

ARCTIC & ANTARCTIC

EXPEDITION CRUISES



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DO YOU REMEMBER...

...the sense of wonder you had when you were a child, and every creature, every landscape, every sunset, and every starry night was a new and awesome experience? Being in Antarctica makes you feel that way again.

Greg McCann

travelled with us in Antarctica.





COME FEEL
— THE —
WONDER

OF THE ARCTIC AND ANTARCTICA

Come with us to experience the
magnificence of the polar regions.
An experience that will bring you...

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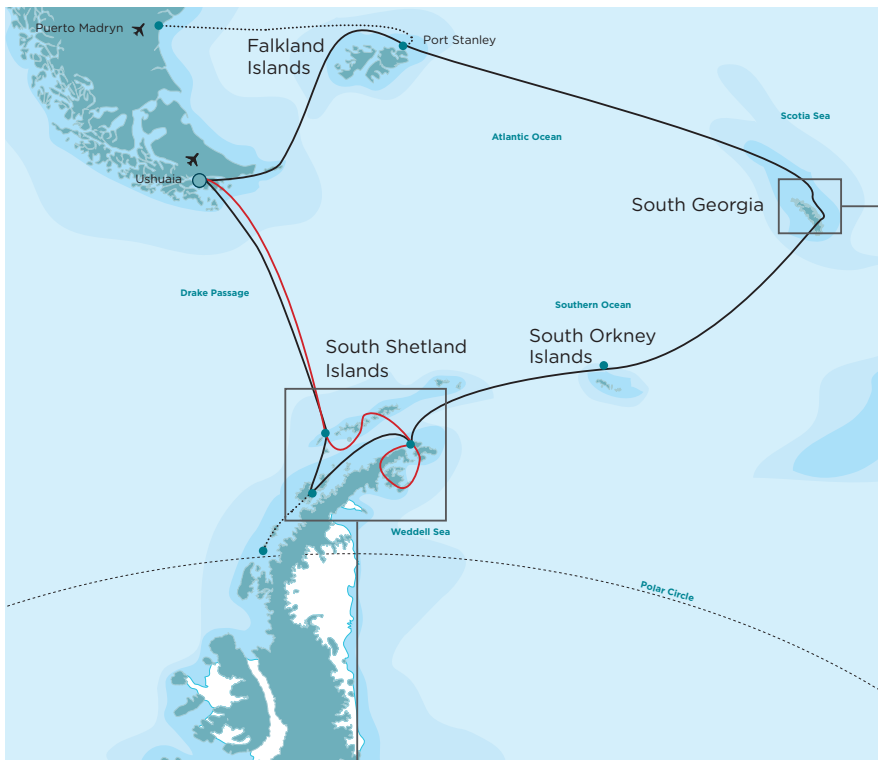
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OUR ANTARCTICA ROUTES



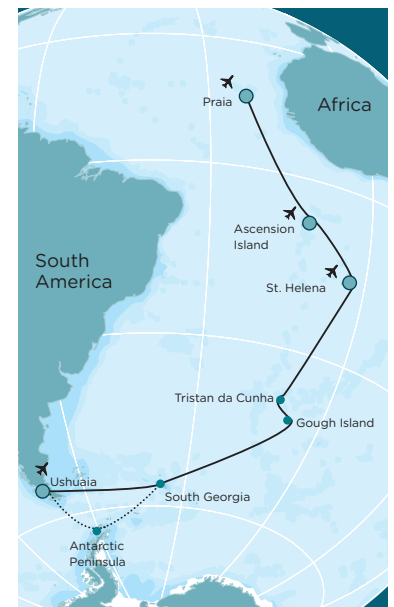
ANTARCTICA ROUTES

Antarctica and the Sub-Antarctic Islands are some of the last unspoiled wildernesses on our planet. The Weddell Sea is mostly ice-clogged with huge tabular icebergs. Snow-capped mountains are towering from the sea with hundreds of glaciers. Wildlife is abundant: penguins, whales, seals and sea birds. Crossing the Antarctic Circle to reach the most Southerly position brings polar history back to life.



ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

The Antarctic Peninsula is one of the most beautiful regions of the entire continent. Your cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula will reveal the most diverse mixture of wildlife throughout Antarctica. The prevalence of penguins is a highlight during most expeditions, and a visit during the summer can even reveal plant life such as the area's only two flowering plants: the Antarctic pearlwort and Antarctic hair grass.



ATLANTIC ODYSSEY

The Mid Atlantic Islands are the remotest places on earth to reach. There is a wide variety of wildlife South and North of the Antarctic Convergence.



INTERESTED

IN CREATING YOUR OWN POLAR TRAVEL STORY?

Please join us. The Polar regions are special and amazing but you're the one who will see, hear, feel, smell and taste them. All of their power and vulnerability are there for you.

If you want to get even closer, we'll take you on a shore walk or a kayak outing along the Antarctic coastline. Or perhaps you'd prefer to sit in the snow, enjoying the silence. Some travelers may even dream of having a tuxedo party with penguins. There's nothing wrong with that.

The point is, it's your personal polar experience.

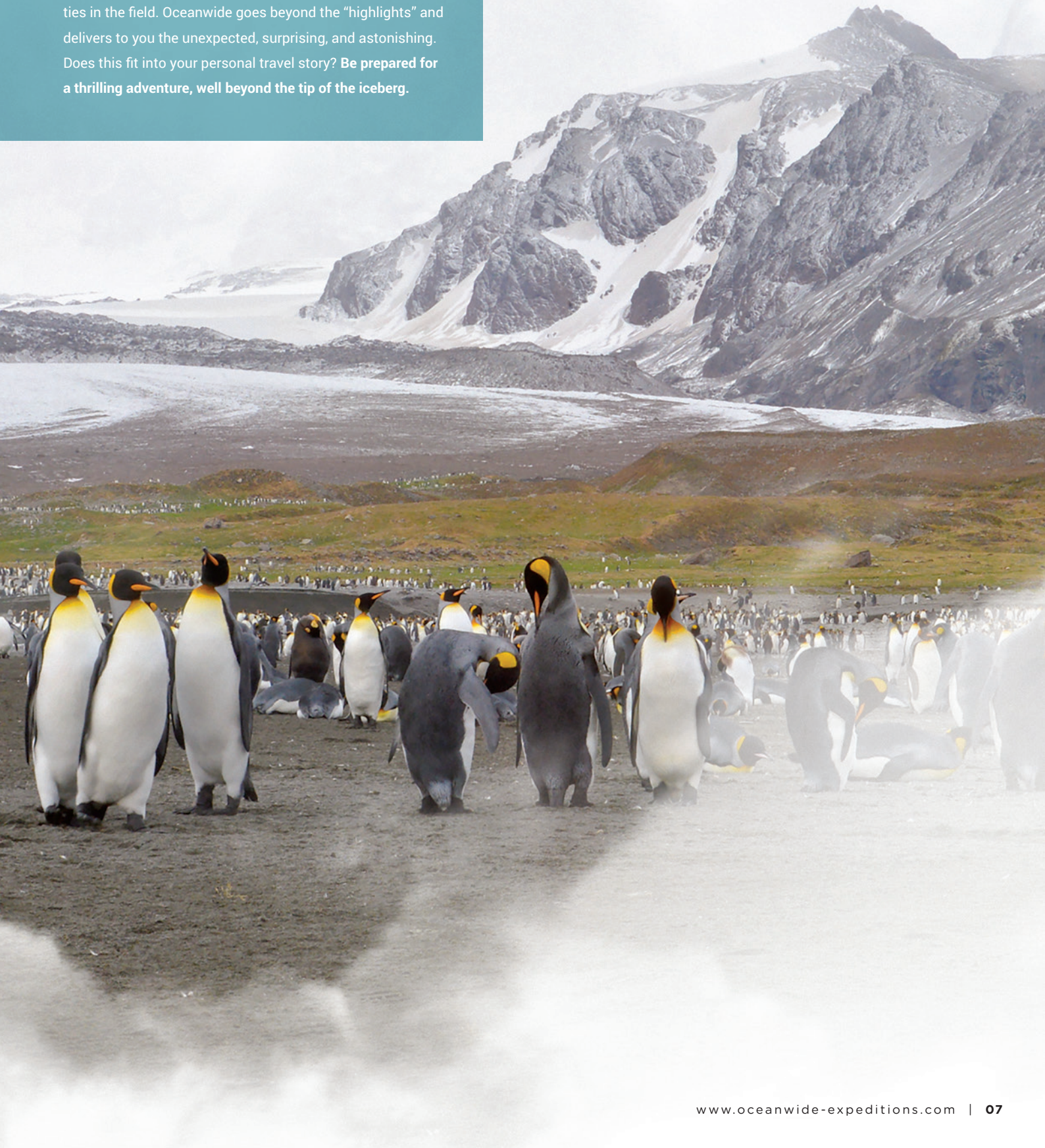
JIM'S BUCKET LIST

- Tuxedo party with penguins
- ~~Close encounter with Humpback Whale~~
- ~~Do the Titanic scene with wife amidst the icebergs~~

NOT INTERESTED

IN REACHING ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG?

You've come to the right place. Oceanwide Expeditions will take you well beyond the tip into the depths of the Polar regions. Since 1996, our specialty has been exploration and we can get you **closer to the heart** of the Arctic and Antarctica. We do this through dynamic, quality programs and shore-based activities filled with exciting and up-close opportunities in the field. Oceanwide goes beyond the "highlights" and delivers to you the unexpected, surprising, and astonishing. Does this fit into your personal travel story? **Be prepared for a thrilling adventure, well beyond the tip of the iceberg.**



ACTIVITY OPTIONS

SEA, AIR & LAND



HIKING / SNOWSHOEING

We offer easy, moderate and more demanding walks in the vicinity of the landing sites to suit everyone's capability. Rubber boots for hiking will be provided. Snowshoes are available free of charge for everyone on board and fit all boot sizes.



ZODIAC CRUISING & SHORE PROGRAM

Guided shore excursions, walks, wildlife spotting and zodiac cruises are included in the cruise fare and will be offered to all passengers during all voyages. We put our emphasis on active wildlife and nature experience. We take advantage of wildlife opportunities by using our zodiacs for both landings and cruises.

