



East Greenland Scoresby Sund, including Long Hikes

16th – 25th 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 – Sunday 16th August - Embarkation Day - Akureyri

12h00 GPS Position: 65°40.9'N / 018°05.1'W

Wind: ESE2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: partly cloudy • Air temperature: +10°C

The expedition cruise began beneath brilliant Icelandic sunshine in Akureyri, a picturesque town tucked into the heart of Northern Iceland. With the surrounding mountains bathed in summer light, there could hardly have been a more spectacular setting for the start of an adventure.

From 16:00, guests began embarking, stepping aboard with a growing sense of excitement and anticipation. Bags were delivered, cabins discovered and, before long, the ship was beginning to feel like home for the journey ahead.

Safety came first, with the mandatory briefings and lifeboat drill providing an important introduction to life at sea. Once everyone had familiarized themselves with the procedures and their muster stations, attention could turn to the adventure that lay ahead.

The expedition program then officially got underway with an introduction from Chloe the expedition leader, followed by an opportunity to meet the expedition team. Their enthusiasm and knowledge offered an exciting glimpse into the experiences, wildlife encounters and discoveries that awaited the guests during the voyage.

The formalities continued with a warm welcome from the Captain, accompanied by canapés and glasses of bubbles. It was a fitting way to celebrate the beginning of the expedition, as guests gathered together, exchanged introductions and raised a glass to the journey ahead.





At 18:00, the ship cast off, as Akureyri gradually slipped into the distance, the vessel began its journey out through the fjord. The scenery was magnificent, with steep mountains, calm waters and the unmistakable beauty of the Icelandic landscape providing a memorable backdrop to the first evening on board.

Then came an unexpected and unforgettable first wildlife encounter. As the ship made its way out of the fjord, a humpback

whale appeared remarkably close to the vessel. Guests gathered to watch as the enormous whale moved through the water, transforming an already special departure into something truly extraordinary.

It was the perfect beginning to an expedition cruise: sunshine over Northern Iceland, a warm welcome on board, the excitement of setting sail and, before the first evening was even over, a spectacular encounter with one of the ocean's most magnificent creatures.

The expedition had officially begun — and it was already promising to be an unforgettable one.



Day 2 – Monday 17th August – At Sea, Denmark Strait

12h00 GPS Position: 68°36.1'N / 020°31.4'W

Wind: NW2 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Foggy • Air temperature: +8°C

Today was very much a day of preparation, learning, and anticipation as we continued our journey through Greenland. The day began with a cheerful wake-up call and breakfast in the dining room. After breakfast, we gathered in the observation lounge for an engaging talk by Michelle about the People of Greenland. It was a fascinating introduction to Greenland's people, culture, history, and way of life, giving us a deeper understanding of the place we are travelling through. The morning continued with an important AECO, bear safety, and Zodiac briefing. This mandatory session covered the essential safety procedures we will need to follow during our upcoming excursions. Given the remote environment and the possibility of encountering wildlife, it was an important and very practical part of preparing for our adventures ashore. After lunch, the expedition team began distributing our rubber boots. We were called deck by deck to collect them from the boot room, and it suddenly felt very real that our shore excursions were getting closer. Later, Marco and Charlotte led a briefing about the Explorer/Extended Walk. This was mandatory for anyone wishing to participate and gave us a better idea of what to expect from the activity, as well as how to prepare for the walk. In the afternoon, we returned to the observation lounge for a lecture with Sven about the geology of Greenland. Learning about the geological forces that have shaped this enormous island added another dimension to our understanding of the spectacular landscapes around us. The mountains, cliffs, ice, and rock suddenly seemed to tell a much older story. The day finished with our Daily Recap, when we met with the expedition team to reflect on everything we had learned and hear about what was ahead. We then enjoyed a plated dinner in the dining room. It was a busy but rewarding day, filled with fascinating information and plenty of preparation. We now feel much better equipped for the adventures ahead—and increasingly excited to finally get out and experience Greenland for ourselves. 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.



Day 3 – Tuesday 18th August - Bjørneøer & Jyttehavn

12h00 GPS Position: 71°04.3'N / 025°38.1'W

Wind: N1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Clear • Air temperature: +15°C

First day in Greenland! We woke up to clear blue skies, no wind and huge icebergs floating past the windows at breakfast. We lowered the zodiacs and set out to explore the Bjørneøer, or the “Bear Islands”, in Scoresby Sund.



We cruised for 3 hours through narrow inlets surrounded by dramatic mountains, rocky coastlines and towering icebergs. The scenery was spectacular, with the clear skies giving us wonderful views across the fjords. We were also lucky with wildlife, spotting muskox grazing

Later in the morning, the long hikers were dropped off on the island Taseertit for an all-day hike. The landscape was vast and untouched, with colourful tundra, rugged mountains and ice-filled waters. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience East Greenland on foot and appreciate just how wild and remote this part of the world is. We were lucky enough to spot an Arctic hare and several muskox. Seeing these animals in such a remote environment was a real highlight.

In the afternoon, we landed at Jyttehavn, a small harbour on the most western of the Bear Islands. We divided into short, medium and long hikers and headed out for a hike across the tundra, enjoying wonderful views of the surrounding fjords and icebergs. With the sun still shining and almost no wind, conditions could hardly have been better for exploring.



After recap and talks on mountains and icebergs we had a delicious dinner as we cruised westwards through Øfjord towards tomorrow's landing.

Day 4 – Wednesday 19th August – Rypefjord & Harefjord

12h00 GPS Position: 70°59.5'N / 027°42.9'W

Wind: NNW2 • Sea: calm • Weather: clear • Air temperature: +17°C

After a fantastic first day in Greenland we woke up to another sun drenched day. Clear blue skies, the sun shining abundantly and no wind. Perfect conditions to be off the ship and enjoy Greenland to the fullest.



For our morning landing we had entered Rype Fjord. Rype Fjord is a deep, rugged branch of the Scoresbysund fjord system in eastern Greenland. Measuring roughly 30 km long and about 5km wide. It features towering mountain walls, active glacial calvings from the Eielson Glacier at its head, and local wildlife like muskoxes and arctic hares. The ultra long hikers would also use Rype Fjord as the start of their all day hike.

