



Around Spitsbergen, in the Realm of Polar Bear and Ice

21st July 2026 – 30th July 2026

On board *m/v Ortelius*



M/V Ortelius was built in 1989 in Gdynia, Poland as a special-purpose research vessel for the Russian Academy of Science. She was originally named “Marina Svetaeva” after a well-known Russian poet. The vessel was purchased by Oceanwide Expeditions in 2011, re-flagged in The Netherlands, and re-named Ortelius. She was extensively re-fitted in 2019 and complies with the latest SOLAS-regulations (Safety Of Life At Sea). *M/V Ortelius* is 91.25 m long, 17.2 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5.4 m. She has ice class UL1 (Equivalent to 1A), 10.5 knots average cruising speed and propulsion is 6 ZL 40/48 SULZER. Ortelius is named after the Dutch cartographer Abraham Ortelius (1527-1598) who published the first modern world atlas, the *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* (Theatre of the World) in 1570. Her home port is Vlissingen.



Captain Per Andersson

[Sweden]

and his international crew of 53

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Able Seaman :	Christopher Sarial	[Philippines]
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WELCOME YOU ON BOARD!

Day 1 – Tuesday 21st July, Longyearbyen, Embarkation Day

17:00 GPS Position: 78°18.4' N / 015°16.1' E

Wind: NW-3 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Cloudy • Air Temperature: +5.6 °C

Our expedition began in Longyearbyen, the world's northernmost permanent settlement and the gateway to the High Arctic. While some of us had spent several days exploring the town, others of us arrived just in time for embarkation. Before boarding, many took the opportunity to wander through the colourful streets, surrounded by dramatic mountains and the calm waters of Isfjorden. Despite its remote location and Arctic climate, Longyearbyen offered a warm and welcoming first impression.

In the afternoon, we boarded *MV Ortelius*, where the expedition team and hotel staff welcomed us onboard. After settling into our cabins, we had time to become familiar with our new home as luggage was delivered and the ship prepared for departure.

Once everyone had embarked, we gathered in the lounge for the mandatory safety briefing. Following the introduction, we completed the SOLAS muster drill, donning our life jackets and practicing the ship's emergency procedures under the guidance of the crew. With all formalities complete, *Ortelius* cast off and began her voyage south through Adventfjorden and into Isfjorden.



Our expedition leader, Adam, officially welcomed everyone onboard and to start our expedition, introducing the expedition team and expedition philosophy that would guide the coming days. Rather than following a fixed itinerary, our plans would remain flexible, adapting to weather conditions, sea ice, wildlife opportunities and other factors that make every Arctic expedition unique. Our Captain, Per, followed up with a toast to a great voyage before our first dinner onboard was announced on the speakers by our hotel manager, Volva.

Our first dinner onboard provided an opportunity to get to know each other and share the excitement of the adventure ahead. The evening concluded with the distribution of our expedition Muck Boots, essential equipment for the many landings to come.

With preparations complete, and anticipation growing, we retired for the night as *Ortelius* continued her journey into the Arctic, ready for the first full day of exploration ahead.

Day 2 – Wednesday 22nd July, Fjortende Julibukta and Ny-Ålesund

12:00 GPS Position: 79°05.2'N / 011°36.2'E

Wind: NNW-2 • Sea: Rippled • Weather: Overcast • Air Temperature: 3.6°C



In the morning we listened to our mandatory briefings from Expedition Leader, Adam, regarding zodiac and polar bear safety, as well as how to behave responsibly as visitors to the Arctic regions.

By 10am, we were disembarking for the first time on our journey. First stop was Fjortende Julibukta for a zodiac cruise. We had two hours to explore and enjoy the many birds here near the glacier, including everyone's

favourite colourful bird, the puffin, which there were many of along the coastline and cliffs. Other birds we saw were glaucous gulls with chicks, guillemots, northern fulmars, and black legged kittiwakes.

Closer to the glacier, the weather began to turn. The sky darkened and cold rain began. The bay was chalked full with brash ice, completely socking in the glacier which meant we could not get as close as we typically would but it was a very beautiful sight still. We enjoyed the peaceful crackling sounds of the ice and the birds that surrounded them.

In the early afternoon we shuttled into the local dock at Ny-Ålesund, a day many had looked forward to when planning their visit to Svalbard. We had about 4 hours to visit the settlement where we visited the museum, gift shop, post office, and the bust of Amundsen. From the bust, we were offered two different tours out to the mast as they are outside of the walking area and a rifle was required. One tour was offered in Mandarin by Kana and the other in English by Gabi. Arctic foxes were also seen and a few seals in the harbour. As we began the shuttle back to the ship, we received a radio call from the Captain. Humpback whales had been seen near Ortelius. A few of us were lucky enough to witness a humpback



whale breach about 300 meters away. What a fantastic surprise for all.

Day 3 – Thursday 23rd July, Monacobreen and Texas Bar

12:00 GPS Position: 79°31.2'N / 012°24.1'E

Wind: SSW-2 • Sea: Rippled • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air Temperature: 5.6°C



We awoke to Adam's morning call with the ship lying peacefully in front of the magnificent Monacobreen. After breakfast, we boarded the zodiacs for a memorable cruise through the icy waters of Liefdefjorden. The calm conditions allowed us to approach the glaciers while navigating through brash ice and scattered icebergs.

During the cruise, Seligerbreen calved several times, each collapse echoing across the fjord with a thunderous roar. Cameras were quickly raised as everyone tried to capture the spectacular scenes. Midway towards Monacobreen, a group of beluga whales appeared in the distance. Although they stayed well offshore, their bright white bodies were clearly visible against the dark Arctic waters. As the cruise came to an end, Monacobreen treated us to an impressive calving event, sending huge blocks of ice crashing into the water and reminding us that these glaciers are constantly changing.



