



Northeast Greenland Extreme

15th August – 28th August 2026

Onboard M/V Hondius



The **M/V Hondius** was built in 2019 as the world's first **Polar Class 6** registered vessel and meets the latest and highest standards of the **Lloyd's Register** for ice-strengthened cruise ships.

The **Hondius** exceeds the requirements of the Polar Code adopted by the **International Maritime Organization (IMO)** and is considered one of the most flexible, modern and innovative expedition ships in the polar regions. She has been consistently optimized for expedition cruises and enables her guests to experience nature in the Arctic and Antarctic at the highest level.

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The **M/V Hondius** is 107.6 m long, 15.3 m wide and has a maximum draft of 5.3 m. She is classified according to **Polar Class 6** (equivalent to **1A Super**), reaches an average cruising speed of 15 knots and is powered by two ABC main engines with a total output of 4,200 kW.



Captain Denis Rada

and his international crew of 74 sailors

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WE WELCOME YOU ON BOARD!

Day 1 – Saturday 15th of August, Akureyri, Embarkation day

16h00 GPS Position: 65°50.9'N / 08°18.5'W

Wind: NW5 • Sea: Calm • Weather: P.Cloudy • Air temperature: +12°C

Our expedition to Northeast Greenland began beneath brilliant Icelandic skies, as we arrived in Akureyri and stepped aboard for the voyage north. The weather could hardly have been more welcoming: clear skies, gentle light and a crispness in the air that seemed to hint at the adventure ahead. With bags stowed and cabins found, the feeling of anticipation grew as we realised that this was no ordinary journey. We were heading into one of the most remote and spectacular corners of the Arctic.



Before setting off, there was the important business of becoming familiar with life on board. We gathered for a series of safety briefings, learning the procedures and precautions that are an essential part of any expedition voyage. Although practical and serious, they also marked an important transition—from travellers arriving at a ship to expeditioners

preparing to venture into the wilderness together.

Later, we gathered for the Captain's Welcome Cocktail. With glasses raised and introductions exchanged, the atmosphere quickly became one of shared excitement and curiosity. Fellow travellers, crew and expedition staff came together with the same destination in mind: the wild coast of Northeast Greenland.

Our first dinner on board followed, and it was a wonderful opportunity to settle into the rhythm of shipboard life. As the evening unfolded, we made our way out onto the deck, where the Arctic light provided a spectacular finale to our first day.

The sun slipped slowly towards the horizon, bathing the sea and sky in soft shades of gold and rose. There was something wonderfully serene about standing on deck,

watching Iceland recede into the distance while the vastness of the ocean opened before us.

The expedition had officially begun. Ahead lay open water, remote shores and the promise of Greenland—and tonight, beneath that beautiful sunset, the journey already felt like something special.



Day 2 – Sunday 16th of August, at sea towards Greenland

08h00 GPS Position: 68°09.9'N / 020°01.1'W

Wind: W5 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +2°C

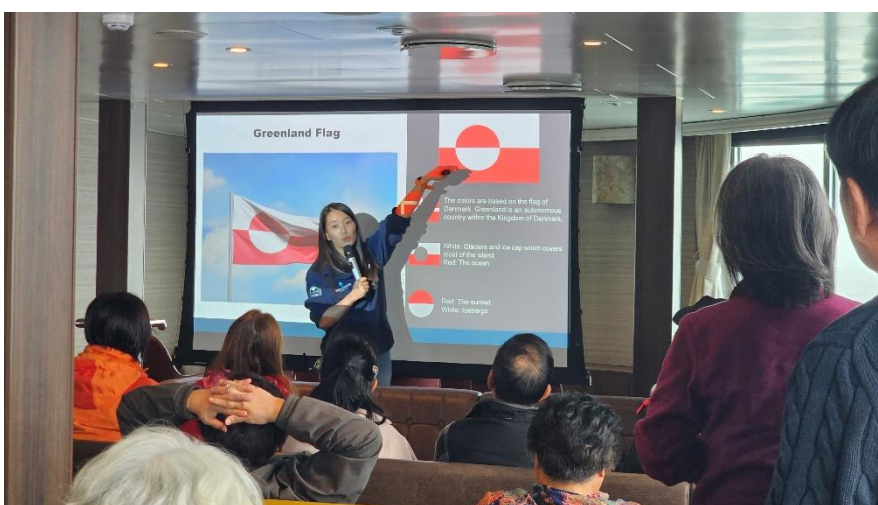
Today, Chris, our Expedition Leader, woke us up for the first time. We had left Akureyri behind yesterday, and now we were spending our first full day at sea, making our way across the Greenland Sea towards the remote shores of East Greenland.

We were very lucky with the conditions. The sea was remarkably calm, and Hondius was making good progress towards our destination. After our first breakfast on board, it was time for the mandatory briefings. We were introduced to AECO and its principles for responsible travel in the Arctic, followed by briefings on Zodiac operations and, perhaps most importantly, polar bear safety. Although encounters with polar bears are never guaranteed, Greenland is their territory, and knowing how to behave around these magnificent animals is an essential part of travelling in the Arctic.



Once all the formalities were completed, we had some time to ourselves. Many of us headed outside to enjoy the fresh air and take in the vastness of the ocean. Of course, there was also the ever-present hope of spotting wildlife. We scanned the horizon and

carefully watched the surface of the sea for signs of whales. Every distant splash or unusual movement immediately caught our attention.



After lunch, we once again had some free time to relax, enjoy the ship or continue our search for wildlife. Our patience was eventually rewarded when we spotted a couple of whale blows in the distance. They were unfortunately too far

away for us to get a good look, but it was still exciting to know that whales were travelling through these waters with us.

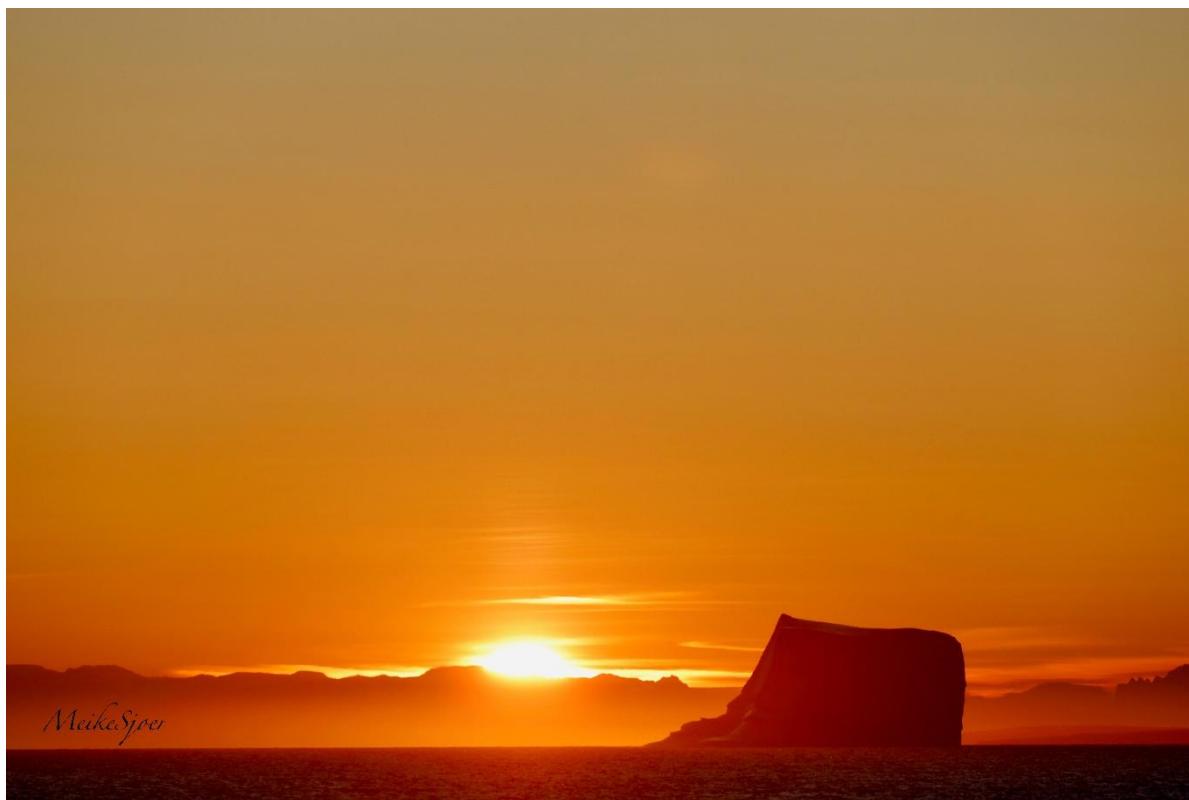
At 4:15 pm, we gathered for our first lecture, An Introduction to Greenland, given in English by Koen and in Mandarin by Rose. The presentation gave us a fascinating introduction to the country we were about to explore. It covered Greenland's geography, history and culture, as well as its geology, glaciology and wildlife. It was a great way to put everything we were seeing — and everything we were about to see — into perspective.

In the evening, we gathered for our first recap with the expedition team. Chris talked us through the exciting plans for the following day and gave us an overview of the expected weather and conditions. The other members of the team then added their own recaps, giving us even more information about what lay ahead.

Afterwards, it was time for our first plated dinner in the dining room.

But as we finished our meal, something truly special was happening outside. Hondius was already entering Scoresby Sund, and the evening light had transformed the landscape around us.

Our first icebergs appeared in the distance, floating quietly in the calm water and glowing in the soft evening light. As Hondius continued deeper into the fjord system, the landscape slowly unfolded on both sides of the ship. Towering mountains, steep cliffs and drifting pieces of ice surrounded us as we glided silently through the fjord.



Day 3 – Monday 17th of August, Sydkap

08h00 GPS Position: 71°16.0'N / 024°52.3'W

Wind: Light air • Sea: Glassy • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +9°C

Our first morning waking up in Greenland felt like the beginning of a great adventure. We were anchored at the southern tip of Scoresby Land, deep within the Sydkap fjord system of East Greenland. Stepping outside, we were greeted by a landscape that seemed almost impossibly untouched: gentle, rolling hills cloaked in rich, vibrant tundra, stretching away beneath the vast Arctic sky.



And then came the moment we had been waiting for — our first landing on Greenlandic soil. The expedition team offered a choice of long, medium and shorter shore hikes, allowing everyone to explore at their own pace. The morning

unfolded slowly and peacefully, with a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere. Around us, enormous icebergs drifted silently through the fjord, their sculptural forms glowing in shades of white and blue. It was hard to believe that these immense pieces of ancient glacier ice were simply floating past as part of the everyday scenery.

Along the shoreline, we discovered another fascinating connection to Greenland's past: the archaeological remains of ancient Thule culture Inuit winter houses. These semi-subterranean dwellings were ingeniously designed to withstand the harsh Arctic climate. Stones formed the foundations, while enormous whale bones — including vertebrae and jawbones — were used as structural supports. The roofs were insulated with thick layers of sod, helping to retain precious warmth during the long, dark winters.

Their position also revealed much about life in this remote environment. The houses faced towards the sea, giving their inhabitants easier access to the marine mammals and whales that were essential sources of food, materials and fuel. Standing beside these remains, it was remarkable to imagine families living here centuries ago, adapting to the Arctic with an impressive combination of knowledge, skill and resourcefulness.

