



North East Greenland Solar Eclipse Explorer Voyage

3rd – 16th August 2026

On board *m/v Plancius*



M/v *Plancius* was built in 1976 as an oceanographic research vessel for the Royal Dutch Navy and was named “Hr. Ms. *Tydeman*”. The vessel was completely rebuilt as a passenger vessel in 2009 and complies with the latest SOLAS-regulations (Safety Of Life At Sea). M/v *Plancius* is 89 m long, 14.5 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5 m, ice class 1D, 10,5 knots average cruising speed and has 3 Diesel- Electric engines.



Captain Christophe Colaris

and his international crew of 51 sailors

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WE WELCOME YOU ON BOARD!

Day 1 – Monday 3rd June Embarkation Day - Longyearbyen

08h00 GPS Position: 78°14.0'N / 015°35.4'E

Wind: NE2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: partly cloudy • Air temperature: +8°C



After arriving in Longyearbyen on embarkation day, we could finally feel the excitement building as our Arctic adventure was about to begin. Throughout the afternoon, we watched our luggage being shuttled from the quay out to *MV Plancius*, patiently waiting at anchor in the bay. By 4:00 p.m., we were lining up eagerly to board the Zodiacs for our first trip across the water. To our

delight, the weather was on our side, and we enjoyed a smooth, dry transfer to the ship - something we knew we couldn't take for granted in the Arctic!

Once on board, everything seemed to happen at once as we settled into our cabins, explored our new home for the voyage, and attended the mandatory safety briefings. We then joined Captain Christophe Colaris for a welcome cocktail, officially marking the beginning of our expedition, before sitting down to a delicious first dinner with our fellow travellers.



Later that evening, as *MV Plancius* slipped out of Isfjorden and headed north towards our first adventure, many of us gathered on deck to soak up the incredible scenery. The distinctive flat-topped mountains surrounding the fjord glowed in the soft Arctic evening light, giving us a spectacular first taste of Svalbard. With the coastline slowly fading into the distance, the excitement for the days ahead only continued to grow.

Day 2 – Tuesday 4th August - Smeerenburg and Ytre Noskoya

08h00 GPS Position: 79°38.0'N / 010°55.2'E

Wind: NE2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air temperature: +6°C



After welcoming passengers on board, we sailed overnight towards the northwestern part of Spitsbergen. We arrived early in the vicinity of Danskøya, a large island north of Albert I Land. Early in the morning, our Captain crossed the strait of Sörgattet to enter the large area known as Smeerenburgfjorden.

Slowly, we sailed into it, enjoying great views of all the small bays located to the east of our position, many of them featuring various glaciers.

After breakfast, our Expedition Leader, Chloé, started her safety briefing, discussing the rules that govern operations in this desolate Norwegian archipelago. The first part of the briefing covered how we operate under the AECO guidelines. AECO is the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators and, as such, implements operational protocols to help ensure the preservation of this beautiful place. Afterwards, she described our onboard protocols for getting in and out of the Zodiacs, the small inflatable boats we use to bring passengers ashore. Finally, she explained how to behave in the event of an encounter with a polar bear. Many mandatory briefings, all aimed at ensuring your safety!

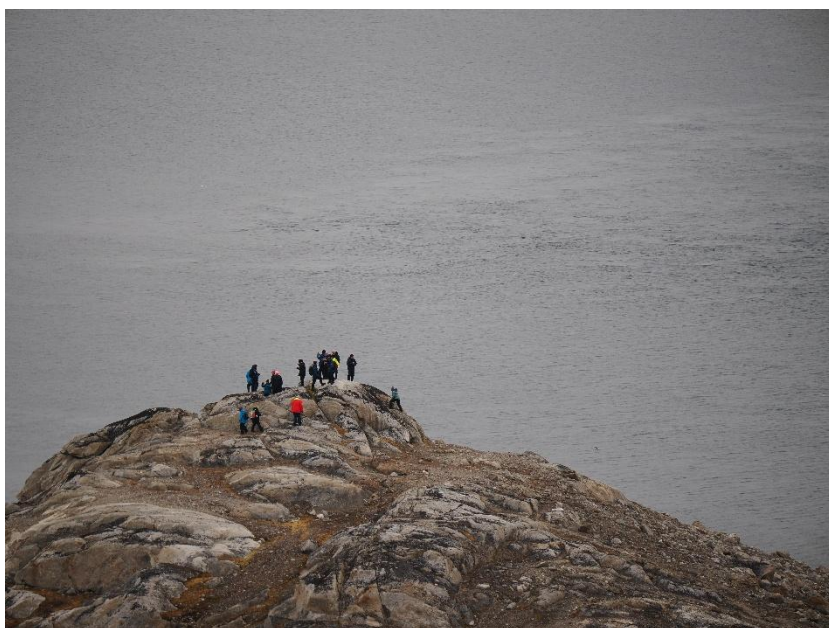




Around 10:00, we started our operations, launching our first Zodiacs into the water with the aim of visiting the old Dutch whaling station of Smeerenburg, which operated between 1619 and 1660. Given the number of whales hunted, the station was eventually abandoned when there were no longer enough whales to be found in the area.

What brought us there was not just the historical significance of the place: today, wildlife thrives along its beaches. Indeed, as we landed, we organised our passengers to visit a large number of walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) hauling out on the shore.

We estimated that a few dozen animals were present at the time of our visit. We were very proud to see how our passengers followed the instructions provided by the staff and behaved respectfully when approaching the animals. The activity finished around 12:30, by which time the last Zodiac had been hoisted back on board. While our passengers enjoyed their first lunch on board, our navigation officers



repositioned the ship. We hove anchor and started a short passage across Fair Haven and the Cooksundet, aiming to reach the northwestern side of a small island called Ytre Norskøya, the place where we would undertake our second operation of the day. After circling the island from northwest to north and then southeast, we dropped anchor and started launching the Zodiacs.

Our intention was to offer hikes with different levels of physical demand. Charlotte and Koen led the long hike, which visited the top of the island, a small summit called Utkiken, 151 metres above sea level. The second group, led by Ursula, Sven, Gaby and Eduardo, aimed to walk to the base of Utkiken. As the walk progressed, this medium-difficulty group was divided into two subgroups: one led by Ursula and Sven,

which continued higher towards Utkiken, and a smaller one led by Gaby and Eduardo, which went to Utkikpynten, a lookout point offering beautiful views of the landscape.



A smaller group was organised by Michelle and Chloé for those wishing to stay in the vicinity of the landing site. It is fair to say that we all had fun walking on the island, regardless of the difficulty of the stroll, and that we all enjoyed good views of the landscape, our ship and the sea. Those who ventured higher up the island were rewarded with

sightings of wildlife, including several Arctic foxes, puffins and a number of other species.

The last of us returned to the ship at 18:30. After sorting the equipment and taking a shower, we had our daily recap, during which Chloé presented the plans for the next day. Charlotte also gave a presentation during the recap, talking about walruses and providing additional information about these beautiful creatures. Dinner was announced and we sailed on a north-northwesterly course, aiming to reach the pack ice early in the morning. Over the next few days, we will be crossing the Fram Strait, a passage of water separating Greenland from Svalbard. Our next land destination is Greenland, the largest island in the world.

Day 3 – Wednesday 5th August - In the ice

08h00 GPS Position: 79°30.0'N / 003°38.9'E

Wind: NE2 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: overcast • Air temperature: +6°C



Early in the morning, we were woken by the crunch of ice against our bow. Looking out, we were met with a landscape like no other: endless expanses of drifting ice floes, a spectrum of greys, whites and blues. At a quarter to seven, Chloé's wake-up call rang out, followed by Michelle's German translation.

We enjoyed a leisurely breakfast and let the day unfold at a gentle pace.

Today's main aim was to relax and let our minds wander, allowing our gaze to roam over the seemingly endless pack ice in search of life. At first glance, this landscape looks barren and lifeless, but if you take the time to look more closely, you can see the diversity of life teeming among the ice floes. We could see large flocks of little auks, while fulmars and kittiwakes constantly circled the ship and black guillemots and Brünnich's guillemots dived away into the water. Here and there, a curious harp seal broke the surface of the gently rippled water.



Suddenly, a giant whale appeared right in front of the ship! A huge fountain of spray shot high into the air as it exhaled, and then it sank back down between the ice floes, as if it were a submarine. Then came the announcement: a blue whale! The largest animal ever to have lived on our planet! We were incredibly lucky to have such a special encounter on just our second day.



Shortly afterwards, it resurfaced right next to our ship. Now we could clearly see its blue-grey markings and the giant's relatively small dorsal fin. We had the pleasure of seeing the blue whale surface to breathe a few more times before it dived back down and disappeared beneath the drifting pack ice. Around midday, we left the pack ice for a while to cover some nautical miles and make a

little faster progress.

After lunch, we enjoyed a short break before gathering in the lounge to listen to Chloé's presentation on sea ice. She told us how the ice forms here in the Arctic Ocean, why it is so incredibly important for local wildlife and the global climate, and how much it is threatened by climate change. Some time after this interesting lecture, an announcement came from the bridge. A large number of seals had been spotted resting on some ice floes. The Captain steered the ship in their direction and, as we got closer, we realised there were at least 50 harp seals. Another unique encounter in the pack ice that day!

That evening, the Expedition Team invited us to the daily recap in the lounge. Chloé told us more about tomorrow's plans and explained a little more about the so-called "explorer hikes" and the shorter hikes that await us in Greenland. Afterwards, Koen gave a short presentation on the blue whale, offering us insights into the absolutely fascinating world of the largest animal on Earth. Then Michelle talked about her favourite Arctic animal: the Arctic fox. What really surprised us was the distance some animals can travel on their explorations through the Arctic! We rounded off this wonderful day with dinner and a drink or two at the bar.

Day 4 – Thursday 6th August – Sea day

08h00 GPS Position: 76°08.7'N / 006°04.9'W

Wind: NW3 • Sea: calm • Weather: overcast • Air temperature: -1°C



The day began with a peaceful crossing of the Greenland Sea, where endless shades of grey stretched across the horizon. The muted colours of the sea and sky created a dramatic Arctic atmosphere, while a brief spell of light snowfall during the morning added to the sense of being deep within the polar environment. Despite the subdued weather, conditions remained relatively calm, with the

temperature hovering around 2°C.

Wildlife was never far away. Atlantic fulmars effortlessly glided alongside the ship, taking advantage of the air currents generated by the vessel. These remarkable seabirds are perfectly adapted to life at sea, spending much of their lives over the open ocean and only returning to land to breed. The occasional Arctic skua was also spotted, while flocks of little auks rested on the water's surface before rapidly diving beneath the waves to avoid the approaching ship. These tiny seabirds are among the most abundant birds in the North Atlantic and rely on their exceptional diving abilities to feed on small crustaceans beneath the surface.