Our landing this morning was not on the beach as the tide was dropping and the waters in front of the landing site were very shallow. So we landed on the rocks instead while our skilled zodiac drivers kept the noses of the zodiacs against the stones. Once we were all safely on land, the hike leaders would elaborate on their plans for the morning, helping us to chose the group of our liking. The long hikers set off for a proper morning workout while trying to gain some altitude and cover a good distance. The medium group planned to find a good balance between hiking and having time for photography, wherea the leisurely group focussed mainly on relaxation and enjoyment. In the leisurely group, guide Michelle found some interesting *scientific material*; Musk Ox poop. Michelle is cooperating with the Alfred Wegener Institut in Germany where microplastics studies are being conducted. As such



Michelle sends stool samples of various animals with the GPS coordinates and photos and in Germany these samples are being tested for the presence of microplastics. To avoid contaminating the samples, Michelle used aluminium foil and a paper bag to collect the material.



Later in the morning, all hiking groups were fortunate to see Musk Oxes. For the leisurely group they *posed* perfectly on a small mountain ridge while slowly making their way up. Of course we also enjoyed the weather. We all sat down at some point to enjoy natures' sounds while enjoying mountain and iceberg views.

The morning had been stellar and if it wasn't for yet another delicious lunch, we could have easily spent the entire day out in Rype Fjord.

After lunch we landed at Hare fjord, another stunning location in the wonderful Scoresbysund. Hare Fjord is a deep,

remote branch as it sits closest to the massive inland Ice sheet, featuring dramatic glaciers that drop straight into the water alongside steep mountain walls and tundra slopes. The fjord takes its name from the bright Arctic white hares that can be seen



here. Hare Fjord is also called *The Green Connection* as in late summer the tundra slopes turn vibrant shades of green, yellow and red. The weather was still wonderful and soon the zodiacs would bring us ashore. We divided as usual in groups and set off for our hikes.

Many of us wished we would have brought shorts as it was really warm. However at the end of the hike, the expedition team had organised a so called polar plunge.



A refreshing swim in the cold arctic waters of eastern Greenland. The conditions couldn't have been better and with a water temperature of around 7°C it was actually really refreshing! The ultra long hikers had made it back as well and many of us went for a short swim whereas others were struggling a bit more with the still cold water. However once back on the beach we warmed up quickly and we forgot about the cold water instantly.



Back on board we changed into dry comfortable clothing before recap followed by a delicious meal prepared by the galley team.

At night many of us enjoyed the stunning scenery filled with ice bergs looking like giant pieces of gold against a background of rugged mountains. Others called it a day and went for a well deserved sleep after a wonderfully active day. Good night everyone!

Day 5 – Thursday 20th August – Sydkap & Immikkertigajik

12h00 GPS Position: 71°17.6'N / 023°02.3'W

Wind: W3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Clear • Air temperature: +14°C

Getting out of bed and opening the blinds right away to check the surroundings and the weather conditions has become a little ritual for many of us. Much to our delight it looked beautiful out there. The sea was flat calm and the view spectacular. The sky was cloudy and small ripples on the water surface indicated a light breeze. Obviously, it was a good idea to put on an extra layer for today's activities.



After Chloé and her team had given the okay to board the zodiacs we soon after landed at Sydkap (the South Kap). A well maintained large red cabin, almost a house, stood high on the rocks. It is used by the locals from the near-by community Ittoqqoortormiit. At first the extended hikers started their adventure to explore

the mountains, slopes and valleys. They were later picked up at the beach to the east, eager to tell us about them walking along barren slopes and river beds and over open tundra. They were treated with sightings of rock ptarmigans, Arctic hares and musk oxen.

Gathering all others at the beach, the guides described their plans for each group. Seeing the terrain was a big help for us to take the best decision who to join. While the



curious walkers took a closer look at the cabins, the fast hikers where already some dozens of meters above sea level and soon out of sight. The medium group took it a bit slower but gaining height as well. A thunder-like sound however made them freeze on the spot to watch the ice berg below. As a large piece of ice fell off, the berg lost its balance and started to turn. Although we were all hoping for, it did not

have to do a full 180° turn to find its new balance. It was impressive to watch the rolling giant, to feel its power and to listen to the unique sounds of moving water and ice. While climbing higher these unique sounds of thunder filled the air time and again coming from the icebergs stranded in the Scoresby Sund below us, far and close.

After lunch on board we landed at a small island just off Sydkap named Immikkeertikajik meaning the little island. To pay tribute to the Greenlanders we use their name for the island although we struggle to pronounce it. Just above the landing site we discovered the overgrown remains of winter houses from the Thule people living here some hundred years ago. The squarely positioned walls were fully overgrown with grasses and willow trees. The low-lying entrance was clearly visible and pointed towards the water. The long corridor, through which one had to crawl, was clearly visible leading up to a larger opening where the families had found shelter from the harsh winter weather. We could only theoretically imagine how it must have been.

Some of us hiked to a view point to look down to a lower area where smaller stones on the ground formed a regular circle of some meters in diameter. Michelle explained that these rocks were used to weigh the tents of the Thule people used during the summer when they lived a more nomadic life.



Hiking up a steep rocky face we passed a willow growing on the rock with a very thick stem. It could very well be 50 or more years of age. We discovered many more beauties and took a closer look using Ursula's amazing magnifying glasses named Lichen Candelaris. It helped to open the window into a normally hidden world of details, structures, patterns and colours of various plants such as Alpine bistort, mountain avens and Arctic bell heathers.



While the long hikers reached almost the highest point of the island the mediums hikers walked up to an exposed ridge below. We all got a beautiful view towards the area east of our morning landing site. With binoculars we

scanned the open tundra looking for musk ox. But no luck this time. Instead, we discovered the explorative hikers waiting to be picked up and half a dozen colourful cabins near the beach. The hunters of Ittokoortoormiit come here using small boats to hunt for musk ox. They are an important food source and connection to their culture grown over many generations.

Then a guest found a piece of egg shell from a goose. Mark explained the regular and more perpendicular edges indicated that the chick had hatched. Later we found remains of another egg with holes. Their small sizes pointed towards a stoat rather than a fox as the predator. Ursula also took the opportunity of an outdoor lesson and explained a principle in nature found among Arctic animals and plants. To conserve energy by having a lower body surface to volume ratio. Using the packaging of a Toblerone she illustratively anchored this knowledge in our memories.



Soon after we were all back on board. Plancius lifted anchor and sailed eastwards passing huge icebergs of various shapes, colours and appearances. Later she started to roll a bit as the sea got wavy and the sky turned overcast. Signs that the weather was changing from sunny and very hot to the more authentic conditions of the Arctic.