We were also beginning to meet some of Greenland's wildlife. The ravens were impossible to miss, their loud calls echoing across the landscape. And for a few lucky members of the group, there was an even more exciting sighting: muskoxen, perfectly adapted to the harsh conditions of the Arctic and wonderfully at home among the tundra-covered hills.



Eventually, it was time to return to the ship for lunch. A delicious buffet was waiting for us — and, after a morning of fresh Arctic air and hiking, it was very welcome!

But there was little time to rest. In the afternoon, we climbed into the Zodiacs for our first proper exploration of the Sydkap fjord from the water. Our mission: to get closer to the enormous icebergs that had been captivating us all morning. For some of us, this was our first close encounter with glacial ice. Up close, the icebergs were even more spectacular. Every one was different: towering cliffs, jagged peaks, smooth rounded forms and strange, sculptural shapes created by centuries of freezing, fracturing and melting. The brilliant blue tones visible within some of the ice were a reminder of just how densely compressed and ancient this glacier ice can be.



A few Glaucous Gulls perched calmly on the ice, seemingly unimpressed by the spectacle surrounding them. Meanwhile, cameras clicked constantly from every Zodiac.

How many photographs can one possibly take of an iceberg?

Apparently, there is no limit.



Back onboard, we gathered in the lounge, still buzzing from the day's adventures. Chris revealed the exciting plans for tomorrow, while members of the expedition team shared fascinating recaps and stories from the day's discoveries.

As evening settled over East Greenland, we sat down to dinner with the day's images still fresh in our minds. Our first day had delivered everything we could have hoped for: our first footsteps on Greenland, ancient traces of Arctic life, encounters with wildlife and spectacular icebergs drifting through an extraordinary fjord landscape.

Day 4 – Tuesday 18th of August, Ittoqqortoormiit

08h00 GPS Position: 70°26.1'N / 022°11.2'W

Wind: E3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +10°C

What an extraordinary day of contrast - shifting from a vibrant human settlement in East Greenland to the vast, untouched wilderness of the far north. Under a sunny and warm sky, we dropped anchor to visit Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the most remote and fascinating

settlements on Earth. Home to roughly 300 residents, Ittoqqortoormiit is the northernmost and smallest town in eastern Greenland. Founded in 1925 by polar explorer Ejnar Mikkelsen and hunting families from Tasiilaq (Ammassalik), the town was established partly to secure Danish sovereignty in Northeast Greenland and partly because the rich local marine life, abundant with seals, narwhals, walruses, and polar bears, offered exceptional hunting grounds. Its colorful wooden houses cling dramatically to the rocky slopes at the mouth of the world's largest fjord system, Scoresby Sund.



We had the freedom to roam everywhere we could go on foot. We wandered through the bright, colorful streets, visited the local museum and shop, and walked up to the cemetery to take in the quiet atmosphere of the community. At the end of our stay, we gathered near the river to watch a traditional local sight: the working sled dogs being fed.

After returning to the *Hondius* for lunch, we enjoyed a leisurely, relaxing afternoon onboard. While we rested, the ship weighed anchor and began repositioning further north, charting a course toward the majestic expanses of the Northeast Greenland National Park - the largest national park in the world.

As we sailed northward through the calm, sunny waters, the ocean treated us to a spectacular wildlife show. We spotted humpbacks and fin whales breaching and surfacing near the ship, providing a breathtaking farewell to the populated coast as we plunged deeper into the untouched Arctic wilderness.



Day 5 – Wednesday 19th of August, Segelsällskapetsfjord

08h00 GPS Position: 72°17.3'N / 023°41.1'W

Wind: N4 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +12°C

The wake-up call broke the stillness of the ship early this morning, setting into motion a day defined by the stark, raw splendour of North East Greenland. Following a hearty breakfast, we anchored near Kap Lagerberg, where the landing groups dispersed across the tundra according to their pace. The morning hike offered sweeping vistas of the desolate coast, where crisp polar air carried the quiet majesty of the arctic wilderness.



Upon returning to the shore, several brave souls among us stripped off their heavy expedition gear and plunged into the frigid waters, taking part in a exhilarating Polar Plunge that left skin tingling and spirits surging.



After returning to the vessel for a warm mid-day meal, we navigated into Segelsällskapets Fjord toward Skipperdal, entering what is indisputably the finest geological gallery in the entire region. The towering fjord walls rose around us like the

grand cathedral walls of a forgotten world, their sheer, nearly two-thousand-meter faces painted in striking, multi-colored bands.



Walking ashore in the afternoon, we found ourselves traversing incredible rhythmic sedimentary rock formations that rose in bold, alternating stripes far above our boots. Intricate ribbons of pale quartzite, dark mudstone, rusty red sandstones, and pale gray limestones and dolomites stacked on top of one another with mathematical precision, tracing the ebb and flow of ancient tide systems.



These vast, ancient strata belong to the famous Eleonore Bay Supergroup, a monumental depositional sequence formed during the Neoproterozoic era between roughly 900 and 600 million years ago. Tracing our fingers along the cold, exposed rock face, it was humbling to contemplate the immensity of time preserved in these cliff sides. Standing upon these weathered layers offered a surreal glimpse into the deep history of our planet, back when quiet, shallow Neoproterozoic oceans laid down the very foundations of today's majestic arctic fjords.

As the sun began its low descent across the arctic sky, we regrouped in the ship's lounge for our daily recap before assembling on the aft deck for a special open-air dinner, wrapped warmly against the chill. Surrounded by towering rock walls, Peter Schmidt Mikkelsen's words lingered in my mind, reminding us that the true urge to travel lies in that quiet, restless desire to discover what remains hidden just beyond the next distant hill.

Day 6 – Thursday 20th of August, Blomsterbugten

08h00 GPS Position: 73°18.6'N / 025°31.0'W

Wind: SW1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +10°C

The second day of our stay in Northeast Greenland National Park began with breathtaking scenery. *Hondius*, our ship, was slowly making its way through a narrow fjord framed by dramatic, almost vertical walls of cliffs and mountains. The overcast sky created soft tones, and in the absence of strong contrast, the history of millions of years of the Earth's development, recorded by the planet itself in thousands upon thousands of layers of sedimentary rock, was particularly easy to read.



One mountain formation stood out in particular: Devil's Castle. The layers of rock there were arranged in perfectly horizontal lines, creating a striking effect.

We were having a leisurely breakfast while our guides were busy preparing for the morning landing. We were going to explore a pristine corner of Greenland called Blomsterbugten. Once all the necessary precautions had been taken and the guides had made sure there were no polar bears nearby, we gradually began making our way from the ship to the shore.

The Long Hikers were the first to set off, as they had a long route ahead of them and needed to make sure they returned by the end of the landing, which was no easy task. Next, a large crowd of various kinds of Medium Hikers made their way ashore, followed by the Leisurely Hikers, whose aim was to stay relatively close to the landing site, enjoy the Greenlandic scenery to the fullest, and perhaps even try to spot some representative of the local wildlife.

The trail from the landing site led uphill, crossing several broad terraces, then continued straight ahead and ended beside a large lake. Its water was not clear, as one might normally expect, but brownish-red. It was a very unusual sight, explained by the fact that the stream feeding the lake flows through a valley composed of red sandstone and therefore carries huge quantities of reddish sediment into the lake, giving the water this peculiar colour.

On both sides of the trail leading to the lake were labyrinths of rocks, hills, and little ridges polished and smoothed by glaciers. They could be explored like a maze, which is exactly what all the Medium Hikers did with great enthusiasm.



Many were lucky enough to observe Arctic hares, which happily dashed back and forth across meadows covered with sedges and dwarf willow, or simply rested peacefully, squinting their eyes and pressing their ears against their heads.

In the distance, by the water on the shore of the lake, two musk oxen were grazing lazily — perhaps the most unusual inhabitants of the polar regions. Contemporaries of mammoths and woolly rhinoceroses, they are the only representatives of Pleistocene megafauna that managed to adapt to climatic changes and successfully survive to the present day. We did not dare approach these animals too closely and observed them through binoculars.



As usual, time flew by, and before we knew it, we had finished our walk and returned to the landing site, where we put on our life jackets and headed back to the ship. Lunch was already waiting for us in the restaurant.

The second half of the day was quiet. No landings were planned. Perhaps that was for the best, as we had become rather tired over the previous couple of days. So we simply rested, attended to our own affairs, and looked around through the windows and from the open decks, taking in and memorising the stark polar landscapes as *Hondius* continued through the fjord toward the open sea.

Day 8 – Friday 21st of August, Germania Havn

08h00 GPS Position: 74°31.7'N / 018°53.0'W

Wind: SE2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +4°C

The early wake-up call at seven-thirty summoned us to another cold, crisp morning in the far reaches of Northeast Greenland. After gathering fuel for the day over a warm breakfast, we prepared to go ashore at Germania Haven, a historic cove on the southern coast of Sabine Island where Carl Koldewey's 1869 German North Polar Expedition once established their wintering base. As our landing groups made their way onto the rugged terrain, the weight of polar history felt palpable.



The highlight of our morning trek came when we stumbled upon fresh, remarkably clear polar bear footprints deeply imprinted in the soft mud along the shore. Tracing the



massive contours of the tracks gave everyone an exhilarating reminder of the formidable wild predator sharing this solitary wilderness with us.

Following our midday lunch back onboard, our afternoon itinerary was adjusted to take full advantage of the surrounding waters. We boarded the Zodiacs for an immersive cruise gliding past Walrus Island, nestled right beside Sabine Island. Approaching the shoreline, we marveled at the dark, imposing basaltic rock formations that construct these islands. These volcanic strata date back roughly sixty million years to the Paleogene period, born from colossal eruptions when Greenland drifted directly over

the deep mantle plume—the very same hotspot that today fuels the volcanic fires of Iceland. Gliding beneath the dramatic cliffs, we observed seabirds nesting along the narrow basaltic ledges, their calls echoing across the water. Leaving the cliffs behind, our drivers navigated through a breathtaking labyrinth of giant icebergs floating like sculpted ivory cathedrals in the stillness of the fjord.



We finally returned to the ship in the late afternoon for our daily recap and dinner, reflecting on the words of Fridtjof Nansen and the enduring human desire to simply venture forth and know the unknown.

Day 9 – Saturday 22nd of August, Ardencaple Fjord & Ejnar Mikkelsen Gletscher

08h00 GPS Position: 75°22.7'N / 021°03.8'W

Wind: NW4 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: +5°C

Another day in the High Arctic began surrounded by the immense silence of Northeast Greenland. Mountains, ice and ocean stretched across the horizon, with barely a trace of human presence.

Our first landing was at Ardencaple Fjord, one of the remote corners of Northeast Greenland National Park. Stretching for roughly 50 kilometres through a spectacular wilderness of steep Arctic mountains, some rising more than 1,600 metres, the fjord was named in 1823 by British explorer Douglas Clavering after Ardencaple Castle in Scotland.

Nearly two centuries later, the landscape remains much as those early explorers would have encountered it: vast, isolated and almost completely untouched.



We travelled ashore by Zodiac and set out on hikes of different lengths. There were no roads, buildings or other signs of civilisation — only mountains, rock, water and wilderness. Walking through such a landscape offered a glimpse into the challenges faced by the early explorers, who navigated with limited maps and relied heavily on observation and experience. The silence was perhaps the most striking feature of the morning, occasionally broken by distant birds, the sea or the movement of ice.

