



OCEANWIDE
EXPEDITIONS

North Spitsbergen Polar Bear Special

on board the

m/v Plancius

August 30 to September 06, 2016



MV *Plancius* was named after the Dutch astronomer, cartographer, geologist and vicar Petrus Plancius (1552-1622). *Plancius* was built in 1976 as an oceanographic research vessel for the Royal Dutch Navy and was named *Hr. Ms. Tydeman*. The ship sailed for the Royal Dutch Navy until June 2004 when she was purchased by Oceanwide Expeditions and completely refit in 2007, being converted into a 114-passenger expedition vessel. *Plancius* is 89 m (267 feet) long, 14.5 m (43 feet) wide and has a maximum draft of 5 m, with an Ice Strength rating of 1D, top speed of 12+ knots and three diesel engines generating 1230 hp each.

Captain Alexey Nazarov

and his international crew of 44

including

Chief Officer:	Jaanus Hannes	[Estonia]
Second Officer:	Matei Mocanu	[Romania]
Third Officer:	John Williams	[Wales]
Chief Engineer:	Sebastian Alexandru	[Romania]
Hotel Manager:	André van der Haak	[Netherlands]
Assist. Hotel Manager:	Dejan Nikolic	[Serbia]
Head Chef:	Ralf Barthel	[Germany]
Sous Chef:	Ivan Yuriychuk	[Ukraine]
Ship's Physician:	Veronique Verhoeven	[Belgium]

and

Expedition Leader:	Andrew Bishop	[Australia]
Assist. Expedition Leader:	Katja Riedel	[Germany/New Zealand]
Expedition Guide:	Sandra Petrowitz	[Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Irene Kastner	[Germany/Svalbard]
Expedition Guide:	Beau Pruneau	[Canada/Germany]
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Expedition Guide:	G�rard Bodineau	[France]
Expedition Guide:	Shelli Ogilvy	[Alaska]

We welcome you on board!

Day 1 – August 30, 2016

Longyearbyen

GPS position at 1600 hrs: 78°13.8'N / 015°36.1'E

Wind: light air Sea: port Weather: partly cloudy Temperature: 7°C



Longyearbyen! Spitsbergen! The Arctic! – While some of us had just arrived from the airport, others had had a few hours or even days to explore the archipelago's small main city. All of us were very excited to finally make our way to the pier and to our home for the next week or so: *m/v Plancius*. We were greeted by the expedition team which took care of our big luggage, and at 1600 hrs it was time for us to make the first steps up the gangway. Once on board, Hotel Manager André welcomed us, and with the help of the hotel team we were shown to our cabins. We used the time to wander around and get acquainted with the ship.

Soon we were for the first time gathered in the Observation Lounge to be briefed about safety, and life on board the ship. André introduced us to the layout of the ship and to hotel operations. We were also briefed by First Officer Jaanus on ship safety and how to prepare for the worst. Afterwards, we rushed outside to see *Plancius* leave the pier – we were on our way!

A drill of the General Alarm (seven short blasts followed by one long blast) was made, and we all went to our cabins, put on warm clothing, grabbed the huge orange life jackets and mustered in the Lounge guided by crew and staff. It was made sure everyone was present, and upon hearing the Abandon Ship Alarm followed by an announcement of the Captain we went out to the lifeboats hoping to never actually have to use them.



We returned to our cabins briefly before regrouping with Captain Alexey in the lounge for a welcoming toast of champagne or juice. We got to know the members of our expedition team and were introduced to tomorrow's plans by Expedition Leader Andrew. Then we headed down to the Dining Room for our first scrumptious dinner prepared by Chef Ralf and his staff.



Fog had moved in, the waters were calm, and only a slight swell was felt when we made our way out of Isfjorden and towards the North. Many of us were a bit tired after a long day of traveling. Thus *Plancius'* gently rocking us to sleep was very welcome!

Day 2 – August 31, 2016

Raudfjord: Hamiltonbukta and Alicehamna

GPS position at 0800 hrs: 79°53.8'N / 010°44.6'E

Wind: W 3 Sea: slight Weather: overcast Temperature: 2°C



Morning sunlight and Andrew's voice woke us at 07.00am. After the first night's sleep aboard *Planicius* we were better rested and eager to explore the arctic landscape. But before we could do so, there were several different mandatory briefings we needed to attend.

Before these started and even before breakfast was finished a Blue whale was spotted from the bridge! Still chewing on chocolate-filled croissants we headed to the outside decks to catch a glimpse of the largest animal on the planet. The leviathan was traveling at a speed and although a unique experience to see, we left the whale to its own agenda and continued in pursuit of our morning plans. We were invited into the lounge to learn how to properly behave as a visitor in these fragile arctic landscapes; how to behave around polar bears, and how to safely manage ourselves in the zodiacs.

Following this we headed to the boot room. Called deck by deck we sat down, and with the help of the expedition staff we were fitted with our new footwear for the voyage. As every landing would be a wet landing – and much of the terrain we would be hiking in is quite moist – these were to be our “go to” walking boots.

As soon as we were outfitted, we were quick to prepare for our first excursion; a zodiac cruise in Hamiltonbukta. The landscape was magnificent with fresh snow covering the peaks, and glaciers all the way down to the shoreline. We first headed to the bird cliffs, on the way some were lucky enough to spot an Atlantic puffin or two. Closer to the cliffs we could see and hear the hundreds of Kittiwake and Glaucous gulls that nest up high. We cruised along the shoreline and shortly an Arctic fox was spotted patrolling along the shoreline. We slowly and quietly travelled alongside it. Our drivers deftly navigated the rocky shallow shores as the fox travelled across the top of the glacier and back down to the water's edge, scaring a few immature Glaucous gulls. Rather we think the fox was hoping for a quick snack.



Meanwhile a Bearded seal was sighted as it leisurely foraged and surfaced around the zodiacs for some time. We headed a bit closer to the large glacier face when our route was yet again interrupted by amazing wildlife. In the near distance a cow and calf Walrus were spotted in the water. We gave them ample space as mothers can be quite easily disturbed and are very protective of their young. It was unusual to see these two so far west as much of the calving occurs farther to the east. Mothers and calves will stay together for two years after birth, the calf born at an average of 70-90 kilo, and

constantly growing on the rich milk the mother provides. Alas, as it was time to head back to the ship, in transit a large family of Eider ducks were spotted. The morning proved quite whimsical!