Day 6 – Friday 21st August – Hurry Fjord & Ittoqqortoormiit

12h00 GPS Position: 70°36.9'N / 022°27.4'W

Wind: NE 2 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Cloudy • Air temperature: +11°C

Our day began with a wake-up call from Chloe, our Expedition Leader, before we headed down for a delicious breakfast. Soon after, we boarded the Zodiacs and made our way to Hurry Inlet, named after the British explorer and Arctic explorer Sir Richard Hurry. Hurry Inlet lies on the eastern side of Scoresby Sund, one of the largest fjord



systems in the world. The surrounding landscape was typical of the High Arctic, with vast open valleys, rocky slopes and sparse vegetation. Once ashore, we split into our long, medium and short walking groups and spent around two hours exploring the area on foot. Some of us saw Musk Ox, Arctic Fox and the beautiful Poppy!

After lunch, we headed out again, this time to Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the most remote settlements in Greenland. The town was established in 1925 and is home to a small Inuit community whose traditional way of life has long been closely connected to hunting and the surrounding Arctic environment. Walking around the settlement gave us a fascinating insight into everyday life in the community. We watched the local sled dogs being fed and noticed polar bear skins hanging over balconies, reminders of the importance of hunting in the region. We also saw narwhal tusks and walrus skulls in a lovely ladies home who invited us in for coffee.



By this point, the wind had started to pick up and the temperature felt considerably colder than it had over the previous few days. After enjoying such warm weather earlier in the expedition, the change was certainly noticeable as we made our way back to the ship. Once onboard, we settled in for a longer recap covering 'Life of the Inuit', 'Women Explorers of the Arctic', the 'Arctic Hare' and the remarkable 'Tardigrade'. It was a varied evening of history, culture and natural history. Then came one of the highlights of the day: an Arctic BBQ outside on deck. We were treated to plenty of delicious food, free drinks, music and dancing. With everyone in high spirits after a busy day ashore, we enjoyed a fantastic evening together, surrounded by the Arctic landscape.

Day 7 – Saturday 22nd August – Vikingebugt

08h00 GPS Position: 70°16.8'N / 025°18.3'W

Wind: W3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Oversast, Drizzle • Air temperature: +7°C

Awoken by the call from Chloe, we peered out through the porthole and noticed that the weather had changed, as expected. The good sunny days were left behind, and misty weather with some drizzle welcomed us today.



MV Plancius was sailing into Vikingebugt, a 5 km wide and 8 km long bay located on the southern side of Scoresby Sund and indenting the Blosseville Coast. Navigating into the iceberg-filled bay, we made our way towards the southwestern corner of the fjord. Right before breakfast started, the expedition staff

announced that four polar bears had been spotted resting on the stark glacier moraine. Some of us ventured onto the outer decks and the bow and, although they were only visible through a scope, had a chance to see the King of the Arctic.

At 9 o'clock, we gathered at the gangway to start our Zodiac cruise. First visiting the thundering waterfall spilling glacier meltwater into the fjord, we then moved towards the western side of Bredegletscher, where we cruised among growlers, bergy bits, and icebergs of all kinds of shapes and colours.

Bredegletscher is a tidewater outlet glacier flowing northwards from the Geikie Plateau, an icefield that covers about 50,000 km² of the Volquart Boon Kyst peninsula, located south of Scoresby Sund.

Whilst cruising in the ice-filled waters of the fjord, Marco spotted a polar bear in the water, swimming alongside the glacier front and away from the Zodiacs. We watched the bear from a safe distance until it disappeared into the maze of glacier ice. Soon afterwards, a female polar bear started moving along the upper moraine, and with binoculars we could see her two cubs following her around the boulders and scree slopes.

But the surprises were not over for the morning. As our guides moved towards the ship to bring us back on board, another bear was spotted by the bridge team walking alongside the basaltic scree slope on the western side of the bay. We quickly climbed up the gangway and walked straight to the bow. Thanks to the excellent manoeuvring



of the captain, we were able to observe this magnificent animal in its natural environment.

During lunchtime, MV Plancius sailed out of the fjord towards the northeastern corner of Vikingbugt. However, due to the poor visibility and the risk of encountering bears on land, our Expedition

Leader, Chloe, opted for a Zodiac cruise rather than a landing. The boats were launched, and off we went once more into the ice-filled waters around Helgenæs, observing the impressive and beautiful basaltic columns despite the rainy afternoon.

Later, during the recap, we learned from Karoline that this specific area of East Greenland was formed by continuous and massive basaltic flood eruptions that started around 58–60 million years ago during the opening of the North Atlantic. These eruptions are closely connected with the volcanism found in the British Isles and the Faroe Islands.

A plated dinner prepared by Chef Khabir and the galley team was eventually served in the restaurant. Afterwards, we gathered in the lounge to exchange pictures, stories, and impressions of yet another great day in Scoresby Sund.



Day 8 – Sunday 23rd August– Rømer Fjord and Turner Sound

12h00 GPS Position: 69°43.8'N / 023°41.7'W

Wind: NNE4 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +10°C

The plan had been a fjord of two halves. A morning landing at Rømer Fjord, then a shift across to Turner Sound in the afternoon to cruise its narrow, fast-running channel. In the end the weather made the decision for us, and it made a good one. Conditions in Rømer Fjord were better than anything we were likely to find at Turner Sound, so we stayed exactly where we were and let the day unfold around us. The ship held her position all day, and nobody was sorry for it.

The morning landing put us ashore on Turner Ø, a rugged and mountainous corner of East Greenland. The draw here is the small hot springs, warm pools that gather near the coast in a landscape that gives no other hint of warmth. They are modest things, and largely left alone for scientific observation, but there is something quietly remarkable about finding warm water at all in a place like this. From there we climbed to stand above the basalt columns, the tall regular pillars of old volcanic rock that make up so much of this coastline and looked out over the fjord from above.



While the landing was underway, the divers were in the water on the first of two dives. The morning dive took them onto an iceberg, always a striking place to be below the surface, working around the submerged blue mass of ice with the light filtering down through it.

After lunch, with the ship still settled in the fjord, the afternoon

became a zodiac cruise of Rømer Fjord itself rather than the run across to Turner Sound. The better water was here and cruising it slowly gave us time to work the shoreline properly. The highlight came in the shape of an Arctic hare, and a notably large one, spotted on the land as we cruised. They are handsome animals, pure white and heavier than people expect, and to see one at size is a treat.

The divers, meanwhile, took their second dive of the day on the basalt columns, dropping down alongside the same volcanic rock formations that the shore party had stood above in the morning. Two dives, an iceberg and a wall of ancient columns, is a strong day's diving by any measure.

By late afternoon the day's activity had wound down and the ship remained where she had sat since morning. We gathered in the observation lounge for recap, where the team ran through the plan for the day ahead and shared a few stories from the fjord, before a plated dinner was served in the dining room.