Late in the morning, excitement spread across the decks as the expedition's first iceberg came into view. Beautifully sculpted by wind, waves and melting, the iceberg displayed stunning shades of blue—a result of compressed ice that has lost most of its trapped air, allowing blue wavelengths of light to penetrate more deeply than other colours. Moments later, the spectacle became even more memorable when a fin





whale was spotted nearby. The whale surfaced three times before disappearing beneath the surface, offering guests a memorable encounter with the world's second-largest animal.

Lectures throughout the day were dedicated to expanding our knowledge, with presentations delivered separately in both English and German to ensure that all guests could fully engage with the topics. Eduardo explored

the fascinating science behind solar eclipses, explaining the precise alignment of the Sun, Moon and Earth that creates one of nature's most spectacular astronomical events. Charlotte and Ursula introduced the incredible diversity, biology and behaviour of whales, highlighting the species that inhabit Arctic waters and the

adaptations that allow them to thrive in such extreme environments. Michelle then provided an insight into the people of Greenland, exploring the island's rich cultural heritage, traditions and the close relationship between its communities and the Arctic landscape. Esther and Charlotte provided the mandatory briefing for guests who had signed up for the extended explorer hikes offered on this voyage.



The day's programme concluded with Chloé's daily recap, reviewing the day and outlining the plans for the following day's landings at Myggbukta and Kapp Humboldt. Guests also enjoyed two short educational presentations: Gaby introduced the work of the renowned cartographer and astronomer Petrus Plancius, whose maps and navigational contributions played an important role during the Age of Exploration, while Ursula rounded off the recap with an engaging presentation on harp seals, examining their life cycle, remarkable migrations and the adaptations that enable them to survive in the icy waters of the North Atlantic.

Although the day was spent entirely at sea, it perfectly illustrated that expedition cruising is as much about discovery as it is about the destination. From observing Arctic wildlife and the expedition's first iceberg to deepening their understanding through expert-led lectures, guests continued to build their appreciation of the remarkable environments they were travelling through, while looking ahead to tomorrow's adventures ashore.

Day 5 – Friday 7th August – Myggbukta and Kapp Humbolt

08h00 GPS Position: 73°28.9'N / 021°32.2'W

Wind: SW2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +6°C



We arrived in Greenland in the morning, marking the beginning of our first full day of activities in this extraordinary Arctic landscape. After breakfast on board, we prepared for our first landing in Greenland at Myggbukta, meaning “Mosquito Bay” in Norwegian.

Located at roughly 73°N on the east coast of Greenland, near the Hold with Hope peninsula,

Myggbukta is a remote and historically fascinating place. Established in 1922, it served as a Norwegian hunting, meteorological and radio station and also played a role in Norway's historical territorial claims in eastern Greenland. Exploring the area



gave us a fascinating glimpse into the history of the people who once lived and worked in this isolated part of the Arctic.

Standing among the vast

landscapes of Greenland, it was easy to imagine how challenging life must have been for the hunters, trappers and station workers who depended on this remote outpost. Besides the historic remains of the Norwegian trappers, some of us also had the opportunity to observe the remains of several Thule winter houses scattered throughout the landscape. In addition, some musk oxen were spotted in the distance, roaming across the terrain.

After our morning exploration, we returned to the ship for lunch before heading out again for our afternoon landing at Kap Humboldt, also known as Kapp Humboldt, on the eastern shore of Ymer Island. Situated at the entrance to Sofia Sund within Northeast Greenland National Park, the area is surrounded by dramatic mountains and untouched wilderness.



Here, we hoped to discover the remains of an old Norwegian trapper and hunting station built in 1929. However, that afternoon we were reminded that we were not the only ones roaming these shores. As we prepared to hike into the landscape, two bears appeared in the distance, which meant that we needed to leave Kap Humboldt



immediately.

We all quickly boarded the Zodiacs and left the shore. As the ship began to move away, we were able to observe the bears from a safe distance as they walked along the shoreline. It was an amazing experience for all of us. In the evening, we gathered with the Expedition Team for the daily recap, hearing about the plans for the following day as well as stories and experiences from the staff.

It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our first day of activities in Greenland and everything we had already experienced. We then enjoyed dinner together in the dining room, bringing our first day of exploration in Greenland to a close. It was a memorable introduction to this extraordinary part of the world, combining spectacular scenery, fascinating history and the excitement of beginning our Arctic adventure in Greenland.

Day 6 – Saturday 8th August – Blomstbukta and Teufelsschloss

08h00 GPS Position: 73°24.2'N / 025°25.2'W

Wind: NE 2 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Cloudy • Air temperature: +16°C



During the early morning hours, Plancius entered Kaiser Franz Joseph Fjord, approaching today's destination. At the wake-up call, Chloé encouraged us to come out on deck, where breathtaking mountains surrounded us. The calm sea reflected the muted Arctic colours, while the impressive Teufelsschloss (Devil's

Castle), with its colourful layered cliffs, towered ahead.

Today, a special programme was organised for those who wanted to take part in a full-day hike. While the Explorative Hikers headed to their landing site east of Teufelsschloss, the rest of us were shuttled to Burgerbukta after breakfast. Divided into three groups, we explored ridges, rock



cliffs and tundra platforms covered with flowering Arctic plants. Among the highlights were polar birches, young ptarmigans and several mountain hares. The medium hikers also discovered an old fox trap made of wood and stone.



The hike rewarded us with spectacular views over the untouched landscape, including a reddish-coloured lake. We also spotted ringed plovers and dunlins feeding around a small pond, while a red-throated diver arrived with a fish for its chicks.

After lunch, we returned ashore for the afternoon hike, joining the Explorative Hikers in exploring the valley. The wet, uneven terrain made for challenging walking, but our muck boots proved their worth. Along the way, we discovered two adult musk oxen with a calf moving through the network of small creeks. Some groups continued higher into the valley, while others paused to enjoy the scenery and learn about the remarkable adaptations of Arctic plants.

As we prepared to leave, one of our guests spotted a polar bear swimming along the opposite shore of the estuary. We watched it from a safe distance as it eventually climbed onto the beach—a truly unforgettable way to end the day. That evening, after dinner, many of us remained in the lounge, watching the spectacular mountains and colourful rock formations pass by as Plancius sailed deeper into the fjord. After such a long and exciting day, it was finally time to rest and dream of the adventures still to come.

Day 7 – Sunday 9th August – Segelsällskapet & Kapp Petersons

08h00 GPS Position: 72°25.9'N / 024°52.6'W

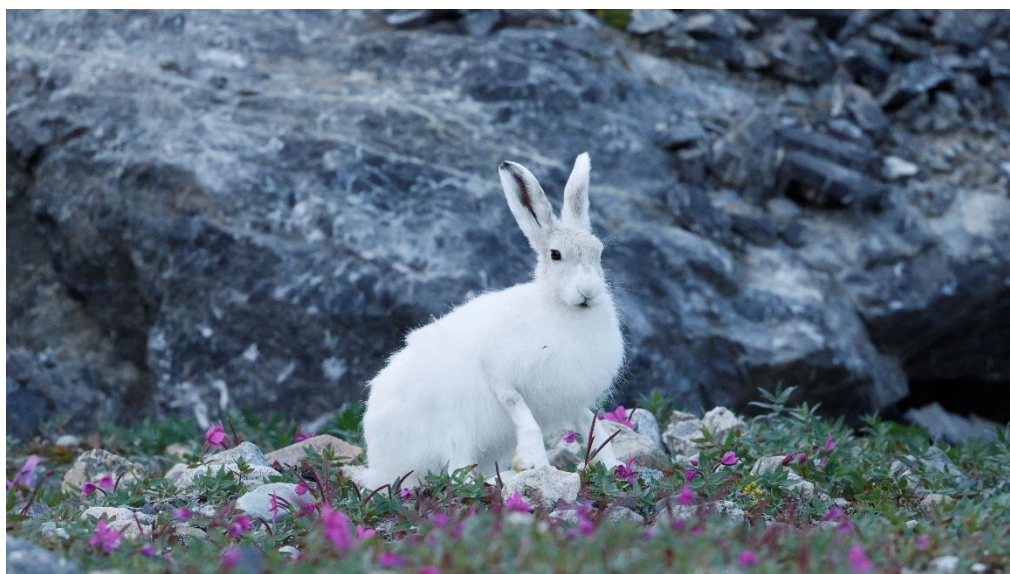
Wind: SW5 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Cloudy • Air temperature: +5°C



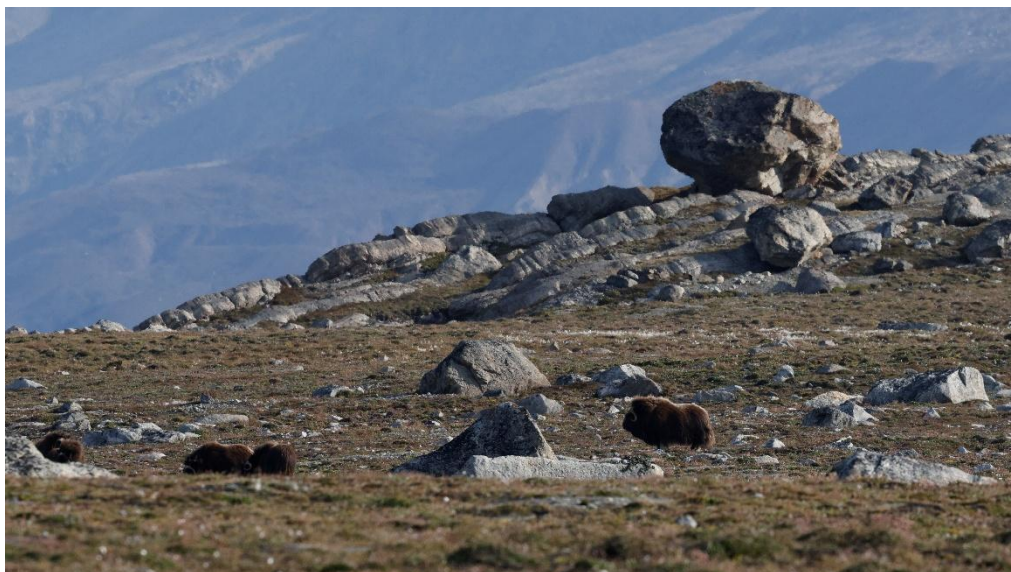
This morning, we woke up to beautiful conditions once again: calm weather, scattered clouds and stunning surroundings. After breakfast, the Expedition Team had planned a landing in Segelsällskapet Fjord at Skipperdal. Named by Swedish Arctic explorer Alfred Gabriel Nathorst after the Royal Swedish Yacht Club,

Segelsällskapet Fjord was explored during the Swedish Greenland Expedition in search of survivors from S. A. Andrée's ill-fated Arctic balloon expedition of 1897.

