



Northeast Greenland Extreme

25th August – 7th September 2026

On board *m/v Plancius*



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



Captain Christophe Colaris

and his international crew of 47 sailors

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WELCOMED YOU ON BOARD!

Day 1 – Tuesday 25th August - Embarkation Day - Akureyri

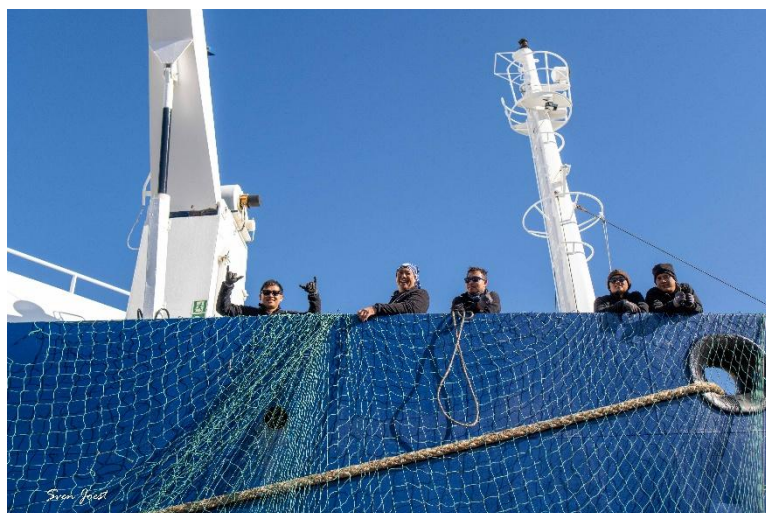
18h00 GPS Position: 65°50.3'N / 018°09.3'W

Wind: N-4 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Partly Cloudy • Air temperature: 7°C

A lovely sunny afternoon as we gathered on the small new touristic pier in Akureyri. Most of us had travelled the long way from Reykjavik to the north of Iceland by bus and it had been a great road trip along the western coast and across some minor mountain passes. Now, at the pier, the excitement for this fantastic trip to Northeastern Greenland started to build up.

Happy to recognize and reconnect with some familiar faces amongst the expedition staff team: Pippa, Chloe, Koen, Marco, Sven, Michelle and Charlotte were some of the guides with whom we had travelled either in the Arctic or the Antarctic a few years back.

Starting at 16:00, and right after the passport control, the embarkation process started. Most of us had been on board *MV Plancius* before and therefore we found our way through familiar corridors, whilst new passengers were accompanied by the friendly crew staff and eventually ended up gathering at the Observation Lounge.



As usual safety came first, with the mandatory briefings and lifeboat drill providing an important introduction to life at sea. Once everyone had familiarized themselves with the procedures and their muster stations, attention could turn to the adventure that lay ahead. The expedition program then officially got underway with an introduction from Expedition Leader Pippa, followed by an opportunity to

meet the expedition team. Their enthusiasm and knowledge offered an exciting glimpse into the experiences, wildlife encounters and discoveries that awaited us during the voyage.



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

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

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

Day 2 – Wednesday 26th August – At Sea, Denmark Strait

12h00 GPS Position: 68°31.3'N / 020°43.3'W

Wind: W-5 • Sea: Moderate • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 4°C

Today was very much a day of preparation, learning, and the anticipation as we continued our journey through Greenland. The day began with a cheerful wake-up call and breakfast in the dining room. After breakfast, we gathered in the observation lounge for an engaging presentation by Michelle about the People of Greenland. It was a fascinating introduction to Greenland's people, culture, history, and way of life, giving us a deeper understanding of the place we are travelling through.



The morning continued with an important AECO, polar bear safety, and Zodiac briefing by our Expedition Leader Pippa. This mandatory session covered the essential safety procedures we will need to follow during our upcoming excursions. Given the remote environment and the possibility of encountering wildlife, it was an important and very practical part of

preparing for our adventures ashore. After lunch, the expedition team began distributing our Muck Boots. We were called deck by deck to collect them from the boot room, and it suddenly felt very real that our shore excursions were getting closer.

Later, we returned to the observation lounge for a lecture by Sven about the geology of Greenland. Learning about the geological forces that have shaped this enormous island added another dimension to our understanding of the spectacular landscapes that awaited us during the next days. The mountains, cliffs, ice, and rock suddenly seemed to tell a much older story, shaped over millions of years. Afterwards, Mark gave us an engaging presentation about the Birds of the Arctic. It was fascinating to learn more about the different bird species that inhabit this harsh environment and how they have adapted to life in the Arctic. It also made us much more aware of the wildlife we might encounter as our journey continues.

The day finished with our Daily Recap, when we met with the expedition team in the observation lounge to reflect on everything we had learned and hear about what was ahead. We then enjoyed a plated dinner in the dining room as we arrived at Scoresbysund, with the evening light casting a beautiful glow across the cliffs of Cape Brewster, while the blows of humpback whales were visible around the ship. Hundreds of Black-legged kittiwakes were feeding at the Eastern entrance of Scoresby sund were



a winter polynya keeps these waters free of sea ice during the winter time and grants access with an icebreaker to this remote area of the planet.

Here it is where our trip started!



Day 3 – Thursday 27th August – Nordostbugt & Bjørneøer

12h00 GPS Position: 71°17.8'N / 024°55.9'W

Wind: SW-2 • Sea: Rippled • Weather: Part. Cloudy • Air temperature: 11°C

On our first day of activities in Eastern Greenland, many of us were up and about on the outer decks quite early, shortly after sunrise. The slightly overcast sky dimmed the early morning sunlight, creating beautiful shades across the serene scenery of Hall Bredning, dotted with icebergs and bergy bits of all shapes and sizes.



MV Plancius slowly approached the northwestern corner of Jameson Land, a vast peninsula located on the northern side of the broad entrance to Scoresby Sund. The sea was calm and smooth, and slowly the sun began to pierce through the clouds, illuminating the scene. A vast plain, where potential muskoxen

were grazing, stretched out in front of us, backed by an impressive glacial moraine and jagged mountains.

After breakfast, we were called to the gangway and, divided into small groups, went ashore, where the Expedition Staff welcomed us to Eastern Greenland. A small group of fast hikers took off across the peat bog and towards the moraine in search of adventure, whilst the rest of us were divided into leisure and medium groups and set out to explore the southern tip of this vast peninsula on foot.

Anywhere we looked, we were mesmerized, either by the serene and silent landscape, with the bay dotted with icebergs, or by the small details of the Arctic tundra. Along the shoreline, a couple of Long-tailed Ducks patrolled the coast, while Black-legged Kittiwakes and Glaucous Gulls scanned the sky. The



search for muskoxen, however, did not bear any fruit, although we were equally content and grateful for the incredible weather that had welcomed us on our first day.

Nordostbugt has a long history of



human occupation, and just above the landing site, a small winter settlement from the Thule culture was discovered and partially excavated in the mid-20th century. Observing the remains of their dwellings, dug into the Arctic tundra, was a reminder of the endeavour of this group of people, who moved along the eastern coast of Greenland from the XII century onwards.

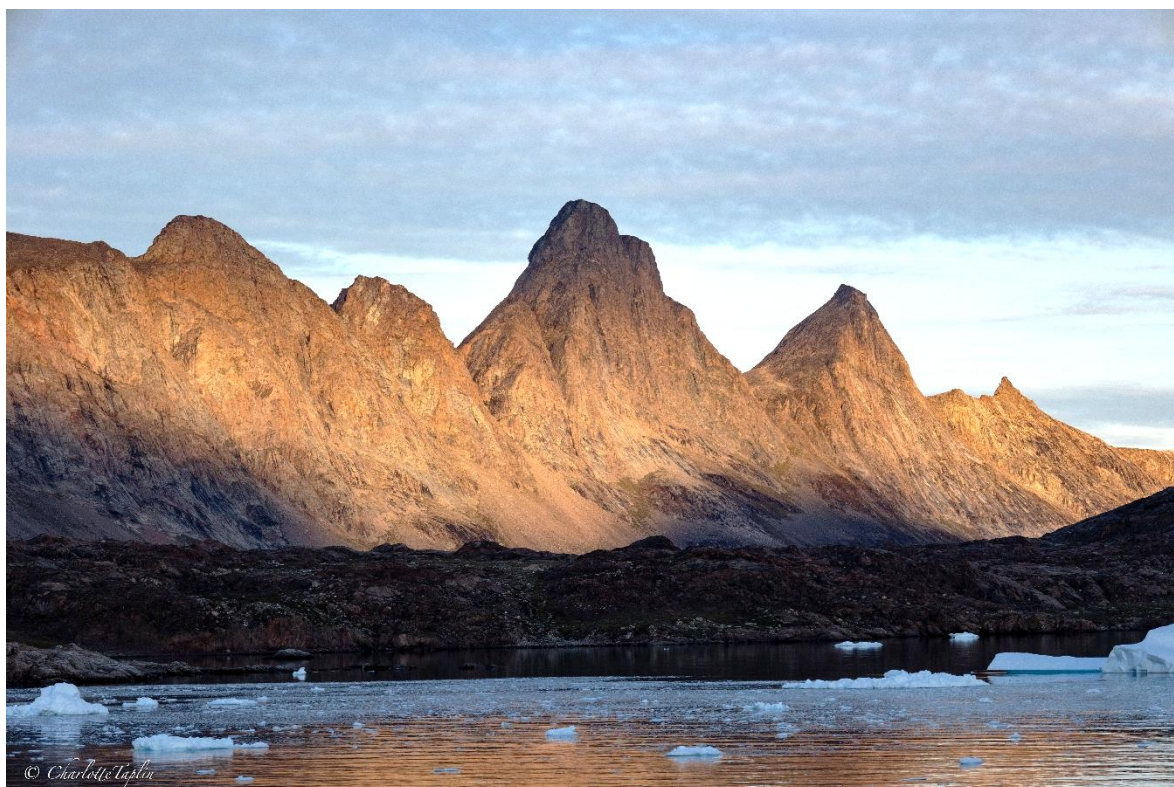
At noon, we returned to the ship, and during lunchtime, Captain Christophe and his bridge team repositioned MV Plancius towards the west and into the maze of islands that make up the Bjørneøer, also known as the Bear Islands.