It was a day that could easily have been spent chasing a second location and arriving to worse conditions. Instead, we backed the fjord we already had, and it repaid us. Hot springs and basalt columns above the water, an iceberg and those same columns below it, and a large white hare to round out the afternoon. Sometimes the best call is to stay put.



Day 9 – Monday 24th August - At Sea, Denmark Strait

12h00 GPS Position: 67°219.4'N / 019°27.5'W

Wind: NE5 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Drizzle • Air temperature: +8°C

The Denmark Strait crossing provided a suitably dramatic final chapter to the expedition. A three-metre swell rolled beneath the vessel as she made her way across the strait, while overcast skies and a slight drizzle created a distinctly atmospheric backdrop. With the sea crossing, the day became an opportunity to reflect, learn and hear more about the remarkable work that takes place both on and beneath the polar waters.

The morning began with a lecture from Charlotte on one of the Arctic's most iconic inhabitants: the polar bear. Her presentation offered fascinating insight into their behaviour, ecology and adaptations, bringing the world of these magnificent animals vividly to life.

This was followed by a presentation from the dive team, who shared an insight into their operations and some of their experiences beneath the surface. Their stories provided a fascinating perspective on the expedition, revealing another side of the environments through which the vessel had travelled.



Just before lunch, the expedition team made their final collection of the guests' muck boots. It was a small but significant moment, signalling that the landings and shore excursions had come to an end and that the journey was now entering its final stage.

During the afternoon, Koen took guests on a journey beyond the current expedition, presenting the many other destinations visited by Oceanwide Expeditions. The presentation offered plenty of inspiration for future adventures. Then came Chloe's legendary Plankton lecture. With her trademark enthusiasm, she once again demonstrated that some of the ocean's smallest inhabitants can provide some of its biggest stories. It was a fitting reminder of the incredible interconnectedness of the marine ecosystems encountered throughout the voyage.



As evening approached, the expedition came to a celebratory close with the Captain's Farewell drinks. Guests, expedition staff and crew gathered together to raise a glass to the journey, the experiences shared and the memories created along the way and Gabi premiered the slideshow that she had been putting together for the guests during the voyage. The final plated dinner

onboard followed, bringing everyone together around the table one last time. Outside,

the Denmark Strait continued to roll beneath the ship, while inside there was a sense of achievement, camaraderie and perhaps a little reluctance to say goodbye.

After days of exploration, wildlife encounters, lectures and adventures in some of the world's most remote waters, the voyage was drawing to a close. The Denmark Strait had provided a suitably memorable final crossing — and one last reminder that, on an expedition, the journey itself is always part of the adventure.

Day 10 – Tuesday 25th August – Disembarkation - Akureyri

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

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

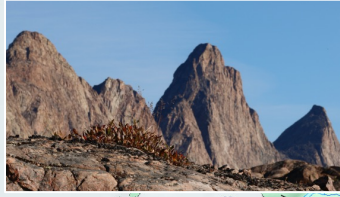
The expedition was over, but the adventure—and the memories—will continue long after we reach home. Goodbye, Greenland—and goodbye to everyone who shared this unforgettable adventure. Until the next expedition.



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

16. Akureyri
17. At sea
18. a) Bjørne Øer
b) Jytte Havn
19. a) Rypefjord
b) Harefjord
20. a) Sydkap
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English Name	Latin	German	16-Aug	17-Aug	18-Aug	19-Aug	20-Aug	21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug	24-Aug	25-Aug
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Stemtaucher			X	X	X	X				
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Eissturmvogel	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	Basstölpel									X	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Steinwälzer			X			X				
Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	Thorshühnchen			X							
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Kurzschnabelgans			X		X					
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Weisswangengans			X	X						
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Eiderente			X	X	X	X		X		
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>hyperboreus</i>	Alpenschneehuhn				X	X			X		
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Sandregenpfeifer			X		X	X		X		
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Meerstrandläufer			X			X		X		
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Spatelraubmöwe		X								
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Schmarotzeraubmöwe		X	X							
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Falkenraubmöwe		X			X					
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Eismöwe			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	X	X	X
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	Elfenbeinmöwe							X			
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Küstenseeschwalbe		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	Dickschnabellumme		X							X	
Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	Grylleiste			X		X	X				
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Krabbentaucher								X		
Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Papageitaucher		X							X	
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Schneeammer			X	X	X	X		X		
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Steinschmätzer			X	X	X					
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Kolkrabe			X		X	X				
Great Shearwater	<i>Ardenna gravis</i>	Großer Sturmtaucher		X							X	
Sooty shearwater	<i>Ardenna grisea</i>	Dunkler Sturmtaucher		X								
Sabinegull	<i>Xema sabini</i>	Schwalbenmöwe		X								
MAMMALS												
English Name	Latin	German	16-Aug	17-Aug	18-Aug	19-Aug	20-Aug	21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug	24-Aug	25-Aug
Ringed seal	<i>Phoca hispida</i>	Ringelrobbe							X			
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Buckelwal		X								
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Eisbär							7 III	X		
Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	Polarfuchs				X		X				
Arctic Hare	<i>Lepus timidus</i>	Schneehase			X	X	X			X		
Muskox	<i>Ovibus moschatus</i>	Moschusochse			X	X	X	X				
Ermine or Stoat	<i>Mustela erminea</i>	Hermelin										
Specials												
Sea angel	<i>Cione limacina</i>	Seeengel				X	X	X	X			

Chloé Maréchal – Expedition Leader



Chloé is a dedicated diver with an insatiable passion for marine life and exploration. Holding 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.

While charismatic megafauna like dolphins and whales rightfully capture our imagination, 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 2013, her expertise and potential were recognized at the highest level when she was selected as the prestigious 2013–14 European Rolex Our World-Underwater Scholar — an honour that placed her alongside world-leading figures in marine science and the diving industry. That formative year also brought her first encounter with Antarctica, an experience that sparked a lifelong passion for polar

environments and remote wilderness. Chloé's career has taken her to every continent, both above and below the surface. She spent nine years living in Bodø, Norway, just above the Arctic Circle, before recently relocating to southern France. Beyond guiding, she continues to pursue underwater exploration — diving forgotten shipwrecks, mapping uncharted underwater caves, and sailing open waters.

Whether you're a seasoned naturalist or encountering the ocean for the first time, Chloé's enthusiasm, depth of knowledge, and spirit of adventure will leave you seeing the sea in an entirely new light.

Chloé ist eine engagierte Taucherin mit einer unstillbaren Leidenschaft für das Meeresleben und die Erforschung des Meeres. Sie hat einen europäischen Master-Abschluss in Meeresbiologie und Naturschutz. Sie liebt es ihr Fachwissen zu teilen und fuer den Schutz der Meere zu werben.