Skipperdal itself is a glacial valley famous for its dramatic and colourful geological formations, often described as looking like "the Earth's bones". The vivid bands and layered



rock formations made for a spectacular setting for another day of hiking. We set off in our usual groups, with most of us reaching wonderful viewpoints overlooking the fjord and its unique geology. With the sun shining brightly, the weather became surprisingly warm for the High Arctic. Along the way, we spotted rock ptarmigans with their chicks, as well as a weasel-like animal. During a few moments of Arctic silence, the medium group was treated to the loud calls of a female red-throated diver calling to her chicks after returning with food.



We thoroughly enjoyed this special landing and were reluctant to return to the ship, but our hikes had worked up an appetite. We were soon enjoying

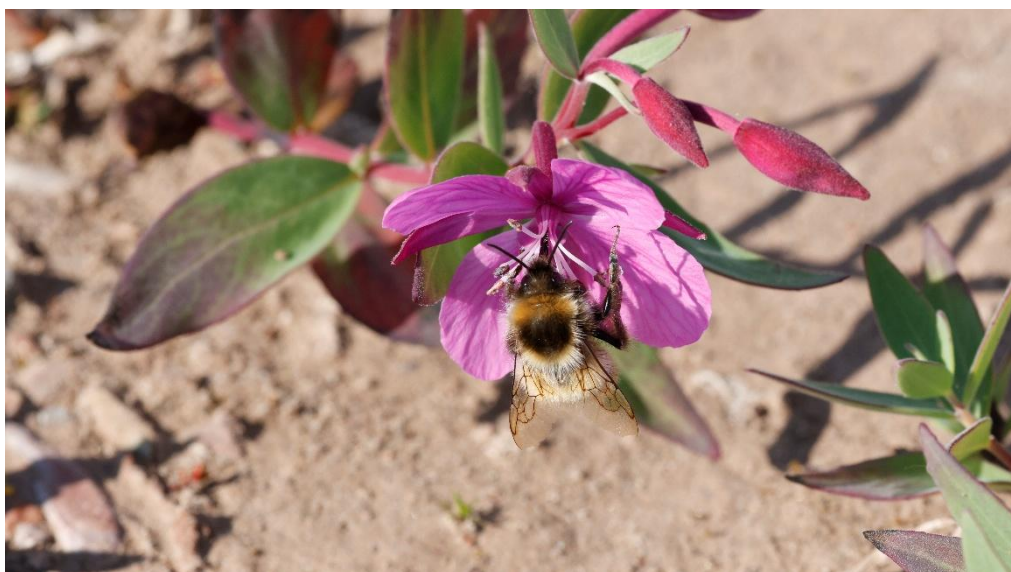
another delicious lunch in the restaurant. In the afternoon, we headed towards Kap Petersen, another beautiful location where the Expedition Team had organised more hiking. The long hikers climbed one of the nearby steep rocky outcrops, reaching more than 100 metres in elevation before continuing inland into a sheltered valley. Like the other groups, they encountered numerous ptarmigans and enjoyed a refreshing stop at a small waterfall.

The other groups explored along the coastline, trying to reach an old trapper's hut and catching glimpses of musk oxen grazing nearby. Warm and thirsty after another active day, we all returned to the ship for a refreshing shower and a cool drink. Soon it was time for the daily recap, followed by dinner. What a beautiful day in Greenland!

Day 8 – Monday 10th August– Antarctic Havn & Fleming Fjord

08h00 GPS Position: 72°01.2'N / 023°03.9'W

Wind: SE2 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +13°C



An expedition cruise day in the Arctic rarely goes exactly to plan, and today was a perfect example. What began with the promise of a morning



landing at Antarctic Havn quickly turned into an unexpected polar bear encounter, followed by a spectacular afternoon exploring Fleming Fjord.

The planned landing at Antarctic Havn had to be cancelled after the

Expedition Team spotted a polar bear near the landing site. This was the fifth bear encountered during the cruise, a record for some of the guides on board. With the safety of both guests and wildlife as the priority, we watched from the ship as the bear walked along the shoreline before eventually entering the water, prompting the ship to leave the area.

Although the cancelled landing was disappointing, it perfectly demonstrated one of the key principles of expedition cruising: plans are flexible, and nature always comes first. The morning was followed by lectures from Gaby and Koen about polar bear biology, behaviour and adaptations, giving us the chance to learn more about the animal we had just seen.



The ship then sailed towards Fleming Fjord, where we were greeted by bright sunshine and almost no wind. The three hiking groups set off to explore the spectacular landscape of mountains, valleys and tundra. Wildlife made the afternoon particularly special. Musk oxen slowly moved across the slopes, while bumblebees worked their way between the Arctic flowers. These encounters reminded us that, despite its harsh appearance, the Arctic is far from barren. During the short summer, the landscape comes alive with an incredible variety of plants and animals.

After returning to the ship, we gathered for the daily recap. Chloé presented the plans for the following day, followed by short presentations from Mark on rock ptarmigans and Ursula on the remarkable adaptations of Arctic flowers. It was a day perfectly

summed up by the principle of adaptation: from the polar bear surviving in one of the world's harshest environments to the musk oxen, bumblebees and flowers thriving during the brief Arctic summer. The Arctic may change our plans, but it always seems to offer something even more memorable in return.

Day 9 – Tuesday 11th August, Scoresby Sund & Bjornoyane

08h00 GPS Position: 70°26.8'N / 023°38.6'W

Wind: NE2 • Sea: calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +16°C



Today, we sailed into Scoresby Sund, one of the largest fjord systems in northeastern Greenland. We had already marvelled at its towering mountains and impressive glaciers the night before. Since we still had some distance to cover before reaching the perfect location for the following day's solar eclipse, no activities outside the ship were planned for the morning.

After several busy days, many of us were happy to enjoy a later wake-up call and a more leisurely start. After breakfast, Mark gave an engaging presentation about the colourful diversity and fascinating world of Arctic birds. This was followed by a mandatory lecture from Edu about solar eclipses, focusing on safety and how to protect our eyes and cameras from harmful UV radiation.

Excitement was building throughout the ship. For many of us, witnessing a total solar eclipse was one of the main reasons for joining this voyage; for some, it was the

fulfilment of a lifelong dream. Whether this would be our first eclipse or one of several, we were all eagerly looking forward to the following



day. At noon, we headed to the restaurant for lunch—burgers today!

In the afternoon, we set off on a Zodiac cruise through the magnificent Bjørne Øer, the “Bear Islands.” In the mild sunshine, we passed enormous icebergs, some as tall as houses. Scoresby Sund is famous for the huge icebergs that become grounded here, creating what could be described as an iceberg graveyard. We also spotted Arctic terns resting on drifting ice floes. Seeing these delicate birds up close made it hard to imagine that they undertake the longest migration of any animal, travelling around 70,000 kilometres between the Arctic and Antarctica each year.



There is a 5-knot speed limit in Scoresby Sund to help protect the local whale populations. Since our Zodiac had drifted quite far from Plancius, the journey back took around 40 minutes, giving us plenty of time to enjoy the spectacular scenery.

After dinner, we headed out once more, this time for a boat ride

through Øfjord and its towering cliffs. We stopped at a particularly striking rock formation known as “Grundtvigskirken”, named after a church in Copenhagen. It was a relaxed but spectacular day, and with the solar eclipse just around the corner, excitement continued to build throughout the ship.

Day 10 – Wednesday 12th August, Sorte Island and Harefjord (Solar Eclipse)

08h00 GPS Position: 70°41.36'N / 027°44.9'W

Wind: NE2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +14°C



One of the most anticipated days of our trip began with Chloé's usual 07:15 wake-up call. Clear skies, warm temperatures and excellent visibility promised a beautiful morning as Plancius approached the northern side of Sorte Ø, a small island deep inside Scoresby Sound. At 08:45, the

Expedition Team began preparations for the landing.

As always, the site was carefully scouted, with staff exploring the area on foot and two Zodiacs checking the coastline for wildlife and polar bears. Once the area was declared safe, we offered long, medium and short hikes. With blue skies, warm temperatures and spectacular



visibility, everyone enjoyed views of distant mountains,



ice-capped glaciers and the surrounding fjords. Some adventurous guests even finished the morning with a refreshing “polar plunge” from the beach.

After lunch, all attention turned to the afternoon’s main event: a total solar eclipse. Preparations had begun earlier in the voyage, with Eduardo, our astronomer, giving presentations about eclipses, the specific circumstances of this event and how to observe it safely. Special solar glasses were distributed, and a dedicated area was prepared for photographers. While we waited, Eduardo gave a presentation about the Voyager programme, sharing personal stories about how the spacecraft had inspired him to become an astronomer. Felix Baumer, an invited guest, then gave a presentation about the eclipse for the Swiss group on board. Eduardo also prepared a live simulation so guests could follow the progress of the eclipse from inside the lounge. The weather remained favourable as we drifted in the northern part of Rødefjord, although some high clouds began appearing in the distance. At 16:33, the first contact occurred as the Moon began to move across the Sun. As the eclipse progressed, more and more of the Sun disappeared.

At 17:35, totality began. Almost as if someone had switched off the lights, darkness fell across the fjord. The Sun's corona appeared around the black disk of the Moon, creating a breathtaking sight that lasted approximately two minutes and fifteen seconds. To our amazement, a reddish spot could even be seen in the corona, produced by a huge solar eruption ejecting plasma from the Sun's surface. For those precious minutes, everything seemed to stand still. The temperature dropped, a cold wind began to blow, and the landscape was transformed into a surreal Arctic scene. Then, just after 17:37, the first light returned. Within moments, daylight flooded the fjord once again.



Although increasing cloud cover prevented us from seeing the final stages of the eclipse, we were left speechless by what we had witnessed. A total solar eclipse in such a remote and spectacular location is an exceptionally rare experience, and we felt incredibly fortunate that the weather had cooperated for the most important moments. Back on board, the Hotel Department celebrated the occasion with a Happy Hour, while every passenger received a commemorative poster. After dinner, we gathered for a late recap at 21:00 to hear about the plans for the following day. Later that evening, passengers, colleagues and crew shared their excitement about the experience. For many of us, the eclipse had become one of the most spectacular things we had ever witnessed.

Details of the Eclipse:

Location	70° 47' N, 27° 47' W
Partial Started	12.08. 16:34:44
Full Total Started	12.08. 17:35:14

Full Total End 12.08. 17:37:38
Partial Ended 12.08. 18:35:52

Duration Totality: 2 minutes 18 seconds.