A small archipelago of a dozen metamorphic and rocky islands tucked away at the entrance to Øfjord, one of the long and deep branches of the fjord system that characterizes Scoresby Sund. The islands were named by explorer Carl Ryder during his 1891–92 expedition, after a polar bear was shot there.



This time, we explored the area on board the Zodiacs, skimming across the deep blue water filled with turquoise icebergs. Observing the flukes and tidewater lines created by water erosion on the icebergs was great fun and very interesting. During the cruise, we also had the chance to spot a male muskox grazing on the steep cliffs on the southern side of Tassermiit, and eventually we ended up in the protected harbour of Jytte Havn, where Plancius was anchored.

Gathered in the lounge with Pippa and the rest of the staff, we were informed about the plans for the following day. We also learned about photographic composition from Koen and the history of Grundsvirkirken, one of the iconic granitic peaks in the northwestern part of Scoresby Sund.



Day 4 – Friday 28th August – Vikingbugt & Helgenæs

12h00 GPS Position: 70°16.8'N / 025°18.2'W

Wind: N-1 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Clear Sky • Air temperature: 11°C



Expedition leader Pippa woke us this morning with news that the plan she'd given us the previous evening at recap had already changed: we were swapping the morning and afternoon activities. Plancius was now making her way into Vikingbugt, toward the tide water Brede Gletscher.

After breakfast, we gathered at the gangway to start our zodiac cruise, though we waited longer than usual before boarding. Once in the zodiacs, our driver explained the delay: a polar bear had been spotted swimming not far from Plancius. A bear in the water is vulnerable, so we couldn't approach it besides, it would have been dangerous. The team therefore decided to relocate the zodiac cruise, which took a little extra time to arrange.

Once underway, we headed toward a glacier meltwater waterfall in the middle of a moraine. As the zodiacs set off, a female polar bear was spotted with her yearling cub: what a treat! We watched them feeding along the shoreline, then moving





together up the moraine ridge, where they ended up cuddling at the top. It was genuinely adorable.

After this encounter, the cruise continued as the sun rose higher. We cruised among icebergs and along the brash ice. As we re-embarked Plancius, the swimming bear was spotted once

more, and we rushed to the outer deck to watch it through our binoculars.

The ship needed to relocate to the entrance of the bay for the afternoon activity. From the dining room, we watched Plancius sailing through the brash ice among the icebergs. A restaurant with a view indeed!

The afternoon brought something different: the staff offered us a perimeter landing at a site called Helgœnaes, letting us roam freely among the basalt columns, the patterned ground, and the tundra. Some of us even spotted old polar bear tracks. Purple patches of fireweed, Greenland's national flower, dotted the landscape, along with mountain sorrel and Arctic mouse-ear. As we were shuttled back to the ship, our driver made a detour so we could observe the impressive basalt columns from the sea.

The day ended with a moonrise and beautiful colors across the sky. Some of us settled in for a drink in the lounge, while others were already drifting off to sleep.



Day 5 – Saturday 29th August – Ittoqqortoormiit & Raffle Ø

12h00 GPS Position: 70°28.8'N / 021°57.7'W

Wind: SE-2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Part. Cloudy • Air temperature: 12°C

This morning we could sleep in! Fifteen minutes before breakfast opened at 8 AM, the wake up call of Pippa sounded in our cabins. Good morning!



Looking out of our porthole, we could already see the colourful houses of Ittoqqortoormiit, the most isolated town in Greenland and our destination for today. Ittoqqortoormiit means “the place with the big houses” in the East Greenlandic dialect. It was established in 1925 by Ejnar Mikkelsen, now the town has around 300 inhabitants.

A little after 10am, we boarded the Zodiacs to go ashore. We could visit the Evangelical Lutheran Church with its wooden interior, blue curved roof beams that resemble whale ribs, and cozy lights. From the ceiling hangs a replica of the ship ‘Gustav Holm’ that transported 70 people from Ammassalik area to Ittoqqortoormiit in 1925, to establish a permanent settlement on these grounds.

Also were we welcomed in the house of Magda & Isaak for a Kaffemik. Kaffemik is a Greenlandic word that literally means “via coffee”. A kaffemik is social engagement by way to





coffee, often an all day affair with 50 people or more coming and going.

Greenlanders hold kaffemik to celebrate special events of all kinds – births and birthdays, first days of school and confirmations – but the real enjoyment comes

from being in a room filled with people.

While others in the world might go out for such an occasion, Greenlanders keep the festivity close to home. The honoree throws their own party, usually preparing for days in advance and often pulling out all the stops with fine china and decorative table linens. When the big day comes, their home becomes a revolving door of celebration with old friends, family from out of town, colleagues, and brand new friends all through the day.

As a traveler, attending a kaffemik is more about getting a special look at Greenlandic life. We could step into the home of a local, and get a feel of what it's like to live like a Greenlander. At 11.30, Isaak fed his dogs. Lined up along the river bed, full of excitement, his dog were waiting for this. The 10-week-old puppies could still run free, but preferred their mum above all.

Lunch was ready for us in the dining room and after lunch it was time to learn more about Polar bears, but just when Koen wanted to start his lecture, Mark spotted an Orca. It took a while before it showed it selves again, but than we saw that is was a big



male. A little later we got to see also a second smaller one. Such a rare sighting, to see Orcas this far North!

At 16.30 our sister ship Rembrandt van Rijn came by to pick up some provisions. She is a beautiful three-master. In a sheltered bay, coordinated with our captain Christophe, her captain Ismael was able to put the ship alongside of us. The provisions were put by the forward crane from Plancius onboard of Rembrandt van Rijn. After that we continued our voyage North.

During recap Pippa told us the plans for tomorrow and we learned more about the geology and Greenland's national flower, the broad-leaved fireweed *Chamaenerion latifolium*.

Dinner was ready at 07 PM, all tasted well, but the dessert was a special one: Whale blows were seen around the ship. With binoculars, we could recognize groups of Fin whales and Humpback whales. Yet another exciting day has come to an end.



Day 6 – Sunday 30th August – Skipperdal & Ella Ø

12h00 GPS Position: 72°25.5'N / 024°53.3'W

Wind: SSW-3 • Sea: Rippled • Weather: Clear Sky • Air temperature: 8°C

The day began cool and overcast at Skipperdal, setting a suitably atmospheric tone for a day of exploration in East Greenland. As the expedition team prepared for the morning landing, guests were offered a choice of Long, Medium and Leisurely walks, allowing everyone to experience the landscape at their own pace.

Skipperdal quickly revealed the richness of its Arctic environment. One of the first wildlife highlights was an Arctic hare, perfectly adapted to its surroundings and an excellent example of the species that can thrive in this remote landscape. Out on the lake, Red-throated Divers were spotted, their presence adding another dimension to the morning's exploration.



The landscape also offered plenty of evidence of the larger mammals that inhabit East Greenland. A Musk Ox skull was discovered, providing an opportunity to consider the anatomy and history of these iconic Arctic animals. Not long afterwards, the discovery became even more impressive when 13 Musk Oxen were spotted on the mountainside.



Watching the animals against the dramatic terrain offered a memorable glimpse of musk ox in their natural environment.

The Leisurely group enjoyed a particularly rewarding encounter when they spotted a Stoat. Small, elusive and rarely encountered, the animal was a welcome addition to the day's wildlife sightings. Birds were also well represented, with Snow

Buntings, a couple of Northern Wheatears and three Redpoll recorded during the morning. Autumn had clearly arrived in the vegetation. The changing colours of the Arctic plants complemented the reds, oranges and earthy tones of the surrounding rocks, creating a striking natural palette across the landscape. In the cool, subdued

light, the scenery felt especially dramatic.

Back on board, the expedition programme continued with recap ahead of the afternoon landing. Pippa outlined the plans for the following day, preparing everyone for the next



opportunity to explore ashore. Chloe then introduced the fascinating subject of the Greenland Shark, sharing insights into one of the Arctic's most extraordinary and long-lived marine inhabitants. Marco followed with a recap of the morning's observations of the intriguing "stripey rocks", helping guests to understand more about the geological features encountered during the expedition. Finally, Sven gave a presentation on the Sirius Dog Patrol, introducing guests to the remarkable work of the patrol and the important role it continues to play across Greenland.

In the afternoon, the expedition moved on to Ella Ø, where the scenery was every bit as dramatic. Steep mountains, rugged rock formations and the quiet waters of the lake created an impressive setting for another landing. The lakes once again provided excellent birdwatching opportunities, with Long-tailed Ducks and Red-throated Divers observed on the water. Along the shoreline and slopes, the autumnal colours of the Arctic Birches and Willows added warmth to an otherwise rugged landscape. There



was plenty to discover among the vegetation. Bearberries and Bilberries were abundant, their colourful fruits standing out amongst the changing foliage. The plants provided a reminder of the surprisingly productive life that exists within the short Arctic growing season.

For the expedition guests, it was a day that demonstrated just how much can be revealed by slowing down, looking closely and allowing the Arctic landscape to tell its story. The day concluded with the traditional 'Arctic dinner' outside on deck three, followed by lots of dancing as the dramatic Arctic scenery glided past.

Day 7 – Monday 31st August – Blomsterbugt & Walterhausen Glacier

08h00 GPS Position: 73°22.5'N / 025°19.7'W

Wind: S-3 • Sea: Rippled • Weather: Part. Cloudy • Air temperature: 8°C

Today was another unforgettable day on our expedition through Northeast Greenland. We headed ashore at Blomsterbugt in Northeast Greenland National Park, where we had three different hiking options to choose from: short, medium and long. Each group offered its own way of experiencing this incredible landscape, and no matter which





route we took, we were treated to some fantastic wildlife sightings. Musk ox and Arctic hares were spotted by all three groups, making the morning feel like a true Arctic adventure.