Während charismatische Großtiere wie Delfine und Wale zu Recht unsere Fantasie beflügeln, gehört Chloés Herz den unbeachteten Helden des Ozeans: der oft unterschätzten Welt des Planktons und den Geheimnissen unsichtbarer Mikroben. Sie möchte zeigen, dass selbst die kleinsten Organismen große Persönlichkeiten haben können!

2013 wurde ihr Fachwissen und Potenzial auf höchster Ebene anerkannt, als sie als renommierte European Rolex Our World-Underwater Scholar 2013–14 ausgewählt wurde — eine Ehre, die sie neben führende Persönlichkeiten der Meereswissenschaft und der Tauchbranche stellte. Dieses prägende Jahr brachte ihr auch die erste Begegnung mit der Antarktis, ein Erlebnis, das eine lebenslange Leidenschaft für polare Umgebungen und abgelegene Wildnis entfachte.

Chloés Karriere hat sie auf jeden Kontinent geführt, sowohl über als auch unter der Oberfläche. Sie verbrachte neun Jahre in Bodø, Norwegen, knapp über dem Polarkreis, bevor sie kürzlich in den Süden Frankreichs zog.

Neben ihrer Arbeit als Expeditionsleiterin geht sie weiterhin der Unterwasserforschung nach. Sie taucht an vergessenen Schiffswracks, kartiert unerforschte Unterwasserhöhlen und segelt ueber die Meere.

Egal, ob du ein erfahrener Naturfreund bist oder das erste Mal mit dem Ozean in Berührung kommst, Chloés Begeisterung, ihr fundiertes Wissen und ihr Abenteuergeist werden dich das Meer in einem völlig neuen Licht sehen lassen.

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.

Karoline Bælum – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

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

Deutsch

Karoline kam 2001 als Geologiestudentin im Grundstudium nach Spitzbergen – und hat es seither nie geschafft, die Insel zu verlassen. Nach über 20 Jahren auf Spitzbergen hat sie mittlerweile ein Team von Schlittenhunden, einen Masterabschluss in Glaziologie, einen Dokortitel in Geologie, ein Kind und eine Trapperstation.

Seit 2002 arbeitet sie nebenbei als Guide und war außerdem sowohl als Wissenschaftlerin am Universitätszentrum in Spitzbergen als auch als leitende Beraterin für den Norwegischen Forschungsrat tätig. Seit 2007 führt sie für Oceanwide Expeditions Touren in Spitzbergen, Grönland und der Antarktis durch.

Zusammen mit ihrem Sohn, ihrem Partner und sieben Hunden hat sie zwei Überwinterungen an der Trapperstation Farmhamna im Forlandssundet verbracht und damit geholfen, die über 400-jährige Trappertradition Spitzbergens am Leben zu erhalten. Wenn sie nicht arbeitet, ist sie oft mit den Hunden unterwegs, auf einem Gletscher oder beim Training mit dem Lawinenrettungsteam des Roten Kreuzes.

In den Polarregionen zu arbeiten und zu guiden, ist für eine Geowissenschaftlerin ein wahr gewordener Traum – denn die Landschaft besteht größtenteils aus Fels und Eis. Ohne Bäume oder viel Vegetation, die den Blick auf die Gesteine verdecken könnten, ist die faszinierende geologische Geschichte dieser Regionen deutlich sichtbar und leicht zugänglich

Marco Rosso – Expedition Guide



Marco was born in the region of Prosecco & Tiramisù in Northern Italy.

He graduated in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Padua, his native city, and subsequently achieved a Master's degree in "Turbomachinery and Fluid Dynamics" at the Von Karman Institute in Brussels, Belgium.

Currently he is studying Earth Science at Stockholm University, Sweden.

After a few years working in the automotive industry, he decided to embark himself on a new quest. For two years he backpacked from the tropical forests of Central America, through the snowy peaks of the Andean Cordillera, rolling all the way down to the tip of South America.

The raw and powerful beauty of Patagonia convinced him to swap Mother Nature wonders for mankind artifacts. Fascinated by applied geophysics, he therefore

decided to use his deep and broad knowledge in thermodynamics and fluid mechanics to satisfying his innate curiosity, thereby started to study Earth Science.

During the last decade he has been living in Puerto Natales, Chile; leading groups as a trekking guide and tour leader in some of the most beautiful and rugged trails of Patagonia and for four years has started to join expeditions to the Arctic and the Antarctic on board of Oceanwide vessels.

Deutsch

Marco wurde in der Region von Prosecco und Tiramisù in Norditalien geboren.

Er schloss sein Studium im Maschinenbau an der Universität Padua, seiner Heimatstadt, ab und erwarb anschließend einen Masterabschluss in „Turbomaschinen und Strömungsdynamik“ am Von-Karman-Institut in Brüssel, Belgien. Derzeit studiert er Geowissenschaften an der Universität Stockholm in Schweden.

Nach einigen Jahren in der Automobilindustrie entschied er sich, zu neuen Ufern aufzubrechen. Zwei Jahre lang reiste er als Backpacker von den tropischen Wäldern Mittelamerikas über die schneebedeckten Gipfel der Andenkordillere bis hinunter an die Südspitze Südamerikas.

Die raue und kraftvolle Schönheit Patagoniens überzeugte ihn schließlich, menschengemachte Strukturen gegen die Wunder der Natur einzutauschen. Fasziniert von angewandter Geophysik beschloss er, sein umfangreiches Wissen in Thermodynamik und Strömungsmechanik zu nutzen, um seine angeborene Neugier zu stillen, und begann daher ein Studium der Geowissenschaften.

Im letzten Jahrzehnt lebte er in Puerto Natales in Chile, wo er als Trekkingguide und Reiseleiter Gruppen auf einigen der schönsten und anspruchsvollsten Routen Patagoniens führte. Seit vier Jahren nimmt er zudem an Expeditionen in die Arktis und Antarktis an Bord von Schiffen von Oceanwide teil.

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

Tanja Bayer – Lead Dive Guide



Based in Oberursel, near Frankfurt am Main, Germany, Tanja has been a passionate diver since 1990, amassing over 5,100 dives. She is the founder and owner of TaWo Diving, a thriving diving center she has run since 1996.

As a PADI Master Instructor and Course Director, Tanja not only teaches diving but also trains the next generation of diving instructors. Her dedication to underwater exploration is matched only by her expertise in medicine.

Tanja's "second" profession is as a medical doctor specializing in General Practice, Accident & Emergency, and Diving Medicine. In 2009, she combined her medical and diving skills by serving as a ship's doctor in Antarctica. Since 2015, she has extended her expertise to the Arctic, working with Oceanwide Expeditions as both a Dive Team Leader and Expedition Guide.