Duration Whole Eclipse: 2 hours 1 minute 8 seconds.

Obscuration of the Sun: 100%

Day 11 – Thursday 13th August, Immikkeertigajik & Sydkap

08h00 GPS Position: 71°16.5'N / 025°01.5'W

Wind: NNW 2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Cloudy • Air temperature: +14°C



After yesterday's fantastic solar eclipse, we awoke to sunny skies, little to no wind and calm seas. It was as if nothing had happened, although we all knew it had been an amazing and surreal experience that we would not soon forget.

Overnight, Plancius had repositioned opposite Sydkap,

where Chloé had once again organised a full-day hike. The long hikers explored a stunning area with impressive viewpoints and plenty of distance to cover, while the rest of us followed the traditional hiking programme.

We landed at beautiful Immikkeertikajik, a small island opposite Sydkap. The name means "the isolated little island" or "bad island" in Greenlandic. The weather was fantastic, and the rich vegetation was immediately noticeable as we came ashore.

The island is also home to well-preserved

remains of a Thule settlement, occupied between around 1000 and 1600. We could





see the remains of houses dug about a metre into the ground, designed to provide shelter and retain warmth. Their roofs were constructed from bowhead whale jaw and rib bones, covered with animal skins and turf. It was fascinating to see how people lived here hundreds of years ago.

The long-hike group, consisting of just four participants, reached the

summit at 250 metres. On their way back, Koen and Gaby even rewarded them with a ten-minute rest in the soft vegetation under the warm Arctic sun. The other groups took things a little easier, with many of us spotting Arctic hares and musk ox remains.

Near the landing site, we admired a stunning iceberg with smooth sides shining beautifully in the sunlight and revealing incredible shades of blue. From higher ground, we could also appreciate how far the ice extended below the surface.

After lunch, Chloé announced the afternoon's activity: a Zodiac cruise among the stranded icebergs off Sydkap. After a good hike in the morning, it was the perfect way to enjoy the ice giants at a more relaxed pace.



The area is often called an "iceberg graveyard" or "iceberg garden". Knowing that only around 10% of an iceberg is visible above the surface, it was easy to imagine the enormous depths of the larger icebergs. We saw countless shapes and forms, some with caves and huge holes, while a few lucky guests even witnessed an iceberg calving. As we prepared for the daily recap, the long hikers were picked up from a nearby beach—they had made it!

Dinner was a barbecue, and the weather and scenery could not have been better. We ate outside, enjoying freshly grilled sausages, chicken and steaks as the evening light illuminated the surrounding landscape. Afterwards, the tables were cleared to make room for dancing and drinks. It was the perfect ending to another fantastic day in Greenland.

Day 12 – Friday 14th August - Romer Glacier and Ittoqqortoormiit

08h00 GPS Position: 70°10.3'N / 022°58.9'W

Wind: NNE 2 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +13°C



Our last day of activities in Greenland began with a Zodiac cruise in front of the Roma Glacier. Located close to the opening of Scoresby Sound, the

glacier once again offered an impressive glimpse into the Arctic landscape. Clearly visible moraines showed the glacier's movement, while striking basalt mountains and steep cliffs rose along the coast. The characteristic columnar structures of the basalt, formed by Paleogene volcanism in East Greenland, gave the landscape an extraordinary appearance. The Zodiac cruise allowed us to experience this spectacular combination of ice, rock and sea from close up.

After returning to the ship, we enjoyed lunch before our final landing in Greenland that afternoon. We arrived in Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the most remote settlements in the world, home to around 350 people. Our visit gave us a unique insight into everyday life in this isolated community. Some of us were



invited into a local home, where we were welcomed with coffee and had the opportunity to talk with residents. Others visited the museum and church, while we also had the chance to see the sled dogs being fed. Walking through the town, we met more local residents and learned about life in this remote part of Greenland.

In the evening, we gathered with the Expedition Team for our daily recap and reflected on our final day in Greenland before enjoying dinner on board. But the day still had one final surprise in store. After leaving Scoresby Sound, we spotted more than 50 humpback whales from the ship, gathered together and feeding in the waters around us. It was an extraordinary sight and a fitting way to conclude our time in Greenland.

As Plancius finally set course for Iceland, we could look back on an unforgettable expedition filled with immense landscapes, glaciers, fascinating geology, encounters with the people of Greenland and remarkable Arctic wildlife.

Day 13 – Saturday 15th August – At Sea

08h00 GPS Position: 78°14.0'N / 015°35.4'E

Wind: NE 2 • Sea: calm • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air temperature: +8°C

Our final morning on board began with a gentle 07:45 wake-up call. After so many busy and unforgettable days, we were all feeling a little sleepy, taking our time over breakfast and perhaps still processing everything we had experienced during this incredible voyage.

The morning offered one last opportunity to learn and reflect. German-speaking guests joined Esther in the Observation Lounge for an engaging lecture about the Vikings, while the English-speaking group gathered with Charlotte to discover more about other exciting Oceanwide destinations. It was a relaxed morning, with plenty of stories and memories still being shared between guests and crew.

After lunch, we continued our programme with “Drifting World: The Curious World of Plankton!” Ursula presented the fascinating subject to the German-speaking guests, while Chloé introduced the English-speaking group to the hidden world of plankton and its importance to the marine ecosystem.

Later in the afternoon, the groups swapped lectures, with Koen presenting more exciting Oceanwide destinations to the German-speaking guests and Esther taking the English-speaking group on another journey into the world of the Vikings.

Then came the moment we had all been waiting for: the Captain’s Farewell. We gathered in the Observation Lounge for a final toast to an extraordinary voyage. Gaby also presented the slideshow she had prepared for us, bringing together many of the incredible moments we had shared along the way. Seeing the photographs brought back memories of glaciers, mountains, icebergs, polar bears, whales, hikes, remote settlements and, of course, that unforgettable solar eclipse.

Afterwards, we enjoyed our final dinner together in the dining room. There was a sense of both happiness and tiredness in the air. We were all sleepy after such an intense journey, but our minds were still busy processing the countless experiences and extraordinary moments of the past days.

It has been an amazing trip—filled with spectacular landscapes, incredible wildlife, fascinating encounters and memories that will stay with us for a very long time.

As our expedition comes to an end, we leave with tired bodies, full hearts and heads filled with stories. What a journey it has been.

Day 14 – Sunday 16th August, Disembarkation - Akureyi

08h00 GPS Position: 65°41.06'N / 018°05.01'E

Wind: SSE 1 • Sea: calm • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air temperature: +5°C



Our final morning on board arrived far too quickly. After such an incredible journey, it felt strange to wake up knowing that this was our last morning on Plancius.

At 07:30, we placed our luggage outside our cabins before heading to breakfast. There was a quiet, reflective feeling on board as we enjoyed our final meal together and prepared to leave. At 08:30, it was time to disembark. As we

made our way down the gangway, we said our final goodbyes to the Expedition Staff and crew who had shared this incredible journey with us. It was hard to say goodbye after so many days filled with unforgettable experiences.

Once ashore, we boarded the buses and set off towards Reykjavík, leaving Plancius and our Arctic adventure behind. We left with tired bodies, full hearts and minds still processing everything we had experienced. It had truly been an amazing trip, filled with memories, stories and moments that will stay with us for a very long time.

The expedition was over, but the adventure—and the memories—will continue long after we reach home. Goodbye, Greenland—and goodbye to everyone who shared this unforgettable adventure. Until the next expedition.



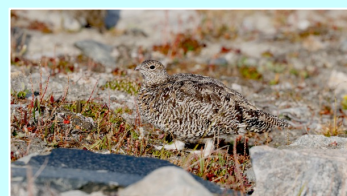
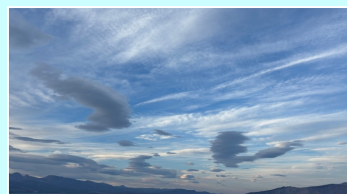
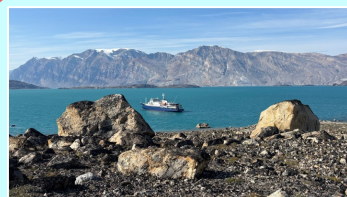
Total distance sailed on our voyage: 1,897.2 nm
Northernmost position: 79°52.38'N, 11°28.42'E

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Christophe Colaris , Expedition Leader
Chloe Marechal, Hotel Manager Marleen Van Moorsel and all the crew and staff of
M/V Plancius, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.



Our voyage

3. Longyearbyen
4. a) Smeerenburg
b) Yrsk Norskøya
5. At sea, in the pack ice
6. At sea, heading west
7. a) Myggbukta
b) Kapp Humboldt
8. a) Blomsterbukta
b) Teufelsschloss
9. a) Skipperdal
b) Kapp Peterséns
10. a) Antarctic Havn
b) Flemingfjord
11. a) Scoresby Sund
b) Bjørne Øer
12. a) Sorte Ø
b) Solar eclipse
13. a) Immikkeertijajik
b) Sydkap
14. a) Roma Glacier
b) Ittoqqortoormiit
15. At sea, Denmark Strait
16. Akureyri



English Name	Latin	German	4-Aug	5-Aug	6-Aug	7-Aug	8-Aug	9-Aug	10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Sterntaucher	X			X	X	X	X		X			
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Eissturmvogel	X		X					X			X	X
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Kurzschnabelgans				X	X							
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Weisswangengans	X			X	X							
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Eiderente	X				X			X	X			
Gyrfalcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Gerfalke										X		
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Eisente				X					X			
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus</i>	Alpenschneehuhn					X	X						
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Sandregenpfeifer				X	X		X		X		X	
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sanderling						X						
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Meerstrandläufer	X			X							X	
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Alpenstrandläufer					X							
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Schmarotzernraubmöwe	X	X	X	X				X		X		X
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Falkenraubmöwe		X		X	X			X				
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Skua	X											
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Eismöwe	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Great black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Mantelmöwe								X				
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Dreizehenmöwe	X	X	X	X				X			X	X
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	Elfenbeinmöwe												
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Küstenseeschwalbe	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	Dickschnabellunme	X	X										X
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	Gryllste	X	X								X		
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Krabbenstaucher	X	X	X					X		X	X	
Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Papageistaucher	X		X									
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Schneeammer	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Steinschnäzter					X	X			X	X		
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Kolkrabe				X	X		X		X	X	X	
MAMMALS														
English Name	Latin	German	4-Aug	5-Aug	6-Aug	7-Aug	8-Aug	9-Aug	10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug
Walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	Walross	X											
Harp seal	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>	Sattelrobbe		X										
Common /Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Seehund											X	
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Zwergwal	X											
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blauwal		X										
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Finnwal			X								X	X
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Buckelwal											X	
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Eisbär				X ³	X ¹		X ¹					
Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	Polarfuchs	X											
Arctic Hare	<i>Lepus timidus</i>	Schneehase				X	X	X	X			X		
Muskox	<i>Ovibus moschatus</i>	Moschusochse				X	X		X		X	X		
Ermine or Stoat	<i>Mustela erminea</i>	Hermelin						X						
Specials														
Arctic fritillary	<i>Boloria chariclea</i>	Arktischer Perlmutterfalter					X							
Great shearwater	<i>Ardenna gravis</i>	Kappensturmtaucher											X	X
Pilot whale	<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Grindwal												X
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	Tordalk												X

Chloé Maréchal – Expedition Leader



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

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

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

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

Deutsch

Chloé ist eine leidenschaftliche Taucherin, die von der Unterwasserwelt und ihrer Erforschung fasziniert ist. Sie hat einen europäischen Master Abschluss in Meeresbiodiversität und -erhaltung erworben und liebt es, ihr Fachwissen über die Meeresumwelt weiterzugeben.