After lunch, we continued towards Ejnar Mikkelsen Gletscher, named after the Danish Arctic explorer who devoted much of his life to Greenland. Approaching the glacier by Zodiac, its immense scale was breathtaking. From water level, the relationship between ice, mountains and sea became even more impressive.

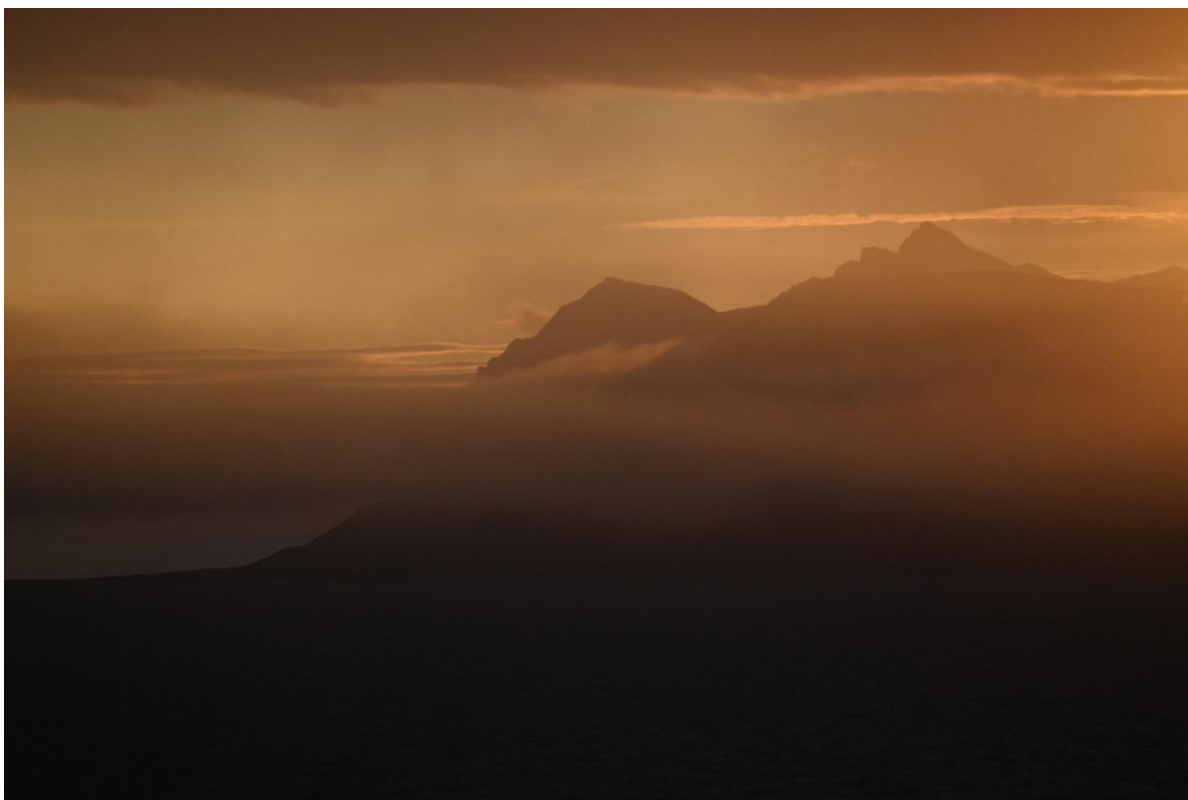


The afternoon brought some wonderful surprises. From the Zodiacs, we spotted seals and were lucky enough to see musk oxen on the shore, a memorable wildlife encounter in such a remote setting. And then came an unexpected treat: a hot chocolate boat

appeared, offering steaming cups of hot chocolate out on the water. Sipping hot chocolate while surrounded by glaciers and mountains was a wonderfully unexpected Arctic experience.



Back on board, we gathered for the evening expedition recap before dinner. As another day came to an end, the Arctic landscape seemed almost timeless — a place where the history of exploration and the wilderness of the present still meet.



Day 10 – Sunday 23rd of August, Store Koldewey, Bergfjord

08h00 GPS Position: 76°30.7'N / 018°33.2'W

Wind: SW2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +4°C

Store Koldewey Island, located in northeastern Greenland, is the largest island of the Koldewey archipelago. Boasting profound polar exploration value, it was first documented by the 1869–1870 German North Polar Expedition and later surveyed by the Danish Danmark Expedition. For over a century, it has served as a crucial site for Arctic geological research and polar ecological observation, preserving precious traces of natural evolution and early human polar exploration.

This day marked the final stop of our Greenland expedition, and it turned out to be the most breathtaking and rewarding day of the entire voyage. We originally planned to land on Store Koldewey Island in the morning. However, our expedition team spotted a polar bear roaming freely on the island from the ship's bridge at just past 6 a.m. To avoid disturbing the wild predator and ensure safety, we promptly canceled our landing plan.

We stood on the bow quietly observing the solitary polar bear for nearly two hours, witnessing its natural behaviors in its primitive habitat. Around 10 a.m., our cruise ship sailed away from the bear's territory. Afterwards, we embarked on a zodiac cruise along the coastal waters. We cruised past ancient coastal rocks formed billions of years ago,

reading the long and magnificent geological history of the Earth from their weathered textures.



During the cruise, we discovered a historic hunter's cabin on the northern shore. Its door was wide open, and we speculated that a curious polar bear had broken into the abandoned shelter. Flocks of common eiders also flew gracefully over the icy sea, adding vivid vitality to the desolate Arctic scenery.

As our zodiac tour was ending, we made an incredible discovery. On a small eastern islet, a mother polar bear was resting on the stones with her two adorable cubs. To protect the vulnerable bear family and keep their habitat undisturbed, we retreated slowly and silently back to the main ship. In total, we observed five polar bears throughout the day! It was an incredibly wonderful and unforgettable day, perfectly concluding our extraordinary Greenland Arctic expedition!



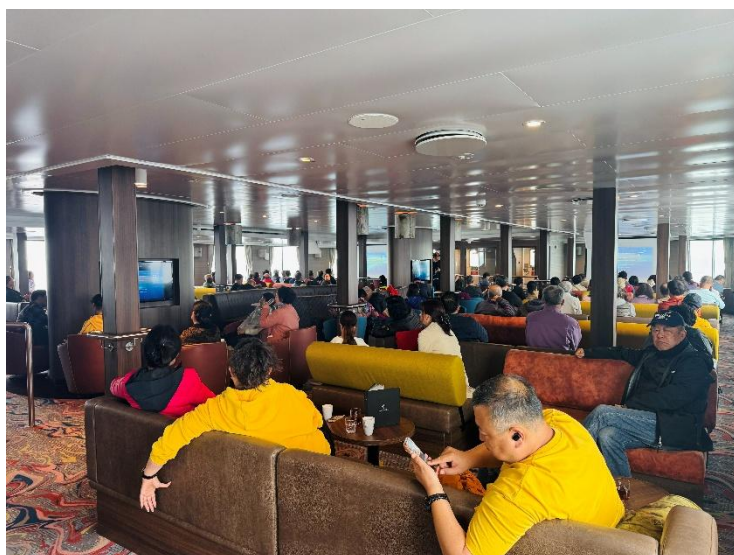
Day 11 – Monday 24th of August, At sea heading East

08h00 GPS Position: 75°39.5'N / 008°31.5W

Wind: NW2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: -1°C

Today we officially departed Greenland and began our journey across the Greenland Sea toward the northern pack ice zone, with Svalbard as our final destination.

The day began with wildlife watching from the outer decks and a series of onboard lectures. Although the sea remained calm, visibility was limited. The expedition team spotted several humpback whales on the horizon and immediately made announcements, inviting guests to join the team on the bridge and outer decks.



The morning continued with two lectures on the history of Greenland.

Following the lectures, guests were reminded that the ship's clocks needed to be adjusted as we crossed into a new time zone. Everyone updated their watches before heading to the restaurant for lunch.

The afternoon featured another set of lectures, this time focusing on Arctic whales.

The day continued with the daily briefing and recap led by Expedition Leader Chris in the Observation Lounge. Chris announced an evening screening of *Light Chasers*, a renowned documentary filmed by staff at the Arctic Yellow River Station.

After dinner, all guests gathered in the Observation Lounge for the documentary screening. The evening provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together and enjoy the film as we continued our voyage northward.



Day 12 – Tuesday 25th of August, In the pack ice

08h00 GPS Position: 79°01.2'N / 003°44.3'E

Wind: NNW5 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: -1°C

Today was sea ice day, and by around 10:00 in the morning, our ship reached the edge of the Arctic sea ice. From the outdoor decks, it was fascinating to watch the transformation of the seascape. At first, scattered floes drifted across the dark water; as we sailed farther north, the ice became increasingly dense, gradually surrounding the ship in a vast mosaic of white. The air temperature was a chilly 1°C, while the wind made it feel considerably colder.

The morning began with two engaging lectures from our Expedition Team. Li introduced the fascinating world of sea ice in Chinese, followed by Jakub's presentation in English. We learned that sea ice is far more than a spectacular Arctic landscape. It forms a critical habitat for countless species and plays an important role in the Arctic ecosystem, while the formation and melting of sea ice also influence ocean circulation and the global climate system. As we travelled through this frozen environment, the lecture brought an added sense of meaning to the landscape unfolding outside.



In the afternoon, Tiphany introduced us to another iconic group of Arctic wildlife: seals. We learned about the different species found in the region, their adaptations to life in the polar environment, and where they can be found. Their unmistakably curious faces and rounded bodies quickly made them a favourite among the guests.

Throughout the day, the Bridge became one of the busiest places on board. Guests gathered with binoculars and cameras, while members of the Expedition Team took turns scanning the horizon and the ice for the Arctic's ultimate predator—the polar bear. Unfortunately, persistent fog limited visibility, but the search continued with great enthusiasm. Although no bears appeared, we were rewarded with sightings of seals resting on the ice, fulmars sweeping through the air, and guillemots resting on the water.

And then came a special milestone: 79°27' N, the northernmost point of our entire voyage. Surrounded by sea ice and Arctic wilderness, it was a truly memorable expedition day—one that will remain frozen in our memories long after the ice has disappeared from view.



Day 13 – Wednesday 26th of August, Gravneset & Smeerenburg, Svalbard

08h00 GPS Position: 79°35.4'N / 010°39.2'E

Wind: SE1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +1°C

We were woken, as usual, by our Expedition Leader Chris inviting us to seize the day. Today, those words felt particularly appropriate, as we had finally arrived in legendary Svalbard, the spectacular Arctic archipelago located roughly halfway between mainland Norway and the North Pole. After another great breakfast, we began preparing for our first activity of the day: a split landing at Gravneset, a beautiful and historically fascinating site in Magdalenefjorden.

Gravneset is steeped in the history of Svalbard's early whaling industry. The headland is home to one of the largest whaling-era burial grounds in the archipelago, with around 130 graves dating from the early 1600s onwards. The site also contains the remains of blubber ovens, where whale blubber was rendered into oil during the height of European whaling in Svalbard. It is a poignant reminder of how different this landscape must have looked several centuries ago, when whalers came north to hunt bowhead whales.