In her role as a dive guide and dive expedition leader, Tanja has guided divers to some of the most breathtaking locations on Earth. Her favorite dive site is

Planeau Bay in Antarctica, where cold-water diving offers a unique and challenging experience. She describes the thrill of touching an iceberg and observing the vibrant marine life that thrives in such extreme conditions, all while emphasizing the need for experience and vigilance to prevent hypothermia.

Blending her two professions, Tanja has contributed to several film productions as a Dive Supervisor and Expedition Doctor in remote and stunning locations, including Antarctica and Tanzania.

Her passion for the Polar regions in the North and in the South remains unparalleled, as she continues to explore, guide, and share her love for this remarkable region with others.

Deutsch

In Oberursel, unweit von Frankfurt am Main, ist Tanja zu Hause. Sie taucht seit 1990 und hat schon mehr als 5100 Tauchgänge. Zusammen mit ihrem Mann betreibt sie seit 1996 das Tauchzentrum TaWo Diving. Als PADI Master Instructor und Course Director bildet Tanja nicht nur Taucher aus, sondern formt auch die nächste Generation von Tauchlehrern. Ihr Engagement für die Unterwasserwelt.

Tanjas „zweiter Beruf“ liegt im medizinischen Bereich. Sie ist Ärztin mit Spezialisierung auf Allgemeinmedizin, Notfallmedizin, Reisemedizin und Tauchmedizin. Im Jahr 2009 brachte sie diese Fähigkeiten aufs nächste Level – als Schiffsärztin in der Antarktis. Seit 2015 zieht es sie auch in den hohen Norden, wo sie für Oceanwide Expeditions erst als Schiffsärztin, nun auch als Leiter des Tauchteams und Expeditionsguide tätig ist. In dieser Rolle führt sie erfahrene Taucher an einige der atemberaubendsten Orte unseres Planeten. Ihr Lieblingsplatz unter den Wellen? Planeau Bay in der Antarktis – ein Tauchrevier der Extreme. Dort, wo die Kälte den Atem raubt, aber Eisberge greifbar nah sind, erlebt sie unvergessliche Momente. Sie beschreibt den Zauber, einen Eisberg zu berühren, während quirliges Leben unter dem Eis pulsiert – stets mit der nötigen Erfahrung und Achtsamkeit, denn Hypothermie ist ein ständiger Begleiter.

Die Verbindung ihrer beiden Berufe führte Tanja auch zu mehreren Filmproduktionen, bei denen sie als Dive Supervisor und Expeditionsärztin tätig war – an entlegenen, filmreifen Schauplätzen wie der Antarktis und Tansania. Ihre Faszination für die Polarregionen des Nordens wie des Südens ist ungebrochen. Immer wieder zieht es sie hinaus, um zu entdecken, zu leiten und ihre Begeisterung für diese einzigartigen Welten mit anderen zu teilen.

Luce Moussiere – Dive Guide



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

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

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

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

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

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

Deutsch

Sie konnte schwimmen, noch bevor sie laufen konnte.

Luce ist eine junge französische Tauchlehrerin, Schwimmtrainerin und Wanderführerin. Nach ihrem Abschluss in Neurolinguistischem Programmieren verließ sie Frankreich mit dem Ziel, außergewöhnliche Erlebnisse für alle Menschen zugänglich zu machen.

Sie lebte in Asien und Australien, wo sie – wenn sie nicht gerade Freizeitkurse unterrichtete – an zahlreichen Projekten zum Schutz des Meereslebens und zur Wiederherstellung von Korallenriffen mitwirkte. Dabei arbeitete sie mit der Verwaltung des Great Barrier Reef Marine Parks zusammen. Sie leitete Erkundungen, um abgelegene, unberührte Korallenriffsysteme zu kartieren, und führte erfahrene Taucher, um sie über die Auswirkungen des Klimawandels aufzuklären. Sie organisierte auch spezielle Touren auf privaten Yachten, um große Meereslebewesen wie Bullenhaie, Tigerhaie, Zwergwale und Buckelwale zu beobachten. Nach fünf Jahren in tropischen Gewässern spezialisierte sie sich auf das Tauchen in kalten Umgebungen – heute lebt sie in Island. Sie ließ sich darauf trainieren, durch isländische Winter zu arbeiten und sich daran anzupassen – mit kaum Tageslicht und Temperaturen bis zu -30 °C. Heute taucht oder schnorchelt sie im kristallklaren Wasser der Silfra-Spalte, die zwischen den nordamerikanischen und eurasischen tektonischen Platten liegt. Luce ist spezialisiert auf technisches Dekompressionstauchen, Eistauchen, Kaltwassertauchen, Tieftauchen, Nachtauchen, Wracktauchen und Tauchen mit angereicherter Luft (Nitrox). Sie ist stets bestrebt, neue Fähigkeiten zu erwerben, um auch in den herausforderndsten Umgebungen sicher tauchen und führen zu können. Außerdem ist sie als Wanderführerin auf Abruf tätig, wenn isländische Vulkane ausbrechen – sie spürt sichere Routen durch vulkanisches Gelände auf, um Wanderer zu diesen eindrucksvollen Naturereignissen zu führen. Wenn sie nicht arbeitet, findet man Luce wandernd durch Fjorde und Gletscher, erkundend in Eishöhlen, beim Freitauchen in arktischen Tangwäldern – und einfach das riesige Naturspielplatz genießen, den das raue isländische Land bietet.

Ninette van Es – Ship's doctor



Ninette was born in the southern part of the Netherlands and undertook her medical training at the University of Utrecht. After completing medical school and 6 clinical years of residency in the Department of Surgery at the University of Utrecht and Amsterdam she served as a surgeon in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam.

Feeling the need to widen her horizons further she changed her specialization towards a general practitioner. Also interested in travelling she was excited when an opportunity came up while she was finishing her studies to travel as a ship's physician to the South Pole in 2011. Since then she has been bitten by the Polar bug and has returned back each summer and winter to the North and South Pole since. More recently she has had a permanent job in two different GP practices which enables Ninette to combine her time

with opportunities to travel to far away places with, often as ship's physician.

Currently she is chairman of a Medical Committee to improve medical treatment on board of the expedition ships and besides this is a member of the Dutch Medical Nautical Society. When time permits she enjoys reading, running, traveling and skating.

Deutsch

Ninette wurde im Süden der Niederlande geboren und absolvierte ihre medizinische Ausbildung an der Universität von Utrecht. Nach Abschluss des Medizinstudiums und sechs klinischen Jahren der Facharztausbildung in der Abteilung für Chirurgie der Universität Utrecht und Amsterdam arbeitete sie als Chirurgin in der Abteilung für orthopädische Chirurgie am Akademischen Medizinischen Zentrum in Amsterdam.