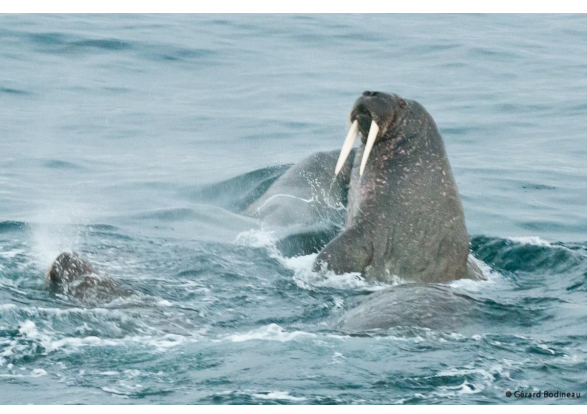


Once back on board we were greeted with a fantastic lunch buffet and we happily feasted, fortifying ourselves for an afternoon ashore hiking. We again organized ourselves, meanwhile the Expedition staff scouted the landing for any “white fluffy things”. None were seen thus we were all clear to depart. Heading out we slid into the zodiacs for a short taxi to shore and then separated into three different groups. The long group departed first with the ambition of heading up to the higher peak covered in snow. The other two groups stayed down a bit lower, visiting the small hut and two different graves of whalers from previous times. Looping around to a small lagoon we observed Purple sandpipers and more Eider ducks on the water. Andrew addressed us with geological education of what was underfoot, while others took to their cameras and explored the miniature arctic landscape of flora and fauna before wandering back to the landing site.





Meanwhile, the long hikers had attained the summit of 334 metres high, sometimes in thigh-high deep snow! A great effort for an indescribable vantage. On the way down the hikers were lucky enough to catch views of the lovely Rock ptarmigan in mottled plumage. Halfway between winter and summer, mostly white with some lingering brown; perfect for blending into this late autumn landscape.



We headed back to the ship for a cruise further into the fjord in magnificent evening light. Another bounty of food was consumed for dinner and the proposal for tomorrow's excursions was divulged. But first *Plancius* made her way to Mof-fen Island. It is closed to human visitors until mid-September due to high numbers of walrus hauled out on its shorelines. On passing by with the ship we had several curious animals approach the vessel – a superb first day of activities!

Day 3 – September 01, 2016

Phippsøya and Sea Ice

GPS position at 0800 hrs: 80°40.2'N / 020°47.3'E

Wind: various 2 Sea: calm Weather: partly cloudy Temperature: 3°C



After a calm night we had just arrived at the stunningly beautiful Sjuøyane (Seven islands) covered in a layer of fresh snow when Andrew woke us up at 7:30hrs. During breakfast, Captain dropped anchor between Phippsøya and Parryøya. Andrew's "plan A" of a landing with different walks was soon replaced by "plan B": There was a polar bear spotted on Phippsøya. But as there were two big groups of walrus on the beach, we boarded the 10 zodiacs to have a closer look at the bear and also the walrus. When we approached the bear, we discovered a second one, lying down in the snow just like the first one. Neither of them did react a lot to our presence, both were just watching us a bit before taking to sleeping again.

So it was decided to do a short landing by the walrus. While the first group of 5 zodiacs went ashore, the second group scanned the island to avoid any bad surprise. Only some more polar bear footprints were discovered. Also a single Walrus passed by our zodiac, swimming slowly in the shallow and clear water. After half an hour the two groups swapped. For the second group, it was time to land and approach the walrus from the beach. We stopped at a reasonable distance to not stress the animals, and had a lot of time to watch them and also to take movies and photos.

All zodiacs went back on board, and soon it was time for lunch – hot showers, hot chocolate, tea and coffee were in high demand too as the morning had been quite chilly. The weather was still good despite the forecast predicting snow so the plan to go to the pack ice was upheld, and *Plancius* turned northwards. Just after lunch we saw our first floes of frozen sea. The Captain carefully manoeuvred the ship while the expedition staff kept scanning the pack ice looking for a fluffy yellowish animal.





During the whole afternoon, *Plancius* went slowly through the ice to maximise our chances to spot one. But even with many pairs of eyes scrutinising, no polar bear was seen. Nevertheless, it was a truly unique experience to sail through the ice, and some other wildlife was spotted including harp seals by large numbers. Many kittiwakes, juvenile and adult, were flying around *Plancius*, trying to catch fish while the bow was pushing some ice floes and making the polar cods more visible. The birders were even more delighted by the numerous Ivory gulls, including juveniles, flying around and fighting against other birds for food. There were subadult Glaucous gulls in their grey plumage, and also a couple of Skuas. Beautiful layers of clouds in all shades of grey hung over Sevenislands in the distance, and later on the sunset seemed to never end. It was tough to decide when to finally head for some sleep!



Day 4 – September 02, 2016

Expedition Day: Sea Ice

GPS position at 0800 hrs: 81°16.5'N / 020°06.4'E

Wind: NNW 4 Sea: ice Weather: snow Temperature: -3°C

The day dawned grey and dark, a misty cloud cover stretching out over the horizon onto the ice edge. Although visibility was not the best, the ice was thick and heavy around the ship as *Plancius* wove her way through the ice leads and cracks, pushing and shoving like a bully through a schoolyard. Kittiwakes and fulmars danced around the rear, preying upon the polar cod that popped to the surface. As algae grows on the underside of the pack ice, the little fish feed upon the algae, and so are just under the surface of the water underneath the ice. As the ship wedges its way through the ice, overturning pieces, the fish are therefore exposed at the surface: a perfect breakfast buffet for the cunning birds.

As the passengers made their way to the dining room for their very own breakfast buffet, feeding upon schools of eggs and preying upon herds of croissants, the keen-eyed guides kept an ever-vigil watch on the bridge, some favouring binoculars while others preferred the extended-range – but more susceptible to wobbliness – Swarovski scope.





As the clouds closed in around the ship and the ever-increasing fog thickened, everyone was invited to the Dining Room for a very informative lecture by the charismatic Frenchman Gérard. Sea Ice was the topic, including ice structure and sea-salt mechanisms.

Just before lunch the ship shop was set up at reception and we treated ourselves to some souvenir-shopping therapy. The highest demand was for plush polar bears!



As the afternoon reared its ugly head, so did the fog: getting thicker and thicker until you could almost grab handfuls of the wispy stuff. And so Katja talked about Polar bears! Big bears, small bears, bears with phallus bones, for bears come in all shapes and, of course, sizes! But then! The fog started to clear, blue skies starting showing, and the sun tried to poke through the cloud cover. The sun rays shone upon the surface of the water, glinting reflectively like the sparkle in an angry pit bull's eyeball.