Our group was split in two, with half going ashore to explore the designated safe area with the guides and learn more about the history of Gravneset, while the other half headed out on a Zodiac cruise in search of wildlife. Our efforts were rewarded with sightings of harbour seals hauled out along the shoreline. After about an

hour, we swapped positions, giving everyone the chance to experience both sides of the morning.



The fjord itself was absolutely beautiful. A fresh dusting of snow highlighted the rugged mountains surrounding us, creating a wonderfully crisp Arctic landscape. Once again, we were blessed with beautiful weather, although the temperature was considerably colder than we had become accustomed to, sitting just above 0°C. It certainly felt as though Svalbard was reminding us that we were now firmly in the High Arctic.

We then returned to Hondius, where we enjoyed a wonderful lunch as the ship repositioned towards our next destination. This would be our final Zodiac cruise of the expedition, and there was a definite feeling that we wanted to make the most of every remaining moment. Our first stop was Frambukta, where we cruised towards the glacier and explored the scattered pieces of ice floating in the water. The conditions were almost perfect, with barely a ripple on the surface. The fjord became a giant mirror, reflecting the surrounding mountains and ice, and many of us tried our best to capture the incredible scene with our cameras.

After about an hour, we crossed the fjord towards Smeerenburg, but this time we were hoping for a very special wildlife encounter. As we approached the shoreline, everyone became increasingly quiet, trying to minimise the noise and disturbance. In the distance, we could see what appeared to be a large brown mound on the beach. As we drew closer, the shape became clearer, and suddenly there was no mistaking what we were looking at: walrus!



It was an incredible finale to our Zodiac adventures. All the boats lined up offshore, taking great care to maintain a respectful distance from the animals as we slowly cruised past. The beach was covered with walrus, some prodding and nudging one another, others

snuggling together in enormous piles. A few were swimming in the water, and some even approached the Zodiacs to investigate their unexpected visitors. Watching these magnificent Arctic animals at such close range, while allowing them the space and peace they needed, was an unforgettable experience.

Smeerenburg is itself a remarkable place. Once one of the most important Dutch whaling stations in Svalbard, it was at its peak in the 17th century home to hundreds of whalers and workers during the summer season. Today, the historic remains are accompanied by a very different sight: walrus using the same shoreline as a haul-out.

All too soon, however, it was time to leave. Our Zodiac drivers safely delivered us back to Hondius, where we had time for a well-earned coffee before gathering to hear the plans from Chris. Tomorrow would be the final day of our voyage, a thought that was becoming increasingly difficult to believe. After everything we had experienced, from spectacular landscapes and glaciers to seals, birds and now walrus, there was only one thing left to do: seize our final day and experience it to the maximum.

Day 14 – Thursday 27th of August, Signehamna & Ny Alesund

08h00 GPS Position: 79°16.2'N / 011°34.7'E

Wind: SW3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Sunny • Air temperature: +3°C

Our final day of the voyage dawned beneath a glorious Arctic sun, bathing the mountains and fjords in golden light. It was the kind of morning that made us wish the journey could continue forever.

Our first landing was at Signehamna, a sheltered bay in northwest Spitsbergen, surrounded by tundra and dramatic mountains. The area is also steeped in history: during the Second World War, a secret German weather station operated here, collecting weather information for the German military before Norwegian forces discovered and destroyed it in 1943.



But today, the landscape felt peaceful. Our hikes took us across the tundra and around a beautiful lake, where the Arctic seemed to come alive. Reindeer grazed quietly nearby while countless birds filled the air with their calls and movements. Against the backdrop of mountains, open water and endless blue sky, everyone seemed to be smiling. It was a

perfect final landing.



During lunch, the ship set course for Ny-Ålesund, one of the most remarkable places in Svalbard. Situated at 79° north, it is the world's northernmost settlement and has evolved from a former coal-mining community into an international centre for Arctic research. Scientists from more than a dozen countries now work here, studying everything from climate and glaciers to the atmosphere and Arctic ecosystems. We went ashore and wandered through the colourful settlement, listening to stories of its fascinating past and its role in polar exploration. There was time to browse the little shop, pick up souvenirs and simply enjoy the extraordinary weather and atmosphere of this remote outpost.



Back on board, the Captain's Farewell marked the emotional beginning of the end. Over our final dinner together, we shared stories, laughter and memories from an unforgettable journey.

As evening settled over the Arctic, the ship turned south towards Longyearbyen, our final destination. We slowly realised that the voyage was ending—but the memories of Greenland, the ice, wildlife, landscapes and friendships would travel home with us.

Day15 – Friday 28th of August, Disembarkation Longyearbyen

08h00 GPS Position: 78°13.0'N / 014°31.9'E

Wind: N3 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Rain • Air temperature: +3°C

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

Before long, it was time to gather ourselves and prepare to leave the ship that had been our home throughout the voyage. As we stepped ashore in Longyearbyen, there was a real mix of emotions. While everyone was looking forward to the next stage of their

travels, it was also hard to say goodbye to the wonderful crew, Expedition Team and new friends who had become our Oceanwide family.

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

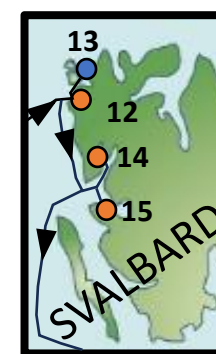
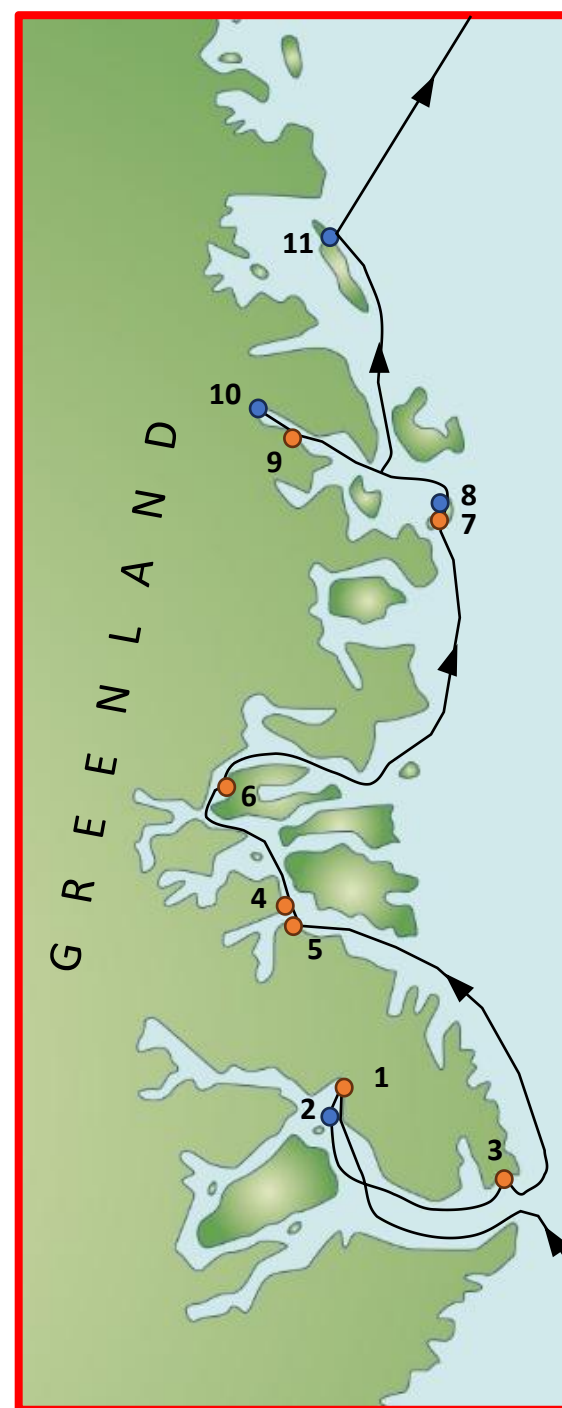
Although our expedition has come to an end, the memories, photographs and friendships made along the way will remain. We leave Hondius with full hearts, incredible stories to share and a deeper appreciation for the beauty and fragility of the Arctic. Safe travels, and we hope our paths cross again on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



Total distance covered during our trip: 2158,5NM (3997,5km)

Northernmost point: 79°27.9'N, 002°30'4'E

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Dennis Rada, Expedition Leader Chris Long, Hotel Manager William Barnes and the entire crew and expedition team of the *M/V Hondius*, it was our great pleasure to travel with you.



Iceland – Greenland – Svalbard Northeast Greenland Extreme Expedition 15-28 August 2026

onboard MV Hondius, Oceanwide Expeditions

START – Akureyri, 15/8/2026

1. Nordostbugt – 17/8
2. Icebergs – zodiac cruise – 17/8
3. Ittoqqortoormiit village – 18/8
4. Kap Lagerberg – 19/8
5. Segelsallskapets – 19/8
6. Blomsterbugt – 20/8
7. Germania Havn – 21/8
8. Sabine Island – zodiac cruise – 21/8
9. Femdalen – 22/8
10. Mikkelsen Glacier – zodiac cruise – 22/8
11. Store Koldewey Island – zodiac cruise – 23/8
12. Gravneset – 26/8
13. Fram Glacier and Smeerenburg – zodiac cruise – 26/8
14. Signehamna – 27/8
15. Ny-Ålesund – 27/8

FINISH – Longyearbyen, 28/8/2026

English Name	Chinese	Scientific Name	15/8	16/8	17/8	18/8	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8	23/8	24/8	25/8	26/8	27/8	28/8
Great Northern Diver	北方大潜鸟	Gavia immer						X								
Red-throated diver	紅喉潜鸟	Gavia stellata						X				X				
Northern Fulmar	暴风鰲	Fulmarus glacialis	X	X		X			X			X	X	x	x	x
Barnacle Goose	白颊黑雁	Branta leucopsis										X			x	
Pink-footed Goose	粉脚雁	Anser brachyrhynchus									X	X				
Common Eider	欧绒鸭	Somateria mollissima	X		X				X	X	X					
Long-tailed Duck	长尾鸭	Clanula hyemalis						X	X							
Rock Ptarmigan	岩雷鸟	Lagopus mutus					X		X						x	
Common Ringed Plover	剑鸻	Charadrius hiaticula				X			X							
Purple Sandpiper	紫鹬	Calidris maritima								X					x	
Dunlin	黑腹滨鹬	Calidris alpina									X					
Ruddy Turnstone	翻石鹬	Arenaria interpres				X										
Pomarine Skua	中贼鸥	Stercorarius pomarinus											x			
Arctic Skua	短尾贼鸥	Stercorarius parasiticus			X				X					x	x	
Glaucous Gull	北极鸥	Larus hyperboreus			X	X	X	X	X	X				x	x	
Herring Gull	银鸥	Larus argentatus	X													
Lesser black-backed Gull	小黑背鸥	Larus fuscus	X													
Black-legged Kittiwake	三趾鸥	Rissa tridactyla	X		X	X			X			X	X	x	x	x
Ivory Gull	白鸥	Pagophila eburnea											X			
Arctic Tern	北极燕鸥	Sterna paradisaea	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	x	x	
Black Guillemot	黑海鸠	Cephus grylle							X			X		x		x
Little Auk	小海雀	Alle alle		X	X							X				
Atlantic Puffin	大西洋海鸕	Fratercula arctica												x		
Snow Bunting	雪鹀	Plectrophenax nivalis			X			X	X					x	x	
Wheatear	北极穗鵒	Oenanthe oenanthe			X			X	X							
Raven	渡鸦	Covus corax			X	X	X	X	X		X					
Arctic Redpoll	北极朱顶雀	Carduelis hornemanni					x									
Great Shearwater		Ardenna gravis		x		x										
Sooty Shearwater		Ardenna grisea		x		x										
Gyr Falcon		Falco rusticolus						x								
English	Chinese	Latin	15/8	16/8	17/8	18/8	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8	23/8	24/8	25/8	26/8	27/8	28/8
Walrus	海象	Odobenus rosmarus												x		
Bearded seal	髯海豹	Eriqnathus barbatus												x		
Ringed seal	环斑海豹	Phoca hispida								x			x			
Harp seal	竖琴海豹	Paqophilus groenlandicus														
Hooded seal	冠海豹	Cystophora cristata											x			
Common /Harbour seal	港海豹	Phoca vitulina												x		
Minke Whale	小鳁鲸	Balaenoptera acutorostrata		x												
Blue Whale	蓝鲸	Balaenoptera musculus		x												
Fin Whale	长须鲸	Balaenoptera physalus				x										
Humpback Whale	座头鲸	Megaptera novaeangliae		x		x						x				
Polar Bear	北极熊	Ursus maritimus									x					
Arctic Fox	北极狐	Alopex lagopus						x							x	
Spitsbergen Reindeer	北极驯鹿	Rangifer tarandus													x	
Arctic Hare	北极兔	Lepus timidus				x	x	x		x						
Muskox	麝牛	Ovibus moschatus						x		x						
Arctic Bumble Bee	北极大蜜蜂	Bombus Polaris			x		x									