Da sie das Bedürfnis verspürte, ihren Horizont weiter zu erweitern, änderte sie ihre Spezialisierung in Richtung Allgemeinmedizin. Da sie sich auch für das Reisen interessierte, war sie begeistert, als sich während ihres Studiums die Gelegenheit ergab, 2011 als Schiffsärztin zum Südpol zu reisen. Seitdem hat sie das Polarfieber gepackt und sie ist seitdem jeden Sommer und Winter an den Nord- und Südpol zurückgekehrt. In jüngster Zeit hat sie eine Festanstellung in zwei verschiedenen Hausarztpraxen, was Ninette die Möglichkeit gibt, ihre Zeit mit Reisen an weit entfernte Orte zu kombinieren, oft als Schiffsärztin.

Derzeit ist sie Vorsitzende eines medizinischen Komitees zur Verbesserung der medizinischen Versorgung an Bord von Expeditionsschiffen und außerdem Mitglied der Dutch Medical Nautical Society. Wenn es die Zeit erlaubt, liest sie gerne, läuft, reist und läuft Schlittschuh.

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. You do not need to bring your life jacket to the briefing, please leave it in your cabin. After the briefing, there will be a 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**. Be sure to bring your orange life jacket and warm clothing, and check your lifeboat number, which is listed on your cabin card. Do not put on your life jacket, before you are in the lounge.

±1800

Departure from Akureyri
The bridge will be closed during these operations.

1830

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

1930

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

- 0745 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.
- 0915 Please join **Michelle** in the observation lounge for a talk on the **People of Greenland**.
- 1115 **AECO, Bear safety and Zodiac briefing**
Please join us in the **observation lounge** for a **mandatory** briefing
- 1230 **Lunch buffet** in the **dining room**.
- 1345 **Boots:** The team will distribute your rubber boots. We will call you deck by deck to pick up your boots from the boot room, deck 3 forward.
Please listen for announcements.
- 1345 **Divers:** Please meet **Tanja and her dive team** in the library for a **briefing about our diving operation**. You will pick up your boots after the briefing.
- 1430 Please meet **Marco and Charlotte** in the observation lounge for a briefing about the **Explorer/Extended Walk**. **This briefing is mandatory for anyone who wishes to participate in this activity.**
- 1645 Please meet **Sven** in the observation lounge for a lecture about the **Geology of Greenland**.
- 1815 **Daily Recap** - please join your expedition team in the observation lounge.
- 1900 **Plated dinner** is served in the **dining room**.



“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.

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

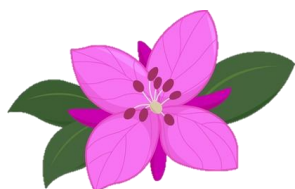
In the morning, we aim for a Zodiac cruise around the islands of Bjørneøer, meaning "bear islands" in English. They were named after an incident where the Danish explorer Carl Ryder shot a polar bear here while surveying these remote islands on the 4 September 1891. The Greenlandic name, Nannut Qeqertaat, carries the same meaning, acknowledging the polar bears that still occasionally visit. We hope to cruise among icebergs and past knife-edge mountains.

Please listen for announcement for timing.

± 0830 **Zodiac cruise:** Please come to the gangway.
± 0945 **Explorer / Extended Hike:** Please proceed to the gangway for a day hiking. Do not forget to prepare your lunch at breakfast.
± 0945 **Divers:** Please meet at the front deck to load your equipment.
1230 **Lunch buffet** in the dining room.

In the afternoon we hope to land at Jyttehavn, a small harbour on the Bjørneøer (Bear Islands), within Ø Fjord, we hope for a hike in the tundra and view on icebergs.

14h15 **Landing:** Please proceed to the gangway for a landing at Jyttehavn.
14h30 **Divers:** Please meet at the front deck to load your equipment.
18h15 **Daily Recap:** Please join your expedition team in the observation lounge to hear about tomorrow's plan and enjoy some stories from the team.
19h00 **Buffet dinner** is served in the **dining room**.



*"Even the tiniest of flowers can have the toughest roots."
— Shannon M Mullen, See What Flowers*



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

In the morning, we aim for a landing in Rypefjord, a name that comes from Danish meaning "Grouse Fjord." The fjord is only 2.9 km wide at the mouth, broadening towards the north until it reaches a width of over 5 km. At the end of the fjord lies the Eielson Glacier, one of the major glaciers in this system, producing many of the icebergs we see afloat.

This will be a tundra hike, so keep an eye out for muskox.

- 0900 **Explorer Extended Hike:** Please proceed to the gangway for a full day hiking from Rypefjord to Harefjord. **Do not forget to prepare your lunch at breakfast.**
- 0915 **Landing:** Please come to the gangway.
- 0930 **Divers:** Please meet at the front deck to load your equipment.
- 1230 **Lunch buffet** in the **dining room**.

In the afternoon, we hope to land at Harefjord, named after the elusive white hares, first recorded by explorers mapping the area. The landing is at a gentle slope covered in tundra, which offers a view on icebergs.

***At the end of the landing,** we'll organize **a polar plunge** for the brave among us! Please bring whatever you'd like to wear for it underneath your hiking clothes. We'll provide towels, so do not bring the one from your cabin.*

- 1430 **Landing:** Please proceed to the gangway.
- 1445 **Divers:** Please meet at the front deck to load your equipment.
- 1845 **Daily recap:** Please join your expedition team in the observation lounge to hear about tomorrow's plan and enjoy some stories from the team.
- 1930 **Buffet 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.

In the morning, we aim for a landing at sydkap, is a scenic headland located in Scoresby Sund. Known for its calm microclimate, it serves as a popular landing to view massive drifting icebergs. The landing will be rocky.

Today is the last opportunity to do an extended hike.

0900 **Explorer Extended Hike:** Please proceed to the gangway for a full day hiking from in Sykap. **Do not forget to prepare your lunch at breakfast.**

0915 **Landing:** Please come to the gangway.

0930 **Divers:** Please meet at the front deck to load your equipment.

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

In the afternoon, we hope to land at Immikkertigajik, a small island near Sydkap. In Greenlandic, the name roughly translates to "little island" and is known for its historic Inuit ruins remains and local wildlife.

1430 **Hikers:** Please proceed to the gangway.

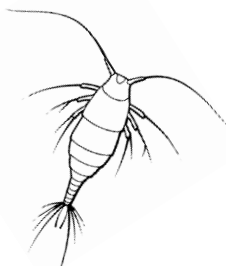
1445 **Divers:** Please meet at the front deck to load your equipment.