One of the most memorable sights was an amazing lake with water that had turned a

striking red colour from the sediment runoff coming down from the surrounding landscape. It was such an unusual and beautiful sight, and something we certainly weren't expecting to see.

After our hikes, we returned to the ship for lunch before heading back out onto the water for an afternoon of spectacular scenery. We cruised through the magnificent Keiser Franz Fjord and continued into Nordfjord towards Walterhausen Glacier.

As we approached the glacier, we slowly made our way through the brash ice and icebergs, eventually getting to around 300 metres from the glacier front. Being that close to such an enormous wall of ice was an incredible experience. The scale and beauty of the glacier, surrounded by floating ice, made for a truly special afternoon.

During our evening recap, we enjoyed a fascinating talk from Ueli, who shared stories from his time working at six different sites close to Keiser Franz Joseph Fjord. He





explained how he had collected samples of rocks and water and gave us a fascinating insight into the scientific work being carried out in this remote part of Greenland.

One of the stories that really stayed with us was his account of helping to rescue a baby musk ox. Hearing about the experience brought the wildlife we had seen during the day to life in a completely different way, and it was certainly one of the highlights of the recap.

Pippa, our Expedition Leader, gave us an exciting preview of tomorrow's plans. After another amazing day, we were all left wondering what adventures the next day would bring. We finished the evening with a delicious plated dinner and plenty to talk about after a day filled with wildlife, incredible landscapes, glaciers and wonderful stories. It had been another fantastic day in Northeast Greenland.

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Tuesday 1st September – Germania Havn (Sabine Ø) and Kap David Gray (Shannon Ø)

12h00 GPS Position: 74°31.8'N / 018°49.7'W

Wind: S-3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Clear Sky • Air temperature: 4°C

On first day of September we awoke to yet another stunning day. The rising sun and the clouds made for a dramatic landscape whereas the icebergs and stunning surroundings completed a perfect morning. We were further north and it felt like that too. The air felt crisper and we could almost smell that winter was upon us.



We had arrived at Germania Havn where we would land for our morning hikes. Germania Havn, also known as Germania Harbour, is a natural marine bay and historic anchorage located on the south coast of Sabine Ø or Sabine Island. It was

named during the Second German North Pole Expedition of 1869–1870, led by Captain Karl Koldewey. Their expedition ship the Germania overwintered in the harbor.

Sabine Ø was named after the British geophysicist General Sir Edward Sabine, who had conducted pendulum gravity experiments on the island during an 1823 Arctic expedition.

Once ashore we all set out for our respective hikes. The sportive hikers had planned to reach the summit of Germania Bjerg with an elevation of 302 mtr. The others took it a bit more relaxed and hiked the tundra landscape while taking photos and enjoying the sun which had come out more dominantly. Some Arctic Hares were spotted and in some areas the hiking became more challenging due to snow patches as well as swampy areas that tried to take our boots.

During the morning, all groups also visited the nearby hut. The hut is a former fur trapper station and was built in 1919. It was restored in 1999 by Danish organisation Nanok and has been maintained by them since.





Currently the cabin serves as an emergency and field shelter and is often used by members of scientific expeditions as well. The expedition team had opened the hut and it was really nice to have a look inside this relatively large hut. Many of signed the guestbook before we walked out and started making our way back to the landing site.

During lunch we repositioned to our location for the afternoon, Kap David Gray part of Shannon Ø. The weather was still pleasant with the sun out and little wind. The landing was slightly delayed as the expedition team spotted a creamy coloured object in the landscape which was hard to identify, but once the all clear sign was given we made our way ashore. The arctic tundra seemed vast and empty, but it turned out to be full of life once we took a more detailed look.

The long hikers set out towards stunning bassalt column cliffs, whereas the medium groups each took their own direction and the leisurely group mostly walked with their eyes focussed on the vegetation which offered a vast variety of species.

Chloe had initiated an iNaturalist Blitz walk where we could photograph basically everything we saw and the app Chloe had installed would instantly inform us what type of plant or flower we had photographed.

Although we didn't spot any polar bears, we found quite some tracks that reminded us of their presence throughout the entire East Coast of Greenland.

Back on the beach some of us were called to the rescue as our zodiacs accidentally had beached and needed to be pulled back into the water. It took some effort, but then the boats were free and we were shuttled back to the ship.

After recap we enjoyed delicious food prepared by the wonderful galley team. After dinner many



of us went to the bridge or the outside decks to enjoy the beautiful evening light before going to bed. Another wonderful day had ended, good night!

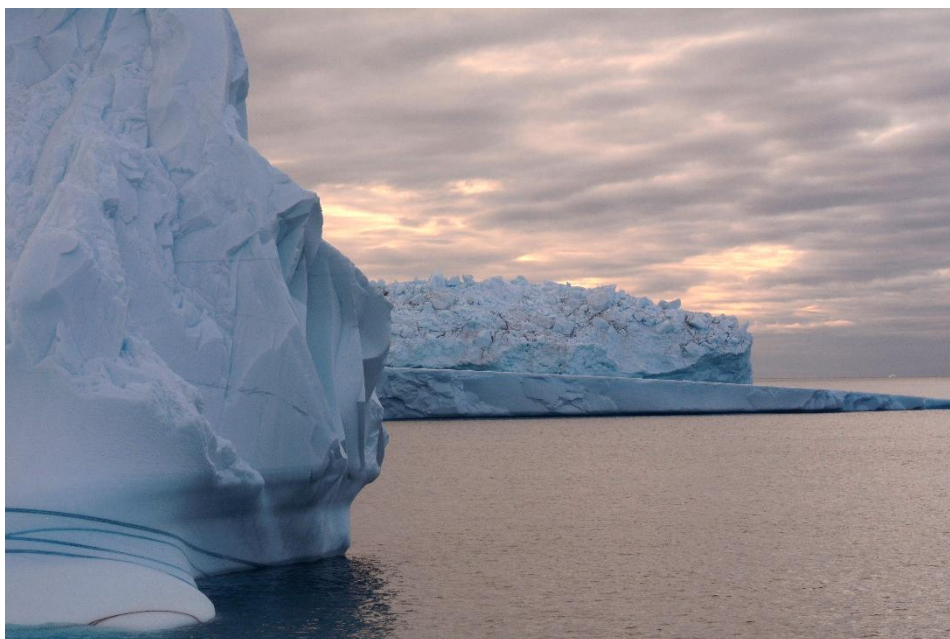


Day 9 – Wednesday 2nd September - Store Koldewey and Danmarkshavn

12h00 GPS Position: 76°41.3'N / 018°50.5'W

Wind: W-3 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Clear Sky, Drizzle • Air temperature: 4°C

Our ninth morning into this fantastic trip in the Arctic and surprises were still laying ahead. The PA sounded a bit earlier this morning, with the call from EL Pippa announcing polar bears had been spotted earlier in the morning on the eastern coast of Store Koldewey on our approach to our morning activity.



Turned out that a mother with two cubs, were walking on terrace at 40m above sea level, therefore granting a great visibility to all of us who quickly had dressed up and walked about the outer decks. The sighting was thrilling and the gentle morning

light made it even better for a good starting of the day. The bear family disappeared from sight after a quarter of an hour and we headed to breakfast.

Obviously the morning landing was swapped with a zodiac cruise and quickly after 9am, we embarked the zodiacs driven by the experienced staff team. On the approach towards the shoreline, the same group of bears were found, and observing them floating from the boats at a respectful distance was another of the treat of this trip. The cubs were standing near their mum, observing us from the land, although showing no sign of distress. Once again the golden morning light of the Arctic at these latitudes heightened the encounter.



Polar bear cubs remain with their mother for around 2.5 to 3 years, a remarkably long period compared with many other bear species. During this time, the mother provides them with protection, warmth, and nourishment while teaching them the essential skills





they need to survive in the harsh Arctic environment. The cubs gradually learn how to hunt seals, navigate across sea ice, and cope with the extreme conditions of their frozen habitat. Once they become independent, the young bears leave their mother to begin their own lives, while

she will eventually be ready to reproduce again.

Respecting wildlife is key for a great expedition and after some time, the guides drove slowly the boats away and we went for a cold, although exciting cruise in the small fjords and inlets that dotted the northeastern coast of the island. Beautiful hues of turquoise and blues, were visible and photographed in the maze of iceberg and bergy bits that were scattered in the area.

Once the morning operation was wrapped up and lunch was served in the restaurant, captain and the bridge team, proceeded with the navigation towards Danmarkhavn. This was a small cove located in the southern shore of Germania land. Named after the ship MV Danmark, which provided support and aid for the 1906-08 Arctic Danish expedition. A base was built here to allow for the winter surveying of the extreme Northerneastern coast of Greenland, and later on in 1948 a scientific and metereological station was built and it is still manned to today.

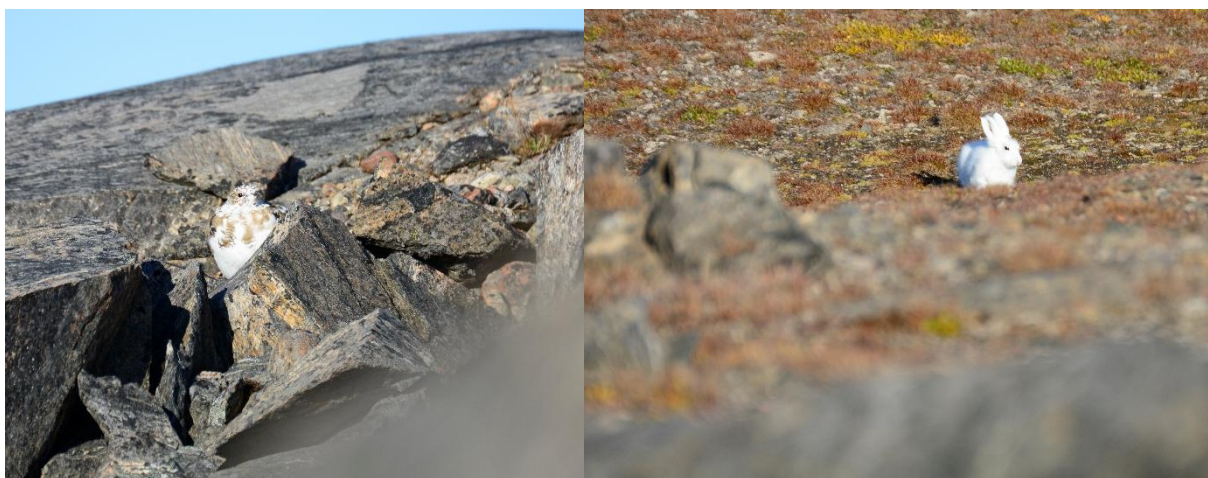
MV Plancius dropped anchor in the middle of the bay and we went on shore on the western corner of Danmarkhavn as per program. Divided in the usual groups, we had three hours to explore the plains and the hills dotted by amazing banded gneisses from



the Paleoproterozoic. Amongst the oldest rocks we had found so far in the Northeastern Greenland national park.