Christan Long – Expedition Leader



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

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

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

Peninsula, East Antarctica and the Atlantic Ocean.

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

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

中文

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

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

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

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

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

Jerry Zhao – Asst. Exp. Leader



Jerry has been in love with nature and wildlife and traveling all his life. Soon after completing his degree in Business Administration at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Jerry began a career in the travel industry. Jerry first started as an international travel consultant and tour leader and led exclusive small high-end groups throughout Europe.

He then became partner in an international traveling consulting firm and focused on route planning and employee training.

As he searched for more adventure, He collected skills and knowledge while he traveled around to world. Finally, his step stopped at Polar regions, and joined Oceanwide Expeditions as Expeditions Guides, He has guided expeditions to the North Pole, Svalbard, Greenland, Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia many times.

Along the way as he spent more time in polar regions, learns more about polar regions, he is more interested in polar regions. He has self-studied the geography,

wildlife and history of the Polar regions. He is beginning to learn wildlife photography.

When he is not in polar regions, he likes to spend his time in the forest, dessert, and plains in Northwestern part of China. He loves nature, wildlife, and he loves to share all that he knows to everyone who comes across.

中文

Jerry 一直都很喜爱自然野生动物和旅行。从美国 Drexel University 毕业后，开始从事旅游业。开始作为高端客户旅行顾问和领队走遍了欧洲。然后作为一家旅行社的合伙人，主要从事路线规划和员工培训。为寻找更多的冒险，Jerry 去往世界各地学习所需技能，足迹踏遍 7 大洲 4 大洋，然后在 2015 年作为探险队员加入 Oceanwide 探险队。他曾多次前往北极点，北极斯瓦尔巴地区，和南极地区，在这期间他自学关于极地的地理，野生动物和环境知识。他热爱大自然和野生动物并喜爱与人分享他的故事。

Koen Jongerling –Asst. Exp.Leader



Having grown up in the Netherlands Koen always knew he wanted to live in a more rugged landscape than the rather flat lowlands that surrounded him. That is why after finishing his outdoor education in 2011, he chose to move to Patagonia, Chile to find the mountains he was longing for.

Combining his love for nature and the desire to learn more, he started guiding expeditions through the mountain ranges of Patagonia. Travelling back and forth to Europe for additional mountain courses - every time feeling more at home in the rough conditions of Patagonia. In 2017 he started his own guide company, introducing travelers to the beauty of Southern Chile.

Living in Puerto Natales he came to love the cold and extreme weather and after years of working in one of the most southern mountain ranges in the world, he could not stop looking further south to the great white continent, Antarctica.

中文

科恩在荷兰长大，但他一直向往生活在地型崎岖、地貌特殊的地方，绝非是低地国家的平原，这就成为为什么在2011年完成野外生存培训后，科恩选择搬到智利巴塔哥尼亚的缘由，因为这里有他向往并追寻的连绵起伏的山脉。

出于对自然的热爱和对未知世界的渴望，科恩带领探险队穿越巴塔哥尼亚的山脉。科恩也会往返欧洲参加额外的山地课程，助力他能更加自如地应对巴塔哥尼亚恶劣的气候条件。2017年，他创办了自己的导游公司，以专业的视角向游客展示智利南部的壮美风景。

生活在纳塔莱斯港的经历也让科恩爱上了寒冷和极端的天气，在这个世界最南端的山脉之一工作多年后，科恩开始向南探寻未知的白色大陆——南极洲。

Alexander Romanovskiy – Exp.Guide



Aleksander Romanovskiy comes from Saint-Petersburg, the Northern capital of Russia. He was born in 1981. After having graduated from the boarding school Alexander entered Saint-Petersburg State University, where he spent 5 years studying physical geography, ecology, regional geography and international tourism. Afterwards he was working on his PhD thesis in Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, doing geoeological researches.

In the year of 2011 however, Alexander decided to pause his scientific career and start doing something completely different, which means working in tourism and traveling the world. He spent 2 seasons working as a trekking guide in Fann mountains (Tajikistan), 1 season on Novolazarevskaya Antarctic scientific station (Queen Maud Land, Antarctica) working as a member of a guesthouse crew.

Since February of 2012 most part of the year he spends on Svalbard. For five seasons in a row Alexander has been living and working as a guide in a ghost town of

Pyramiden. In 2016 a new page in Alexander's guiding career was opened: he started working as a naturalist guide on cruise ships in polar regions of the world – Svalbard and Antarctica.

3 to 4 months a year Alexander dedicates to his main passion – traveling the world. No public transport, no hotels, only hitch-hiking and staying overnight with locals or sleeping in a tent. This way he has already visited almost all Soviet republics, Middle East (Iran, Turkey), Asia (China), South America (Argentina, Chile, Paraguay), and it is hopefully far not the end! The world is big, friendly and interesting to explore!

中文

亚历山大·罗曼诺夫斯基来自俄罗斯北部首都圣彼得堡，他出生于1981年。从寄宿学校毕业后，亚历山大进入圣彼得堡国立大学，5年中，他学习了包括自然地理学、生态学、区域地理学和国际旅游在内的许多课程。随后，他在俄罗斯赫尔岑国立师范大学攻读博士学位，涉足地质生态学研究。

然而 2011 年，亚历山大决定暂停他的科研生涯，开始从事一些与研究完全不同的事情——环游世界。他在范恩山脉（塔吉克斯坦）担任了两个季节的徒步向导，在 Novolazarevskaya 南极科学站担任了一整个冬季的酒店工作人员。

自 2012 年 2 月起，亚历山大一年中的大部分时间都在斯瓦尔巴群岛度过。其中，亚历山大连续五个冬季都在皮拉米登，这个被俄罗斯政府废弃的城市生活和工作。2016年，亚历山大的导游生涯翻开了新的一页，他开始在世界极地地区——斯瓦尔巴群岛和南极洲的游轮上担任博物学家和导游。

每年，亚历山大有3到4个月的时间仍致力于他的主要爱好——环游世界。没有公共交通，没有酒店，只能搭便车，与当地人一起过夜或睡在帐篷里，就这样他已经走遍了几乎所有的前苏联加盟共和国、中东（伊朗、土耳其）、亚洲（中国）、南美洲（阿根廷、智利、巴拉圭），但他的旅程还远没有结束，对亚历山大来说，世界很大，很友好，也很有趣，他将继续他的探索之旅。

Enric Sangra Modol – Exp. Guide



“Connecting Science with People” – This is Enric’s mission.

He holds a **Master’s degree in Scientific Communication** from Valencian International University and a **Bachelor’s degree in Geology** from the University of Barcelona. With extensive experience as a science communicator in various research institutes in Spain, he has worked closely with researchers to effectively communicate their discoveries. Enric is passionate about **making Earth Science accessible to the public**. He bridges the gap between researchers and society, transforming complex scientific results into clear and engaging messages. His skills led him to become one of the ten finalists in the national scientific monologue competition in Spain, "Solo de Ciencia," where the country’s top science communicators were selected. Enric’s expertise spans a wide range of Earth Science topics, from geology to environmental issues. **He is really excited about guiding in polar regions**, where the unique geological features, including ancient rock formations, meteorite-rich fields, and glacial

landscapes, offer invaluable insights into Earth’s history. By sharing the fascinating stories of these remote regions, Enric brings the Earth’s geological history to life, making science both accessible and engaging for all audiences. Enric’s hobbies are always outdoor sports, including alpinism, mountaineering, hiking, climbing, trail running, and backcountry skiing. His favorite spots are the Catalan and Aragonese Pyrenees, where he has summited Aneto (3,404 m) during the winter period. **Ask him anything about geology and of “quartz” he will give you the best explanation.**

中文

“连接科学与大众”——这正是恩里克的使命。他持有瓦伦西亚国际大学的科学传播硕士学位，以及巴塞罗那大学的地质学学士学位。作为西班牙多家研究机构的资深科学传播者，他与研究人员紧密合作，有效地将他们的科学发现传递给公众。恩里克热衷于让地球科学变得通俗易懂。他致力于弥合研究人员与社会大众之间的鸿沟，将复杂的科学成果转化为清晰而引人入胜的信息。凭借此专长，他成功入选西班牙国家级科学独白竞赛“科学独白”全国十强，该赛事汇聚了西班牙顶尖的科学传播者。恩里克的专业知识涵盖从地质学到环境议题的广泛地球科学领域。他对能在极地担任向导感到无比兴奋——那里古老的地层、富含陨石的地区以及冰川地貌等独特地质特征，为解读地球历史提供了无价的视角。通过讲述这些遥远之地的迷人故事，恩里克将地球的地质历史生动地呈现出来，让科学对每一位听众而言都变得平易近人且趣味横生。恩里克的爱好始终与户外运动相关，包括阿尔卑斯式登山、登山、徒步、攀岩、越野跑和野雪滑雪。他最钟爱的地点位于加泰罗尼亚和阿拉贡的比利牛斯山脉，并曾在冬季成功登顶该山脉最高峰阿内托峰。

关于地质学的任何问题，尤其是“石英”相关的问题，他都能给您最精彩的解答。

Jakub Malecki – Expedition Guide



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

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

Jakub considers public education by the science community to be at least as important as delivering new scientific knowledge. He is an avid glaciology

communicator, a published author, and a frequent guest on Polish media outlets and at science festivals, where he comments on polar and mountain affairs. Apart from glaciology, Jakub is a huge enthusiast of planetary sciences and space exploration and tries to play the ukulele in his free time.