While we enjoyed lunch back on board, the ship sailed towards our afternoon landing site at Texas Bar. Once ashore, we could choose between long, medium, and leisure hikes. Our visit began at the historic trapper's cabin, built in 1927 by the Norwegian trappers Hilmar Nøis and Martin Pettersen Nøis. Despite its inviting name, Texas Bar was never actually a bar, but an important

shelter for trappers spending the long Arctic winters in Svalbard. We also learned about Hilmar Nøis, who famously spent 38 winters living and working in the high Arctic.



After the hikes came one of the expedition's most exciting traditions, the polar plunge. One by one, brave participants dashed into the icy Arctic water before returning to shore, where warm towels and plenty of cheers awaited them. The smiles afterwards suggested the brief swim was well worth the effort.

With everyone safely back on board, we continued north towards the pack ice. During the evening, we passed Møffen Island, where we were rewarded with wonderful views of walrus hauled out along the shore, surrounded by countless seabirds. It was a perfect ending to another unforgettable day of glaciers, wildlife, history, and true Arctic adventure.

Day 4 – Friday 24th July, A day in the Sea Ice

12:00 GPS Position: 81°07.1'N / 019°20.6'E

Wind: NNE-1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air Temperature: 2.1°C

Today began with an unforgettable early morning wake-up announcement as two blue whales were spotted directly ahead of the ship. Guests gathered quickly on deck and were rewarded with



exceptional views as the whales surfaced repeatedly for nearly twenty minutes. Watching the largest animals on Earth in the calm Arctic waters was a truly remarkable experience and a highlight of the voyage.

After breakfast, we continued deeper into the magnificent pack ice under excellent viewing conditions. Throughout the day, we encountered approximately 150 harp seals resting on the drifting floes, with many providing wonderful opportunities for observation and photography. Their relaxed behavior delighted everyone on board. We spent the remainder of the day carefully searching the ice for polar bears, scanning every pressure ridge and distant floe. Although no bears were found, the search itself was rewarding as we explored an ever-changing landscape of brilliant white ice and deep blue leads. The pack ice was exceptionally beautiful, with sculpted ridges, shimmering melt pools, and endless patterns created by wind and sea. The peaceful atmosphere and pristine scenery reminded us that every day in the High Arctic offers something unique. As the evening light settled over the ice, many guests remained on deck, appreciating the vastness and silence of this extraordinary environment. It was a memorable day defined by spectacular wildlife encounters and the timeless beauty of Svalbard's drifting pack ice.





Day 5 – Saturday 25th July, Kinnvika and Alkefjellet

12:00 GPS Position: 80°02.7'N / 018°13.2'E

Wind: NNW-4 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air Temperature: 4.6°C

After a 07:15 wake-up call, we headed up to the restaurant for breakfast and prepared ourselves for a landing in Kinnvika in Murchisonfjorden, on the island of Nordaustlandet. This island is almost 80% covered by an ice cap, but Kinnvika has already been free of ice for thousands of years, and therefore a surreal polar desert. Again, a totally different landscape than all the days before. That is one of the beauties of Spitsbergen, its diversity.



We boarded the Zodiacs and arrived ashore in the sheltered bay, and then to be matched with the right expedition guide to go for a long, medium or short hike. We all first went through the old station of Kinnvika. It was a research station, built by Sweden and Finland, during the International Geophysical Year between 1957 and 1959. Today it still remembers that period with an old amphibious vehicle and ten buildings spread over a flat area in front of the raised beaches in the back. Of course, they also built a sauna, as the Swedes and Finnish do! It is the northernmost sauna in Svalbard. In 2007 to 2008 this place was used by scientists from ten countries, to research the ice cap of Vestfonna. We had a look inside some buildings and took photos before we left the beach area and walked over the scree slopes to higher ground. The long hikers went to the top and had a beautiful overview over the area with different islands.

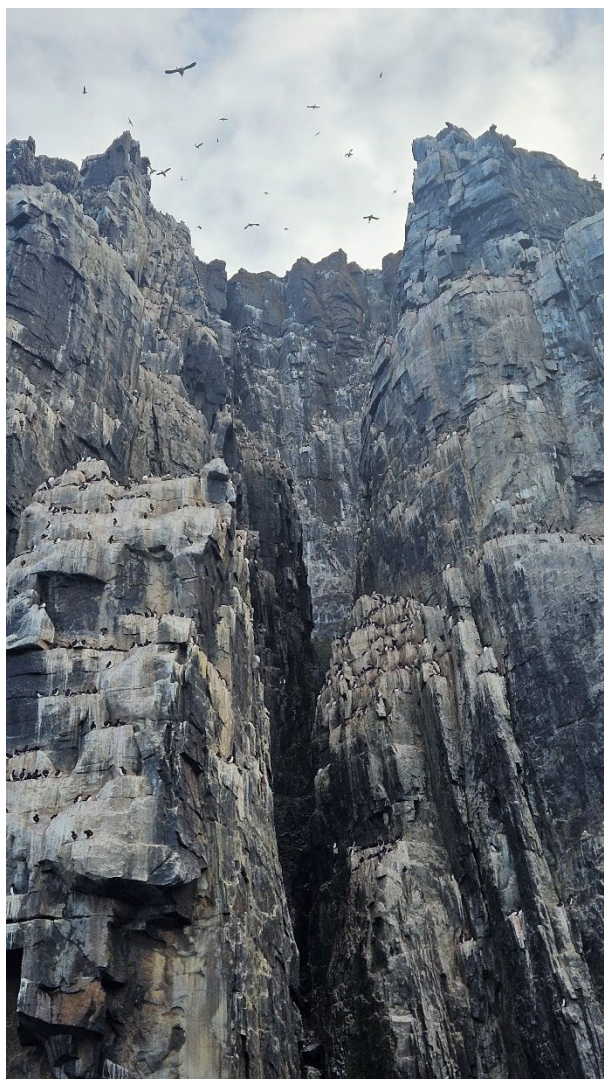
When we were on the ship in the morning, we did not expect to see this many flowers here, in this polar desert. But paying attention to every step we took we managed to photograph amongst others, Scurvy Grass, Tufted Saxifrage, Alpine Saxifrage, Drooping Saxifrage and the national flower of Svalbard, the Svalbard Poppy.