Im April 2013 wurde sie als europäische Rolex Our World Underwater-Stipendiatin 2013-14 ausgewählt. Sie arbeitete ein Jahr lang Seite an Seite mit führenden Unterwasserforschern und sammelte dabei ganz unterschiedliche Erfahrungen in der Meereswissenschaft und der Tauchbranche. Tauchen und Wissenschaft sind nicht ihre einzige Leidenschaft; sie erkundet gerne neue Länder und entdeckt neue Kulturen.

Sie hat bereits auf allen Kontinenten getaucht und in mehr als 20 Ländern gelebt. Chloé lebt jetzt in Nordnorwegen, direkt oberhalb des Polarkreises. Wenn sie nicht an Bord ist, kann man sie unter Wasser antreffen: Sie beobachtet die Meeresbewohner, sucht nach vergessenen Wracks oder kartiert und erforscht unentdeckte Unterwasser-Höhlengänge.

Michelle van Dijk – Asst. Exp. Leader



Michelle is nearly an Arctic local, since she is the owner of Longyearbyen Camping, world's northernmost camping site. Working as a guide, this campsite has been her home base since 2004. Living in a tent, she is based three months a year on Spitsbergen guiding day trips, trekkings & expedition cruises. These days she mainly works on ships, as guide or expedition leader.

She believes that there is no better way to get closer to a place than to work there – she has also lived in Sweden & Iceland. Her first visit to Spitsbergen was back in 2001 and instantly she fell in love with this remote archipelago.

Although she picked plants as her specialism, Michelle is a generalist. She took the course Arctic & Antarctic studies at Groningen University and in 2015 she published a book about Sjef van Dongen, who took part in the rescue operation after Nobile's airship crashed in 1928. Together with Rolf Stange she wrote a Dutch guide book for Spitsbergen-Svalbard. This was first published in 2020, a revised edition was published in 2025. Last winter she has been working on a new book, titled '50 Arctic expeditions in a modern era'. This will be

published soon.

Michelle has been working as a guide in Antarctica, the Falklands, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Hebrides, Iceland, Jan Mayen, Norway, South Georgia, Spitsbergen and Sweden. You can talk to her in different languages, but she will only reply in Dutch, English, German or Swedish.

Deutsch

Michelle ist beinahe eine Einheimische der Arktis, denn sie ist Eigentümerin des Longyearbyen Camping, des nördlichsten Campingplatzes der Welt. Als Reiseleiterin arbeitet sie seit 2004 von diesem Campingplatz aus, der ihr als Basis dient. Drei Monate im Jahr lebt sie in einem Zelt auf Spitzbergen und begleitet Tagesausflüge, Trekkingtouren und Expeditionskreuzfahrten. Heute arbeitet sie hauptsächlich auf Schiffen – als Guide oder Expeditionsleiterin.

Michelle ist überzeugt, dass es keinen besseren Weg gibt, einen Ort wirklich kennenzulernen, als dort zu arbeiten. Sie hat außerdem in Schweden und Island gelebt. Ihren ersten Besuch auf Spitzbergen machte sie im Jahr 2001 und verliebte sich sofort in dieses abgelegene Archipel.

Obwohl Pflanzen ihr Spezialgebiet sind, versteht sich Michelle als Generalistin. Sie absolvierte den Studiengang „Arctic & Antarctic Studies“ an der Universität Groningen. Im Jahr 2015 veröffentlichte sie ein Buch über Sjef van Dongen, der an der Rettungsaktion nach dem Absturz von Nobiles Luftschiff im Jahr 1928 beteiligt war.

Gemeinsam mit Rolf Stange schrieb sie einen niederländischen Reiseführer über Spitzbergen/Svalbard. Die erste Ausgabe erschien 2020, eine überarbeitete Ausgabe wurde 2025 veröffentlicht.

Im vergangenen Winter arbeitete sie an einem neuen Buch mit dem Titel „50 Arctic Expeditions in a Modern Era“.

Dieses wird in Kürze erscheinen.

Michelle hat als Reiseleiterin in der Antarktis, auf den Falklandinseln, den Färöern, in Grönland, auf den Hebriden, in Island, auf Jan Mayen, in Norwegen, auf Südgeorgien, auf Spitzbergen und in Schweden gearbeitet.

Man kann sich mit ihr in verschiedenen Sprachen unterhalten, aber sie antwortet ausschließlich auf Niederländisch, Englisch, Deutsch oder Schwedisch.

Ursula Tscherter – Expedition Guide



I grew up far from the oceans in landlocked Switzerland when in the 70s, when exploitative whaling was still happening, the dream of my childhood evolved; to meet whales in their natural environment. It came true in 1993 and changed my life radically. I gave up my original profession as a teacher for Craft and Art and spent the next 20 summers in Eastern Canada studying whales. As the director of the Swiss-Canadian ORES Foundation I combined scientific research and education for international audiences leaving deep imprints in many peoples' lives.

I am a true minke whale enthusiast. I thousands of hours I observed these mind-blowing whales and studied their habitat use, hunting and breathing ecology using photo-identification. At 50 years I obtained my Master in Marine Mammal Science at the University of St Andrews (Scotland). I nourished my urge to learn more from the oceans and whales in various research projects in Australia, New Zealand or South Africa. In 2008 I started to work as an expedition guide and lecturer in Antarctica and later in the Arctic. When at home I produce life-sized

foldable animals, which I carry to schools and ships. Visit my lectures to meet some of them.

Just as strong as my urge to learn and explore is my need to share my knowledge and fascination with others to raise environmental awareness. Please join or approach me at any time, as I love to answer questions and to be on deck on the lookout for wildlife.

Deutsch

Ich bin weit weg von den Ozeanen in der Schweiz aufgewachsen, als in den 70er Jahren der Hoch-Zeit des Walfanges, der Traum von meiner Kindheit entstand; Wale in ihrer natürlichen Umgebung zu sehen. Dieser wurde 1993 wahr und veränderte mein Leben radikal. Ich gab meinen ursprünglichen Beruf als Lehrerin für Handwerk und Kunst auf und verbrachte die nächsten 20 Sommer in Ostkanada, um Wale zu studieren. Als Direktor der schweizerisch-kanadischen ORES Foundation kombinierte ich wissenschaftliche Forschung und Bildung für internationales Publikum und hinterließ tiefe Spuren im Leben vieler Menschen.

Ich bin ein echter Zwergwal-Enthusiast. Ich beobachtete tausenden von Stunden diese geistesreichen Wale und untersuchte ihre Lebensraumnutzung, Jagd und Atemökologie mittels Foto Identifikation. Mit 50 Jahren erwarb ich meinen Master in Marine Mammal Science an der University of St Andrews (Schottland). Ich nährte meinen Drang, in verschiedenen Forschungsprojekten in Australien, Neuseeland oder Südafrika mehr von den Ozeanen und Walen zu lernen. 2008 begann ich als Expeditionsführer und Dozent in der Antarktis und später in der Arktis zu arbeiten. Zu Hause produziere ich lebensgroße faltbare Tiere, die ich zu Schulen und Schiffen mitbringe. Besuchen Sie meine Vorträge, um einige von ihnen zu treffen.

Genauso stark wie mein Drang zu lernen und zu erforschen ist mein Bedürfnis, mein Wissen und meine Faszination mit anderen zu teilen, um das Umweltbewusstsein zu schärfen. Bitte kommen sie zu mir bei Fragen oder Schließen sie sich an, ich liebe es Fragen zu beantworten und an Deck auf der Suche nach Wildtieren zu sein.

Sven Joest – Expedition guide



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

Since then, he has pursued his enthusiasm for adventure through several trips to northern Norway, which eventually led him to move to Tromsø in the Norwegian Arctic. There he finished at the Arctic University of Norway his master's degree specialising in Peace and Conflict Transformation. From Tromsø he is able to pursue his passion for the outdoors and the cold by skiing, hiking, and exploring these vast and remote environments the Norwegian Arctic has to offer.

As an enthusiastic hobby photographer, and an increasingly keen birder since volunteering at a bird

nature reserve on the island of Fehmarn, you'll most likely find him out on deck taking snaps of the landscapes and the wildlife in his spare time during the voyage.

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

Deutsch

Sven ist ein Arktis-Enthusiast aus Bonn, Deutschland, mit einer Leidenschaft und Expertise im Bereich der Geomorphologie. Während seines Grundstudiums der Geographie an der Universität Bonn war es sein Auslandssemester in Joensuu, Finnland, das sein Interesse an der Wildnis des Nordens und der Arktis weckte.

Seitdem hat er seine Begeisterung für Abenteuer durch mehrere Reisen nach Nordnorwegen weiterverfolgt, was schließlich dazu führte, dass er in die norwegische Arktis nach Tromsø zog. Dort hat er an der Arktischen Universität Norwegens seinen Master-Abschluss mit dem Schwerpunkt „Frieden und Konflikttransformation“ abgeschlossen. Von Tromsø aus kann er seiner Leidenschaft für die Natur und die Kälte nachgehen, indem er Ski fährt, wandert und die weiten, abgelegenen Landschaften erkundet, die die norwegische Arktis zu bieten hat.

Als begeisterter Hobbyfotograf und zunehmend begeisterter Vogelbeobachter, seitdem er ein Praktikum in einem Vogelschutzgebiet auf der Insel Fehmarn absolviert hat, werden Sie ihn in seiner Freizeit während der Reise höchstwahrscheinlich an Deck finden, um Fotos von der Landschaft und der Tierwelt zu machen.