As the day wound to an end, the daily recap was stretched out a bit longer, as Sandra regaled with tales of trappers and hunters from a bygone era, Beau chattered about bearded seals and fat content, and Katja explained all about lenticular clouds. Then it was time for dinner, as we all happily pattered down the stairs to the Dining Room,

excitedly planning on what to gorge our wonderful little tummies with, with plans of thereafter jumping into our little flea boxes with sweet dreams of bones dancing around in our heads ...

Day 5 – September 03, 2016

Karl XII Øya & Reliktbukta

GPS position at 0800 hrs: 80°39.5'N / 024°53.3'E

Wind: SW 4 Sea: slight Weather: overcast Temperature: -1°C



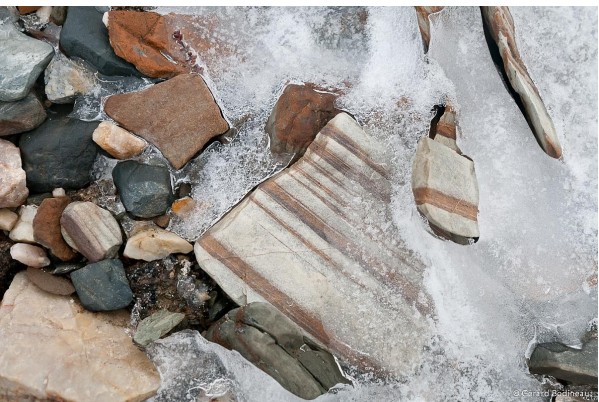
This morning we woke up next to a rocky outcropping surrounded by ice at what seemed like the edge of the earth. Karl XII Øya is an island at the northern edge of Svalbard just above Nord-austlandet and named after a Swedish king. *Plan-cius* parked nicely just shy of it and the zodiacs were lowered. We all got on the rubber boats and headed towards the rock cliffs where earlier a bear had been sighted. We surveyed the cliffside for a few minutes and found a yellow fur ball tucked



away midway up – the third bear sighting of the trip! But this bear was just as sleepy as the other ones spotted at Phippsøya. We circumnavigated the island surveying the cliff sides and beaches. There was a colony of kittiwakes and a few walrus that popped their heads up for a second. Otherwise this island seemed quite desolate, and were it not for a small weather station as well as a cairn at the top of the cliff, we never would have thought that a human had been here.

As we were almost finished circumnavigating the island a second bear was spotted on the beach and we rushed to observe. He lay motionless, obviously dead, a victim of the harsh Arctic environment. With most bears, the cause of death is starvation or – for a few – old age.

We left the island with a deeper sense of respect for the wilderness that we were traveling through and glad for the opportunity to get a hot drink in the lounge when returning to the ship as the freezing temperatures had been making their presence known during the couple-hour cruise.



In the afternoon we sailed slightly westwards towards Duvefjorden. Expedition leader Andrew had a nicely hidden bay in mind as a landing spot. It was a very calm afternoon as we headed towards Reliktbukta. At the landing site waiting for the groups to gather we found time to play around building a snowman and having casual snowball fights. When everyone was ready we split into various groups and headed out into the snowy landscape for a refreshing hike. Snow covered most of the ground

but some beautiful recrystallized sandstone stuck out of the ground in various colours, ancient reminders of how this island had once been a seabed.



The fresh air and view were mesmerizing, and as we stood in silence observing we earned a deeper understanding of this land we so casually strolled through. What a silent existence the animals on this island live, for example the polar bear roaming the tundra hearing only the sound of his paws as they are gently placed on the snow. We came across fresh fox tracks; at the beach we found some krill and fun rocks to study, and we played in the snow, enjoying our day out.



Day 6 – September 04, 2016

Expedition Day: Sea Ice

GPS position at 0800 hrs: 80°15.4'N / 012°12.8'E

Wind: E 4 Sea: slight Weather: overcast Temperature: 3°C



This morning was supposed to be a sleep-in with breakfast scheduled a whole half-hour later than usual, but Andrew's announcement at 6:45 am that there were blue whales got most out of bed quickly. We watched three whales for several dive cycles. It was amazing to see these incredible animals; the largest creature that ever lived on earth, with females reaching up to 31m length. A mottled grey back with a tiny fin and the enormous blow are the main features to identify a blue whale. The sunlit mountains of Spitsbergen provided a great backdrop and numerous fulmars entertained us during the whales' diving phase.



Soon after breakfast we hit the sea-ice again on our quest for the polar bear on the ice. The open drift ice floes compacted, ideal polar bear habitat. Several harp seals were sighted but the "King of the Arctic" stayed hidden. Many times there was a false alarm when yellow spots in the ice pretended to be polar bears. Fridrik tried to entice the bears out of hiding by giving a presentation. His topic: life in Svalbard from the perspective of an adventure guide. He talked about snowmobiling, the two official bear signs in Longyearbyen, one on each end of the settlement, and why nobody is allowed to choose just any colour for their house.



Since this trick didn't work either the team came up with something new: At 4 o'clock in the afternoon ten zodiacs were launched and we set off on a zodiac cruise through the sea ice. We saw some harp seals and many many Ivory gulls, a bird that is normally rare. However, we had at least 19 birds around us, adults and juveniles. Being close to the ice floes and seeing the different colours and shapes was great, but the real highlight was the landing on an ice floe.





The hotel team had set up a bar on a flat and stable floe. The usual afternoon cake was served here with rum and hot chocolate. André was dressed up as a penguin (isn't that the wrong hemisphere?) and one zodiac after the other pulled up for a pit stop. After fun and photos on the ice the cruise continued. It was calm and not very cold at all. Towards the end the sun even came out and created a wonderfully moody atmosphere.



Back inside there was just enough time to warm up and listen to the recap. Andrew talked about the plans for tomorrow (sail south fast), Irene introduced us to waterbears called Tardigrades, and Fridrik talked about the different seabirds that we have been seeing during the last few days.

From here it was straight to the next surprise which was a BBQ on the back deck! The galley crew had worked hard and set up a very yummy array of salads, breads and barbequed meats. As we slowly

sailed through the ice, beats from the stereo, alcoholic drinks and a fantastic dessert buffet rounded up another great and very special day.