We went back to our MV Ortelius to have another delicious lunch prepared by the head chef Ivan and his galley team. We sailed across the Hinlopenstretet, the water separating Spitsbergen from Nordaustlandet. Our destination for this afternoon was Alkefjellet. This place is just magical with 100-meter-high cliffs, towering above the water, full of Brünnich's Guillemots. Around 60.000 pairs nest on these cliffs from May. Besides Brünnich's Guillemots we also spotted a few Black Guillemots and Glaucous Gulls with their brownish young. These cliffs would have already been a spectacle in itself, but then we were about to be treated with an even more exceptionally good afternoon. Getting into the zodiacs we were told that one of the expedition guides had spotted a mother polar bear with her cub on the beach, underneath the bird cliffs. Really exciting!

All Zodiacs came together, so we could all watch the bears. As they were laying on the grey gravel beach, they looked like rocks. But when we got closer, they indeed turned out to be the mayonnaise-colored furry bears. They decided to move up the slope a little and stopped occasionally, when the cub would drink with her mum. So cute to watch that. After some good time spent with them, the expedition guides took us even closer to the cliffs and slowly drifted along to see and hear the birds. They don't really make a nest, as they lay their blue-green-pear-shaped eggs on a small ledge, where they can hardly sit themselves. Like sardines in a can, they sit closely together. Their twittering was a wonderful sound and hundreds of birds kept flying in and out every second to the cliffs or landed on the water. At the end, the cliffs got a little lower and we could see the hanging glaciers coming off the big ice sheet above, creating beautiful waterfalls.

After this wonderful afternoon we headed back to the ship and met the expedition team up in the bar for the plans for the next day and listened to some interesting stories from the guides. After dinner some of us went out or on the bridge to enjoy the scenery of some smaller islands we were sailing past. At one point, we thought we had spotted another polar bear, but that turned out to be a rock.





Day 6 – Sunday 26th July, Discobukta and Kapp Lee

12:00 GPS Position: 77°56.3'N / 021°18.5'E

Wind: SSE-2 • Sea: Rippled • Weather: Clear Sky / Fog • Air Temperature: 5°C

We had set course for Sundneset, where several hiking options were planned, when Adam's soothing voice came over the speakers: "Good morning, good morning, good morning...". It was a slightly earlier wake-up call than expected, but with a very good reason: two polar bears had been spotted. Still half asleep, we quickly pulled on our warm layers and gathered on deck. Before us lay a mother and her cub, sleeping peacefully in the quiet Arctic landscape. It was a gentle and unforgettable way to begin the day.

As the bears were resting quite close to our intended landing site, we left them undisturbed and turned towards Discobukta instead. This spectacular place is rarely visited because of its shallow waters and tricky approach, but the tides and winds were playing in our favour. We managed to reach the shore and began our first landing of the day, and we could not have imagined a better Plan B.



We walked into a dramatic canyon, surrounded by the calls of hundreds of black-legged kittiwakes nesting high on the cliffs. The air was alive with movement and noise. Before long,



Arctic foxes began appearing one by one, approaching from several directions in search of an easy meal beneath the bird colony. Some watched us curiously from the slopes, while others moved quickly among the rocks, constantly alert for falling eggs or chicks. After exploring the canyon, many of us found comfortable places among the rocks, lounging in the sunshine and taking in the views. With the sound of the birds echoing around us and foxes still moving through the landscape, it was difficult to leave when the time came to return to the ship for lunch.

In the afternoon, we anchored near a fog-covered Kapp Lee. Visibility had almost disappeared, and an extraordinary white fog bow stretched across the horizon. We climbed into the zodiacs and headed into the mist, where playful and charismatic walrus soon appeared in the water.

They approached the boats from several directions, lifting their enormous heads above the surface and inspecting us with obvious curiosity. As the fog gradually began to lift, the coastline emerged and revealed a large walrus haul-out. Dozens of animals rested together on the shore.

Then we noticed something remarkable behind them: a massive adult male polar bear, fast asleep. We kept a generous distance and quietly admired the sleeping “king of the Arctic,” while walrus continued to surround our zodiacs. The contrast was extraordinary, the lively, inquisitive walrus in the water and the enormous bear sleeping peacefully on land.





Only the final few boats remained on the water when another surprise appeared. A small group of belugas moved quickly along the shoreline, their pale bodies briefly visible through the calm water. It was a short encounter, but an incredible final addition to a day already overflowing with wildlife. From a sleeping mother and cub at sunrise to Arctic foxes, hundreds of kittiwakes, curious walruses, a huge male polar bear and finally belugas, our unexpected Plan B became a truly unforgettable Arctic day.