Er freut sich darauf, sein Wissen und seine Erfahrung in allen Aspekten der polaren Weiten zu erweitern und lädt Sie ein, während der Reise mit ihm über Ihre Fragen oder Ihre eigenen polaren Interessen und Geschichten zu sprechen.

Eduardo Rubio – Expedition Guide



I describe myself as an astronomer by profession with a passion for sharing nature with others.

After studying physics, I got my PhD in Astronomy from the University of Amsterdam in 2010. After a postdoctoral position I became a lecturer of physics and Astronomy as well as a guide in expedition cruise ships. In 2018 I decided to become a full-time guide for Oceanwide Expeditions in the Antarctic and in the Arctic.

My interests vary from history of exploration to the intricacies of astronomy. During the trips I have undertaken, I offer lectures about polar explorers, the science carried out in Antarctica (astronomy in particular), about our Universe, and the mysteries of our ocean's depths, to mention some. At sea, besides being and engaged guide and lecturer, I love to show constellations to people, pointing out their names and their lore. In every trip I made, I always aim to raise the enthusiasm of guests towards science, and their awareness towards the unique and fragile planet where we live. Born in Guatemala (1978), I speak English,

Spanish and German.

Deutsch

Ich beschreibe mich selbst als ausgebildeter Astronom, der es liebt, seine Leidenschaft zur Natur mit anderen zu teilen.

Nachdem ich Physik studiert habe, habe ich 2010 meine Doktorarbeit in Astronomie an der Universität in Amsterdam abgeschlossen. Nach einer Stelle als Postdoktorant, wurde ich Dozent für Astronomie und Guide auf Expeditionskreuzfahrtschiffen. 2018 habe ich dann beschlossen, Vollzeit Guide für Oceanwide Expeditions in der Antarktis und der Arktis zu werden.

Meine Interessen gehen von der Geschichte der Entdecker zu den Feinheiten der Astronomie. Auf den Reisen, die ich mache, halte ich Vorträge über polare Entdecker, die wissenschaftliche Forschung in der Antarktis (insbesondere Astronomie), über unser Universum und die Geheimnisse der Tiefsee, nur um ein paar zu nennen. Auf See bin ich nicht nur ein engagierter Guide und Dozent, sondern liebe es auch, den Gästen die Sternbilder und ihre Hintergründe zu erklären. Auf jeder Reise, die ich mache, habe ich immer das Ziel die Begeisterung der Gäste für Forschung und ihr Bewusstsein für die Einzigartigkeit und Zerbrechlichkeit unseres Heimatplaneten zu steigern. Geboren in Guatemala (1978), spreche ich englisch, spanisch und deutsch.

Gabi Kolodko – Expedition Guide



Having been exposed to the pristine wilderness of Alaska, Canada, and Lapland before turning ten, she developed a deep-rooted passion for cold climates and the great outdoors. She has dedicated every summer to sailing, a journey highlighted in 2012 when Gabi crossed the Baltic Sea from Poland to Scandinavia and back aboard the *Zawisza Czarna*, a historic 42-meter vessel originally built in 1952.

Her draw towards art, culture and history has led her to explore and focus on the rich tapestry of Antarctica's past and present. From archaeological excavations, the secrets of early explorations, up to modern conquests and continent's preservation.

Gabi's enthusiasm for the cold extends beyond mere travel; she is a dedicated practitioner of the Wim Hof method, engaging in ice baths, walrusing, and cryotherapy throughout the year. A significant encounter in 1993 with a herd of Musk Oxen at Herschel Island off the Canadian Arctic coast solidified her fondness for this majestic Arctic animal. In Antarctica, the jury is still out

(but Emperor chicks are top on the list).

As an alumnus of the Nature Outdoors Leadership School, she is a certified Wilderness First Responder and an esteemed member of the Polar Tourism Guide Association.

Her journey, marked by a profound connection to the Arctic wilderness and a lifelong pursuit of adventure, positions her as a passionate advocate for the natural world and its preservation. Through this lens, she aims to share the beauty and challenges of the polar regions with others, fostering a deeper appreciation for these extraordinary landscapes.

Deutsch

Schon bevor sie zehn Jahre alt war, wurde Gabi der unberührten Wildnis von Alaska, Kanada und Lapland ausgesetzt, was in ihr eine tief verwurzelte Leidenschaft für kalte Klimazonen und die freie Natur weckte. Seitdem widmet sie jeden Sommer dem Segeln, ein Höhepunkt ihrer Reise war 2012, als sie an Bord der *Zawisza Czarna* das Baltische Meer von Polen nach Skandinavien und zurück überquerte. Die historische 42-Meter-Langstreckenfähre wurde ursprünglich 1952 gebaut.

Ihre Faszination für Kunst, Kultur und Geschichte hat sie dazu gebracht, sich eingehend mit der Vergangenheit und Gegenwart der Antarktis zu beschäftigen. Dabei erforscht sie archäologische Ausgrabungen, die Geheimnisse früher Expeditionen und moderne Errungenschaften sowie die Erhaltung des Kontinents.

Gabis Begeisterung für die Kälte geht über das Reisen hinaus; sie ist eine engagierte Praktizierende der Wim Hof Methode und nimmt das ganze Jahr über an Eisbädern, dem „Walrusing“ und der Kryotherapie teil. Ein prägendes Erlebnis hatte sie 1993 auf der kanadischen Arktisinsel Herschel Island, wo sie einer Herde Moschusochsen begegnete, wodurch sich ihre Vorliebe für dieses majestätische Tier der Arktis festigte. In der Antarktis ist ihre Entscheidung noch nicht gefallen, aber die jungen Kaiserpinguine stehen ganz oben auf der Liste.

Als Absolventin der Nature Outdoors Leadership School ist sie eine zertifizierte Ersthelferin in Wildnisgebieten und ein angesehenes Mitglied der Polar Tourism Guide Association.

Gabis Weg, geprägt von einer tiefen Verbundenheit zur arktischen Wildnis und einem lebenslangen Streben nach Abenteuer, macht sie zu einer leidenschaftlichen Verfechterin für den Erhalt der Natur. Durch diese Perspektive möchte sie anderen die Schönheit und Herausforderungen der Polarregionen näherbringen und ein tieferes Bewusstsein für diese außergewöhnlichen Landschaften schaffen.

Koen Hoekemeijer– Expedition Guide



Koen Hoekemeijer was born in 1974 in The Netherlands. When it comes to nature and wildlife Koen was quite a late bloomer as he had always been more into nightlife and sunny beaches. But that all changed when he discovered his passion for wildlife and photography in 2009 in Costa Rica. It was during this trip that Koen saw his first humpback whales and he fell in love with them instantly. Not only did it make him eager to see more and different types of whales in locations all over the world, but he also wanted to learn to take better photos of these amazing creatures. And with the love for whales and photography, came a broader passion for all sorts of wildlife. Since that memorable vacation in 2009, Koen has been travelling the planet to see and photograph the world's most beautiful places. Usually from boats, jeeps or simply face down in the mud, but since 2016 also underwater. Snorkeling in the presence of whales and orcas is bringing Koen pure happiness.

Among his favourite animals are whales, orcas, penguins, tigers and jaguars. But in between safaris, he also likes to do street photography and capture life and portraits of people all over the world.

Koen believes that travelling does not only enrich your life, it also makes you more humble, more appreciative and it provides new levels of perspective and understanding. Koen has won the prestigious WWF Frans Lanting Photo contest, and in 2020 he won the Ellen Fitzgibbon Memorial Photography competition. It's Koen's dream to one day have a Vizsla dog and own a small cabin somewhere in northern Norway surrounded by snow and trees ;).

Deutsch

Koen Hoekemeijer wurde 1974 in den Niederlanden geboren. Wenn es um die Natur und die Tierwelt geht, war Koen ein ziemlicher Spätzünder, denn er war schon immer eher für das Nachtleben und sonnige Strände zu begeistern. Das änderte sich jedoch, als er 2009 in Costa Rica seine Leidenschaft für die Tierwelt und die Fotografie entdeckte. Während dieser Reise sah Koen zum ersten Mal Buckelwale, in die er sich sofort verliebte. Er wollte nicht nur mehr und andere Arten von Walen an Orten auf der ganzen Welt sehen, sondern auch lernen, wie man diese erstaunlichen Kreaturen besser fotografiert. Mit der Liebe zu Walen und zur Fotografie wuchs auch seine Leidenschaft für alle Arten von Wildtieren.

Seit diesem denkwürdigen Urlaub im Jahr 2009 reist Koen um die Welt, um die schönsten Orte der Welt zu sehen und zu fotografieren. Normalerweise von Booten, Jeeps oder einfach mit dem Gesicht im Schlamm, aber seit 2016 auch unter Wasser. Schnorcheln in der Gegenwart von Walen und Orcas macht Koen einfach glücklich.

Zu seinen Lieblingstieren gehören Wale, Orcas, Pinguine, Tiger und Jaguare. Aber zwischen den Safaris macht er auch gerne Straßenfotografie und fängt das Leben und die Porträts von Menschen auf der ganzen Welt ein.

Koen ist davon überzeugt, dass Reisen nicht nur das Leben bereichert, sondern auch bescheidener und wertschätzender macht und eine neue Perspektive und ein neues Verständnis ermöglicht. Koen hat den prestigeträchtigen WWF Frans Lanting Fotowettbewerb gewonnen, und im Jahr 2020 gewann er den Ellen Fitzgibbon Memorial Fotowettbewerb. Koen's Traum ist es, eines Tages einen Vizsla-Hund zu haben und eine kleine Hütte irgendwo in Nordnorwegen zu besitzen, umgeben von Schnee und Bäumen.

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.