中文

雅库布（1985年生于波兰）是一位冰川学教授。童年时他曾梦想成为宇航员，此后兴趣逐渐转向天文学，并最终获得地球科学硕士及博士学位，成为冰川学家。用他的话说：研究那些被冰川覆盖的遥远地域，几乎如同登陆异星——这让他儿时的梦想以另一种方式照进了现实。

自2007年起，雅库布持续研究全球各地的冰川，足迹遍及实地，亦通过卫星与航空影像进行遥感观测。他主要关注冰川在不同环境背景下对气候变化的响应规律，其科研工作多集中于斯瓦尔巴群岛——那片位于挪威与北极点之间的北极秘境，也正是他爱上冰雪的起点。自此，他每年都会参与偏远地区的科学考察。

雅库布认为，科学界面向公众的科普传播，其重要性不亚于产出新的科学知识。他是一位热情的冰川学传播者、出版作者，也是波兰媒体和科学节的常驻嘉宾，常就极地与高山议题发表见解。除冰川学之外，他还痴迷于行星科学与太空探索，闲暇时亦喜欢弹奏尤克里里。

Meike Sjoer – Expedition Guide



Meike Sjoer, a dedicated birder, nature enthusiast, and polar expedition guide, has spent her life immersed in the beauty of the natural world.

Growing up in the heart of the Dutch forest, Meike developed a profound love for nature from a young age, a passion that would shape her journey as a birder and wildlife explorer. She holds a Master of Film and Television from the University of Utrecht.

For the past 26 years, she has devoted her talents as a television director for the Dutch National Television. In this role, she dedicated herself to directing programs that involved stories of nature, wildlife, and environmental conservation. Meike's talent for filming and editing led her to directing the renowned Dutch National Wildlife television program *Vroege Vogels* for the past 15 years. Meike is a certified nature guide for the Dutch Institute for Nature and Education. When she is not sailing across polar waters, she takes great pleasure in guiding birding and wildlife tours within the National Parks of the Netherlands.

Additionally, driven by her deep concern for the well-being of our planet, Meike was part of the Sea Shepherd media-team for 5 years. Meike now coordinates the Educational Program for the Society of Environmental Awareness. With the mission reconnecting people with nature and inspire deeper environmental awareness. Yet, it is in the polar regions of Antarctica and the Arctic that Meike finds her greatest fulfilment. Here, surrounded by icy vastness and abundance of wildlife, she is happiest creating outdoor experiences that challenge individuals to connect with their inner selves and develop a profound respect for the planet we call home. Meike is thrilled to be your guide on this trip and looking forward to sharing her passion and knowledge for wildlife with you.

中文

梅克热爱观鸟、钟情自然，同时也是一名极地探险向导。她的生活与事业，始终与大自然紧密相连。她在荷兰的林间长大，自幼便痴迷野生动物，这份热爱也让她毕生投身于自然保护、环境科普与户外探索事业。

梅克曾在荷兰国家电视台担任纪录片导演长达 26 年，专攻自然、野生动物及环境主题的节目。她擅长用镜头讲述故事，借此呼吁大众关注自然生态。

她从少年时代开始航海，就此与海洋结缘。14 年前，她加入海洋守护者协会媒体团队，对海洋保护的热忱愈发浓厚。此后，她持续参与各类环保项目，引导大众走近自然、守护生态。

结束极地探险工作之余，梅克会在荷兰各地带队开展观鸟与野生动物游览活动。她也是荷兰自然与教育协会认证的专业自然向导。

此次能担任大家的随行探险向导，梅克倍感欣喜。她期待与各位分享见闻，一同感受这片极地秘境的独特魅力

Tiphanie May – Expedition Guide



Tiphanie May is an 8th generation Falkland Islander and holds an MSc in Marine Biology. She guides in the Arctic and Antarctic with warmth and curiosity. A certified first responder and trained firefighter, she brings calm, practical leadership to every trip. Raised on her family's island in the Falkland Islands, Tiphanie grew up on boats and developed a lifelong love of the sea and its wildlife. From the penguins on the doorstep to the fish in the rock pools Tiphanie has always had an affinity for all creatures great and small.

Tiphanie started her career at 21 working aboard Spanish trawlers for the Falkland Islands Government working in fisheries research and protection. Spending 200 days per year at sea she later moved on to manage an inshore boating project. Nowadays when she's not on the ship she works doing marine mammal observation, habitat restoration and occasionally working on her parent's farm.

She enjoys sharing simple, memorable moments on deck — spotting whales, pointing out seabirds, or watching guests meet their first iceberg. Friendly, down-to-earth, and passionate about conservation, Tiphanie loves helping guests connect with the polar world and leave with a little more wonder than when they boarded.

中文

蒂法妮是第八代福克兰群岛原住民，拥有海洋生物学硕士学位。她以热情与好奇心担任北极与南极探险向导。作为认证急救员与受训消防员，她总能在每次行程中展现沉稳、务实的领导力。

她在福克兰群岛自家的岛屿上长大，从小在船上生活，对海洋与野生动物怀有毕生热爱。从家门口的企鹅，到岩池里的小鱼，蒂法妮对大大小小的生命都充满亲近感。

蒂法妮 21 岁开启职业生涯，受福克兰群岛政府委派，在西班牙拖网渔船上从事渔业研究与保护工作，每年有 200 天在海上度过。之后她负责管理近岸航海项目。如今，不在船上时，她会从事海洋哺乳动物观测、栖息地修复工作，偶尔也会帮忙打理父母的农场。

她喜欢在甲板上与客人分享那些简单而难忘的瞬间 —— 寻找鲸鱼、辨认海鸟，或是见证客人第一次遇见冰山。友善、踏实、热爱自然保护的蒂法妮，乐于帮助客人亲近极地世界，让他们带着更多的惊叹与感动结束行程。

Li Ye – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

中文

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

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

QB Wenyang Wang-Expedition Guide



In addition to working as an expedition guider and photographer in the Antarctica and Arctic for several months every year, Qiu Bi has been travelling to remote areas and ethnic minority regions in China and abroad for more than ten years to photograph scientific research and environmental protection and other humanities projects, including topics such as environmental protection, community development, agriculture and forestry cultural heritage preservation, women empowerment, climate change, preservation of traditional cultures, biodiversity conservation, children, and so on. As a curator, she has curated numerous photography exhibitions. She has curated photo exhibitions in Beijing, Kunming, Hong Kong, Montreal and many other cities and different foreign embassies in China. Her photographs and stories have been exhibited in over a thousand spots on the Beijing Metro. Her photos have been published in many magazines such as Geography, Chinese National Geography, China Weekly, Chinese Photographers, China Philanthropist and Cultural Geography.

As a humanistic photographer, curator and Canon official lecturer, her photographic life story has been interviewed and told by many magazines. In December of 2022, she was invited to participate in the 15th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15), where she gave a talk to show how humanistic photographers connect the scientific research institutes, the public welfare organizations, with the public. Her photos have also won numerous photography awards in China and abroad. In 2023, she was invited by TED to give a talk on climate change and sustainable community development. During 2023-2024, she collaborated with different scholars to publish three sets of thematic photography books about traditional culture preservation and agriculture cultural heritage preservation.

中文

南北极极地探险队员&极地摄影师，人文摄影师，策展人，佳能官方讲师。

除了每年数月在南北极从事探险队员工作、极地摄影师工作之外，秋笔逾十年持续前往国内外偏远地区、少数民族地区拍摄科研环保等人文专题项目，包括环境保护、社区发展、农业/林业文化遗产保护、女性赋权、气候变化、传统文化保护、生物多样性保护、儿童等议题。作为策展人，她策划了众多摄影展，包括生物多样性保护、气候变化、传统文化保护等专题。她在北京、昆明、香港、蒙特利尔等多个城市及国外驻中国大使馆策划举办摄影展。她所摄照片及故事在北京地铁一千多个点位展出。作品在《国家地理》、《中国国家地理》、《中国周刊》、《中国日报》、《中国摄影家》、《中国慈善家》等众多杂志发表。

作为一名人文摄影师，她的摄影人生故事被众多杂志采访讲述。2022年12月，她受邀参加联合国《生物多样性公约》第十五次缔约方大会，在大会上以一位女性摄影师的视角阐述人文摄影师在生物多样性保护领域如何连接科研机构、公益机构与公众，展示人文摄影的力量。她的照片也在国内外获得了众多摄影奖项。2023年12月，她受TED邀请，做了一场关于气候变化与社区可持续发展的专题演讲。

2023-2024年期间与不同学者合作，围绕传统文化保护、农业生物多样性保护等出版三套专题摄影书籍。

Katrin Frosin – Expedition Guide



Katrin is a marine ecologist and commercial diver with a fascination for extreme and vulnerable marine ecosystems and the cryptic creatures inhabiting them. Originally from Düsseldorf, Germany, she spent many years studying, travelling and exploring different Ocean environments, eventually settling on the shores of the beautiful Eryri National Park in North Wales, UK.

After being introduced to the Ocean at a young age as a young diver, a fascination was sparked that eventually grew into a career centering marine ecosystems and the conservation efforts to protect and support them. Today, Katrin works in and around the Sea and has spent countless hours observing and surveying some of the world's most dynamic and quickest changing marine habitats. Her previous background as a diving instructor first allowed her to share her passion by teaching guests about local marine wildlife and the importance of protecting and respecting them. She now combines her academic, teaching and commercial skills to introduce people to the unique and beautiful marine species of polar regions, which are at the forefront of environmental change. Katrin is especially interested in the ecology of

benthic marine species as well as trophic ecosystem structures, and the temporal threats and changes affecting them. Recently, she found a renewed fascination of documenting invertebrate species diversity, for which she commonly utilizes macro photography. After all, in the sea every part of the Foodweb is important, from the smallest plankton and krill to the largest Whales crossing the world's deepest Oceans.

If you are interested in discussing marine animals you may see on the shore or from deck, be sure to start up a conversation with her. Be aware you may be met with more enthusiasm and fun facts than you bargained for!

中文

卡特琳是一名海洋生态学家，同时持有职业潜水资质。她痴迷于极端却

脆弱的海洋生态系统，以及栖息其间的隐秘海洋生物。她原籍德国杜塞尔多夫，多年间辗转求学、游历各地，探索形形色色的海洋环境，最终定居于英国北威尔士风光秀美的埃里里国家公园海岸。

卡特琳年少时便接触潜水、与海洋结缘的她将这份热爱转化为

毕生事业，深耕海洋生态研究与海洋保护工作。如今她常年投身近海与远洋相关工作，耗费无数时间观测、调研全球最活跃、变化速度最快的各类海洋栖息地。她曾任职潜水教练，借此向游客科普本土海洋生物，传递敬畏与保护海洋的理念，分享自己对海洋的热忱。

如今她融合学术研究、科普教学与职业潜水的专业能力，带领大家认识极地独一无二、瑰丽多姿的海洋生物——这片海域也是全球气候环境变化最前沿的区域。

卡特琳重点研究底栖海洋生物生态、生态系统营养层级结构，以及持续威胁、改变海洋生态的各类阶段性环境压力。近期她又迷上记录无脊椎动物的物种多样性，常使用微距摄影留存影像。在她看来，海洋食物链环环相扣、缺一不可：小至浮游生物与磷虾，大至穿梭于深海的巨型鲸类，每一环都至关重要。

如果你想聊聊在岸边或是甲板上可能邂逅的海洋生物，尽管主动和她攀谈。做好准备，她会满怀热忱，分享超多趣味冷知识，信息量远超你的预期！

Pierre Gallego – Expedition Guide



Pierre is a veterinarian specialised in marine mammal medicine. He has been working in the field of marine biology for 18 years and has been organising marine mammal research internships around the world since 2004. He represents the Government of Luxembourg at the International Whaling Commission and CCAMLR, and works with numerous international NGOs to promote marine mammal conservation and to fight cetacean captivity.