The landscape was fantastic and enhanced by once again a beautiful afternoon light, and the wildlife encounter even better. Rock ptarmigans were spotted feeding on the tundra, whilst some of us had the chance to see a Gyrfalcon, the only bird of prey found in the coast of Greenland at these latitudes. On the slopes of Harefjellet, plenty of Arctic Hares were leisurely feeding and allowed us to come closer for some good photographs before standing on their long hind legs and jumping away.

The evening concluded with some exciting plans for the following day, accompanied by Koen and Charlotte's informative recaps and the delicious buffet dinner prepared by the experience galley team led by chef Khabir.



Day 10 – Thursday 3rd September – Depotnæsset and Skærfjorden

12h00 GPS Position: 77°33.8'N / 018°51.2'W

Wind: SE-2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Part. Cloudy • Air temperature: 1°C

A high drape of grey clouds welcomed the first historical navigation of *MV Plancius* into the waters of Skærfjorden. The wake-up call sounded in our cabins, and soon after,



we headed out to marvel at the views of the icy waters at our northernmost position on the northeastern coast of Greenland. It was a special morning, being able to sail into such a remote area of the island and the Arctic itself, where few expedition ships had ventured before.



Ahead of us lay the gentle and rolling slopes of the Stormlandet Peninsula, whereas on the starboard side appeared the low-lying island of Île de France, also known as Qeqertaq Prins Henrik. The region was first explored by the ship Belgica in 1905 under the leadership of Adrien de Gerlache, a well-known Belgian polar explorer. Aboard Belgica was also the Duke of Orléans, Philippe, hence the French original toponymy for the area we were sailing into today.

Disembarkation, as usual, was organized around 8:30 after breakfast, with the long hikers going first and heading out to the west with Koen and Chloe, followed by the rest of the medium and leisurely walkers. We set foot on mainland Greenland for the last time during the trip. We were mesmerized by the iceberg graveyard laid out on the eastern side of the landing spot.

Depotnæsset bears its name from the original location where depots had been established during the Danish Arctic Expedition, which helped chart the area a few years after de Gerlache's discovery.

The terrain was characterized by a ground moraine laid down during the Quaternary glaciations, dominated by scattered medium- to large-sized boulders of banded and



augen gneiss, amphibolite, and the occasional red Devonian sandstone, which colourfully dotted the ground. Our guides took us along a gentle slope to a vantage point. For a while, a Gyrfalcon made an appearance, much to the happiness of all the birdwatchers and wildlife lovers.

We soaked in the Arctic landscape as we admired, in awe, Skærfjorden, filled with grounded icebergs and ice floes. A few minutes of “Arctic silence” made us appreciate and enjoy the fortunate moments we had experienced during the trip and the special place we were able to reach today.

The morning activity concluded with a short Zodiac cruise around the iceberg graveyard, and eventually we found ourselves enjoying lunch prepared by Chef Khabir and his team.

The time to leave the eastern coast of Greenland had eventually arrived, and with our bearing due east, we exited the waters of Skærfjorden on our way to the sea ice. The afternoon continued with ice cream served in the lounge, right before Marco presented his talk on sea-ice formation and dynamics in the Arctic Basin. It was an interesting and thorough presentation, enriched by maps, graphs, and videos about the behaviour of the sea ice in the waters that lay ahead.



Soon after, it was time for plans and a prolonged recap with Charlotte, Mark, and Chloe, which led us to dinner, where we savoured the beautiful light casting shades across the low clouds ahead.

What a privilege it had been to navigate into the Greenlandic waters and explore the rich diversity and geological history of the fjords of Northeast Greenland National Park!

Day 11 – Friday 4th September – In Search of Wildlife in the Greenlandic Pack Ice

12h00 GPS Position: 77°25.9'N / 006°03.7'W

Wind: W-2 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Part. Cloudy • Air temperature: 1°C

Today, we woke up to a truly spectacular sight: a beautiful ice world stretching as far as the eye could see — the frozen Arctic Ocean. As we munched our way through breakfast, the ship slowly navigated its way between the ice floes. Once breakfast was finished, we spent the morning out on deck, taking in the incredible beauty all around us.



Towards the end of the morning, we heard the exciting news that Koen had spotted a Polar Bear. The ship slowly made its way closer, and we were treated to a lovely sighting as the bear walked gracefully across the pack ice. We couldn't get too close, as the ice was incredibly dense and far too thick for Plancius to enter. Instead, the ship continued carefully manoeuvring through the ice

for the rest of the day, surrounded by this extraordinary frozen landscape.

In the middle of the afternoon, Pippa surprised us on deck with a scrumptious cup of rum, hot chocolate and cream — what a treat! Chloe then gave her fantastic Plankton lecture, which many of us know and love from previous trips.

During dinner, the Expedition Team had another bear sighting, this time spotted by Mark. The announcement came just after the starters, and we all rushed outside to find a mother Polar Bear with her two cubs, feeding on a kill. It was absolutely incredible. The cubs played around with their mum, occasionally





stopping to watch us, before returning to their meal or prancing across the ice, perfectly framed against the beautiful orange sky as the sun began to set.

We were completely blown away and felt incredibly blessed to witness such a magical moment.

As the ship slowly moved away, the sun sank lower and lower towards the horizon, and the orange hues deepened with every passing minute. The pack ice turned pink and orange as far as the eye could see, while the ocean became a perfect mirror, reflecting the spectacular evening sky.

Wow. What an incredible day!

Day 12



Saturday 5th September – Across the Fram Strait on the way to Svalbard

12h00 GPS Position: 77°02.0'N / 008°34.8'W

Wind: S-3 • Sea: Smooth • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 2°C



A leisurely morning as we got up and about the ship, with the outer decks a bit frozen from the mist that veiled the ship during the early hours of the day. *MV Plancius* was still navigating through the sea ice, in spite of the attempts by the bridge team to bring her into more open waters and try to get around this long lobe of sea ice that extended southwest from the Arctic

Ocean. The absence of wind and the low temperatures allowed for an early stage of frazil ice formation, and even nilas were visible around the ship and in the open-water gaps amongst the floes.

A very different atmosphere from yesterday, nonetheless truly and dramatically Arctic!

Welcomed by the cheerful smiles of the dining team, we had breakfast and gathered in the lounge for an informative lecture about the pinnipeds we had seen during the previous days. Not only did Pippa give a thorough presentation about the different species that live in the Arctic, but she also talked about their feeding and reproductive behaviour. With the ship eventually out of the sea ice, the captain informed us that we

were steaming south in search of a thin lead to cross the sea ice to the east. We headed to lunch with good hope, and right after changing the time to Central European



Time, we were called by Michelle to the Observation Lounge for yet another informative talk, this time about the “Discovery and Exploration of Spitsbergen.”

Meanwhile, the sun had come out, casting a beautiful yellow light on the ice floes that lay on the port side. The wind was over 20

knots, with Northern Fulmars and juvenile Kittiwakes enjoying a glide or two around the ship. Eventually, in the late afternoon, Chief Officer Elizbar brought the ship into a narrow lead, and with skilful manoeuvring and some determined pushing, we at last made it to the other side.

The plan for the following day was laid out during the recap, with more interesting information shared by Pippa, Chloe, and Mark regarding polar bear feeding behaviour, Ivory Gulls, and tardigrades.

Dinner time, followed by a few chats at the bar, before heading to our cabins, with *MV Plancius* now steaming full ahead to the northeast in search of the pointy peaks of Spitsbergen!



Day 13 – Sunday 6th September – Approaching Svalbard

12h00 GPS Position: 77°20.7'N / 003°56.3'E

Wind: S-5 • Sea: Slight • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 3°C



The morning dawned overcast as the expedition ship continued its journey across the Greenland Sea, making its way between Greenland and Svalbard. Although the skies offered little sunshine, the sea remained full of life. Northern Fulmars accompanied the ship throughout the morning, gliding effortlessly alongside the vessel and providing a constant reminder that even on a day at

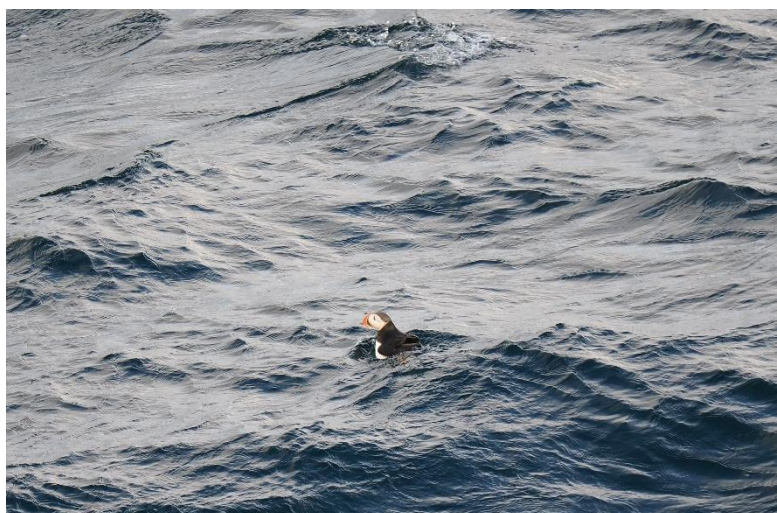
sea, the Arctic is never truly empty.