Day 7 – Monday 27th July, Boltodden and Strongbreen

12:00 GPS Position: 77°29.3'N / 018°10.1'E

Wind: NNE-4 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air Temperature: 6.3°C

Today, Ortelius returned to the southeastern coast of Spitsbergen and dropped anchor near Boltodden. The steep mountains came back into our view again. After breakfast, we got ready and set off for a new day's hiking. Boltodden is famous for the discovery of *Iguanodon* footprints along its coastline. Boltodden is located in the Kvalvågen area on the east coast of Spitsbergen Island in Svalbard, Norway, a high - latitude region in the Arctic (with a paleolatitude of about 63°–66°N in the Early Cretaceous). Svalbard was then on the northwestern edge of the Eurasian Plate. In 1976, archaeologists discovered two footprints in Boltodden and misidentified them as those of medium-sized theropod dinosaurs, based on the sharp "claw marks". In 2012 and 2014, another archaeological team returned to the area and newly identified at least 34 previously unrecognized footprints, bringing the total number of clearly recorded footprints at this site to 36. Through comprehensive morphological analysis (wider than long, blunt - ended toes, wide and round metatarsal pads), preservation features (the presence of fore - footprints), and sedimentological



evidence, the author completely refuted the theropod hypothesis and established that all the footprints belong to ornithopod dinosaurs. Therefore, this new discovery suggests that quadrupedal ornithopods may have been more widely distributed and more adaptable in the northern part of Laurasia than the fossil record shows.

Between 1909 and 1910, two hunters spent a rather perilous winter here. Due to the shabby construction of the hut and insufficient preparation of firewood, one of them had his toes severely frostbitten and finally had to have them amputated by his companion. The two were finally rescued after an 18-day boat journey to Isfjorden.

Here, we still carried out hiking activities of different intensities as usual. The long hiking group set off northward to the highlands after observing the Iguanodon footprints. Along the way, they saw the tundra landscape unique to the southern part of the archipelago and various polar plants.



They also found traces of tools and buildings presumably left by early Pomor hunters. The medium hikers walked along the coastline, enjoying the sea views on both the east and west sides. They closely observed the rocks in various shapes that had been weathered and the lichens growing tenaciously on them. Near the landing point, skuas, purple sandpipers, and snow buntings flew back and forth from time to time, busy in their breeding season.



In the afternoon, after a short voyage, Ortelius arrived at the front edge of Strongbreen on the northwest side. The glacier here continuously calves, producing a large volume of high-density deep blue icebergs. At the confluence of several glaciers, abundant moraine sediments generated by the friction between glacial ice and mountain rock have been frozen and accumulated. When the glacier is illuminated by sunlight, it occasionally unfurls a magnificent scene reminiscent of a traditional Chinese ink wash painting.

During the Zodiac cruise, we unexpectedly spotted the rare ivory gull. This marked another close encounter with the glacier following our excursion at Monacobreen, offering us a precious chance to take in the unique landscapes of Svalbard in detail amid our daily wildlife-watching expeditions.

Day 8 – Tuesday 28th July – Bamsebu and Vårsolbukta

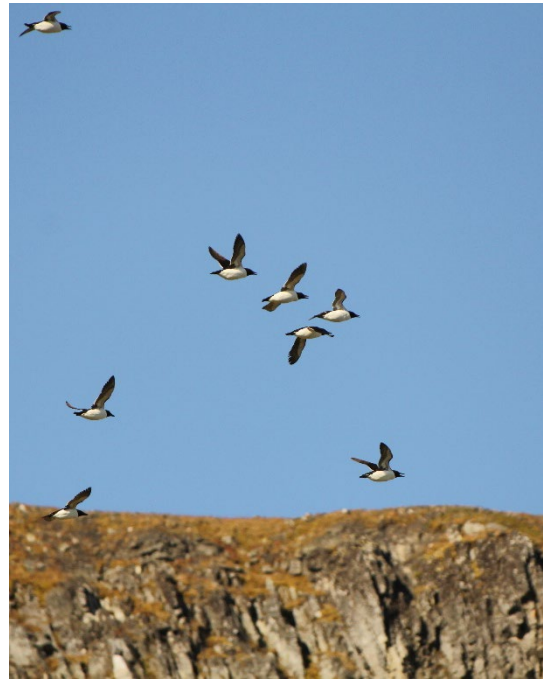
12:00 GPS Position: 77°33.5'N / 015°04.9'E

Wind: E-3 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Clear Sky • Air Temperature: 8.3°C

We woke up to a beautiful sunny day and got ready for our morning landing in Bamsebu. As we came ashore, we were met by a small cabin, the Bamsebu cabin, and further along the beach piles of beluga whale bones and remains of wooden whaling boats. We divided into hiking groups and headed off to explore the landscape. Well into the plains of Arctic tundra, we spotted small herds of reindeer, also some cute calves following in the footsteps of their mother. We were now finding ourselves on the west side of Svalbard again, and here the tundra is well vegetated and plenty of food is available for the reindeer to grass. On these plains of lush vegetation, we also observed barnacle geese, a pair of long tailed skuas and ringed plovers. As we were heading back towards the landing site, some of us spotted some polar foxes in between some rocky hills. Suddenly we were lucky to witness five polar fox pups playing around on the mossy ground and between the rocks. What an incredible and rare experience! Others of us enjoyed a shorter walk enjoying the many flowers blooming in between the moss and grass.



