Originally from Ardèche, a wild and outdoorsy region in the south of France, she has always felt most at home in nature.

She is an Expedition Guide, Polar Dive Guide, Scuba Diving Instructor, lifeguard and Safety Diver for technical diving projects around the world.

She lived in Asia, and Australia and dived all around the world. But after years in tropical waters, it was the challenge of cold environment that truly captivated her. She moved to Iceland to lead expedition in Silfra, the famous fissure in between tectonic plates, in order to train and gain access to the polar regions as a Dive guide.

Not content with just exploring below the surface, Luce expanded her expertise to land and became a full Expedition Guide.

Though not formally trained in science, her curiosity and determination have led her to work in diverse environments — from trekking through Malaysian rainforests and exploring remote coral reefs, to hiking active volcanoes and guiding in the polar regions. There's very little she isn't eager to learn about.

When she's not guiding guests on board, you'll likely find Luce diving, hiking, cooking, or off discovering new corners of the world to explore and learn from.

中文

卢斯·穆西埃（Luce Moussiere）在学会走路之前就知道如何游泳。她是一位年轻的法国潜水教练、游泳教练和徒步向导。在获得神经语言编程学位后，她离开了法国，立志为所有人带来最非凡的体验。

她生活在亚洲和澳大利亚，当她不教授休闲课程时，她参与了多个海洋生物保护项目和珊瑚礁恢复项目，与大堡礁海洋公园管理局合作。她监督勘探活动，调查偏远的未受影响的珊瑚礁系统，然后带队经验丰富的潜水员并与之分享气候变化的影响。她带团私人游艇，邂逅大型海洋生物，如牛鲨、虎鲨、小须鲸和座头鲸。

在热带水域工作了5年之后，随后转向冷水环境，也就是现在她住的冰岛。她训练自己适应并在冰岛的冬季工作，那里几乎没有日光，气温低至零下30摄氏度（-22 华氏度）。她现在正在北美和欧亚板块之间的史费拉（Silfra）清澈的海水中潜水或浮潜。

她专注于技术减压潜水、冰潜、冷潜、深水潜、夜潜、沉船潜水和高氧潜水，并且始终热衷于为自己的职业生涯增添更多技能，以便能够潜越并带队穿越最具挑战性的潜水环境。

当冰岛火山爆发时，她还是一名随叫随到的向导，带队寻找穿过火山地的最佳路线，并安全地带领徒步旅行者目睹这些事件。当她不工作时，你会发现卢斯在峡湾、冰川上徒步旅行，探索冰洞，在北极海藻森林中自由潜水：享受冰岛这片原始土地的巨大游乐场。

Li Ye – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

中文

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

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

Stella Yao – Translator



Stella Yao grew up in Zhejiang, China and moved to the U.S. about ten years ago. However, she calls the entire vast world home and have been traveling since 2024. She speaks fluent English and Mandarin and works onboard as Expedition Guide / Mandarin Speaker since November 2025.

Animals have always been a big part of Stella's story. She studied Animal Sciences at Cornell University and has spent years working in animal shelters, wildlife rehab centers, and animal welfare NGOs across the U.S., China, and Africa. That's taken her from rescuing stray cats in Beijing, to rehabbing vervet monkeys in Malawi, to implementing whale and shark conservation programs in Washington D.C., and to diving with marine scientists to collect data on sharks and rays in Mozambique.

Before working on expedition cruises, Stella also worked as an investment analyst in the impact and sustainable investing space. But eventually the call to travel, be outside, and get closer to nature got too loud to ignore.

She took the leap, started traveling, and found her way into expedition life, where adventure, conservation, and connecting with people from all walks of life all come together.

Stella brings a lot of curiosity, care, and enthusiasm wherever she goes. She loves sharing what she's learned, learning from others, and helping people feel more connected to Mother Nature, no matter if that happens on a zodiac ride, underwater, or over a cup of tea after a long day out in the cold.