A handful of Atlantic Puffins were also spotted during the morning. Their appearances were brief, but each sighting brought excitement as passengers gathered to watch these colourful seabirds before they disappeared back into the grey expanse. As the morning progressed the ship was joined by many Kittiwakes which a pair of Long-tailed Skuas took to harassing.

The morning's programme continued indoors with an engaging lecture from Charlotte on the whales of the Arctic. She explored the remarkable variety of whale species found in these northern waters, along with their adaptations to life in one of the planet's most challenging environments. The presentation offered plenty to think about as the ship continued through the waters of the Greenland Sea towards the possibility of sightings along the continental shelf.

Later in the morning, attention turned from wildlife to the landscape itself with a geology workshop led by Marco and Sven. The session provided an opportunity to look more closely at the geological forces that have shaped the Arctic, bringing another dimension to the journey. After days of seeing dramatic landscapes in Greenland, it was fascinating to gain a deeper understanding of the processes behind them.

Following lunch, Koen gave a presentation about future voyages with Oceanwide.

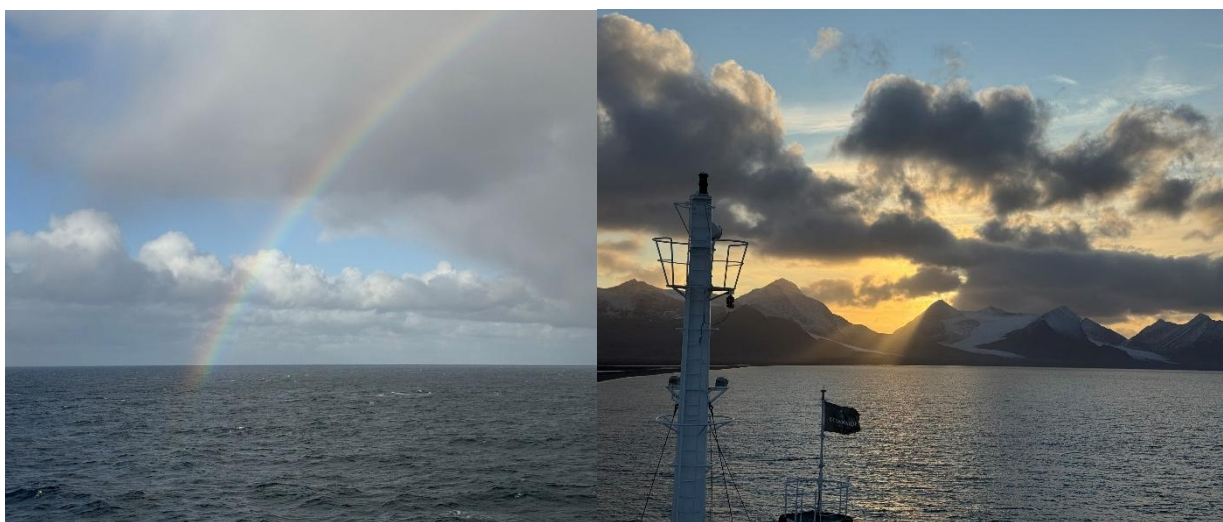




The talk offered a glimpse of adventures still to come, with information about possible destinations and the experiences that future expeditions might bring. For many on board, it was an enjoyable opportunity to start thinking about where their next expedition might lead.

As the afternoon drew to a close, the atmosphere became more celebratory. Passengers gathered for the Captain's Farewell drinks, marking the final stages of what had been a memorable expedition. There was plenty of conversation and laughter as everyone reflected on the experiences shared during the voyage.

The evening brought one final highlight: the premiere of Sven's slideshow. Bringing together photographs and memories from the expedition, the presentation provided a fitting visual journey through the days spent exploring the Arctic. Familiar faces, spectacular landscapes and unforgettable wildlife encounters appeared on the screen, prompting smiles and plenty of reminiscence among those watching.



Although it had been a day at sea, there had been no shortage of discovery. From fulmars and puffins to Arctic whales and ancient geology, the day offered a final reminder of the variety that makes an expedition voyage so special. As the ship continued onward beneath the overcast skies, the expedition was drawing to a close — but the memories were only just beginning to settle in.

Day 14 – Monday 7th September – Longyearbyen, Disembarkation

08h00 GPS Position: 78°30.9'N / 015°31.3'E

Wind: S-3 • Sea: Calm • Weather: Overcast • Air temperature: 8°C

Rippled waters and a low, cloud-blanketed sky welcomed *MV Plancius* on her approach to Adventfjorden, the small and sheltered bay in which the settlement of Longyearbyen is located. This was the final destination of our exquisite and magnificent voyage.

At a quarter past seven, Pippa wakes us up again; breakfast will be served in a quarter of an hour. We wake up in Longyearbyen and look back on a journey, during which we experienced the beautiful, peaceful Arctic, with sunshine and lovely weather. We watched birds on land, at sea and in the sky, musk ox and Arctic hare grazing, a stoat foraging and dolphins and whales on our way. We marvelled at the wonderful play of light and the impressive coastline.

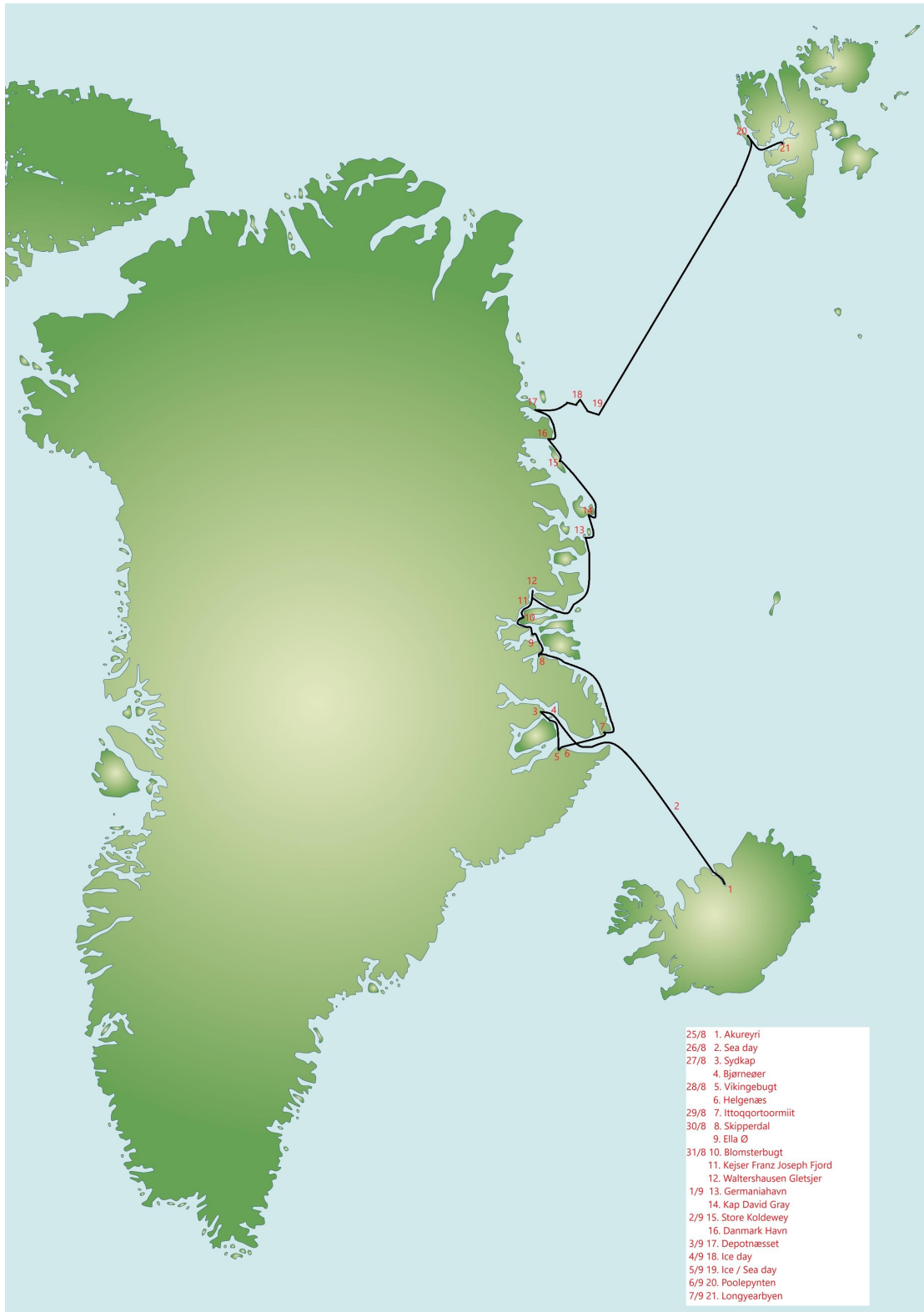
Some big hugs were exchanged with the crew and staff members, while emails and phone numbers were exchanged so that we could stay in touch and perhaps meet again on future adventures. The buses were ready to shuttle us into the town centre, and from the pier, we waved a fond goodbye to the ship and the crew who had been our home for the past couple of weeks.