1815 **Daily Recap:** Please join your expedition team in the observation lounge to hear about tomorrow's plan and enjoy some stories from the team.

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

2030 Please meet **Karoline** in the **observation lounge** for a talk about her **life as a trapper** in Svalbard.

"When your feet are cold, cover your head." — Inuit saying.



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

In the morning, we aim for a landing at Hurry Fjord. Hurry Fjord, also called Hurry Inlet or Kangerterajiva. The fjord was named "Hurry's Inlet" in 1822 by William Scoresby (1789–1857) in honour of Nicholas Hurry, the owner of his ship, the Baffin. We aim to hike in the tundra.

0915 **Landing:** Please come to the gangway.
0930 **Divers:** Please meet at the front deck to load your equipment.
1230 **Lunch buffet** in the **dining room**.

In the afternoon, we hope to land at Ittoqqortoormiit. You will be able to visit one of the most remote towns in the world. Please, be mindful of the community and read the guidelines, these have been written by the community. These are placed around the ship. The landing is done on a beach so you will need to wear your muck boots.

1415 **Landing:** Please come to the gangway.
1700 **Last zodiac** from Ittoqqortoormiit to Plancius leaving the shore.
1800 **Extended Daily Recap:** Please join your expedition team in the observation lounge to hear about tomorrow's plan and enjoy some stories from the team.
1900 **Arctic dinner.** Put on your warm clothes and dancing shoes and join us on the back deck of deck 3, behind the restaurant.

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.

Expedition day at Vikingebugt

Vikingebugt is a large bay in the Scoresby Sund fjord system. Despite its name, it has no known historical connection to Vikings. It is famous for its striking basalt columns, its glacier front and beautiful icebergs.

0745 **Wake up call.** Good morning! Hope you enjoy your sleep in. 😊

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

In the morning, we aim for a Zodiac cruise in Vikingebugt in front of the Bredegletscher and/or around icebergs.

± 0915 **Zodiac cruise:** Please come to the gangway.

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

In the afternoon we would like to take you ashore for a landing at Helgenæs Peninsula on the south side of Scoresby Sund, east of Vikingebugt, to observe some basalt columns.

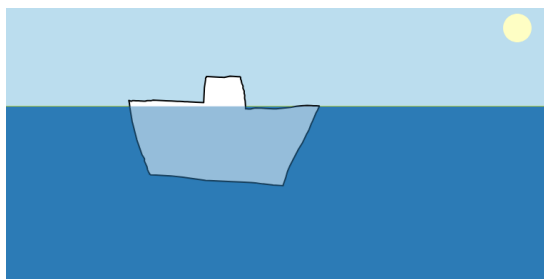
± 1430 **Landing:** Please proceed to the gangway.

± 1445 **Divers:** Please meet at the front deck to load your equipment.

1815 **Daily recap:** Please join your expedition team in the observation lounge to hear about tomorrow's plan and enjoy some stories from the team.

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

*Draw an iceberg on this website and see how it will float:
<https://joshdata.me/icebergerger.html>*



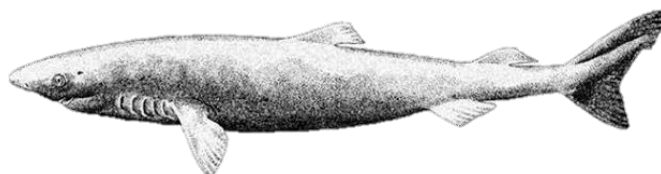
- 0745 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
0800 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

In the morning, we are planning a landing at Rømer Fjord, located on the island of Turner Ø, a rugged and mountainous area. On our landing, we aim to visit the small hot springs. Set within a harsh Arctic polar landscape, these natural springs form small warm pools near the coast. They are largely preserved for scientific observation.

- 0930 **Landing:** Please come to the gangway.
0945 **Divers:** Please meet at the front deck to load your equipment.
1230 **Lunch buffet** in the **dining room**.

In the afternoon, we would like to Zodiac cruise at Turner Sound, a narrow and exciting waterway known for its strong currents.

- 1430 **Zodiac cruise:** Please proceed to the gangway.
1445 **Divers:** Please meet at the front deck to load your equipment.
± 1745 **Boots:** Please return your boots to the boot room. They need to be clean. If they are not, a cleaning station will be in place at the gangway. We will call you deck by deck to avoid congestion, so please listen for announcements. Thank you.
1815 **Daily recap:** Please join your expedition team in the observation lounge to hear about tomorrow's plan and enjoy some stories from the team.
1900 **Plated dinner** is served in the **dining room**.



Did you know?

Greenland sharks can live to be up to 400 years old, making them the longest-living vertebrate known on Earth. They grow at a rate of only about one centimetre per year and do not reach sexual maturity until roughly age 150!



**Please secure your belongings
in your cabin, and always
remember to keep one hand free
for the ship**

- 0800 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
- 0815 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.
- 0930 **Charlotte** invites you to the **observation lounge** for a lecture on polar bears. While it's quite rare to spot polar bears in Scoresby Sound, given how many we've seen on this voyage, Charlotte thought it would be the perfect time to share more about these fascinating animals!
- 1100 **What did the divers see? Tanja and her dive team** invite you in the **observation lounge** to talk about diving operations and show you what Greenland looks like under water!
- ±1145 **Boots:** Please **return your boots to the boot room**. They need to be **clean**. We will call you deck by deck to avoid congestion, so please listen for announcements. Thank you.
- 1230 **Lunch buffet** in the **dining room**.
- 1430 Please join **Koen** in the **observation lounge**, to learn about other **exciting Oceanwide destinations**. We would love to travel with you again!
- 1600 **Chloe** invites you to the **observation lounge** for an enthusiastic lecture on **PLANKTON!** Did you know the longest plankton can be up to 50 metres long?! If you want to find out what it looks like, come along to the lecture!
- 1800 **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.
- 1915 **Plated dinner** is served in the **dining room**.



"Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colours. And the people there see you differently, too. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving." - Terry Pratchett, A Hat Full of Sky



0700 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0715 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

Before going to breakfast at 07h15, 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.

0900 **Bus Transfer** from Akureyri to Reykjavik Harpa Concert Hall

Dear Passengers,

On behalf of the entire crew and staff of the Plancius, thank you for sharing this journey with us, and for the memories we've created together. It has been our pleasure to have you on board...

We wish you a safe journey home. We hope our paths cross again, somewhere, sometime, in the polar regions!

Farewell, and until we meet again.

And do not forget the copepods!