中文

斯黛拉来自中国浙江，大约十年前搬到美国。不过对她来说，整个世界才是真正的家。从2024年开始，她就一直在路上探索不停。她英语和普通话都非常流利，自2025年11月起在船上担任探险向导 / 翻译。

动物一直是斯黛拉生活中不可或缺的一部分。她毕业于康奈尔大学动物科学专业，多年来曾在美国、中国和非洲的动物收容所、野生动物康复中心以及动物福利非政府组织工作。她的经历包括：在北京救助流浪猫、在马拉维参与绿猴的康复工作、在华盛顿特区推动鲸类与鲨鱼的保护项目，以及在莫桑比克与海洋科学家一同潜水，收集鲨鱼和鳐鱼的数据。

在加入探险邮轮行业之前，斯黛拉还曾在影响力投资与可持续投资领域担任投资分析师。不过，比起办公室，她更向往户外、旅行和贴近自然的生活。她开始环球旅行，并找到了属于自己的探险生活。在这里，冒险、自然以及与来自世界各地的人们建立联系完美融合在一起。

无论走到哪里，斯黛拉都带着强烈的好奇心、关怀与热情。她喜欢分享自己的故事，也享受听大家的经历，更希望能帮助每一个人和大自然建立更深的连接，不管是在冲锋艇上看风景、在水下探索世界，还是在寒冷一天结束后，一起喝杯热茶聊聊天。

Zoy Li – Expedition Guide



Originally from China and major in tourism management with bachelor's degree.

Worked for a high-end tailor-made travel agency in China which focused on operating groups to polar region since 2014. There she had several job functions: travel consultant, product planning, sales-support, tour operation & tour leader, and got many chances to lead groups to Arctic, Europe, Central America, Galapagos, South America till Antarctic. In 2019, she started to join the expedition cruises, worked as Interpreter & Expedition guide on board, and had experienced a multiple of wildlife expeditions in various remote areas in this world, and so fascinated by every element from nature, she has great passion on sharing the most breathtaking scenes with every distinguished passenger for the polar region.

中文

来自中国湖南，本科学历，旅游管理专业；

从 2014 年开始，在中国的一家高端定制旅行社工作，主要负责极地地区的团队运营。在那里，她身兼数职：旅游顾问、产品规划、销售支持、出团操作和出行领队；曾带领团队前往北极、欧洲、中美洲加拉帕戈斯群岛、南美洲和南极；

2018年转邮轮行业，在船上担任歌诗达邮轮亚洲航线的旅游经理；从2019年开始转探险邮轮，在船上担任翻译和探险向导。多次参与野生动物探险活动的经历，足迹遍布世界各个偏远地区，逐渐增强了她对大自然各种元素的迷恋，尤其热衷于极地，每年就像动物迁徙一样夏季回到北极，南半球的夏季回到南极。

Ran Chen - Translator



Ran grew up in China and spent six years living and studying in the United States. After establishing her professional roots, her deep alignment with the polar wilderness and photography inspired a pivotal transition—leaving the urban landscape behind to trace her footprints into the high latitudes. The cross-cultural negotiation and high-stakes coordination skills gathered from her previous career seamlessly translated into an adaptive, resilient mindset essential for field operations.

To anchor her passion with practical field expertise, Ran relocated to the Arctic borderlands of northern Norway. There, she completed a rigorous, year-long Polar Wilderness Survival program, mastering winter camp logistics, heavy winter expeditions, and avalanche safety in sub-zero environments—forging a solid foundation for wilderness safety and remote field management.

On board *m/v Hondius*, Ran bridges the gap between international field science and Mandarin-speaking guests, translating daily lectures and safety briefings into precise Mandarin. An avid outdoorswoman and photography enthusiast, she is always ready to drive Zodiacs, assist on deck, and share the untamed beauty of the polar world with you.