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

Total Length of the Trip: 2021 nautical miles

Northernmost position on Greenland Eastern coast: 77° 33.8'N; 018° 51.2' W



English Name	Latin	German	25-Aug	26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug	1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	4-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep
Red-throated diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Stenlaucher				X		X	X	X	X	X			
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Eissturmvogel	X	X			X					X	X	X	X
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrynchus</i>	Kurzschnabelgans	X		X	X					X	X			
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Weisswangengans								X		X			
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Eiderente	X		X	X	X	X		X	X				
Gyrfalcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Gerfalke									X	X			
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Eisente			X			X		X	X				
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus</i>	Alpenschneehuhn									X				
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Sandregenpfeifer			X			X	X	X	X	X			
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Steinwalzer	X					X		X					
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sanderling								X					
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Meerstrandläufer						X							
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Alpenstrandläufer									X				
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Schmarotzeraubmöwe					X	X					X		X
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Falkenraubmöwe					X								X
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Eismöwe			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Great black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Manilmöwe			X										
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Greizehenmöwe		X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	Elfenbeinmöwe					X	X	X			X	X	X	
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Küstenseeschwalbe			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	Dickschnabellumme					X								
Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>	Grylleiste	X		X	X	X			X	X	X			
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Krabbenlaucher		X						X		X	X	X	
Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Papagellaucher													X
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Schneeammer			X			X	X	X	X	X			
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Steinschmätzer						X	X						
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Kolkraße				X	X				X				
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Kormoran	X												
MAMMALS															
English Name	Latin	German	25-Aug	26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug	1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	4-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep
Harp seal	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>	Sattelrobbe											X		
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Finnwal						X							
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Buckelwal	X				X								
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Eisbär				X					X		X		
Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	Polarfuchs								X					
Arctic Hare	<i>Lepus timidus</i>	Schneehase			X		X	X	X	X	X	X			
Muskox	<i>Ovibus moschatus</i>	Moschusohse			X			X	X						
Ermine or Stoat	<i>Mustela erminea</i>	Hermelin						X							
White-beaked Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i>	Weißschnauzendellin	X												
Bearded Seal	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>	Barrobbe			X										
Orca	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Schwertwal					X								
Hooded Seal	<i>Cystophora cristata</i>	Klappmütze											X	X	
Specials															
Great shearwater	<i>Ardena gravis</i>	Kappensturmtaucher		X											
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	Tordalk	X												

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English Plant Name	Official Plant Name	German Plant Name													
ENGLISH	LATIN	GERMAN	26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug	1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	4-Sep	5-Sep		
Alpine Bearberry	<i>Arctous alpinus</i>	Alpen-Bärentraube			X				X						
Alpine Bistort	<i>Bistorta vivipara</i>	Knöllchen-Knöterich				X		X	X	X					
Arctic Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i>	Blaubeere	X		X				X						
Arctic Campion	<i>Silene involucreata</i>	Alpen-Lichtnelke			X			X	X	X	X				
Arctic Cottongrass	<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>	Scheuchzers wollgras								X					
Arctic Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum arcticum</i>	Arktischer Löwenzahn										X			
Arctic Mouse-ear	<i>Cerastium arcticum</i>	Arktisches Hornkraut			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Arctic Poppy	<i>Papaver radiculatum</i>	Nordliches Mohn							X	X	X	X	X		
Arctic Wintergreen	<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	Großblütiges Wintergrün			X										
Black Fleabane	<i>Erigeron humilis</i>	Schwarzes berufskraut				X									
Broadleaved Willowherb or Fireweed	<i>Chamerion latifolium</i>	Berg-Weidenröschen			X	X		X							
Cinquefoils yellow	<i>Potentilla species</i>	Fingerkraut species			X					X		X			
Crowberry	<i>Empetrum hermaphroditum</i>	Krähenbeere						X	X						
Drooping Saxifrage	<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	Nickender-steinbrech								X	X	X			
Dwarf Birch	<i>Betula nana</i>	Zwerg-Birke			X			X	X						
Greenland Pusstoes	<i>Antennaria</i>	Grönländisches Katzenpföfchen				X									
ENGLISH	LATIN	GERMAN	26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug	1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	4-Sep	5-Sep		
Harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Glockenblume						X	X						
Horsetail	<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>	Bunter Schachtelhalm							X						
Hairy Louiseworts	<i>Pedicularis species</i>	Behaartes läusekraut						X	X	X	X	X			
Moss Campion	<i>Silene acaulis</i>	Stengelloses Leimkraut			X	X		X	X	X	X				
Mountain Avens	<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	Silberwurz			X			X	X	X	X	X			
Mountain Sorrel	<i>Oxryia digyna</i>	Alpen-Säuerling				X				X		X			
Polar Scurvy Grass	<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	Gebräuchliches löffelkraut								X					
Purple Saxifrage	<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	Roter steinbrecht			X	X					X	X			
Rock Cranberry	<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>							X							
Roseroot	<i>Rhodola rosea</i>				X										
Rushes	<i>Juncus species</i>				X			X		X					
Saxifrages white	<i>Saxifraga species</i>	Weisse steinbrech species								X	X	X			
Sedges	<i>Carex species</i>							X		X	X				
White Arctic Bell-heather	<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	Vierkantiges heiderkraut			X	X		X	X		X				
Whitlow-grasses	<i>Draba species</i>	Felsenblümchen													
Willows	<i>Salix species</i>	Weide species			X	X		X		X	X	X			
Lady's Mantle	<i>Alchemilla sp</i>	Frauenmantel			X										
Thrift sp	<i>Armeria sp</i>							X			X	X			
Arctic Harbell	<i>Campanula uniflora</i>	Einblütige Glockenblume							X						

Pippa Low – Exp. Leader



Pippa is a skilled expedition leader, naturalist, lecturer, photographer, diver, and skipper with over 18 years of global guiding experience. Originating from the Scottish Highlands, she specializes in marine mammal science, including a Masters in Humpback Whale physiology.

Her extensive travels as a guide have taken her from Scotland to Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, and predominantly to the polar regions of the Arctic and Antarctic. A skilled skipper and powerboat instructor, Pippa excels in navigating the world's most rugged environments, ensuring both adventure and safety for her guests.

Pippa has also worked as a field guide and skipper for natural history productions, facilitating immersive experiences that highlight the beauty and complexity of these ecosystems while sharing her knowledge and passion for storytelling.

Pippa is dedicated to sharing her passion for wildlife and wild spaces, whether on a ship, zodiac, ashore, or underwater. As a passionate photographer, Pippa is dedicated to helping guests capture stunning moments of wildlife and landscapes. She revels in the unpredictability of nature, making every expedition a unique experience.

Chloé Maréchal – Expedition Leader



Chloé is a dedicated diver with an insatiable passion for marine life and exploration. Holding a European master's degree in marine Biodiversity and Conservation, she's on a mission to share her expertise and promote the conservation of the marine environment.

While charismatic megafauna like dolphins and whales rightfully capture our imagination, Chloé's heart belongs to the unsung heroes of the ocean: the often-underrated world of plankton and the mysteries of unseen microbes. She's here to show that even the tiniest organisms can have big personalities!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michelle van Dijk – Expedition Guide



Michelle is nearly an Arctic local, since she is the owner of Longyearbyen Camping, world's northernmost camping site. Working as a guide, this campsite has been her home base since 2004. Living in a tent, she is based three months a year on Spitsbergen guiding day trips, trekkings & expedition cruises. These days she mainly works on ships, as guide or expedition leader. She believes that there is no better way to get closer to a place than to work there – she has also lived in Sweden & Iceland. Her first visit to Spitsbergen was back in 2001 and instantly she fell in love with this remote archipelago.

Although she picked plants as her specialism, Michelle is a generalist. She took the course Arctic & Antarctic studies at Groningen University and in 2015 she published a book about Sjef van Dongen, who took part in the rescue operation after Nobile's airship crashed in 1928.

Together with Rolf Stange she wrote a Dutch guide book for Spitsbergen-Svalbard. This was first published in 2020, a revised edition was published in 2025.

Last winter she has been working on a new book, titled '50 Arctic expeditions in a modern era'. This will be published soon.

Michelle has been working as a guide in Antarctica, the Falklands, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Hebrides, Iceland, Jan Mayen, Norway, South Georgia, Spitsbergen and Sweden.

You can talk to her in different languages, but she will only reply in Dutch, English, German or Swedish.

Deutsch

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

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

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

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

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

Dieses wird in Kürze erscheinen.

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

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

Sven Joest – Expedition guide



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

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

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

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

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

Deutsch

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

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

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

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

Marco Rosso – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deutsch

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

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

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

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

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

Koen Hoekemeijer– Expedition Guide



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

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

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

Deutsch

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

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

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

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

Charlotte Taplin – Expedition Guide



Charlotte grew up along the rugged coastline of Cornwall, United Kingdom, where her fascination with wildlife and the ocean began at an early age. Inspired by the natural world around her, she went on to study Wildlife Conservation at University, laying the foundation for a life devoted to research, adventure, and the protection of marine ecosystems.

Her love for ships and life at sea began in 2013, when she worked aboard Research and Dive vessels exploring the remote regions of the Great Barrier Reef. During her time in Australia and New Zealand, Charlotte's passion for Marine Biology deepened as she studied Humpback Whales, Minke Whales, and Sperm Whales. Between 2020 and 2022, Charlotte joined the Superyacht and Explorer vessel industry, working as a Deckhand and Divemaster in remote and challenging regions. These experiences further honed her seamanship and deepened her appreciation for the ocean environment. A keen traveller, Charlotte has been exploring the world since the age of 18, backpacking across Asia, Australasia, and South America. In 2015, she undertook an overland journey from South Africa to

Jordan in a Land Rover before settling in Mozambique in 2018. There, she founded her own backpacker hostel - combining her entrepreneurial spirit with her love of travel. Alongside managing the hostel, she worked as a Researcher studying Whale Sharks and Manta Rays along the Mozambican coast. Most recently, she completed a 7,000 km journey in a 4x4 across Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. When she's not at sea Charlotte loves scuba diving, surfing, freediving, and hiking, but she also enjoys life's simple pleasures - drinking tea and walking her dog. She feels very fortunate to call Oceanwide her second home and looks forward to continuing to combine her love of the sea, wildlife, and adventure in a career dedicated to exploration and the frozen wilderness.