In the afternoon, we entered the bay Vårsolbukta with the mountain Ingeborgfjellet raising tall behind the landing site. This bay is named “Spring sun bay” translated from Norwegian, and it was quite fitting with the beautiful sunny weather we were fortunate to experience this day. This time the guides created a perimeter where we could roam freely between them. Another rich tundra and smaller herds of reindeer enjoying grassing along the slopes of the mountain. Further up the mountain, up in the cliff sides, a colony of little auks were nesting, creating some spectacle of sound. Every now and then, a flock of them made a sweep over the sky, flashing their white bellies, what a coordination to fly together in such speed and elegance. A scope was brought onshore so that everyone could enjoy observing the colony from the ground. In another



side of the perimeter, some foxes were observed. Together all this life in the tundra reminds us of the incredible adaptation these different species have evolved to thrive in the summer and endure the winter, but also of how the west side of Svalbard also provides a gentler climate to thrive in than further to the east. As we were slowly making our way back to the landing site and getting ready for our zodiac drive back to the ship, we also spotted some beluga whales out in the fjord and some seals resting on the rocks now exposed as the tide was moving out .

Back onboard the ship, the galley team had prepared an Arctic BBQ on the outside decks. Tables and benches were lined up and a buffet of food and drinks were ready for us to enjoy. The weather





was still on our side, with pleasant temperature and the sun still shining, and the beautiful view of the mountain Ingeborgfjellet and our landing spot. It could not have been better conditions for an Arctic BBQ. After the food, the tables and benches were all moved away and the floor was ready for some dance moves to be shown off.

Day 9 – Wednesday 29th July – Selmaneset and Ymerbukta

12:00 GPS Position: 78°14.5'N / 013°57.9'E

Wind: S-1 • Sea: Rippled • Weather: Clear Sky • Air Temperature: 12.7°C



We woke up to yet another sunny beautiful morning on the west coast of Spitsbergen. The day started with a slightly earlier wake up call, again. Another polar bear had been spotted at Alkhornet, our planned afternoon landing site. We got a view of the polar bear before it moved behind some rocks, and then we continued on to our morning landing location, Selmaneset. Another day of exploration of the vegetated tundra with sunny clear skies above. In our walking groups we all could enjoy more reindeer and flowers as we moved across the land. Our destination today was to make it to some rocky areas where we were promised some fossil sites from about 49 million years ago. And it was worth the hike there. We walked between two rocky walls on either side, where the one side was covered in small and larger fossils from corals and



brachiopod shells. The other side had a different type of colour and consistency, and it was fascinating to think about the fact that we were walking between two different geological times, one where huge amounts of life had died and were now preserved for us to observe.

In the afternoon, Adam had found another location to do a landing as the polar bear on Alkhornet made that location not possible anymore. Our new landing spot was Ymerbukta and a visit to the glacier Esmarkbreen. Once an impressive, crevassed glacier, now it had retreated onto land and was slowly melting from above making the surface smooth. This time we were also able to road freely within a perimeter made of the guides. We enjoyed hiking up a hill for a view of the bay. The terrain of the glacier moraine was rocky and silty, and some areas were hard to cross as small streams made the sediment unsteady. Closer to the glacier front, we could observe how the glacier ice was melting in front of our eyes in the strong sun. Small streams were making their way along the glacier ice and through the moraine terrain into the fjord water. Some Arctic terns were flying about, and sometimes attacking when people went too close to their nests.



Back onboard the ship, we had our daily recap in the lounge, but this time as the last evening, Captain Per was once again raising his glass for a cheers, this time a cheers for a successful expedition together. What an incredible journey we have had exploring the Arctic together. In the dining room, a plated dinner was waiting for us to enjoy as we sailed further in Isfjorden the last stretch to Longyearbyen.

Day 10 –Thursday 30th July – Longyearbyen, Kullkaia. Disembarkation Day

07:00 GPS Position: 78°14.6' N / 015°33.2' E

Wind: SE-4 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Clear Sky • Air Temperature +10°C

Well docked by the key side, Kullkaia, in Longyearbyen, we woke up one last time to Adam's calm voice. We put our luggage outside our cabins and headed for one last breakfast buffet onboard. Outside, the sun was still shining and the waters of Adventfjorden were calm. The expedition team organized our luggage on the pier, and we made sure we were on the right bus for the airport or for town. It was time to say goodbye to the expedition team and crew onboard, and to our fellow travelers and new friends. What an amazing journey this has been exploring the Arctic wilderness. With unforgettable memories we were ready to travel home.

Total distance sailed on our voyage: 1083 nautical miles

Most northern point sailed: 81°40.7' N, 021°09.1' E



Your Oceanwide Expeditions Team

North Spitsbergen Explorer

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Adam Burke – Expedition Leader



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

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

After spending five years teaching white water safety & rescue and boat handling techniques to the fire brigade, he moved

on to providing marine science support in Antarctica. He has spent over five years living between the Antarctic continent and the island of South Georgia, including overwintering twice.

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

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

Rustyn Mesdag – Asst. Exp. Leader



Rustyn Mesdag was born in Seattle, Washington. He was working as an alpine guide, when in 2004 he relocated to Chilean Patagonia where he started a guide service outside of Torres del Paine National Park, specializing in long distance treks and big wall climbing.

For 25 years he has been leading climbers, travelers and trekkers through the most extreme terrains around the world. Aside from the guide service, he moonlighted as a travel writer, published an English speaking travelers newspaper in Patagonia, operated equipment centers & immigrated between four countries.

Always looking for the next adventure, Rustyn still finds himself working around the world, in such places as South America, Antarctica, Canada, Greenland, Svalbard, Iceland, the Amazon and East Africa - helping others explore. Rustyn speaks English, Dutch and Spanish and is more than happy to sit and spend time discussing world travels, off-grid living, alpine climbing and the in's & out's of cold weather equipment management.