中文

陈然来自中国，曾在美国留学与生活过六年。在结束学业并回国工作过一段时间后，对极地荒野与摄影的钟爱，指引她走向了一条完全不同的人生轨迹——选择离开都市的舒适区，将镜头与足迹带向地球的最北端。过往在跨文化沟通与高强度项目统筹中所积累的经验，也成为了她日后在野外环境中沉着应对各种挑战的隐形底气。

为了将这份对自然的热爱转化为过硬的专业能力，她前往挪威北部的极地圈，完成了为期一年的全沉浸式荒野生存与冬季远征实训。在长达数月的极夜与亚零度严寒中，她不仅系统掌握了冬季野外宿营、重装长途远征以及雪崩安全机制，更磨炼出了偏远地区高规格的后勤保障能力。

作为“宏迪斯号（*m/v Hondius*）”上的中文翻译与探险队员，她致力于为华人宾客打破语言与文化的藩篱。作为一名户外与摄影爱好者，她不仅在讲堂里协助极地科学讲座的中文翻译，更期待在冲锋艇和甲板上陪伴大家，一起记录和分享极地荒野的纯粹之美，共同见证这段壮丽的冰雪旅程。

Sanne van Tilburg – Ships Doctor



During the voyage, Sanne will be your onboard medical doctor. With experience as a general practitioner and in emergency departments in both the Netherlands and abroad, she will be available to assist with any medical concerns that may arise during your journey.

In 2018, Sanne spent six months working in the emergency department of the Academic Hospital in Suriname. In 2020, she served as a ship's doctor on the Hondius in Antarctica at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, she was required to work with limited resources, while still delivering high-quality medical care.

In her spare time, Sanne enjoys staying active, particularly through CrossFit training. She also values spending time with family and friends, reading, and attending festivals in the Netherlands—not only as a visitor, but also as a medical professional at first aid stations.

Over the past two decades, Sanne has travelled extensively around the world and has visited all seven continents. Hiking has been one of her favourite activities during these journeys. Antarctica marked her seventh continent, and Spitsbergen is among the destinations that followed on her travel list.

Sanne looks forward to combining her passion for travel and the outdoors with her dedication to providing excellent medical care. Please feel free to approach her with any questions or concerns during the voyage.

中文

蒂本次航行期间，桑妮·范蒂尔堡将担任您的随船医生。她拥有全科医生及荷兰国内外急诊科工作经验，将为您在旅途中出现的任何健康问题提供协助。

2018 年，桑妮在苏里南学术医院急诊科工作了六个月。2020 年新冠疫情初期，她曾作为宏迪斯号的随船医生在南极地区工作。在那段时期，她需要在有限资源条件下，依然提供高质量的医疗服务。

业余时间里，桑妮喜欢保持运动，尤其热爱综合体能训练。她也很重视与家人朋友相处、阅读，以及参加荷兰的各类节庆活动——不仅是以游客身份，同时也作为急救站的医疗人员。

过去二十年间，桑妮足迹遍布全球，到访过七大洲。徒步是她旅行中最喜爱的活动之一。南极洲是她踏上的第七大洲，斯瓦尔巴则是她后续旅行清单上的目的地之一。

桑妮期待将自己对旅行与户外的热爱，和提供优质医疗服务的专业精神结合起来。航行期间，欢迎您随时向她咨询或寻求帮助。



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar Bear & Ice

Date: 06/07/2026

Day: 1: Longyearbyen - Embarkation

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

PLEASE LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Once onboard and settled into your cabins please join our representatives of Oceanwide in the lounge to hear a presentation regarding the start of our season onboard M/V Hondius

17:00+/- Ship safety briefing, in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY for ALL GUESTS**.

For ALL GUESTS. After the briefing the emergency alarm will be sounded, and you will need to go back to your cabin and get your life jacket. All guests accommodated on Deck 3 (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**.

18:15+/- We would like to invite you to **Captains Cocktails** in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**. The Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader will do a welcome briefing to orientate you to life on board and explain the plan for the forthcoming days and you will meet your Expedition Team.

19:30 Dinner in the Restaurant on Deck 4.

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



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar bear and ice

Date: 07/07/2026

Day 2: Lilliehookbreen & Ny-Ålesund

07.45 Wake-up call.

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

This morning we will be ships cruising the waters in front of Lilliehöökreen, one of Spitsbergen's largest glacier complexes. Stretching about 22 kilometres in length, it is an immense calving glacier that frequently fills the narrow Lilliehöökfjorden with floating icebergs.

09:30 Please join us for the AECO, Polar Bear safety, and zodiac safety briefing, in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY**.