Deutsch

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

Mark Whiffin – Expedition Guide



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

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

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

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

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

Deutsch

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

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

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

Anna Buijze – Ships doctor



Anna Buijze is a skilled doctor from The Netherlands with years of experience in Emergency Medicine. At the moment she is in training for becoming an Emergency Medicine specialist. She works both at the University Medical Centre of Groningen (UMCG) and the Medical Centre of Leeuwarden (MCL). She also has a degree as a medical examiner of divers.

She has a lot of diverse interests, enthusiasm and passion to diligent work.

She enthusiastically welcomes new opportunities to explore the world and widen her knowledge in expedition medicine.

Deutsch

Anna Buijze ist eine erfahrene Ärztin aus den Niederlanden mit langjähriger Erfahrung in der Notfallmedizin. Derzeit befindet sie sich in der Weiterbildung zur Fachärztin für Notfallmedizin. Sie arbeitet sowohl im Universitätsklinikum Groningen (UMCG) als auch im Medizinischen Zentrum Leeuwarden (MCL). Außerdem verfügt sie über eine Qualifikation als Tauchtauglichkeitsärztin.

Sie hat vielfältige Interessen sowie große Begeisterung und Leidenschaft für sorgfältiges Arbeiten. Mit großer Motivation begrüßt sie neue Möglichkeiten, die Welt zu erkunden und ihr Wissen in der Expeditionsmedizin zu erweitern.

WELCOME ABOARD!

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



deck 5

Tea and coffee are always available in the Observation Lounge or



±1715

Safety briefing - Please join us in the **Observation Lounge** (deck 5, forward) for a **mandatory** safety briefing and lifeboat drill. You do not need to bring your life jacket to the briefing, please leave it in your cabin. After the briefing, there will be a drill.

Lifeboat Drill

Following the safety briefing, you will be asked to return to your cabin. When the alarm sounds, **all guests** should proceed to the MUSTER STATION located **Observation Lounge** on **deck 5**. Be sure to bring your orange life jacket and warm clothing, and check your lifeboat number, which is listed on your cabin card. Do not put on your life jacket, before you are in the lounge.

±1800

Departure from Akureyri

The bridge will be closed during these operations.

1830

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

1930

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

- 0745 **Wake up call.** Good morning!
- 0800 **Breakfast** will be served in the **dining room** (deck 3).
- 0915 Please join **Michelle** in the **observation lounge** (deck 5) for a presentation on the **People of Greenland**.
- 1115 **AECO, Polar Bear safety and Zodiac briefing**
Please join us in the **observation lounge** (deck 5) for a **mandatory** briefing
- 1230 **Lunch buffet** in the **dining room** (deck 3).
- 1345 **Muck Boots** - We will call you by deck to collect your Muck boots from the **boot room** on Deck 3, forward. ***Please listen for announcements.***
- 1430 Mark invites you to the **observation lounge** (deck 5) to hear all about the **Birds of the Arctic**.
- 1630 Please join **Sven** in the **observation lounge** (deck 5) for a lecture about the **Geology of Greenland**.
- 1815 **Daily Recap** - please join your expedition team in the **observation lounge** (deck 5).
- 1900 **Plated dinner** is served in the **dining room** (deck 3).



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

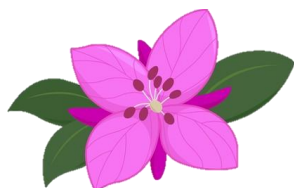
- 0715 **Wakeup call** – Good Morning
0730 **Breakfast** is served in the **Dining Room**.

This morning, we hope to land at Sydkap; a place of natural beauty. Archaeological intrigue and incredible views. We hope to observe the remarkably intact Thule-era Inuit winter houses, constructed using stone walls and whale bone roof arches. We hope to hike amongst the Arctic Tundra and keep a look out for Musk Oxen, Arctic Hare & Arctic Fox.

- 0830 **Long Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
0840 **Medium & Short Hikers** - please come to the **zodiac boarding area**.
1230 **Lunch** is served in the **Dining Room**.

This afternoon, we hope to zodiac cruise around Bear Islands. Here, a beautiful, sheltered archipelago is surrounded by quintessential Greenlandic scenery, with rugged mountains, wild tundra and towering icebergs creating a spectacular Arctic backdrop.

- +/-1500 **Bear Islands Zodiac Cruise** – Please listen for announcements.
1845 **Daily Recap** - Please join the expedition team in the **Observation Lounge** for our daily recap and briefing.
1930 **Dinner** is served in the **Dining Room**.



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

Vikingebugt

Sunrise: 0516 Sunset: 2158

Partial Moon Eclipse: 0412

CHANGE OF PLAN

WE SWAP THE MORNING ACTIVITY WITH THE AFTERNOON ACTIVITY.

Expedition day at Vikingebugt

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

0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

In the morning, we aim to Zodiac cruise in Vikingebugt in front of the Bredegletscher. We hope to see the towering glacial front, icebergs and wildlife.

± 0900 **Vikingebugt Zodiac cruise** – Please listen for announcements.

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

This afternoon, we would like to take you ashore for a landing at Helgenæs Peninsula on the south side of Scoresby Sund, east of Vikingebugt, to observe some basalt columns. This will be a perimeter landing – Please listen for announcements.

± 1500 **Landing:** Please proceed to the gangway.

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

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

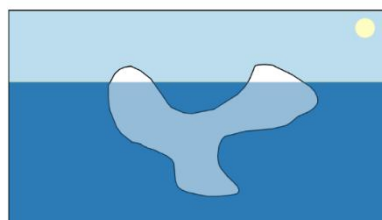
Draw an iceberg on this website and see how it will float!

<https://joshdata.me/iceberger.html>



Iceberger

Draw an iceberg and see how it will float.
Inspired by a tweet by @GlacialMag — Game by @joshdata@joshdata.me



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

*In the Morning, we hope to visit **Ittoqqortoormiit**. You will be able to visit one of the most remote towns in the world. Please, be mindful of the community and read the guidelines which are hang up around the ship.*

The landing is a wet landing - you will need to wear your muck boots.

Reminder: Please respect local inhabitants' homes and personal space. Do not approach any dwellings that are not the museum, community centre or church. Do not take photos of local people without permission – a hesitation means no.

The sled dogs will be fed at 1130am, near the landing site.

+/-1000 **Ittoqqortoormiit Landing** – Please listen for announcements.

1300 **Last zodiac to** Plancius.

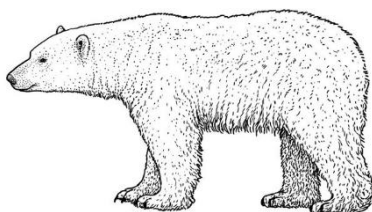
1300 **Lunch buffet** in the dining room.

*In the afternoon, we will **sail north toward the East Greenland National Park**. The vessel Rembrandt will come alongside for a short reprovisioning stop. This will not affect our voyage.*

TBA **Koen** invites you to the **observation lounge** for a lecture about **Polar bears**.

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

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



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



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

*In the morning we're aiming to offer a landing at Segelsällskapets Fjord. Skipperdal is offering tundra hikes and **spectacular multi-coloured bands of limestone and dolomite.***

For the bravest among you, we'll offer a polar plunge!

*At the end of the landing, you'll have the chance to get in the water from the beach. We advise you to wear whatever you like for swimming underneath your hiking clothes. We will provide towels, please **do not** take the one from your cabin.*

+/-0815 **Landing at Skipperdal:** Please proceed to the gangway.

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

1430 **Daily recap:** Today we'll hold our daily recap after lunch, during our transit time, so we can make the most of our time ashore. Please join your expedition team in the observation lounge to hear about tomorrow's plan and enjoy some stories from the team.

In the afternoon we hope to land at Ella Ø, an island off the eastern coast of Greenland, located within Northeast Greenland National Park. A station was established there in 1941 to help enforce Danish sovereignty over Greenland, and the island is now home to the legendary Sirius Dog Sled Patrol.

+/-1600 **Landing at Ella Ø:** Please proceed to the gangway.

1930 **Arctic Dinner:** Dress warmly, put on your dancing shoes, and join us on the outer deck of Deck 3, behind the restaurant, for a special dinner.

Did you know about the Sirius patrol?

The Sirius Dog Sled Patrol (Slædepatruljen Sirius) is Denmark's most elite and specialized military unit, tasked with conducting long-range reconnaissance and enforcing sovereignty across the vast, frozen wilderness of Northern and Eastern Greenland.



Monday 31st August 2026

Bloomsterbugt &

Nordfjord

Sunrise: 0516 Sunset: 2150

At Sunrise we hope to be in front of 'Teufelsschloss' or Devil's Castle – famous for its distinct, fortress-like look, towering at 1300m. Depending on clouds, it can be a beautiful sight at sunrise.

0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

In the morning we're aiming to offer a landing at Blomsterbugten (Danish for "Bay of Flowers") a remote Arctic landing site in Northeast Greenland National Park. It's known for its vibrant summer tundra flora, dramatic layered geology, and wildlife such as Arctic hares and muskoxen.

0815 **Landing at Bloomsterbugt:** Please listen to announcements.

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

In the afternoon, we plan to ships cruise through Kaiser Franz Joseph Fjord, a massive and dramatically scenic fjord system. It takes its name from the Austro-Hungarian emperor Franz Joseph, who helped fund the expedition that first surveyed it: the Second German North Pole Expedition of 1869. Nordfjord is a spectacular fjord in northeast Greenland and a branch of Kaiser Franz Joseph Fjord. It stretches toward the Waltershausen Glacier, surrounded by steep, rugged mountains and Arctic wilderness.

1800 **Extended Daily recap:** Please join your expedition team in the observation lounge to hear about tomorrow's plan and enjoy some stories from the team.

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

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

— *Louise Arner Boyd*



Tuesday 1st September 2026
Germania Havn & Kap David
Gray

Sunrise: 0444 Sunset: 2139

0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

In the morning we hope to land in Germania Havn, a small, enclosed bay on the south side of Sabine Ø. This sheltered bay served as the winter harbour for the 'Germania', the expedition ship of the 1869–70 Second German North Polar Expedition (Die zweite deutsche Nordpolarfahrt) and was originally known as Germaniahafen. The site has a long history of scientific work: Edward Sabine carried out pendulum experiments on its shore back in 1823, and Karl Koldewey's expedition conducted astronomical observations there during the 1869–70 voyage. Later, in 1919, the Danish hunting station Germaniahavn was established at the same location.