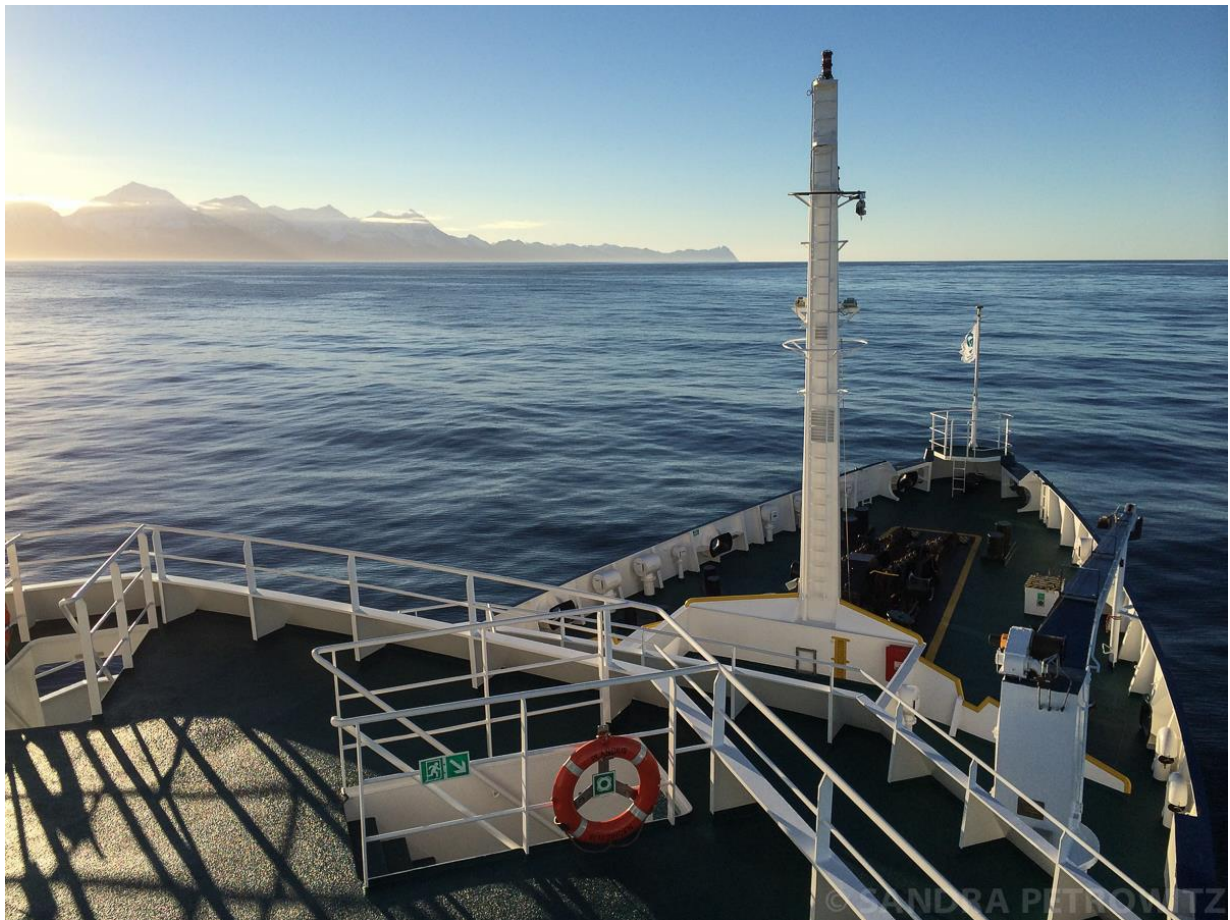


Day 7 – September 05, 2016

Alkhornet

GPS position at 0800 hrs: 78°47.1'N / 010°12.3'E

Wind: S 3 Sea: smooth Weather: clear Temperature: 4°C



In the morning a bright sun invited us out on deck to work on our polar tan as *Plancius* kept cruising southwards along the alpine landscape of the Spitsbergen West coast and Prins Karls Forland. Again, the sea was unusually calm and only a soft swell reminded us of the fact that we were sailing in open waters, the Eastern coast of Greenland way beyond the horizon.

After breakfast it was time to pay our bar debts at the reception and as there was no landing planned until later in the afternoon, we could either continue sunbathing on deck (another option would have been watching the fulmars and their reflections gliding by) or join Irene in the Dining Room for this morning's lecture on sled dogs – the silent companions on many Arctic expeditions and true partners in crime for mushers all over the northern hemisphere. It being Irene's favourite subject, the ordinary 45 minutes of lecture time kept us spellbound for almost twice as long as she introduced us to her four-legged family and some secrets breeding, raising and educating them.

While we indulged in another tasty lunch buffet which was to be the last one on this journey, the crew kept scanning the coast for polar bears again – and, for a change, keeping all fingers crossed for NOT seeing any! Soon after, as *Planicius* had found her way around Alkepynten into Trygghamna the zodiacs brought us to shore for some hiking. As usual, three groups of different levels of ambition were formed, and we got to explore the surroundings.



Alkhornet is a quite steep bird cliff on the edge of Isfjorden and is also called “Svalbard *en miniature*” due to its rich variety of terrain. The kittiwakes were still at home and provided us with the usual acoustic background which has become so familiar to us during our expedition. Apart from the remains of a trapper cabin, a rather well-kept hut was to be admired here, one of the local governor’s



field-inspector cabins, each housing a lucky team of two selected from an enormous bunch of volunteers each year applying for Svalbard's probably most popular summer job. Field inspectors not only serve as law enforcement in field during a busy tourist season but even do some minor scientific work counting bird, reindeer, walrus and other populations around. This year's season being already over by now, the only one meeting us at the cabin was a little polar fox jumping around in search for anything interesting.

The area beneath the mighty bird cliff was a pure delight to walk on – soft green cushions of moss and grass were so comforting to our feet! For the first time on our expedition we also found Svalbard reindeer. Those chubby and calm creatures did not seem to mind our presence at all and just kept on grazing as we passed them.



Upon return to the zodiac beach, the crew had arranged fresh towels for all bold and brave: time to cool down after the hike! Third Officer John was first out in the waters followed immediately by what looked like almost all others, and screams of delight and joy soon filled the beach. *Plancius* waited patiently a bit further out in the fjord, and as soon as everyone was back in a respectable amount of clothing including but not limited to a life jacket the zodiacs took us back to the closest warm showers available.

It being the last evening on board, the daily recap was followed by the Captain's Cocktails and farewell from the expedition team before we assembled in the Dining Room for our last dinner on board *Plancius*. We finally got to see all the invisible hands and helpful spirits from the hotel department who had taken so well care of us during the journey, and they received a warm applause – well earned! The only remaining task for the day was the return of our expedition boots as *Plancius* made her way along the southern coast of Isfjorden towards Longyearbyen, thus allowing us a view on the abandoned settlements of former Russian coal mining activities at Coles Bay and Grumant.