The briefing in **English** will be in the observation lounge at deck 5.
The briefing in **Mandarin** will be in the lecture room at deck 5.

11.45 +/- We invite you to **Deck 3** to collect your Muck boots. Please, bring your thick socks for the perfect fit. Please listen for announcements as we will be calling you deck by deck.

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

After lunch we will be ships cruising the islands in Kongsfjorden. Please join us on the outer decks and the bridge looking for wildlife.

16.00 +/- We invite everyone to disembark via gangway to visit Ny-Alesund. A map will be available at reception for you to take a photo of for orientation.

*During our landing in Ny-Ålesund, you can roam freely on the roads within town. Please do not enter any other buildings without permission. Public toilets are available at the harbour office near the dock. Please turn off your Wi-fi and Bluetooth on your mobile phone so as not to interfere with scientific research equipment. **Please be back on the ship by 19:00.***

17:00 We invite **Mandarin Speakers** to meet the Expedition Team at Amundsen's Bust for a walk to the mast.

17:45 We invite **English Speaker** to meet the Expedition Team at Amundsen's Bust for walk to the mast.

19:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for our daily recap.

19:30 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar bear and ice

Date: 08/07/2026

Day 3: Smeerenburg & Frambukta

Today we hope to cruise the Smeerenburg area, also known as 'Blubber Town', is a former Dutch settlement which in 1617 was once the flourishing centre of the European Whale oil industry. At its peak 200 men worked here processing the blubber of Bowhead Whales. Nowadays, a herd of Atlantic Walrus call this place home which rest on its white sandy beaches.

06:00 Start of Smeerenburgfjorden passage.

07:15 Wake-up call.

07.30-08.30 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

09:00 We hope to invite the **Red Group** to the Zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise around Smeerenburg and Virgo Hamna.

09:15 We hope to invite the **Blue Group** to the Zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for Zodiac cruise around Smeerenburg and Virgo Hamna.

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

In the afternoon, we hope to land in a bay called Frambukta, a small Arctic Bay located on the northwestern coast of Spitsbergen. It is a popular stop for expedition cruises, known for offering breathtaking views of the polar landscape and providing safe waters to observe local wildlife, such as the occasional lounging walrus.

14:30 We invite the **long hikers** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a long hike at Frambukta.

14:45 We invite the remaining passengers to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a perimeter landing at Frambukta.

18:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for daily recap.

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

In the evening we invite you to the bridge and open decks to scout for wildlife as we cruise through the islands of NW Svalbard
"When your feet are cold, cover your head." - Inuit proverb



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar bear and ice

Date: 09/07/2026

Day 4: Into the pack ice

During the day we plan to be exploring the sea ice to the North of Svalbard in search of wildlife.

We strongly encourage you to be on the outside decks, the bridge, and the bow to enjoy this spectacular scenery. Listen for announcements regarding wildlife spotting's. If we have wildlife close by, the announcements will only be made inside the ship to avoid disturbing the wildlife.

No wake-up call 😊

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

If we have some time in the open ocean, or encounter adverse weather conditions, we will offer lectures from the team. However, we are planning to keep the first morning in the ice free, so you can all enjoy the magical sea ice without distractions.

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

15:00 Annelou invites you to the lecture "A world of ice" in **English** in the Observation Lounge.

15:00 Li invites you to the lecture "A world of ice" in **Chinese** in the Lecture Room.

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

19:00 Dinner will be served.

"All things considered there are only two kinds of men in the world; those that stay at home and those that do not, the latter are more interesting."

Rudyard Kipling



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar bear and ice

Date: 10/07/2026

Day 5: Ice day

Overnight we plan to stay in the pack ice to continue our search for wildlife in the morning and further explore the Arctic sea ice before turning south again.

Enjoy the midnight sun above the ice floes as we sit quietly amongst the ice through the night. Once again listen for announcements regarding and wildlife spotting's and if we have wildlife close by the announcements will only be made inside the ship to avoid disturbing the wildlife.

No wake-up call again 😊

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

10:00 Charlotte invites you to the lecture “Polar bear” in **English** in the Observation Lounge.

10:00 Rose invites you to the lecture “Polar bear” in **Chinese** in the Lecture Room.