0845 **Landing at Germania Havn** - Please listen for announcements.

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

In the afternoon, we aim to land at Kap David Gray, the southern cape of the island Shannon. It was named Cap David Gray by the 1869–70 Second German North Polar Expedition (Die zweite deutsche Nordpolarfahrt) in honour of Captain David Gray (1829–96), who had corresponded with August Petermann about ice conditions off East Greenland in 1872. Gray belonged to the noted Peterhead whaling family and was known as the "Prince of Whalers": between 1867 and 1890 he made 43 voyages to the Arctic aboard the Eclipse, with a total reported catch of 197 whales and 168,956 seals.

+/-1600 **Landing at Kap David Gray** - Please listen for announcements.

1900 **Daily recap:** Please join your expedition team in the observation lounge to hear about tomorrow's plan and enjoy some stories from the team.

1930 **Dinner** is served in the dining room.



Did you know?

Muskox soft underwool, called qiviut, is eight times warmer than sheep's wool and softer than cashmere.



Northeast Greenland Extreme

Tuesday 02^{de} September 2026
Bergfjord, Store Koldewey
& Skibshavn, Danmarkshavn
Sunrise: 0522 Sunset: 2100

0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room.

We continue our journey north in the Northeast Greenland National Park. In the morning we hope to land on the east side of Store Koldewey at a Fjord called Bergfjord. The island was visited by the Second German North Polar Expedition of 1869–70, led by Carl Koldewey. His maps showed the present island as three separate islands; however, the 1906–08 Danmark Expedition found them to be connected and named the island Store Koldewey. Lille Koldewey is a smaller island to the northeast of its northern end.

We hope to offer long medium & short hikes on this beautiful island.

0845 **Landing at Store Koldewey** - Please listen to announcements.

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

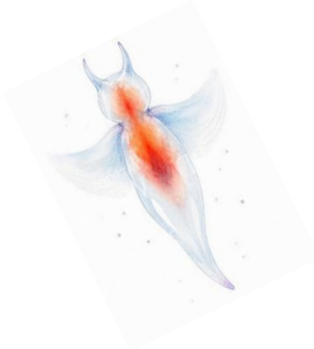
This afternoon we hope to visit Skibshavn/Danmarkshavn. This sheltered harbour in south Germania Land was named by the 1906–08 Danmark-Ekspeditionen after the expedition ship Danmark. It became the main base of the expedition, from which sledge journeys and scientific observations were carried out. We hope to cruise or land in this area.

Listen for the announcement and be ready for an adventure!

± 1500 Please listen to announcements.

1845 **Daily recap:** Please join your expedition team in the observation lounge to hear about tomorrow's plan and enjoy some stories from the team.

1930 **Dinner** is served in the dining room.



"We are half-starved, three-quarters crazy... and entirely determined."
Ejnar Mikkelsen. Danish polar explorer and writer.

0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the **dining room**.

Tomorrow, we hope to land at Depotnæsset the Easternmost cape of Stormlandet. So named by Eigil Knuth's 1938-39 Mørkefjord expedition because both the 1906-08 Danmark-Ekspeditionen and the Mørkefjord expedition had made depots here. We hope to offer long, medium & short hikes.

0845 **Landing at Depotnæsset-** *Please listen for announcements.*



This afternoon we'll have a time change: at 1200, it will become 1300.

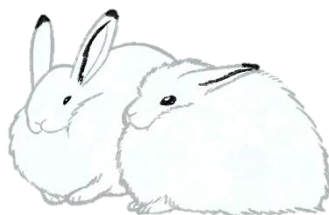
1330 **Lunch buffet** in the **dining room**.

*In the afternoon, we'll depart Greenland and its national park and begin making our way toward the sea ice and Svalbard. We hope to sail past Ile de France and see it from the vessel.
We do not expect rough seas; however we will be in open seas so please secure your belongings and remember; one hand for the ship!*

1530 Please meet **Marco** in the **observation lounge** for an informative lecture on **sea ice**.
You'll learn how sea ice forms and understand its dynamics in the Arctic Basin.

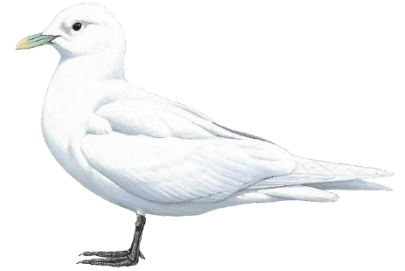
1800 **Extended Daily recap:** Please join your expedition team in the **observation lounge** to hear about tomorrow's plan and enjoy some stories from the team.

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



"Why then do we feel this strange attraction for these Polar Regions, a feeling so powerful and lasting, that when we return home, we forget the mental and physical hardships, and want nothing more than to return to them?" - Jean-Baptiste Charcot, French polar explorer and scientist.

SEA ICE EXPEDITION DAY



0745 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

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

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

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

According to the situation with the ice, as well as visibility, we will offer a lecture program during the day. Please listen to announcements.

1815 **Daily Recap** - please join your expedition team in the observation lounge.

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

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

EXPEDITION DAY EASTWARDS



0745 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

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

This morning, we will likely still be navigating through the ice to make our way eastwards. We hope to make it to open water sometime in the afternoon.

1100 **Seals of the Arctic** – Please join **Pippa** in the lounge to hear all about the seals we have seen and hope to see on our expedition.



This afternoon we'll have a time change: at 1200, it will become 1300.

1330 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

1600 **Discovery of Svalbard** – Please join Michelle in the lounge to hear the fascinating history and geopolitics of the Svalbard Archipelago.

1815 **Daily Recap** - please join your expedition team in the observation lounge.

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

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



0745 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

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

This morning we will be at sea on our way toward Svalbard.

0930 **Whales of the Arctic** – Please join **Charlotte** in the lounge to hear about the whale we have seen and hope to see on our expedition.

1100 **Geology workshop-** Please meet **Marco** and **Sven** for an interactive and hands on lecture about... **Rocks!**

1230 **Lunch** will be served in the **dining room**.

1430 **Future Voyages with Oceanwide** – join **Koen** in the lounge to learn about other exciting **Oceanwide destinations**. We would love to travel with you again!

1830 **Captain's Farewell:** Please join the expedition team in the observation lounge, for a toast to the voyage with the captain. **Sveni** will also present you the slideshow, which she has put together for you.

1930 **Dinner** is served in the **dining room**.



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

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2026**

Disembarkation

Port Day, Longyearbyen

Sunrise:0432 Sunset: 2112

CONTINUING GUESTS

0715 **Wake up call.** Good morning!

0730 **Breakfast** will be served in the **dining room**.

You may disembark whenever suits you – please check out with the crew at the Gangway (take your keycard with you). You can then walk into town (+/-20 min walk).

1200 **Bus** heading to Town from Plancius *(if you do not wish to walk you can wait for this bus).*

1500 **Bus** returning to Plancius from Town – outside Svalbard Butikken (Supermarket). Alternatively, you can choose to walk back later.

1700 **Please return to Plancius no later than 1700.** *Remember to check back in with the Crew at the gangway.*

+/-1730 **Muster Drill – all passengers**

You do not need to take part of the briefing; however, you will need to take part in the mustering & lifeboat drill – *Please listen for announcement.*

Lifeboat Drill

When the alarm sounds, **all guests** should proceed to the MUSTER STATION located **Observation Lounge** on **deck 5**. Be sure to bring your orange life jacket and warm clothing, and check your lifeboat number, which is listed on your cabin card. Do not put on your life jacket, before you are in the lounge.

±1800 **Departure** from Longyearbyen.
The bridge will be closed during these operations.

1830 **Expedition introduction & Captain's welcome** – Please join us in **Observation Lounge** (deck 5, forward) for an introduction to the expedition and a toast from the Captain.

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

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FOR DISEMBARKING PASSENGERS

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

*Please place your large/check-in luggage outside your cabin no later than **0730**.
During breakfast we will collect your luggage and deposit it on the pier where you will collect it.*

±0830 **Disembarkation** - *Please listen for announcements.* We will invite you to the gangway to disembark Plancius.
Please return your keycard holders to reception.

Buses have been arranged to take you to Longyearbyen and/or the airport.

- **Flight DY391 – ORANGE label:** Attach an orange label to your luggage before placing it outside your cabin. Please identify your luggage on the pier and either take it with you or ensure it goes on the luggage truck. You will be taken to the town centre, near Svalbard Butikken (Supermarket). At **11:00**, the bus will pick you up again at Svalbard Butikken (Supermarket) and take you to the airport, where you'll collect your luggage outside the airport building.
- **Flight SK4491 – BLUE label:** Attach a blue label to your luggage before placing it outside your cabin. Please identify your luggage on the pier and either take it with you or ensure it goes on the luggage truck. You will be taken to the town centre, near Svalbard Butikken (Supermarket). At **13:00**, the bus will pick you up again at Svalbard Butikken (Supermarket) and take you to the airport, where you'll collect your luggage outside the airport building.
- **Flight SK4497 – RED label:** Attach a red label to your luggage before placing it outside your cabin. Please identify your luggage on the pier and either take it with you or ensure it goes on the luggage truck. You will be taken to the town centre, near Svalbard Butikken (Supermarket). At **17:45**, the bus will pick you up again at Svalbard Butikken (Supermarket) and take you to the airport, where you'll collect your luggage outside the airport building.
- **If you are staying in Longyearbyen, or going straight to the airport,** you do not need any label. Please make sure identify and collect your luggage, ensuring it goes with you. You will be taken to the town center, near the Svalbard Butikken (Supermarket) or directly to the airport.

On behalf of the entire crew and staff of Plancius, we thank you for a truly incredible expedition. It has been our pleasure to have you on board...

*We wish you a safe journey home.
Farewell and safe sailing!*