中文

拉斯廷·梅斯达格出生于美国华盛顿州西雅图市。在成为高山向导后，他于 2004 年移居智利巴塔哥尼亚，在百内国家公园周边创办了向导服务公司，专注于长距离徒步与大岩壁攀登项目。

25 年来，他一直带领登山者、旅行者和徒步爱好者穿越全球最极端的地形。除向导工作外，他还兼职旅行作家，在巴塔哥尼亚出版过英文旅行者报纸，运营过装备中心，且曾在四个国家之间迁徙生活。

始终追寻下一场冒险的拉斯廷，如今仍活跃在全球各地 —— 包括南美洲、南极、加拿大、格陵兰岛、斯瓦尔巴、冰岛、亚马逊地区及东非，助力更多人实现探险梦想。

拉斯廷会说英语、荷兰语、西班牙语。他非常乐意花时间与人们畅谈环球旅行、离网生活、高山攀登，以及寒冷天气下装备管理的各类技巧与细节。

Xinpeng Rao - Expedition Guide



Rao was born in Harbin China, the city full of snow and ice. This is still the reason he gives to others that he is really afraid of hot, he is a true northern man.

His hometown made him full of love in ice and ocean. After he retired from CAPF army and finished college in 2011, he works as an international tour leader in Travel agency for 6 years, during that time, he first went to Europe for western history, then Africa for wildlife.

After his first time in Antarctica, he actually found that most of the information written in Chinese such as Baidu in some common sense about Polar region were totally wrong. Then he decided to make some change.

Now 5 years since that first tour leader trip, during this time he tried to learn anything he could. He has some friends also working in polar region as a staff or a translator. They together making Science popularization in China.

Rao always encourage people to learn from the place they have been. Now the world changing so fast, every modern city looks like same. Original culture and wild environment were taken place by “modern”. That is also the reason why now the wildlife tour is more and more popular in tourism industry.

中文

饶出生在哈尔滨这座充满冰天雪地的城市，这也是他非常怕热的理由——因为他是北方人。

家乡让他从小就爱上了冰雪和海洋。2011 年，他从武警部队退役，并在大学毕业后，在旅行社担任了 6 年的国际领队，在旅行的过程中，他先是去欧洲学习西方历史，然后去了非洲学习野生动物。

在他第一次去南极后，他发现实际上大多数国内书写的知识，比如百度百科，在关于极地的许多常识信息都是完全错误的。从此他决定做些改变。

现在距离他第一次领队旅行已经 5 年了，在这段时间里，他试图在船上学习任何他能学到的东西。他有一些朋友也在极地地区作为探险队或翻译。他们一同试图在国内进行科普教育。

他总是鼓励人们在旅途中学习。现在的世界变化之快，每个现代城市看起来都是一样的。民俗文化和野生环境被“现代社会”所取代。这也是为什么现在野生环境为目的地的旅游在旅游业中越来越受欢迎的原因。

Brenya Green – Expedition Guide



Brenya grew up in a small town along the Grand River in Southern Ontario, Canada. After relocating to Toronto to pursue a career in Social Work, her journey took an unexpected turn into the world of expedition ships and has been in the industry since 2016.

Her primary focus over the years has been the polar regions, Canadian Arctic, Greenland, and Antarctica, but she has also worked in Scotland, Iceland, Seychelles, and Madagascar and has often found herself spending more time at sea than on land. Through the years, she has filled many different roles from

office leadership to field guide.

When she's not on board, Brenya is focused on building her off-grid cabin located in Washington State.

Gabi Kolodko – Expedition Guide



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

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

Gabi's enthusiasm for the cold extends beyond her travels; she actively practices the Wim Hof method and regularly takes on ice baths, walrusing, and cryotherapy throughout the year. A memorable encounter with a herd of Musk Oxen in 1993 at Herschel Island off the Canadian Arctic coast sparked her love for Arctic wildlife, with the Gentoo Penguin now topping her list of favorites in Antarctica.

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

Yu Kan Cheng – Expedition Guide



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

After earning her degree in accounting and working in an office, Yu Kan realized her passion for nature and adventure surpassed her interest in an office job. Seeing people's joy and growth has brought her more fulfillment than working with numbers. Therefore, she transitioned to the outdoor education industry, where she spent 10 years providing experiential learning in an outdoor setting for children aged 8-18. Witnessing the growth and development of these children has been her most significant achievement.

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

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

中文

Kana, 中文名是宇芹 (Yu Kan), 意为“在宇宙中创造价值”。这一信念塑造了她的人生观, 认为生命的意义在于找到价值, 并给予她积极的人生态度: 你可以在生活中完成一切。宇芹在香港出生和长大, 这座城市以其高耸的摩天大楼而闻名。但实际上, 香港也有迷人的海岸和山脉景观。

在获得会计学学位并在办公室工作后, 宇芹意识到她对自然和冒险的热情超过了对办公室工作的兴趣。看到人们的快乐和成长带给她比处理数字更多的满足感。因此, 她转入户外教育行业, 花了10年时间为8至18岁的孩子提供户外体验式学习。见证这些孩子的成长和发展是她工作中最显著的成就。

宇芹精通粤语、普通话和英语, 这使她有机会在不同国家工作和生活, 包括中国、马来西亚、澳大利亚、英国和新西兰。她在不同大陆的旅行使她对探索多样文化感到舒适和深感兴趣。

2024年, 宇芹加入了Oceanwide Expeditions。她非常期待为所有乘客提供一次独特而难忘的体验。

Frank Shi – Translator



experiences and engage in conversations.