Please all join the expedition team on the bridge or outer decks searching for wildlife

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

14:30 Hana invites you to the lecture “One year on Svalbard” in the Observation Lounge. This will be in **English** and translated to **Chinese**.

16:15 Jens invites you to the lecture “Andrée's balloon expedition towards the North Pole” in **English** in the Lecture Room.

16:15 Rose invites you to the lecture “Andrée's balloon expedition towards the North Pole” in **Chinese** in the Observation Lounge.

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

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

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



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar bear and ice

Date: 11/07/2026

Day 6: Kinnvika, Lomfjorden & Alkefjellet

07:15 Wake up call

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

In the morning we hope to land at Kinnvika, certainly the most well-known place in Murchisonfjord. Situated in a well sheltered bay on the northern side of the fjord, it was a research station built during the International Geophysical Year 1957-59 mainly as a Swedish Finnish effort. The buildings are still in good condition.

08:45 We invite the **very long hikers** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a long hike at Kinnvika. Please pack your lunch at breakfast as we aim to come back after lunch.

09:00 We invite the **medium hikers** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a medium hike at Kinnvika.

09:15 We invite the **short hikers** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a short hike at Kinnvika.

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

In the afternoon we will be ships cruising Lomfjorden and Hindelopen strait looking for wildlife. Please join us on the bridge or the outer decks.

14:30 Jess invites you all to the lecture “*Birds of the Arctic*” in the Observation Lounge. This will be given in **English** and translated to **Chinese**.

16:00 Please join Matt & Juan for a *Photography workshop* in the Observation Lounge. If weather conditions allow, the workshop will also be taken to the outer decks. This will be in **English** and translated to **Chinese**.

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

18:00-19:00 Dinner will be served in the dining room on deck 4.

19:15 We hope to invite the **Blue Group** to the Zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for zodiac cruise in Alkefjellet.

19:30 We hope to invite the **Red Group** to the Zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise in Alkefjellet.



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar bear and ice

Date: 12/07/2026

Day 7: Freemansundet & Negribreen

07.45 Wake-up call

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

During breakfast we plan to start our passage through Freemansundet, the sound between Edgeøya and Barentsøya. Whatever the conditions, it is a great place to look out for bears from the high vantage of the ship. After we have successfully navigated this 35km strait we head directly for our destination of the afternoon on north side of Storfjorden.

10:30 Please join Hana for her lecture “One year in the Svalbard” in the Observation Lounge. This lecture will be given in English and translated into Mandarin.

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

In the afternoon we hope to offer a Zodiac cruise in Negribreen. One of Svalbard’s most impressive glaciers, stretching from the icy interior of Spitsbergen to the waters of Storfjorden. Its towering ice cliffs, brilliant shades of blue, and ever-changing ice formations make it a powerful symbol of the Arctic’s wild beauty.

14:30 We hope to invite the **Red Group** to the Zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise in Negribreen.

14:45 We hope to invite the **Blue Group** to the Zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise in Negribreen.

18:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.

19:00 Dinner will be served in the dining room on deck 4.



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar bear and ice

Date: 13/07/2026

Day 8: Morning at sea & Samarinvågen

In the morning, we would be navigating around the southern tip of Spitsbergen in search of shelter from the storm in Hornsund.

Hornsund is the southernmost major fjord on the west coast of Spitsbergen. Surrounded by rugged mountains and numerous tidewater glaciers, it is one of the archipelago's most scenic and biologically rich regions. The fjord is home to abundant Arctic wildlife, including seals, seabirds, reindeer, walruses, and polar bears, and is an important area for scientific research.

07:45 Wake-up call.

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

09:30 Li invites you to the lecture "Arctic vs Antarctica" in **Chinese** in the Lecture Room.

09:30 Lucia invites you to the lecture "Surviving the Arctic: Animal Adaptations" in **English** in the Observation Lounge.

11:30 Chris invites you all to his presentation about "Oceanwide other destinations" in the Lecture Room. This will be in **English** and translated to **Chinese**.