Deutsch

Charlotte wuchs an der zerklüfteten Küste von Cornwall, Großbritannien, auf, wo ihre Faszination für Wildtiere und den Ozean schon in jungen Jahren begann. Inspiriert von der natürlichen Welt um sie herum, studierte sie Wildtier- und Naturschutz an der Universität und legte somit den Grundstein für ein Leben, das der Forschung, dem Abenteuer und dem Schutz der marinen Ökosysteme gewidmet ist. Ihre Liebe zu Schiffen und dem Leben auf See begann 2013, als sie auf Forschungs- und Tauchschiffen arbeitete, die abgelegenen Regionen des Great Barrier Reef erkundeten. Während ihres Aufenthalts in Australien und Neuseeland vertiefte sich Charlottes Leidenschaft für Meeresbiologie, mit dem Schwerpunkt Ihres Studiums für Buckelwale, Zwergwale und Pottwale. Zwischen 2020 und 2022 arbeitete Charlotte in der Superyacht- und Explorer-Schiffindustrie als Deck Hand und Dive Master in abgelegenen und herausfordernden Regionen. Diese Erfahrungen verfeinerten ihre nautischen Fähigkeiten und verstärkten ihre Wertschätzung für die Meeresumwelt. Als begeisterte Reisende hat Charlotte die Welt seit ihrem 18. Lebensjahr erkundet, indem sie durch Asien, Australasien und Südamerika reiste. 2015 unternahm sie eine Überlandreise von Südafrika nach Jordanien in einem Land Rover, bevor sie 2018 in Mosambik sesshaft wurde. Dort gründete sie ihr eigenes Hostel für Rucksacktouristen und kombinierte ihren Unternehmergeist mit ihrer Liebe zum Reisen. Neben der Leitung des Hostels arbeitete sie als Forscherin und studierte Walhaie und Mantarochen entlang der Küste Mosambiks. Zuletzt absolvierte sie eine 7.000 km lange Reise in einem 4x4 durch Kasachstan, Kirgisistan, Usbekistan und Tadschikistan. Wenn sie nicht auf See ist, liebt Charlotte es, tauchen, surfen, freitauchen und wandern zu gehen. Aber auch die einfachen Freuden des Lebens genießt sie – Tee trinken und mit ihrem Hund spazieren gehen. Sie fühlt sich sehr glücklich, Oceanwide als ihr zweites Zuhause zu bezeichnen und freut sich darauf, ihre Liebe zum Meer, zu Wildtieren und zum Abenteuer in einer Karriere zu vereinen, die der Erkundung und der gefrorenen Wildnis gewidmet ist.

Mark Whiffin – Expedition Guide



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

While at university studying Biochemistry and Molecular Plant Biology, he participated in an ornithological expedition to Indonesia. This experience led to a Masters degree in Conservation Biology and he subsequently led numerous expeditions and scientific research projects to remote tropical areas of the world in search of birds with a particular emphasis on threatened and endemic species.

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

first Cape Petrels on any trip always gives a feeling of arriving home".

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

Deutsch

Mark hat einen Masterabschluss in Naturschutzbiologie und ist Ornithologe sowie begeisterter Vogelbeobachter mit umfangreicher Felderfahrung. Seine Leidenschaft für Vögel und das Reisen begann schon in jungen Jahren in East Sussex, England, und entwickelte sich von dort aus weiter.

Während seines Studiums der Biochemie und Molekularen Pflanzenbiologie an der Universität nahm er an einer ornithologischen Expedition nach Indonesien teil. Diese Erfahrung führte zu einem Masterabschluss in Naturschutzbiologie, und anschließend leitete er zahlreiche Expeditionen und wissenschaftliche Forschungsprojekte in abgelegene tropische Regionen der Welt auf der Suche nach Vögeln – mit besonderem Schwerpunkt auf bedrohte und endemische Arten.

Mark besuchte die Antarktis erstmals im Jahr 2018, als er beim British Antarctic Survey beschäftigt war. Danach verbrachte er fünf Jahre auf Bird Island, Südgeorgien, wo er als Zoologischer Feldassistent hauptsächlich mit den Pinguinen und Sturmvögeln arbeitete, die auf der Insel brüten. In dieser Zeit entwickelte er eine tiefe Liebe zum Südlichen Ozean, seiner Landschaft und den Vögeln, die dort leben – „die ersten Kapsturmvögel auf einer Reise zu sehen, fühlt sich immer an, als käme man nach Hause“. In seiner Freizeit wandert, läuft oder radelt Mark gerne. Außerdem ist er ein leidenschaftlicher Fotograf und Videofilmer, der seine Begeisterung für Vögel, Reisen und wilde Orte gerne dokumentiert und teilt. Seine Aufnahmen wurden bereits von BirdLife International, in Zeitungen und online verwendet. Er freut sich darauf, die Vogelwelt des Südlichen Ozeans mit Ihnen zu teilen

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

*** * Tea and coffee are always available in the Observation Lounge on deck 5 * ***

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

Lifeboat Drill

Following the safety briefing, you will be asked to return to your cabin. When the alarm sounds, **all guests** should proceed to the MUSTER STATION located **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**. Please bring your orange life jacket, warm clothing, and any necessary medication.

1830 **Expedition Introduction & Captain's Welcome** – Please join us in **Observation Lounge** (deck 5) for an introduction to the expedition, a welcome to your new home from the Hotel manager, the captain's toast and to meet your expedition team.

±1900 **Departure from Longyearbyen**
The bridge will be closed during these operations.

1930 **Buffer dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 3).

0700 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
0715 **Breakfast** will be served in the Dining room.

0745 **Ship cruise through Sörgattet**, a strait in Albert I Land which runs between Reuschhalvøya and Danes Island, forming the southern entrance to Smeerenburgfjorden

*We plan to land at Smeerenburg in the morning. Smeerenburg was a 17th-century whaling station. Sometimes called "Blubber Town" because of the whale-oil trying works set up there. At its peak in the 1630s it had a small seasonal population of whalers, but it was abandoned by the late 1600s as whale stocks in the area collapsed.
We hope to approach a walrus haul-out.*

0815 **AECO, Bear safety and Zodiac briefing** - Please join us in the **Observation Lounge** for a **mandatory** briefing

±1000 **Landing at Smeerenburg**

1230 **Lunch**

In the afternoon we aim to visit Ytre Norskøya, a small island in northwest Svalbard. Look out for Arctic terns, foxes, little auks, and puffins.

We will offer three hikes: an easy one, a medium one, and a longer one. The long hike will go to the peak (141 m, 3 km return). The medium hike will reach a lower viewpoint, and the easy walk will stay along the coastline. Please note that it is a rocky terrain.

If you wish to join the long hike, please come in the first zodiac, arrive on time, and notify the doctor, who will be at the gangway loading the zodiacs. If you wish to join the easy walk, please come in the last zodiac.

±1445 **Landing at Ytre Norskøya**

1845 **Daily Recap.** Join the expedition team at the bar to learn about tomorrow's programme and hear Arctic stories from the staff team

1930 **Platted dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

EXPEDITION DAY



0645 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0700 **We will reach the ice edge.**

0800 - 0900 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

*This morning, we plan to explore the **pack ice** northwest of Svalbard. We encourage you to head out to the outer decks to enjoy this spectacle. Should we be lucky enough to encounter wildlife, please **keep noise levels low** (voices down, doors closed gently) to give us the best chance of staying near them a little longer. If wildlife is nearby, **announcements will only be made inside the ship**, not to disturb them.*

1230 - 1330 **Lunch buffet** in the **dining room**.

According to the situation with the ice, we are planning to give a lecture sometime in the afternoon.

1800 **Daily Recap** - please join your expedition team in the observation team.

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

***Tonight, at the early hours of August 6. we will change time,
at 01h00 it will be 00h00.***

Don't forget to change time on your watch/phone...



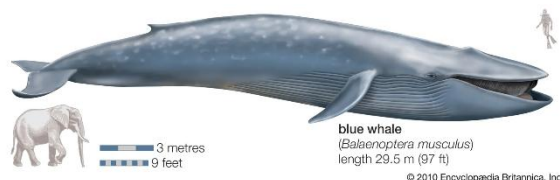
*"It is better to go skiing and think of God, than go to church and think of sport."
— Fridtjof Nansen*



Today we will be sailing at sea. Please store your belongings securely in your cabin and remember to always keep one hand for yourself and one hand for the ship.

0745	Wake up call. Good morning!
0800 - 0900	Breakfast will be served in the dining room.
10h00	German speakers: Please join our astronomer, Eduardo , in the observation lounge for a lecture on The solar eclipse . English speakers: Please join Michelle in the dining room for a talk on the People of Greenland .
11h15	Please meet Esther and Charlotte in the observation lounge for a briefing about the Explorer/Extended Walk . This activity requires pre-registration. The sign-up list can be found at Reception or on the staircase on Deck 5. If you didn't know you could sign up for the extended hike, let us know and come to the briefing. If you signed up, but no longer wishes to participate, please let us know.
1230 - 1330	Lunch buffet in the dining room .
15h00	Lecture on Whales German speakers: Please join Ursula in the observation lounge English speakers: Please join Charlotte , in the dining room
16h30	German speakers: Please join Michelle in the observation lounge for a talk on the People of Greenland . English speakers: Please join our astronomer, Eduardo , in the dining room for a lecture on The solar eclipse .
1815	Daily Recap - please join your expedition team in the observation lounge.
1900	Buffet Dinner is served in the dining room .
2130	<u>For passengers traveling with KONTIKI:</u> Please join Felix in the dining room for a talk about glaciers.

"The heart of man is very much like the sea, it has its storms, it has its tides and in its depths, it has its pearls too"— Vincent van Gogh, The Letters of Vincent van Gogh.



0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the Dining room.

This morning we aim to land Myggbukta ("Mosquito Bay" in Norwegian), an historical coastal location in eastern Greenland situated at roughly 73°N near the Hold with Hope peninsula. Established in 1922, it served as a notable Norwegian hunting, meteorological, and radio station, and played a role in Norway's historical territorial claims in the region.
Long and Medium hikers should plan to be outside for about 3 hours. Those on the Leisurely hike have the flexibility to return earlier if they wish.

0900 **Long hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway.
0905 **Medium hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway.
0915 **Leisurely hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway

1230 **Lunch**

This afternoon we aim to land at Kap Humboldt (also spelled Kapp Humboldt), a cape and historical landmark located on the eastern shore of Ymer Island in the Northeast Greenland National Park, within the Kejser Franz Joseph Fjord system. It features an old Norwegian trapper/hunting station built in 1929.
Long and Medium hikers should plan to be outside for about 3 hours. Those on the Leisurely hike have the flexibility to return earlier if they wish.

± 1545 **Long hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway.
± 1550 **Medium hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway.
± 1600 **Leisurely hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway

1900 **Daily recap.** Join the expedition team at the bar to learn about tomorrow's program and hear Arctic stories from the staff team

1930 **Plated dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

"The only thing we are sure to fail is that which we do not attempt"
Paul-Emile Victor, French Polar explorer.

- 0700 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
- 0715 **Breakfast** will be served in the Dining room.
A note for passengers joining the Extended/Explorer Hike: please prepare your packed lunch at breakfast.

Today we're aiming to offer an Extended/Explorer Hike at Teufelsschloss. Passengers joining this hike will spend the whole day there, so please pack a lunch at breakfast to take with you and enjoy out on the field.

For everyone else, this morning we aim to land at Blomsterbugten (Danish for "Bay of Flowers") a remote Arctic landing site in Northeast Greenland National Park. It's known for its vibrant summer tundra flora, dramatic layered geology, and wildlife such as Arctic hares and muskoxen.