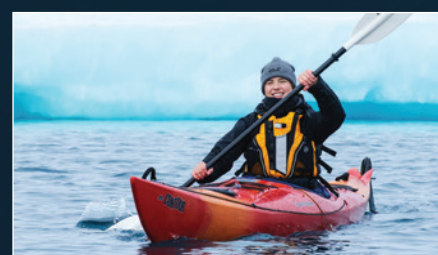


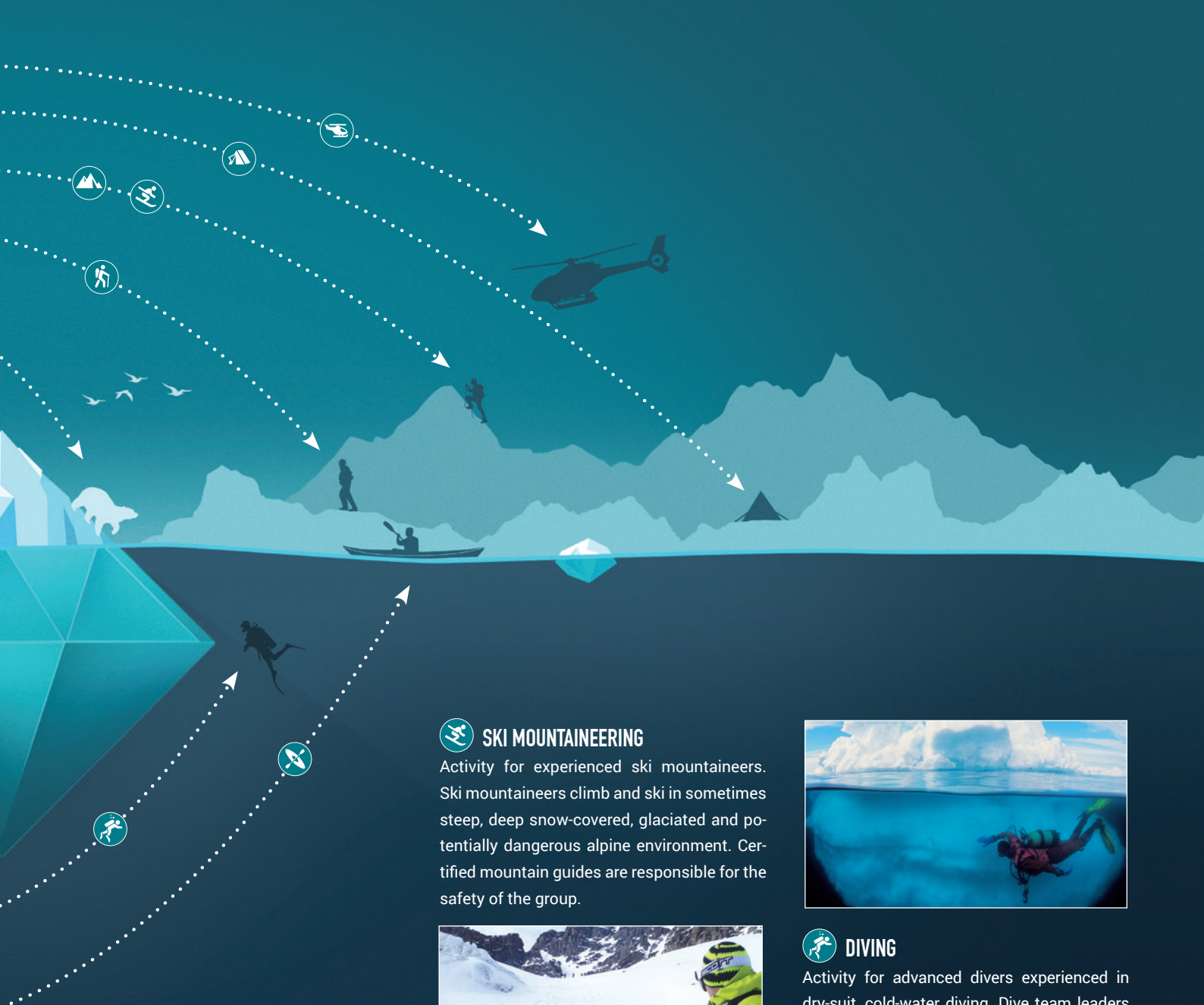
CAMPING

In Antarctica we offer "open-air" camping, a rare opportunity to sleep under the stars for a unique Antarctic wilderness experience. Special equipment will be provided. The camping group will be taken ashore after dinner and returned to the ship just before breakfast.

KAYAKING

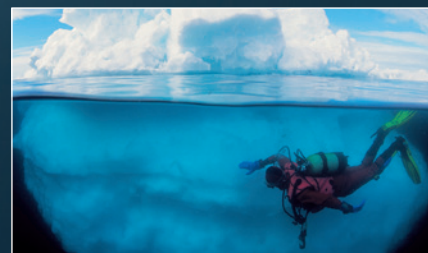
On selected voyages we offer kayaking, which is available for everyone. Special kayak gear will be provided: single- and double-seat kayaks, neoprene wet suits, life vests. A kayak guide will supervise the activity, kayakers will be accompanied by a safety Zodiac boat.





SKI MOUNTAINEERING

Activity for experienced ski mountaineers. Ski mountaineers climb and ski in sometimes steep, deep snow-covered, glaciated and potentially dangerous alpine environment. Certified mountain guides are responsible for the safety of the group.



DIVING

Activity for advanced divers experienced in dry-suit, cold-water diving. Dive team leaders and dive guides are responsible for safety during operation. Basic equipment is available on board (scuba tanks, compressors, weights and diving essentials). Divers bring their own personal gear.



HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

On selected Ortelius voyages we use helicopters to get even closer to the heart of untouched wildlife, allowing to set foot onto some of the world's most remote landscapes. Take a flight above the ice of the Weddell Sea or Ross Sea and enjoy the magnificent scenery of the Antarctic wilderness.

MOUNTAINEERING

A more technical and strenuous activity for those who wish to summit viewpoints under the leadership of a certified mountain guide. Physical fitness and mountaineering boots are essential. Special glacier equipment will be provided: ropes and carabiners, harnesses, helmets, ice axes and crampons. Max. group size per guide: 6.