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

In the afternoon we hope to offer zodiac cruise and landing in Samarinvågen, a secluded bay forming the southern arm of the fjord Hornsund in southern Spitsbergen. It is surrounded by steep alpine terrain. The bay is best known for its dramatic glacial scenery, as the tidewater glacier Samarinbreen flows directly into its head.

14:15 We hope to invite the **Blue Group** to the Zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a landing in Samarinvågen.

14:30 We hope to invite the **Red Group** to the Zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise in Samarinvågen.

Please note that we will be swapping the groups halfway during the afternoon

18:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.

19:00 Dinner will be served in the dining room on deck 4.



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar bear and ice

Date: 13/07/2026

Day 8: Fun afternoon on board

Unfortunately, the wind conditions won't allow us to operate safely this afternoon. As alternative we are offering the following:

- 14:30 Rose invites the Chinese speakers into the observation lounge for her lecture on geology of Svalbard.
- 14:30 Annelou invites the English speakers into the lecture room for her lecture on geology of Svalbard.
- 16:30 Happy hour in the bar, 50% off for all drinks (bottles excluded).



- 17:00 Arctic quiz. Please join the expedition team in the bar for a fun afternoon testing your Arctic knowledge. Find a few friends or fellow passengers to form a team of maximum 6 and compete for the big prize!
- 18:30 Please join the Expedition Team in the Bar for recap.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served in the dining room on deck 4.

To make sure everyone can enjoy tonight's dinner Hondius will remain inside the fjords till after dinner.



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar bear and ice

Date: 14/07/2026

Day 9: Brucebyen & Adolfbukta

07:15 Wake-up call.

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

In the morning we hope to take you ashore at Brucebyen. Brucebyen is beautifully situated close to the glacier of Nordenskiöld Breen and the impressive glacier front. The landscape along is considered one large cultural heritage site

08:45 We invite the **long hikers** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3.

09:00 We invite the **medium hikers** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3

09:15 We invite the **short hikers** to the zodiac boarding area on Deck 3.

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

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

In the afternoon we hope to offer a zodiac cruise in Adolfbukta which is a spectacular, wildlife-rich bay deep inside Isfjorden. offering a stunning mix of Arctic history, breathtaking glacier fronts, and abundant wildlife

14:30 We hope to invite the **Blue Group** to the Zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Adolfbukta.

14:45 We hope to invite the **Red Group** to the Zodiac boarding area on Deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Adolfbukta.

When you return to the vessel, please leave your clean muck boots and zodiac lifejackets on deck 3

18:15 Join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for Captain's Farewell Cocktails and a viewing of the voyage slideshow. You will receive the slideshow by email after the voyage. Please make sure you have scanned the QR code and registered for the trip log.

19:00 A final farewell dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.



Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar bear and ice

Date: 15/07/2026

Day 10: Disembarkation in Longyearbyen

07:15 Wake-up call. Please ensure your luggage is outside your room before 7:30am.

07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Restaurant, Deck 4.

PLEASE NOTE: Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, we will provide free busses to town and the airport. All luggage must be left outside your cabins by 7:30am and we will move it onto the pier.

For passengers on flight DY391 at 10:50; please use a **red luggage tag** – you will go straight to the airport

For all other passengers, we will provide a bus to Svalbard Butikken, where you can spend the day in town

For passengers on flight SK4425 at 13:30; please use a **yellow luggage tag** There will then be a shuttle from Svalbard Butikken to the airport at 11:45 - Your luggage will be waiting for you at the airport.

For passengers on flight SK4493 at 16:20; please use a **blue luggage tag** There will then be a shuttle from Svalbard Butikken to the airport at 14:30 - Your luggage will be waiting for you at the airport.

For all other passengers take your luggage from the pier with you on the bus to town and hotels. Your luggage stays with you.

09:00+/- We invite all guests to disembark. Please identify your luggage on the pier and ensure it is placed in the right transport before boarding your bus.

From all the Expedition Team and Crew on board the MV Hondius, we wish you safe onward travel, and thank you for sharing this incredible voyage with us. We look forward to sailing with you again in the future.

*"It's when you are safe at home that you're having an adventure. When you're having an adventure, you wish you were safe at home."
- Thorton Wilder -*