He is currently carrying out his PhD with the Oceanology Lab of the University of Liege, Belgium. His PhD thesis deals with pollutants and stable isotopes in humpback whales off Ecuador and Mozambique. He is a keen birdwatcher and enjoys photography. The ocean is his passion, and water is his element!

皮埃尔是一位专注于海洋哺乳动物的兽医。他已经在海洋生物学这个领域工作了 18 年。他曾代表卢森堡政府参加世界鲸类委员会，促进世界海洋哺乳动物保护话题已经反对鲸豚类的囚禁。

他现在正在进修他的博士学位，研究座头鲸和海洋污染的各种关系。同时他喜欢摄影和观鸟。海洋是他的热情，水是他的元素。

Margrette Yan – Expedition Guide



Margarette Yan started to work on cruise ships since 2016 right after her graduation from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh with Master's degree in C_E Translating & Interpreting.

As growing into an experienced seafarer she started to get the chance to set foot in numbers of countries and regions located at different continents including South-east Asia, Alaska, Caribbeans, Bahamas, South America, as well as Antarctica & Arctic: abundant wildlife, unique geography and mysterious climates has been such attractive that driven her craving for returning to the white, snow and wind covered icy world.

Margarette originally joined expedition team as a translator in 2019 for her first Antarctic season, from where she get to know plenty wonderful people in the team who sharing the same enthusiasm towards polar regions, also with the encouragement of these people she has now grew as an Antarctic guide. After receiving the impact of the beauty of the polar regions, she is always love to share and spread that thrill to everyone

who having their adventurous spirits ready to discover the world, as well as to work and guide in an environmentally responsible manner to maintain this unique and best preserved area on the planet as how it is.

中文

燕修洋出生于内蒙古自治区赤峰市，2016年于英国爱丁堡赫瑞瓦特大学中英笔译与口译专业毕业并获得硕士学位。

毕业后她选择进入邮轮行业工作，从拥有辽阔草原的内陆地区来到漫无边际的汪洋大海，这一生活方式上的巨变也帮她打开了新世界的大门。在不知不觉中她逐渐成长为一名有经验的海员，也因为这特殊的工作性质她得以踏足世界上许多不同角落：东南亚，日韩，阿拉斯加，北美，加勒比，巴哈马，南美以及南北极。其中极地地区的壮观景象，丰富的生物圈，独特的地理环境和变幻莫测的气候天气给她内心带来了极大的震撼。

燕修洋于2019年首次以翻译的身份加入南极探险队，在这里她结识了许多与她拥有共同梦想和激情的队员们，也是在这些可爱的人们的帮助和鼓励下，如今她已经成长为了一名有经验的正式南极探险队员。在经历过极地景象带来的心灵震撼后，她非常开心能够 and 所有对世界抱有探索精神和兴趣的志同道合的朋友们分享这份极地赞叹。同时她也希望在保护尊重自然的前提下做好队员的引领工作，让这些冰原覆盖，人迹罕至的极地地区始终保持她们独特的魅力

Andi Schwertz – Expedition Guide



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

As a scuba and freediver, she was able to get particularly close to many whale species and experience adventures. For example, she has already swum with orcas three times in arctic Norway. She came to Oceanwide because she wanted to share her passion with heart and enthusiasm. She was already able to gain experience as a trainee in Antarctica in the spring of 2023. The polar regions with their special fauna exert a very special attraction on her. She is also interested in landscape photography and has great tips for successful mobile phone photography. Another passion of hers is

yoga, which she also practices as a yoga instructor. She speaks English, German, Hungarian, and a little bit of Spanish and French. Andi is looking forward to more great adventures as a team member of Oceanwide!

中文

安迪出生于布达佩斯，在德国长大。从小，安迪就一直对动物和自然，尤其是海洋哺乳动物着迷。她想成为一名鲸鱼研究员，成为鲸鱼专家，不是在大学学习，而是出于热情。她最初毕业于社会学专业，但后来经营了自己的鸡尾酒吧 10 年。然而，她对海洋生物的热情从未消退，她开始环游世界，靠近这些迷人的动物并观察它们。

作为一名潜水和自由潜水员，她能够特别接近许多鲸鱼物种并体验冒险。例如，她已经在挪威北极地区与虎鲸一起游泳三次。她来到 Oceanwide 是因为她想用心和热情分享她的激情所在。她曾在2023年春天作为实习生在南极洲积累了经验。拥有特殊动物种群的极地对她有着非常特别的吸引力。她还对风光摄影感兴趣，并可以为手机摄影提供很好的建议。她的另一个爱好是瑜伽，她也是一名瑜伽教练。她会讲英语、德语、匈牙利语，还会说一点西班牙语和法语。安迪期待着作为 Oceanwide 团队成员经历更多精彩的冒险！

Rose Li – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

中文

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

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

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

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

Frank Shi – Translator



experiences and engage in conversations.

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

中文

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

Yueyi Che – Translator



Alaska.

Yueyi Che is a polar explorer, ice scientist, and language expert. Yueyi is originally from Harbin, China, the City of Ice. She is bilingual in English and Mandarin Chinese. Yueyi has been living in the USA for 8 years and is a world traveller. She also taught Geology lab and field classes in English at Stanford University.

Yueyi is currently a PhD student at the Earth System Science department at the University of California, Irvine. She studies glaciers in Antarctica: how they have changed in the past and how they might evolve in the future. She uses satellite observations to create better computer simulations of glaciers. Yueyi received her Master of Science degree in Earth and Planetary Science at Stanford University. At Stanford, Yueyi studied snow on sea ice in the Southern Ocean and got the opportunity to visit Antarctica. Yueyi received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley in Geology with a Climate Science minor, as the department valedictorian. She did her honors' thesis on ancient glaciers in Yosemite National Park and participated in the Juneau Icefield Research Program in

In her free time, Yueyi loves drawing comics and is an experienced science communicator who has collaborated with NASA missions and projects. She has two lovely cats and her favourite animal is the chinstrap penguin.

中文

车玥逸是一位极地探险家，冰川科学家，和语言专家。车玥逸来自冰城哈尔滨，成长于北京，初中和高中就读于人大附中本部。她现在在美国生活了八年，说一口流利的英文和中文。车玥逸曾在斯坦福大学教大学地质学实验和野外课程。

车玥逸现在就读于美国加州大学尔湾分校，攻读地球系统科学博士专业。她用卫星数据研究南极的冰川是如何在气候变暖下消融，用电脑程序模拟南极冰川未来的变化趋势。车玥逸在斯坦福大学取得了地球与行星科学专业硕士。在斯坦福，她研究了南极海域的雪与海冰，并第一次前往南极大陆。车玥逸本科就读于加州大学伯克利分校地质专业，辅修气候科学，并在毕业时取得了专业排名第一。在伯克利，她撰写了一篇关于美国优胜美地国家公园古冰川的本科荣誉论文。车玥逸也在美国阿拉斯加的朱诺冰原上进行过野外考察。

在她的业余时间，车玥逸喜欢画漫画。她是一名经验丰富的科普工作者，曾与美国国家航天航空局（NASA）的多个项目进行科普合作。车玥逸家里有两只可爱的猫咪。她最喜欢的动物是帽带企鹅。



Northeast Greenland Extreme Welcome on Board!

Date: 15th August 2026

Day 1: Akureyri

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

PLEASE LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

17:15+/- Ship safety briefing, in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5**. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY**. After the briefing the emergency alarm will be sounded, and you will need to go back to your cabin and get your life jacket. All guests accommodated on Deck 3 will go to **MUSTER STATION A** which is the Restaurant on Deck 4. All guests accommodated on decks 4, 6, and 7 will go to **MUSTER STATION B** which is the Observation Lounge on Deck 5.

18:15+/- Please join the Captain and Expedition Team in the **Observation Lounge on Deck 5** for a celebratory toast to the voyage.

This will be followed by an introductory briefing by the Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader to orientate you to life on board and explain the plan for the forthcoming days.

19:30-20:30 Buffet dinner in the **Restaurant on Deck 4**.

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



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 16th August 2026

Day 2: At sea heading towards Greenland

07:45 Wake up call

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

09:15 Please join us for AECO, Bear safety, and Zodiac safety briefing, Mandarin briefing will be in the Observation Lounge and English speaking will be in the lecture room on Deck 5. Attendance to this is **MANDATORY**.

11:45 We will call you deck by deck down to **Deck 3** to collect your Muck Boots, please bring your thick socks so you can try them for size

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

16:15 Please join Koen in the lecture on deck 5 for his lecture about "First impressions of Greenland" in English.

16:15 Please join Rose in the observation lounge on deck 5 for his lecture about "First impressions of Greenland" in Mandarin.

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

19:00 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

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



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 17th August 2026

Day 3: Nordøstbugten

- 07:15 Wakeup call.
- 07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 08:30+/- We invite the **Long hikers** for a landing at Nordøstbugten, this will be a 3-4 +/- hour hike with lots of available breaks.
- 09:00+/- We invite the **Medium hikers** for a landing at Nordøstbugten, this will be a 2+/- hour hike with lots of available breaks
- 09:30+/- We invite the **Short hikers** for a landing at Nordøstbugten, this will be a 1.5 +/- hour hike. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 14:30 We invite the **Blue** group for a Zodiac cruise with ice bergs.
- 14:45 We invite the **Red** group for a Zodiac cruise with ice bergs.
- 18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for daily recap.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served in the dining room.

"People do not decide to be extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things." - Sir Edmund Hillary



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 18th August 2026

Day 4: Ittoqqortoormiit.

- 07:15 Wakeup call.
07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 09:00 We invite the **RED** group for a landing at Ittoqqortoormiit.
- 09:15+/- We invite the **BLUE** group for a landing at Ittoqqortoormiit.

**Please respect the indigenous people and please ask before you take any photo of people.
Please also walk on the sides of the road, and do not leave the settlement.**

There will be shuttles back to the ship all afternoon, the last shuttle will be 12:00, please do not be late.

- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 16:15 Please join Enric in the Lecture Room for his English lecture about Greenland Geology
- 16:15 Please join Rose in the Observation Lounge for her Mandarin lecture about Greenland geology
- 18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for daily recap.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

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Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 19th August 2026

Day 5: Kap Lagerberg and Segelsällskapets Fjord

07:15 Wake-up call

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

08:45 We invite the **long hikers** ashore at Kap Lagerberg, this will be for a hike of about 2.5+/- hours.

09:15+/- We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Kap Lagerberg, this will be a for a 2-hour hike.

09:45+/- We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Kap Lagerberg, this will be for 1-1.5 hours. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.

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

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

This afternoon we hope to take you to Skipperdal in Segelsällskapets Fjord, it is place with stunning geology right beneath your feet.