Day 8 – September 06, 2016

Longyearbyen

GPS position at 0800 hrs: 78°13.9'N / 015°36.6'E

Time had been flying – after eight days we were back from where we had started, Longyearbyen. After one more wake-up call by Andrew and the final breakfast on board we disembarked in style: We were zodiac-shuttled to shore! When we had identified our luggage at the pier there was a bus waiting for us, the expedition team waving as we departed.

It was sad to say good-bye to all the beautiful places we had visited and to *Plancius*, the ship that had been our comfortable, cosy home for an unforgettable journey to the North. At the same time we were richer in memories and knowledge about the Arctic and its wildlife. We have had special and incredible experiences, taken hundreds of pictures and made new friends. We shared truly unique moments, we talked and we laughed with each other. This trip will last us a lifetime – in our memories, in our imaginations, and in our dreams.



Thank you all for such a wonderful voyage, for your company, good humour and enthusiasm. We hope to see you again in the future, wherever that might be!

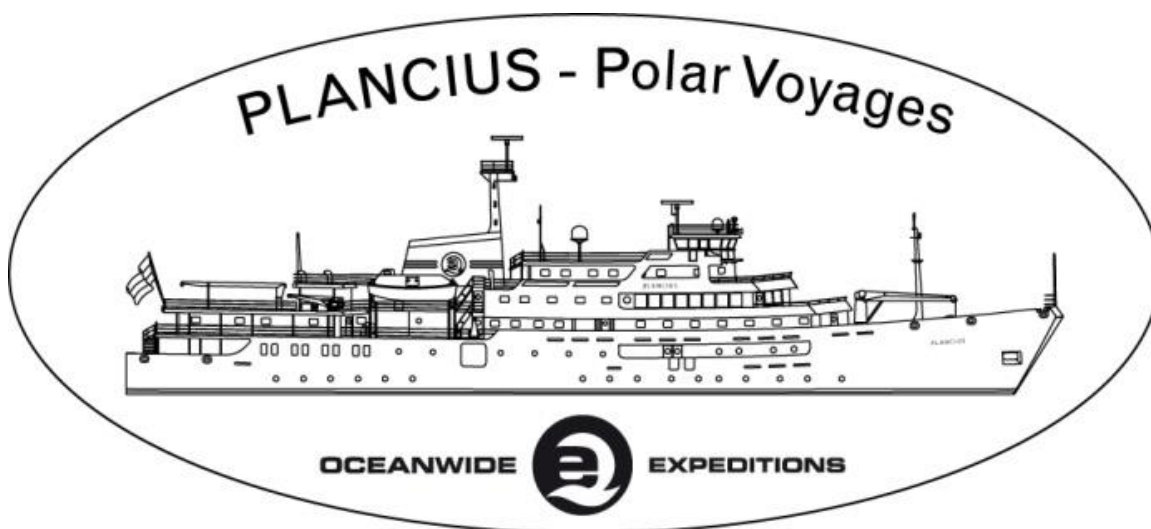
Total distance sailed on our voyage:

1.032 nautical miles

1.911 kilometres

Furthest North Point: 81°26.1'N, 024°36.2'E

On behalf of Oceanwide Expeditions, Captain Alexey Nazarov, Expedition Leader Andrew Bishop, Hotel Manager André van der Haak and all the crew and staff, it has been a pleasure travelling with you.



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Freemansundet

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Storfjorden

Barents Sea

Nord-austlandet

Austfonna

Spitsbergen

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Phippsøya

03/09

Reliktbukta

Karl XIIøya

Hinlopenstretet

Species list: Birds and Mammals of Svalbard

BIRDS

English Name	Latin	German	French	Dutch	30/08	31/08	01/09	02/09	03/09	04/09	05/09
Northern Fulmar	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>	Eissturmvogel	Petrel fulmar	Noordse stormvogel	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Kurzschnebelgans	Oie à bec court	Kleine rietgans							X
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Weisswangengans	Bernache nonnette	Brandgans		X					X
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Eiderente	Eider commun	Eidereend	X	X	X		X		X
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus hyperboreus</i>	Alpenschneehuhn	Lagopède des Alpes	Sneeuwhoen		X					X
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Meerstrandläufer	Bécasseau violet	Paarse strandloper		X					
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Spatelraubmöwe	Labbe pomarin	Middelste jager			X	X	X	X	
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Schmarotzerraub-möwe	Labbe parasite	Kleine jager		X	X		X		X
Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Falkenraubmöwe	Labbe à longue queue	Kleinste jager						X	
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Skua	Grande Labbe	Grote jager					X		
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Eismöwe	Goéland bourgmestre	Grote Burgemeester	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Islandic Gull	<i>Larus glaucooides</i>	Polarmöwe	Goéland arctique	Kleine Burgemeester						X	
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Dreizehenmöwe	Mouette tridactyle	Drieteenmeeuw	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>	Elfenbeinmöwe	Mouette ivoire	Ivoormeeuw			X	X		X	
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Küstenseeschwalbe	Sterne arctique	Noordse stern	X	X	X		X	X	
Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>	Dickschnabellumme	Guillemot de Brunnich	Dikbekzeekoet		X			X	X	X
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grylle</i>	Gryllteiste	Guillemot à miroir blanc	Zwarte zeekoet	X	X	X			X	
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Krabbentaucher	Mergule nain	Kleine alk			X	X		X	
Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Papageitaucher	Macareux moine	Papegaaiduiker	X	X					
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Schneeammer	Bruant des neiges	Sneeuwgor		X				X	X

MAMMALS

English	Latin	German	French	Dutch	30/08	31/08	01/09	02/09	03/09	04/09	05/09
Walrus	<i>Odobenus rosmarus</i>	Walross	Morse	Walrus		X	X		X		
Bearded seal	<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>	Bartrobbe	Phoque barbu	Baardrob		X	X	X			
Harp seal	<i>Pagophilus groenlandicus</i>	Sattelrobbe	Phoque du Groenland	Zadelrob			X	X		X	
Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blauwal	Baleine bleue	Blauwe vinvis		X				X	
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Eisbär	Ours blanc	IJsbeer	X		X		X		
Arctic Fox	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>	Polarfuchs	Renard arctique	Poolvos		X					X
Spitsbergen Reindeer	<i>Rangifer tarandus platyrhynchus</i>	Svalbard Renntier	Renne du Spitzberg	Rendier							X

Andrew Bishop – Expedition Leader



Andrew hails from King Island, a small island just north of Tasmania, Australia. He completed his university studies in Hobart at the University of Tasmania in 2001, earning a double major in Geology and Environmental Geography.