Frank Shi, also known as Jingjing Shi, is a seasoned translator and free diving instructor. Graduating from Concordia University in Montreal, Canada, Frank has extensive work and life experience in English-speaking environments. He has served as a resident instructor in Moalboal, Philippines; Saipan, USA; and Bali, Indonesia, and won the bronze medal in the free diving Asian Cup's no-fins category in 2019. Frank has a deep passion for nature and wildlife, having grown up watching various wildlife documentaries, from Discovery Channel to the 2024 National Geographic production "The Queen of Nature," which he has watched multiple times. He particularly admires two narrators, China's Zhao Zhongxiang and the UK's Sir David Attenborough. As a translator, Frank is dedicated to helping the team overcome language barriers and ensuring smooth communication. Additionally, Frank is an avid fitness and outdoor enthusiast with years of Crossfit training experience. He enjoys surfing, skiing, hiking, and motorcycle touring, having logged over 30,000 kilometers on his rides. Whether at work or during leisure time, Frank is always eager to share his

中文

史泾京，英文名Frank，是一位经验丰富的翻译和自由潜水教练。他毕业于加拿大蒙特利尔的康考迪亚大学，拥有在英语环境多年的工作和生活经验。史泾京曾在菲律宾墨宝、美国塞班岛和印度尼西亚巴厘岛担任驻店教练，并在2019年自由潜亚洲杯中获得无蹼项目季军。他对自然和野生动物有着深厚的热爱，从小喜欢观看各类野生动物纪录片，从探索栏目到2024年国家地理拍摄的《大自然的女王》，他都曾反复观看。他特别欣赏两位配音大师，中国的赵忠祥老师和英国的大卫爱登堡爵士。作为翻译，他致力于帮助团队消除语言障碍，确保沟通顺畅。此外，史泾京还是一位健身和户外运动爱好者，拥有多年Crossfit训练经历，热衷于冲浪、滑雪、徒步和摩托车旅行，累计骑行里程超过3万公里。无论是在工作中还是闲暇时，他都乐于与大家分享经验和交流。

Saskia van der Meij – Exp. guide



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.

Johanne Skrefsrud – Expedition 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.

Veronique Verhoeven – Ships doctor



No one wants to get sick on the ship!!

....but if you do, you are in the good hands of ship's doctor Veronique.

When she was nine years old, her grandma gave her for Christmas a book on Christopher Columbus, which fascinated her so much that she decided she wanted to become an explorer too.

For years she fell asleep at night dreaming of future great adventures.

However, soon she found out that many of these explorers die young, poor and miserable, and she decided to change career.

That is how she ended up being an emergency doctor and a Professor in general practice at the University of Antwerp, Belgium.

Her first experience in the polar regions was a trekking expedition with scientists in Svalbard in 2005, where she acted, besides as the doctor, also as a cook and a watch keeper for polar bears at night. Since this wonderful experience, she has returned to the Arctic and the Antarctic every year, with Oceanwide Expeditions.

Among her hobbies are whitewater kayaking, kitesurfing and playing the oboe in an orchestra.



Around Spitsbergen

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Embarkation – Longyearbyen

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

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

±1700 **Welcome & safety briefing** - Please join us in the **lounge (deck 6)** for a **mandatory** safety briefing and lifeboat drill. **All passengers must attend.**
Thank you.

Lifeboat Drill

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

1815 **Welcome Meeting.** Please join your hotel manager Volodymyr in **the lounge (deck 6)** for an introduction to our ship Ortelius.

1830 The meeting will be followed by welcome drinks with Captain Andersson and a chance to meet the Expedition team and learn more about our voyage around Spitsbergen.

1900 **Buffet Dinner** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4)

After dinner we will issue rubber boots. Please listen for announcements.

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.

As we approach Kongsfjord, all Bluetooth and WiFi must be switched off as they interfere with the scientific equipment on shore.

- 0715 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!
- 0730 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 0830 **Mandatory Polar Bear safety briefing and Zodiac briefing. All passengers please attend.**
Please be prompt at the meeting. The sooner we finish the meeting, the sooner we can get out and explore!
- +/- 1000 **14 Julibukta**
This morning we hope to take you on a zodiac cruise in 14th Julibukta where we will cruise some small cliffs where we often see puffins. There are high cliffs where colonies of kittiwakes and guillemots nest and on the slopes below we sometimes see reindeer and foxes.
- 1300 **Lunch Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 1445 **Ny Alesund**
This afternoon we hope to walk down the gangway and step ashore at the settlement of Ny Alesund which claims to be the most northerly settlement in the world. Please stay on the roads and do not enter any buildings apart from the museums and shop. You can send cards from the most northerly Post Office! CARD PAYMENTS ONLY. There will be a chance to walk out to the historic balloon mast, but you must only do this with a guide. Timings will be arranged. **Do not leave the settlement on your own.**
- 1500 Guided walk to historical airship hanger (Chinese). Meet at zodiac landing site.
- 1600 Guided walk to historical airship hanger (English). Meet at Amundsen bust.
- 1830 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the lounge (deck 6) for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Dinner** is available in the dining room for 1 hour.



Around Spitsbergen

Thursday, July 23, 2026
Texas Bar and Monacobreen

0715 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!

0730 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).

0845 **Monacobreen Zodiac Cruise**

This afternoon we hope to take you out on a zodiac cruise at the impressive Monacobreen. This is one of the most iconic glacier fronts in Svalbard. It is named after Prince Albert I of Monaco, for his 1898 and 1907 oceanographic expeditions to map the area. Dress warmly and enjoy the ice. We will be looking for seals and other wildlife.

1230 **Lunch Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).