- 0830 **Explorer Extended Hike:** Please proceed to the gangway for a day hiking in Teufelsschloss. Do not forget to prepare your lunch at breakfast.
- 0915 **Long hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing in Blomsterbugten.
- 0920 **Medium hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway in Blomsterbugten.
- 0930 **Leisurely hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway in Blomsterbugten.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room**.

In the afternoon we aim to land in a valley near Teufelsschloss. Teufelsschloss which means the The Devil's Castle in German, is a prominent mountain of reddish rock with a lighter stripe extending diagonally across its face. The striking mountain was named by the second German North Polar Expedition, led by Carl Koldewey, that first surveyed and partially explored the Kaiser Franz Joseph Fjord in 1869–70.

- ± 1430 **Long hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Teufelsschloss .
- ± 1435 **Medium hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Teufelsschloss.
- ± 1445 **Leisurely hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Teufelsschloss.
- 1815 **Daily recap.** Join the expedition team at the bar to learn about tomorrow's program and hear Arctic stories from the staff team
- 1900 **Buffet dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

Tonight, night from the 08th to the 09th we will change time, at 01h00 it will be 00h00. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep and don't forget to change time on your watch/phone...



0700 **Wake up call.** Good morning after an extra hour of sleep!
0715 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

*In the morning we're aiming to offer a landing at Segelsällskapets Fjord. Skipperdal is offering tundra hikes and **spectacular sedimentary geology**. We encourage everyone to **get ashore**. Even if you only would like to sit ashore, we will be able to arrange it.*

0900 **Long hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing in Skipperdal.
0905 **Medium hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway in Skipperdal.
0915 **Leisurely hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway in Skipperdal.

1230 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room**.

In the afternoon we aim to land in Kap Petersens, a former trappers' station. The cape is located at the mouth of Segelsällskapet Fjord. It was named by the 1899 Swedish East Greenland expedition led by A.G. Nathorst, probably after Carl Justus Frederik af Petersens [1851-1925], a contemporary of Nathorst's at the University of Lund, and who became notable as head of the university library.

± 1445 **Long hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Kap Petersens.
± 1450 **Medium hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Kap Petersens.
± 1500 **Leisurely hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Kap Petersens.

1815 **Daily recap.** Join the expedition team at the lounge to learn about tomorrow's program and hear Arctic stories from the staff team

1900 **Buffet dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

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— Knud Rasmussen, The people of the Polar north : a record.

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0700 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
0715 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

In the morning, we aim for a landing at Antarctic havn. This natural harbour was named "Antarctics Hamn" by Swedish Arctic explorer Alfred Gabriel Nathorst after his ship Antarctic, which anchored there on 20 August 1899 during the Swedish Greenland Expedition in search of survivors of S. A. Andrée's Arctic balloon expedition of 1897.

0900 **Long hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing in Antarctic Havn.
0905 **Medium hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway in Antarctic Havn.
0915 **Leisurely hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway in Antarctic Havn.

1230 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room**.

In the Afternoon we aim for a landing in Fleming fjord. This fjord was named "Fleming Inlet" by British explorer William Scoresby (1789 – 1857) after Scottish scholar John Fleming (1785–1857). Scoresby assumed that this fjord connected with "Hall Inlet" (Hall Bredning) to the south. The Fleming Fjord Formation is an Upper Triassic geological formation in the northeastern coast of Jameson Land, Greenland. It consists of terrestrial sediments and is known for its fossil content.

± 1500 **Long hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Flemming Fjord.
± 1505 **Medium hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Flemming Fjord.
± 1515 **Leisurely hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Flemming Fjord.

1845 **Daily recap.** Join the expedition team at observation lounge to learn about tomorrow's program and hear Arctic stories from the staff team.

1930 **Plated dinner** is served in the **dining room**.

"I must say that the charm of the Arctic, its infinite diversity, its aloofness from the rest of the world, made it a field which gives its own reward. Only those who have seen the magnificent sunsets over the ice, who have...been buffeted by storms... can appreciate the spell which always draws us back there." — Louise Arner Boyd

- 0745 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.
- 0915 Please join **Mark** in the observation lounge for a lecture about **Arctic birds**. This lecture will be in English, translated in German.
- 1100 **Mandatory Eclipse Safety meeting.** Please meet Eduardo in the observation Lounge. He will give a talk about the eclipse and give tips to not damaged your eyes and equipment.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room**.
- In the Afternoon we aim for a Zodiac cruise. On the 4 September 1891, Danish explorer Carl Ryder's expedition shot a polar bear here while surveying these remote islands, naming them Bjørneøer, or 'Bear Islands'. The Greenlandic name Nannut Qeqertaat carries the same meaning, acknowledging the polar bears that still occasionally visit.*
We hope to cruise around Icebergs and knife-edge Mountain.
- ± 1500 Please come to the gangway to embark on a **zodiac cruise**.
- 1815 **Daily recap.** Join the expedition team at observation lounge to learn about tomorrow's program and hear Arctic stories from the staff team.
- 1900 **Plated dinner** is served in the **dining room**.



"For humans, the Arctic is a harshly inhospitable place, but the conditions there are precisely what polar bears require to survive - and thrive. 'Harsh' to us is 'home' for them. Take away the ice and snow, increase the temperature by even a little, and the realm that makes their lives possible literally melts away." - Sylvia Earle

0700 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
0715 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

Sorte Ø which mean Black Island in Danish is situated in inner Scoresbysund, between northern Rødefjord in the west, Snesund in the east and Storeø in the north. You will walk over tundra terrain, be able to get some elevation to have a view over the surrounding waterways with drifting icebergs.

0900 **Long hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing on Sorteø.
0905 **Medium hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing on Sorteø.
0915 **Leisurely hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing on Sorteø.

**At the end of the landing there will be a possibility to do a polar plunge.
You bring your swim gear, we bring towels.**

1230 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room**.

Astronomy Afternoon



1400 Please join **Eduardo** in the observatory lounge for a fascinating lecture about **The vastest of the Universe**.

1633 **Start of the eclipse**

1615 – 1715 Happy hour in the lounge (all cocktails 50%)



1738 **Total eclipse**

1833 **End of the eclipse**

1800 Canape in the lounge to celebrate

1930 The **dinner buffet** is served in the **dining room**.

2100 **Daily recap.** Join the expedition team in the observation lounge to learn about tomorrow's program and hear Arctic stories from the staff team

*"The sight of a total solar eclipse and of a planetary transit is one of the noblest astronomy affords." -
Edmund Halley*

*" Science is not perfect. It is often misused. It is only a tool. But it is the best tool we have." -
Carl Sagan*



- 0700 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
0715 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.
- 0845 **Explorer Extended Hike:** Please proceed to the gangway for a day hiking in Sydkap. Do not forget to prepare your lunch at breakfast.

All others will visit Immikkeertigajik, a small island near Sydkap. In Greenlandic, the name roughly translates to "little island", and is known for its historic Inuit ruins and local wildlife remains

- 0900 **Long hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Immikkeertigajik.
0905 **Medium hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Immikkeertigajik .
0915 **Leisurely hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Immikkeertigajik.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room**.

*Our afternoon landing will be at Sydkap,
Sydkap (South Cape) is a scenic headland located in Scoresby Sund. Known for its calm microclimate, it serves as a popular landing to view massive drifting icebergs, diverse tundra flora, and historic Thule culture settlements.*

- 1430 **Long hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Sydkap.
1435 **Medium hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Sydkap.
1445 **Leisurely hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Sydkap.
- 1815 **Daily recap.** Join the expedition team at observation lounge to learn about tomorrow's program and hear Arctic stories from the staff team.
- 1900 **Arctic dinner**, dress warm and put on your dancing shoes .

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

0745 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
0800 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

In the morning we aim for a zodiac cruise at the front of the Roma glacier.

0915 **Please come to the gangway** for a zodiac cruise.

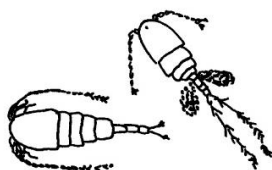
1230 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room**.

In the Afternoon we aim for a landing in Ittoqqortoormiit. You will be able to visit one of the most remote town in the world. Please, be mindful of the community. Please read the guideline which are hang up around the ship. Thank you.

1400 **Please come to the gangway** for a landing at Ittoqqortoormiit.
Listen to announcements for timings as things might still change.

1815 **Daily recap.** Join the expedition team at observation lounge to learn about tomorrow's program and hear Arctic stories from the staff team.

1900 **Buffet dinner** is served in the **dining room**.



Some core Inuit societal values and expressions:

- ***Inuuqatigiitsiarniq:*** Respecting others and caring for people.
- ***Tunnganarniq:*** Being welcoming, open, and kind.
- ***Pijitsirniq:*** Serving and providing for family and community.
- ***Aajiiqatigiinni:*** Decision-making through discussion and consensus.
- ***Pilimmaksarniq:*** Learning and continuous growth through practice and experience.
- ***Piliriqatigiinni:*** Working together for a common goal.
- ***Qanuqtuurniq:*** Being resourceful and seeking solutions to challenges.

- 0745 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.
- 1000 **German speakers:** Please join **Esther** in the observation lounge, for an engaging lecture about **Vikings**.
English speakers: Please join **Charlotte** in the dining room, to learn about other exciting Oceanwide destinations.
- 1230 **Lunch** is served in the **dining room**.
- 1430 **Drifting World: The curious world of Plankton!**
German speakers: Please join **Ursula** in the observation lounge.
English speakers: Please join **Chloe** in the dining room
- 16h15 **German speakers:** Please join **Koen** in the observation lounge, to learn about other exciting Oceanwide destinations.
English speakers: Please join **Esther** in the dining room, for an engaging lecture about **Vikings**.
- 1815 **Captain's Farewell:** Please join the expedition team in the observation lounge, for a toast to the voyage with the captain.
Gabi will also present you the **slideshow**, which she has put together for you.
- 1900 **Plated dinner** is served in the **dining room**.



"For most of history, man has had to fight nature to survive; in this century he is beginning to realize that, in order to survive, he must protect it."- Jacques-Yves Cousteau

0645 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
0700 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

Before going to breakfast at 07h00, please put your luggage in the corridor near your cabin. The crew and staff will carry the luggage to the pier.
You can keep your key as a souvenir but please put your keycard holder at reception.

07.45 Time to say goodbye! All passengers leave the ship by the gangway.

Once you disembark, you will go through **immigration**, which will be set up on the jetty. After that, **identify your luggage** and **head to the bus** with it.

09.00 There will be three different buses traveling from Akureyri to Reykjavik:

- One for the Kontiki group
- One for the Viking Rise group
- One from Oceanwide Expeditions



Dear passengers, we enjoyed having you on board. Have a nice and safe journey home. Hopefully we meet again somewhere, sometime, in the Polar regions!

Farewell!