Since then he has travelled the world, visiting all seven continents, climbing a few high mountains and enjoying the experiences and challenges different nations and cultures can offer. In 2010, after several years working as an exploration geologist in the outback of Australia, he began working as an expedition guide and lecturer to the Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands. Since then he has completed over 50 trips to this region. Since 2012 he has also been guiding to the northern isles of Britain, Jan Mayen, the Svalbard Archipelago and Greenland. He is passionate about the outdoors and aside from his interest in geology he also enjoys interpreting and explaining the physical environment and will willingly share his knowledge of glaciers, sea ice and the wildlife of the polar climes.

Andrew stammt von King Island, einer kleinen Insel nördlich von Tasmanien (Australien). Sein Studium in Hobart beendete er 2001 mit Abschlüssen in Geologie und Umweltgeografie. Seither hat er alle sieben Kontinente besucht, hohe Berge bestiegen und die Erfahrungen und Herausforderungen anderer Länder und Kulturen genossen. Nach einiger Zeit als Explorationsgeologe im australischen Outback begann er als Guide und Lektor auf Expeditionsreisen zur Antarktischen Halbinsel, nach Südgeorgien und zu den Falklandinseln zu arbeiten; inzwischen hat er mehr als 50 Touren absolviert. Seit 2012 ist er als Guide auch im Norden tätig, unter anderem in Spitzbergen und Grönland. Er ist viel draußen unterwegs und gibt sein Wissen über Geologie, Umwelt, Gletscher, Meereis und die Tierwelt der Polarregionen gern an andere weiter.

Dr Katja Riedel – Assistant Expeditionleader



Katja Riedel grew up in Germany where she studied and completed a Phd in Atmospheric Chemistry. For her research she overwintered 1997 at the German Antarctic Base Neumayer where she was responsible for the Atmospheric Observatory. Since then she has been on several scientific

expeditions to Antarctica, for example measuring ozone at Scott Base, drilling ice cores at Law Dome and taking samples of 120,000 years old ice on Taylor Glacier in the Dry Valleys.

She completed a course in Antarctic studies and worked for more than 12 years as a research scientist in Wellington, New Zealand. Her research interests were greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and ice cores. Since 2011 she has worked as a guide and lecturer on expedition cruises in the Arctic and Antarctic.

The Polar Regions have always fascinated Katja. On private adventures she skied over 220km through Svalbard, sailed in a small yacht to Antarctica, kayaked icy waters and worked as a science assistance in Western Greenland. Her fondest memories of Antarctica are building a 24h sundial and sledging from Hut Point to the Erebus Ice Tongue. Life is an adventure for Katja and whenever she can she travels, hikes, cycles, sea-kayaks and skis to the remote and beautiful places on earth. When not traveling Katja lives in New Zealand and works as a freelance science communicator and photographer. She speaks fluently English and German.

Sandra Petrowitz—Expedition Guide



A dedicated naturalist and traveler, Sandra immediately fell for the high latitudes' nature during her first visit to the polar regions. Besides photos and stories, she brought home the polar bug – and has been returning to the Arctic & Antarctica ever since.

Sandra has a wide interest in all kinds of nature and wildlife observations. Being a journalist by profession and a photographer by passion, she's hardly ever seen without a camera.

Whenever she is not working as a guide on board expedition cruise ships, she might be leading dedicated photo trips across the globe (preferably to the polar regions but also to places like Botswana or Jordan), working as a journalist (which is what she is by trade, after all), writing a story or even a book, editing images, or traveling to remote places.

Sandra hat sich gleich bei ihrem ersten Besuch in den Polarregionen in die Natur der hohen Breitengrade verliebt und neben Bildern und Geschichten das Polarvirus mitgebracht. Seither kehrt sie Jahr für Jahr in die Arktis und Antarktis zurück.

Die Journalistin interessiert sich für alle Aspekte der Begegnung mit der Natur und der Tierwelt. Sie ist eine begeisterte Natur-, Tier- und Reisefotografin, gibt Workshops und leitet Fotoreisen in die Polarregionen, aber auch in Länder wie Botswana und Jordanien. Wenn sie nicht gerade unterwegs ist, arbeitet sie in Deutschland vor allem als Journalistin und Autorin. Ihr erstes Buch über Reisefotografie ist 2012 erschienen.

Irene Kastner—Expedition Guide



Irene has a hard time sitting still for longer periods, and has a strong urge to explore the Arctic outdoors. Luckily, she lives in Longyearbyen, Svalbard. She first came here in 1999 to help her best friend move back to the mainland.

They could have saved the effort for they both were back on the archipelago the year after. After years of commuting back and forth, Irene surrendered to the Polar Bug and moved to Longyearbyen for good.

Irene's special interest is sled dogs. She has been working with Alaskan Huskies for over ten years, both at racing kennels and with tour operators, and has her own team of eight huskies. In her ordinary life, Irene is studying Economics in Oslo – with the help of Longyear-byen's access to fiber cable internet, and courses on the internet.

Längeres Stillsitzen war noch nie Irenes Stärke, und sie hat einen unwiderstehlichen Drang, ihre Umgebung zu erkunden. Glücklicherweise wohnt sie in Longyearbyen auf Spitzbergen, wo sie nicht nur eine sehr schnelle Internet-Verbindung hat, die ihr das Fernstudium im Fach Buchhaltung und Rechnungswesen ermöglicht, sondern auch die faszinierende und vielfältige Natur gleich vor der Tür.

Irene kam 1999 zum ersten Mal nach Spitzbergen, um einer Freundin beim Umzug zu helfen. Die Mühe hätten beide sich sparen können, denn noch nicht mal ein Jahr später waren beide zurück auf der Insel. Nach mehreren Jahren hat sich Irene dem Polarvirus letztendlich ergeben. Irenes Spezialgebiet sind Schlittenhunde. Sie arbeitet seit mehr als zehn Jahren mit Alaskan Huskys, sowohl im Rennsport als auch im Tourismus, und hat acht eigene Hunde.

Beau Pruneau – Expedition Guide



Beau ist in der kanadischen Wildnis aufgewachsen, wo er gelernt hat, Tiere zu lieben, Tierspuren zu lesen, mit Waffen umzugehen und in den nördlichen Breiten zu überleben.

Beau grew up in the northern Canadian wilderness learning from an early age a love of wildlife, how to track wildlife, how to handle large caliber firearms and how to survive in the northern latitudes.

Beau hat ein Diplom für Abenteuer-Tourismus und ist als Wildnis-Expeditions-Guide zertifiziert. Er hat in der Arktis und Antarktis auf Expeditionsschiffen gearbeitet und hat ein besonderes Faible für Afrika. Zudem hält er besonders gerne nach Bären und anderen Lebewesen Ausschau. Beau wohnt derzeit mit seiner Frau in Dresden, Deutschland.