14:30 We invite the **long hikers** ashore at Segelsällskapets Fjord, this will be for a hike off about 3+/- hours.

15:00 We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Segelsällskapets Fjord, this will be a for a 2-2.5-hour hike.

15:30 We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Segelsällskapets Fjord, this will be for 1-1.5 hours. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.

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

19:00 Special Arctic dinner on deck 5 aft, please dress warmly.

"What is the urge to travel? I think it comes from the desire to see what is behind the next hill; a sense of adventure and restlessness." - Peter Schmidt Mikkelsen, A member of the military Sirius Dog Sledge Patrol



DAILY PROGRAM



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 20st August 2026

Day 6: Blomsterbugten

- 07:15 Wake-up call
- 07:30-08:30 Breakfast buffet will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 08:45 We invite the **long hikers** for a long hike at Blomsterbugten (3+/- hours).
- 09:15 We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Blomsterbugten, this will be a 2-2.5 hour hike.
- 09:45 We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Blomsterbugten, this will be for 1-1.5 hours. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.
- 12:30-13:30 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.
- 16:15 Yueyi invites you to the observation lounge for her lecture about Glaciers and ice sheet in Mandarin.
- 16:15 Jakub invites you to the lecture room for his lecture about Glaciers and ice sheet in English.
- 18:15 Please join the Expedition Team in the lounge for daily recap.
- 19:00 Dinner will be served in the restaurant on deck 4.

"To dine with a glacier on a sunny day is a glorious thing and makes feasts of meat and wine ridiculous. The glacier eats hills and drinks sunbeams." – John Muir



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 21st August 2026

Day 7: Germania Haven and Kap Jona

07:30 Wake-up call

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

In the morning we will attempt to land at Germania Havn (also spelled Germaniahafen), a historic cove and anchorage located on the southern coast of Sabine Island in Northeast Greenland. It was established in 1869 when the Second German North Polar Expedition under Carl Koldewey built a wintering station and scientific observatories there.

08:45 Please can the **long hikers** be ready to go ashore at Germania Haven.

09:15 We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Germania Haven.

09:45 We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Germania Haven. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.

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

14:30 Please can the **long hikers** be ready to go ashore at Kap Jona.

15:00 We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Kap Jona.

15:30 We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Kap Jona. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.

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

19:00 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

"It is of no purpose to discuss the use of knowledge. Man wants to know, and when he ceases to do so he is no longer man". - Fridtjof Nansen



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 22nd August 2026

Day 8: Ardencaple fjord and Ejnar Mikkelsen Gletscher

07:15 Wakeup call.

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

Ardencaple fjord is a remote, roughly 50-kilometre-long fjord in northeastern Greenland National Park. It is surrounded by steep Arctic mountains, with peaks rising to more than 1,600 metres. The fjord was named by explorer Douglas Clavering in 1823 after Ardencaple Castle in Scotland and remains an exceptionally isolated, largely uninhabited landscape.

08:45 We invite the **long hikers** for a long hike in Ardencaple fjord (3+/- hours).

09:15 We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Ardencaple fjord, this will be a 2-2.5hour hike.

09:45 We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Ardencaple fjord, this will be for 1-1.5 hours. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.

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

Ejnar Mikkelsen Gletscher is a large, north-south-trending glacier in Northeast Greenland. The glacier was named after Danish Arctic explorer Ejnar Mikkelsen and first appeared on a 1932 map based on aerial observations from Lauge Koch's 1931-34 expedition.

15:00 We invite the **RED** group for a Zodiac cruise in front of Ejnar Mikkelsen Gletscher. Please dress warmly and only come to the shell door when your group has been called.

15:15 We invite the **BLUE** Group for a Zodiac cruise of Ejnar Mikkelsen Gletscher. Please dress warmly and only come to the shell door when your group has been called.

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

19:00 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

"The ice and the long moonlit polar nights, with all their yearning, seemed like a far-off dream from another world, a dream that has come and passed away. But what would life be without dreams?"

-Fridtjof Nansen



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 23rd August 2026

Day 9: Store Koldewey Isl. - Berg fjord

07:15 Wakeup call.

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

***Store Koldewey** is a long, extremely remote Arctic island in **Northeast Greenland** and is at around **76°N**. The island's name comes from **Carl Koldewey**, leader of the Second German North Polar Expedition of 1869–70. It is around **80–90 km long but only about 10 km wide**, making it almost a giant narrow barrier island. Our landing site in Berg fjord consists of extremely old crystalline rocks, mainly gneiss more than 1.8 billion years old, while the eastern coast exposes much younger Jurassic and Cretaceous marine sediments containing fossils such as bivalves and ammonites. It's a particularly interesting place because it combines extreme Arctic wilderness, polar exploration history, archaeology, geology and potentially wildlife.*

08:45 We invite the **long hikers** for a long hike in Berg fjord (3+/- hours).

09:15 We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Berg fjord, this will be a 2-2.5hour hike.

09:45 We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Berg fjord, this will be for 1-1.5 hours. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.

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

16:15 Please join Tiffanie in the lounge for her lecture all about Arctic Seals!

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

19:00 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

"I am prepared to go anywhere, provided it be forward." - David Livingstone



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 24th August 2026

Day 10: At sea towards the Pack Ice.

07:45 Wake-up call

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

11:15 Koen invites you to the Lecture room for his lecture about the History of Greenland.

11:15 Rose invites you to the Observation lounge for her lecture about the History of Greenland.

Please note the ship's clocks go forward 1 hour at 12:00 midday. 12:00 becomes 13:00

13:00-14:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

16:15 Jerry invites you to the Observation lounge for his lecture about the biggest animals that ever existed, Whales.

16:15 Andi invites you to the Lecture room for her lecture about the biggest animals that ever existed, Whales.

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

19:00 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

"We have traversed more than one hundred thousand li of immense water spaces..." Zheng He



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 25th August 2026

Day 11: In the Pack Ice.

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

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

07:45 Wake-up call

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

10:00 Li invites you to the Observation lounge for her lecture about Sea Ice World.

10:00 Jacob invites you to the Lecture room for his lecture about The State and Fate of

Please note the ships clocks go forward 1 hour at 12:00 midday. 12:00 becomes 13:00 and lunch begins

Arctic Sea Ice

13:00-14:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

16:15 Tiphane invites you to the Observation lounge for her lecture about the most blubbery animals in the Arctic, Seals.

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

19:00 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

20:30 Please join Sasha in the lecture room, for his life story, featuring his world famous story of his time as keeper of the ghost town of Pyramiden.



DAILY PROGRAM

“Traveling around the world taught me many things. Most important of them all, is to keep breaking through the boundaries of challenges.” – Jing Feng (Chinese Polar Explorer)



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 26th August 2026

Day 12: Magdelene Fjord

Today we plan to make a zodiac cruise and landing in the stunning Magdalenefjorden. The morning will consist of a landing and zodiac cruise at Gravneset where we will see some whaling history, and a zodiac cruise to look for harbour seals and the Waggonwaybreen Glacier. In the afternoon we will zodiac cruise to the Gullybreen Glacier, and past a walrus haul out.

07:15 Wake-up call

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

08:45 We invite the **Blue** group to the shell door for a landing at Gravneset

09:00 We invite **Red** group to the shell door on deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Gravneset

Please note that we will swap the groups halfway through the morning

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

Located on the southern shore of Magdalenefjorden, Gullybukta is a small, historically rich Arctic bay surrounded by spectacular jagged peaks and the stunning Gullybreen glacier. There is also a small walrus haul out on the shores that we hope to visit.

15:00 We invite **Red** group to the shell door on deck 3 for a zodiac cruise at Gullybukta to see Walrus

15:15 We invite the **Blue** group to the shell door for a zodiac cruise at Gullybukta to see walrus

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

19:00 Dinner will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

20:30+/- Join QB in the Observation Lounge for her lecture about Climate change explained with the help of photography: *Visions of Climate Change: From Melting Ice to Human Hope*

Today is the last full day of shop onboard

"What is the urge to travel? I think it comes from the desire to see what is behind the next hill; a sense of adventure and restlessness." - Peter Schmidt Mikkelsen, A member of the military Sirius Dog Sledge Patrol



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 27th August 2026

Day 13: Signehamna and Ny Ålesund.

06:45 Wake-up call. Good morning!

07:00-08:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

In the afternoon we hope to take you for a hike at Signehamna, a sheltered natural harbour in the Nordvest-Spitsbergen National Park. It is historically renowned for being the hidden site of "Knospe" and "Nussbaum," two secret German World War II weather stations that were eventually discovered and destroyed by Norwegian forces in 1943. It is also a good place to see reindeer, and red throated divers on the small lakes.

08:15 We invite the **long hikers** ashore at Signehamna, this will be for a hike of about 3+/- hours.

08:45 We welcome the **medium hikers** ashore for a landing at Signehamna, this will be a for a 2-hour hike.

09:15 We welcome the **short hikers** ashore for a landing at Signehamna, this will be for 1-1.5 hours. Zodiac shuttles will be available for those that wish to go back to the ship sooner.

Please make sure to settle your accounts at reception before lunch.

12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

In the afternoon, we plan to land at Ny Ålesund for a hike, and to explore the rich history of the area.

13:30 +/- Once alongside the pier hope to invite you to disembark the ship via gangway for a landing at Ny Ålesund.

Between 15:00 and 16:30 there will be guides in place for the hike to the Amundsen mast. Rose will be at the mast to talk history.

During our landing in Ny-Ålesund, you can roam freely on the roads within town. You are welcome to visit the shop and museum, but please remove your boots when visiting the shop. Please do not enter any other buildings without permission. Public toilets are available at the harbour office near the dock. Please remember to turn off your Wi-fi and Bluetooth on your mobile phone so as not to interfere with scientific research equipment.

Bring your credit/debit cards to use at the shop (open from 13:30 to 16:00 and post office!

Please be back at 17:00 at the latest as the ship will be leaving.

Make sure you bring the **cleaned muck boots back to Deck 3 at the end the landing**

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

19:00 Plated dinner will be served in the Dining Room.



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Date: 28th August 2026

Day 14: Longyearbyen

06:45 Wakeup Call.

Please ensure your luggage is outside your room by 07:00am as we need to move it to the pier for you during breakfast.

07:00-08:00 Buffet breakfast will be served in the Dining Room on Deck 4.

07:30+/- We will invite you to begin disembarking. You will proceed down the gangway, then collect your luggage, and then to the busses. Please do not leave anything on the ship and identify your luggage at the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: Upon arrival in Longyearbyen, we will provide free busses to town and the airport. All luggage must be left outside your cabins by 7:00am and we will move it onto the pier.

For passengers on flight SK4493 at 11:20am; please use an **Orange Luggage Tag**.

For passengers on DY391 departing at 14:05 with a pre-booked Sead Vault Tour, please use **Light Blue Luggage Tag**.

For all other passengers on DY391 departing at 14:05, please use **Dark Blue Luggage Tag** and leave in the luggage truck, and take the bus to town at 9am. At 12:00 there will be a bus from Svalbard Butikken to the airport where you will meet your luggage.

For passengers on SK4425 departing at 12:35, please use **Red Luggage Tag** and leave in the luggage truck, and take the bus to town at 9am. At 10:30 there will be a bus from Svalbard Butikken to the airport where you will meet your luggage.

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

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