1415 **Texas Bar Landing**

This morning we hope to take you ashore at Texas Bar where there is one of the most famous trapper huts in Svalbard. It is also a good place for hiking in the lower hills so we will offer our usual hiking groups.

*At the end of the landing we will offer a **Polar Plunge!***
We will bring the towels.

1830 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the lounge (deck 6) for our daily recap and briefing.

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

We will be arriving at the ice edge around breakfast time and will spend the day in the ice enjoying the frozen wilderness and looking for wildlife. Please join us on deck to help with the search and experience the Arctic pack ice.

If we find any special wildlife, we postpone presentations during the day.

- 0745 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 1000 **Presentation – Everything Sea Ice**
Join Johanne in the lounge for a closer look at the importance of sea ice for our climate and the polar ecosystem.
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 1500 **Presentation - Polar Bear Necessities**
To expand on our knowledge of polar bears, please join Gabi in the lounge to hear some facts and their historical significance.
- 1815 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the lounge (deck 6) for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the dining room on deck 4.



Around Spitsbergen

Saturday, July 25, 2026
Kinnvika and Alkefjellet

- 0715 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!
- 0730 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 0845 **Kinnvika - Landing**
This morning we will visit this abandoned Swedish-Finnish scientific research station located on Nordaustlandet, Svalbard, originally built for the International Geophysical Year.
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 1500 **Alkefjellet - Zodiac Cruise**
This is 1km long and 160 metre tall bird cliff hosts over 60,000 breeding pairs of Brunnich's Guillemots, along with other bird life, all scrambling for any available ledges during the breeding months. Wrap up warm so you can enjoy the full spectacle.
- 1830 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition team in the lounge (deck 6) for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Dinner** is available in the dining room (deck 4).

- 0715 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!
- 0730 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 1030+/- **Diskobukta Landing**
Our landing this morning will bring us where the remains of two huts can be found on the shore, including the old trapper's hut 'Villa Disko', and on the slope of a nearby mountain, a gorge with a colony of kittiwakes.
- 1300 **Lunch Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 1530 **Kapp Lee**
This historic site in the Northwestern corner of Edgeøya is home to a walrus haul out during the summer months. We hope to zodiac cruise along the coastline.
- 1830 **Recap** – Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge (deck 6) for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Dinner** is available in the dining room for 1 hour.



East Spitsbergen

Monday, July 27, 2026
Boltodden and Strongbreen

- 0715 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!
- 0730 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 0845 **Boltodden - Landing**
We have an exciting opportunity to visit Boltodden, a site on the East coast of Spitsbergen where layers of rock form a picturesque landscape for hiking and the largest collection of Dinosaur footprints on Svalbard.
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 1415 **Strongbreen - Zodiac Cruise**
We hope to set off in the zodiacs to cruise the 5km wide glacier front of Strongbreen which calves impressive dense blue ice into the inlet west of Boltodden.
- 1830 **Recap** - Please join the Expedition team in the lounge (deck 6) for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Enjoy Dinner!**

- 0715 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!
- 0730 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 0845 **Bamsebu - Landing**
This landing site lies on the southern shores of Van Keulenfjorden in Bellsund. A cabin was erected here to use as a whaling station in the 1930's and the shores are lined with evidence of these times. Wildlife, history and geology all contribute to the character of this site.
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 1415 **Vårsolbukta - Landing**
Here we hope to go ashore and observe Little Auks in the scree slopes above us as we take a short walk around the cultural remains where early 20th century mineral exploration left its mark.
- 1830 **Recap** - Please join the Expedition team in the lounge (deck 6) for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **A special dinner** will be served. Dress warmly!

- 0715 **Wake up call** - Good Morning!
- 0730 **Breakfast Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 0845 **Salmaneset - Landing**
We hope to land on this spit of land that divides two large fjords with vertically tiled rock layers filled with fossils. We will visit low tundra, grazing ground for reindeer, and hike up onto the rock promontory to have views across Isfjorden.
- 1230 **Lunch Buffet** is available in the **dining room** for 1 hour (deck 4).
- 1415 **Alkhornet Landing**
This afternoon we hope to go ashore at Alkhornet where we will explore the area in our hiking groups. There is a huge cliff where over 60,000 Kittiwakes nest along with Brünnich's guillemots. It is often a good place to see reindeer feeding on the grassy slopes and we sometimes see Arctic foxes amongst the rocks below the cliffs.
- 1815 **Recap** - Please join the Expedition team in the lounge (deck 6) for our daily recap and briefing.
- 1900 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 4).



Around Svalbard

Thursday, July 30, 2026
Disembarkation - Longyearbyen

- 0715 **Wake up call** - Good Morning! Please place your large check in luggage outside your cabin before you go to breakfast.
- 0730 Breakfast Buffet is available in the dining room for 1 hour.
- 0900 All guests on Flight **SK4491 (10:45)** will take a bus from the ship to the airport. Please put a **BLUE LABEL** on your luggage. Your luggage will travel with you to the airport.
- 0900 All guests on Flight **SK4493 (17:15)** will take a bus to town. Please put an **RED TAG** on your luggage. Your bus to the airport will leave town at **15.15** Your luggage will be waiting for you at the airport in a truck.
- 0900 Guests heading to the Radisson Blue Hotel will be picked up at **09.00**. Please place a **YELLOW TAG** on your luggage. Your luggage will arrive with you at the hotel.
- 0900 All guests staying in town take the bus to town and make your way to your hotel. Please do **NOT** put any label on your luggage. Take it on the bus with you.

From the Captain, all the crew and the Expedition Team on board the MV Ortelius, 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.