Graduating with a diploma in adventure tourism with certification as a wilderness guide, Beau moved out west to British Columbia working at ski resorts where he learned to drive and fix just about every kind of motorized vehicles. He has worked on expedition ships in the Arctic and Antarctica. Beau has a special love of Africa and is happiest looking out for bears and wildlife.

He currently resides in Dresden, Germany, with his wife.

FRIDRIK FRIDRIKSSON – EXPEDITION GUIDE



Fridrik ist geboren und aufgewachsen in Island. Die letzten Jahre hat er in Longyearbyen, Spitzbergen, gewohnt. Fridrik hat 2012 die Ausbildung zum „Arctic Nature Guide“ an der Universität in Longyearbyen gegen sein Wirtschaftsstudium in Island eingetauscht und danach begonnen, als Guide zu arbeiten. Fridrik ist ein sehr aktiver Mensch und verfolgt gerne eigene Abenteuer, entweder auf Ski oder zu Fuß in den Bergen mit Freunden.

Fridrik spricht neben isländisch auch englisch, norwegisch und immer besser auch deutsch.

Fotografie ist eine Passion von Fridrik und er fotografiert seine persönlichen Abenteuer seit mehr als einem Jahrzehnt. Er teilt seine Erfahrung sehr gerne mit euch und hilft euch, euer perfektes Bild zu machen.

Fridrik is born and raised in Iceland. The last years he has been living and working in Longyearbyen, Svalbard. He pursued a career as a guide after finishing a yearlong guide study called Arctic Nature Guide at the University in Longyearbyen, taking a turn away from his economic studies in Iceland. Fridrik is a very active person, so when he has free time he is most likely out on adventures, such as skiing or hiking with friends.

Fridrik speaks Icelandic, English, Norwegian and is working on improving his German.

Photography is one of Fridrik's great passions and he has been diligent photographing his adventures and personal travels for over a decade. He is more than willing to share tips and tricks on how to get the shot.

G rard Bodineau—Expedition Guide



Born in 1960 in Western France, G rard started to hike and camp at any season by the age of 13. After some years of mountaineering in the Alps, he discovered his passion for the Arctic in 1986. He loved it so much that he did several cross-country ski expeditions by himself ...

... in Greenland, Nunavut and Spitsbergen, among them a one-month solo expedition in Spitsbergen, one to the North Magnetic & also Geographic Poles, and a four-week yachting expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula. For 15 years, he shared his time between working as an IT specialist and guiding expeditions in the Arctic. Since 2004, he worked as a guide and Expedition Leader in Svalbard, Greenland, Antarctica and South Georgia. He decided to do guiding as his main activity in 2009. When not travelling, he lives in Provence under a sunny climate. He is most interested in glaciology and other Earth Sciences as well as ornithology.

G rard, 1960 in Westfrankreich geboren, hat nach einigen Jahren der Bergsteigerei in den Alpen 1986 seine Leidenschaft f r die Arktis entdeckt und war auf Skiexpeditionen in Gr nland, Nunavut und Spitzbergen unterwegs (u. a. eine einmonatige Soloexpedition in Spitzbergen, Expeditionen zu den magnetischen und geografischen Polen und eine vierw chige Yachtexpedition zur Antarktischen Halbinsel).

Seit 2004 ist er als Expeditionsleiter und Guide in der Arktis und der Antarktis unterwegs. Er interessiert sich besonders f r Gletscherkunde, Geowissenschaften sowie f r Ornithologie. Wenn G rard nicht unterwegs ist, lebt er in der sonnigen Provence.

Shelli Ogilvy—Expedition Guide



Shelli Ogilvy was born and raised in Alaska. She grew up in a rural town separated from the road system, with glaciers, whales, bears and big mountains as her backyard. Since 1997, she has been guiding as a wilderness leader.

She has been guiding polar adventures in Antarctica and Arctic for the last 9 years. Master in Sea Kayak and Zodiac driving/Naturalist. When not on board ships, she takes small groups by sea kayak out into wilderness settings for overnight camping trips in Alaska.

Shelli obtained her Bachelors of Science in 2001 with a major in Marine Biology. She has worked with several different research groups, primarily studying humpback and gray whales.

When not guiding, Shelli is an accomplished artist. She published an illustrated bird book in 2009 and is shown in several small galleries. Other interests include working on her small cabin in Alaska, backcountry skiing, fly-fishing, and above all sharing these beautiful polar landscapes.

Shelli ist in einer kleinen Stadt in Alaska aufgewachsen – ohne Anschluss ans Straßennetz, mit Gletschern, Walen, Bären und hohen Bergen als Nachbarn. Sie hat einen Abschluss in Meeresbiologie und hat an diversen Forschungsprojekten mitgearbeitet, vor allem zu Buckel- und Grauwalen.

Seit 1997 leitet sie Touren in die Wildnis; in der Arktis und Antarktis ist sie seit neun Jahren als Guide und Kajakguide unterwegs. Sie begleitet kleine Gruppen auf Campingtrips in der Wildnis Alaskas.

Shelli ist künstlerisch begabt; sie hat 2009 ein illustriertes Buch über die Vogelwelt veröffentlicht und stellt ihre Arbeiten in verschiedenen Galerien aus. Ansonsten findet man sie bei oft in ihrer kleinen Hütte in Alaska, beim Cross-Country-Skillauf, beim Fliegenfischen – und dabei, andere Menschen für die wunderschönen Polarregionen zu begeistern.

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4. Add 1 to 3 pictures (they should be 1 MB minimum in size, in landscape format and attached separately when you decide to send your entry to us).
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Ship's Physician:	Veronique Verhoeven	[Belgium]

and

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Expedition Guide:	Irene Kaster	[Germany/Norway]
Expedition Guide:	Beau Pruneau	[Canada/Germany]
Expedition Guide:	Fridrik Fridriksson	[Iceland]
Expedition Guide:	Gérard Bodineau	[France]
Expedition Guide:	Shelli Ogilvy	[USA]

welcome you on board!



North Spitsbergen

Polar Bear Special

Embarkation - Longyearbyen

Tuesday 30 August 2016

1600 **Welcome on board!** Your luggage will be delivered to your cabin as soon as possible. Check to make sure you are not missing anything. Feel free to explore around the ship. The **Lounge** is located on Deck 5.

~1715 Please join Hotel Manager Andre van der Haak and Expedition Leader Andrew Bishop in the Lounge (Deck 5) for an **Introduction to the ship**.

This will be followed by a Mandatory Safety and Lifeboat Drill in the Lounge. ALL PASSENGERS are required to attend this very important safety briefing.