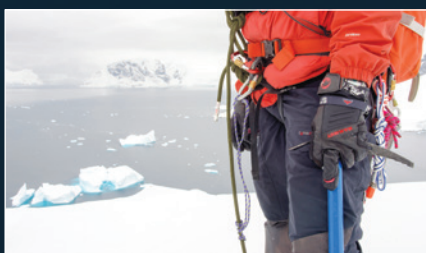


PHOTO WORKSHOP

On some voyages we offer photo workshops for beginners and advanced under the supervision of a photo expert on board. Participants learn about objects, exposures, photo composition and basic rules of photography in photo lectures and during landing days.

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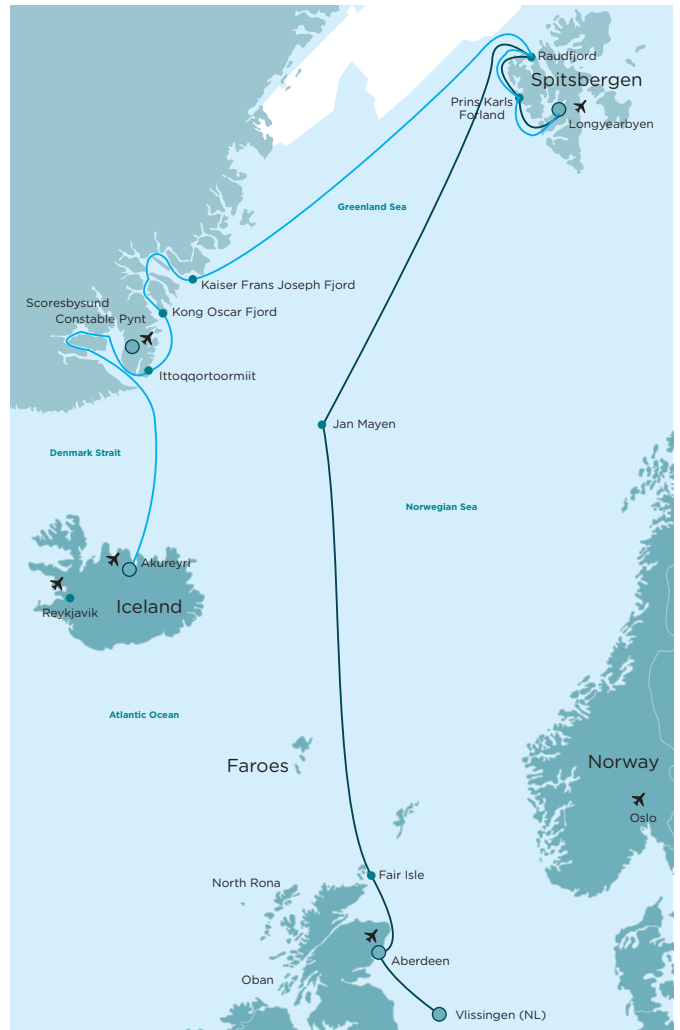
SPITSBERGEN

Spitsbergen is the land of the midnight sun, snow, pack ice, and the king of the Arctic, the Polar Bear! Rugged mountains, lush tundra glaciers and a wealth of maritime wildlife and hundreds of thousands of seabirds give this region its unique character. Oceanwide Expeditions operates in Spitsbergen from April until October.



NORTH NORWAY

North Norway cruises carry you into a picturesque land dominated by thousands of kilometres of coastland and blanketed by the beauty of the Northern Lights. The waters are home to all sorts of whales. Oceanwide Expeditions operates in North Norway from November until March.



GREENLAND

East Greenland and the inner fjords open their icy gateway and become accessible by ship and zodiacs. Colors change dramatically in autumn, mountains stick out from the sea and sunsets slowly fade into pitch dark nights when the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) glow bright in the night sky.

EXPEDITION VESSELS

Oceanwide Expeditions owns and operates a modern fleet of small ice-strengthened expedition vessels: m/v Plancius, m/v Ortelius, s/v Rembrandt van Rijn and s/v Noorderlicht, and, launching in 2019, m/v Hondius. Our ships offer a comfortable on-board hotel product. The luxury lies in the field, being outdoors.