~1800 Plancius departs northbound. The foredeck and aft deck are closed while the crew are handling the mooring lines.

PLEASE NOTE: the Bridge and Bridge wings will be closed when we depart. We will make an announcement when the Bridge is open.

1900 **Captain's Cocktails!** Captain Alexey Nazarov and Expedition Leader Andrew Bishop invite you to the **Lounge** (Deck 5) for a Welcome Drink and a toast to our voyage.

1930 Dinner is served in the Dining Room (located on Deck 3 behind reception).
Bon appétit!

This evening we will sail into open waters and the ship may start to move. Please ensure you secure all of your valuables (cameras, computers, etc.) in your cabin to prevent any accidents and keep at least one hand free for the ship when you are moving around. Safety first!



North Spitsbergen

Polar Bear Special

Hamiltonbukta & Buchananhavøya

Wednesday 31 August 2016

- 0700 Wake-up call.
- 0730 **Breakfast** buffet is available for one hour in the dining room
- 0830 Please join Andrew in the **Lounge** for a **mandatory AECO** and Polar Bear briefing. This will be followed by a briefing on how we use our Zodiac boats.
- TBA **Rubber Boots.** We will call you by deck number to come to the Boot Room located on deck 3 forward. Please listen for announcements and bring a pair of the socks you will be wearing to ensure the correct fit.
- 1030 For our first activity of the trip we would like to offer a Zodiac cruise at the scenic glacier, **Hamiltonbukta**.
- 1300 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.
- 1430 This afternoon we plan to land at **Buchananhavøya**. Here we would like to offer walks of a long, medium and short distance. Please listen for announcements
- 1900 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the **Lounge** for a quick **Daily Briefing**.
- 1930 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3). Bon appétit.



North Spitsbergen

Polar Bear Special

Phippsøya and Sea Ice

Thursday 1 September 2016

0730 Wake-up call.

0800 **Breakfast** buffet is available for one hour in the dining room

0930 This morning we would like to go ashore at **Phippsøya**, one of the northern-most islands in the Svalbard archipelago. Here we hope to offer long, medium and short walks. Please listen for announcements.

1300 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

This afternoon we plan to sail to the **Pack Ice** North of Spitsbergen. Going through the ice is already an unforgettable experience, but we will also be on the lookout for charismatic wildlife.

Be a part of the team as we search for polar bears; if you spot our first bear before the staff you'll win a prize!

1900 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the **Lounge** for a quick **Daily Briefing**.

1930 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.



North Spitsbergen

Polar Bear Special

Expedition Day: Sea Ice

Friday 2 September 2016

We will spend the day in the far North of Spitsbergen, “hunting” for marine mammals in the pack ice. If we encounter any wildlife, please keep noise levels down (voices low; close doors gently; don’t knock equipment against the ship etc.) for the best opportunities of remaining with the wildlife.

We will offer a lecture program, but please note that we will change this anytime for wildlife encounters. Please listen for announcements!

0730 Wake-up call

0800 **Breakfast** buffet is available for one hour in the dining room

TBA Please come to the Lounge to hear Gérard talk about **Ice at Sea**.

1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

TBA In the late afternoon Katja would like to talk about **Polar Bears** in the Lounge.

1830 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the **Lounge** for a quick **Daily Briefing**.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.

TBA = to be announced



North Spitsbergen

Polar Bear Special

Sea Ice, Karl XII Øya & Expedition

Saturday 3 September 2016

0730 Wake-up call.

0800 **Breakfast** buffet is available for one hour in the dining room

TBA This morning we will slowly make our way out of the ice and towards Karl XII Øya, a remote island North of Nordaustlandet. Conditions allowing we would like to offer a zodiac cruise.

1300 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

This afternoon will be in the Expedition style and our planned activity will be determined by the weather. Please standby for announcements!

1830 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the **Lounge** for a quick **Daily Briefing**.

1900 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room. Bon appétit.



North Spitsbergen

Polar Bear Special

Ytre Norskøya & Expedition

Sunday 4 September 2016

0800 Wake-up call.

0830 **Breakfast** buffet is available for one hour in the dining room

This morning we will again be in the ice looking for very elusive wildlife, this time to the North West of Spitsbergen. Please standby for announcements.

1300 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

~1600 We hope to visit the island of **Ytre Norskøya**, which translates as “Outer Norwegian Island” where Dutch whalers had a station in the 17th century. There is a grave site, which holds around 165 graves. We will offer the usual hike options; Long, Medium and Leisurely.

1830 Come and join Andrew and the Expedition team in the **Lounge** for a quick **Daily Briefing**.

1900 A surprise **Dinner** is served on deck 3 aft (through the door at the back of the Dining Room). Bon appétit.



North Spitsbergen

Polar Bear Special

Alkhornet

Monday 5 September 2016

0745 Wake-up call.

0800 **Breakfast** buffet is available for one hour in the Dining Room.

1000 Irene would like to talk about **Seld Dogs – Hard workers, elite sport stars & true companions**. This will take place in the dining room.

André and Dejan will be settling accounts later in the morning. Please listen carefully to their announcements for your turn to see them at Reception.

1230 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room.

~1400 This afternoon we hope to go ashore at **Alkhornet**, a scenic bird cliff where reindeer are known to graze. As usual we would like to offer three different hiking options; long, medium and leisurely. Please listen for announcements.

1900 Come and join the Captain, Andrew and the Expedition team in the **Lounge** for **Captains Cocktails**.

1930 Your farewell dinner is served. Bon appétit.

~2120 We would like to collect your rubber boots! Please listen for announcements as we will be collecting them by deck. *We do not require your zodiac life jackets.*



North Spitsbergen

Polar Bear Special

Disembarkation

Tuesday 6 September 2016

0715 Final **wake-up call** – good morning!

0730 **Breakfast** is available in the restaurant for one hour.

Please put your **big luggage into the corridors BEFORE you come to breakfast**. Your carry-on luggage can stay in your cabins until you disembark – to assist the stewards please do not leave them on the beds.

0830 **Disembarkation**. Please identify your luggage and move it to the appropriate vehicle. Staff will be on hand to direct you.

- If you are on an afternoon flight please put your luggage in the truck.
- If you are staying in town please take your luggage with you on the bus.

0900 Buses depart the pier and take you to town.

1300 Buses depart for the airport from Svalbard Butikken (where you were dropped off). Please collect your luggage from the truck when you arrive at the airport.

On behalf of the MV *Plancius* crew and staff, we thank you for your companionship and enthusiasm during this expedition. We hope to see you again soon be it in the North, the South, or somewhere in between.
Have a safe journey home!