MV HONDIUS
 Registered: The Netherlands
 Length: 107.6 meters
 Breadth: 17.6 meters
 Draft: 5.3 meters
 Ice class: Polar Class 6 (equivalent 1A-Super)
 Displacement: 5,590 tons
 Propulsion: 2 x ABC main engines; total 4,200 kW
 Design operation speed: 15 knots
 Passengers: 180 in 85 cabins
 Staff & crew: 76
 New build 2019



MV PLANCIUS
 Registered: The Netherlands
 Length: 89 meters
 Breadth: 14.5 meters
 Draft: 5 meters
 Ice class: 1D
 Displacement: 3,211 tons
 Propulsion: 3x Diesel-Electric
 Average cruising speed: 10,5 knots
 Passengers: 116 in 53 cabins
 Crew, guides, doctor: 37 / 8 / 1
 Completely rebuilt in 2009



MV ORTELIUS
 Registered: Cyprus
 Length: 90.95 meters
 Breadth: 17.20 meters
 Draft: 5.4 meters
 Ice class: UL1 (equivalent to 1A)
 Displacement: 4,090 tons
 Propulsion: 6 ZL 40/48 SULZER
 Average cruising speed: 10,5 knots
 Passengers: 116 in 53 cabins
 Crew, guides, doctor: 41 / 8 / 1
 Various decks refurbished 2012-2015



SV REMBRANDT VAN RIJN
 Registered: Vanuatu
 Length: 49.50 meters
 Breadth: 6.65 meters
 Draft: 2.8 meters
 Ice class: Enforced bow
 Displacement: 435 tons
 Propulsion: 2 Cummins / 550 KW
 Average cruising speed: 6,5 knots
 Passengers: 33 in 16 cabins
 Crew, guides: 10 / 2
 Completely refurbished in 2011



SV NOORDERLICHT
 Registered: The Netherlands
 Length: 46 meters
 Breadth: 6.5 meters
 Draft: 3.2 meters
 Ice class: Strengthened bow
 Displacement: 300 tons
 Propulsion: 360 hp diesel
 Average cruising speed: 6 knots
 Passengers: 20 in 10 cabins
 Crew, guides: 4 / 1
 Rerigged and refitted in 1991



WHY US?

WE ARE PIONEERS OF SHIP-BASED EXPLORATORY VOYAGES IN THE ARCTIC AND ANTARCTICA. WITH OUR EXPERTISE AND OWN FLEET OF SHIPS, WE ARE ABLE TO GUIDE PASSENGERS TO AMAZING AND AUTHENTIC SIGHTS AS DEEP AS POSSIBLE INTO THE HEART OF THE POLAR REGIONS.

1. Safe, company owned, quality ice strengthened expedition vessels meeting the highest international safety standards with competent crew and staff and a cozy informal atmosphere on board.
2. Our small ships and Zodiacs give us great flexibility and facilitate quick disembarkation so passengers can spend as much time ashore as possible.
3. We are able to provide a wide array of activity options and shore excursions for all levels, from novice to expert. Our vessels are your basecamp for activities at sea, air & land.
4. Fully equipped for special activities. We provide industry leading hardware: tents, sleeping bags, snowshoes, kayaks, diving compressors, scuba tanks and weights, rubber boots with grip sole, sledges (pulkas), mountaineering hardware.
5. Development of innovative trips and theme voyages: Examples are our voyages with helicopters, bringing you to places otherwise inaccessible.
6. Our first pioneering expeditions as 'Plancius Foundation' date back to 1983 being one of the first ship operators in Spitsbergen. In 1996 Oceanwide Expeditions was founded and we invented the "basecamp" concept in 2010. Our pioneering spirit and know-how remain strong today.
7. We set foot on the world's most remote places such as Bouvet Island, Tristan da Cunha, South Sandwich Islands and the high-Antarctic Dry Valleys.
8. Oceanwide Expeditions is a responsible vessel operator and a respected member of **AECO** and **IAATO**.





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