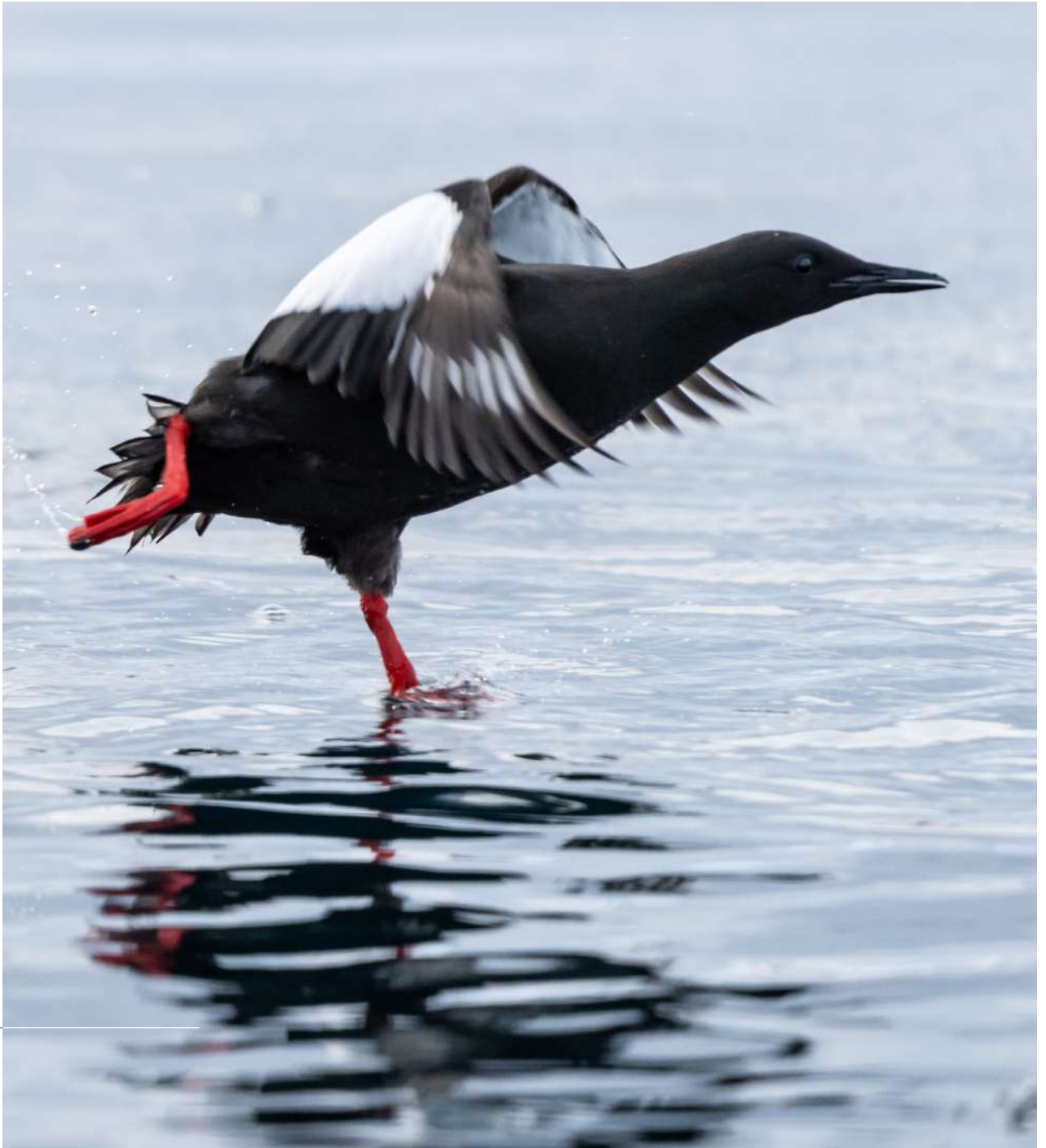


# Jewels of the Arctic

Aboard *Greg Mortimer* | 8–21 July 2024





## Jewels of the Arctic

8 July – 21 July 2024

# Longyearbyen

DAY 1 | Monday 8 July 2024

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Latitude:

78°15.1'N

Longitude:

015 51.1'E

Course:

324°

Speed:

12.9 knots

Wind Speed:

3 knots NE

Barometer:

1018 hPa

Air Temp:

1°C

Here we are inside the Arctic Circle, at 78° North. Surrounded by spectacular mountains in the picturesque coal-mining town of Longyearbyen, we got off our tour buses knowing that this will be our last glimpse of civilisation for a while. Over the next 13 days, we are more likely to encounter a fox, reindeer, or polar bear than another human.

Upon arrival at the pier, we were greeted by Kerry, the Onboard Expedition Manager, and Photography Guide, Jamie, who took our photos. The Expedition Team showed us on board to a waiting banquet of canapes.

After checking in and enjoying refreshments at the Elephant Island Bar, the stewards helped us navigate the decks to our cabins and settle into our 'home away from home.'

Expedition Leader Mario then called us into the lecture theatre to welcome us aboard. To start, he shared a short welcome video by Greg Mortimer himself, who explained why the X-BOW design and the spirit of adventure is what truly enhances each day of an expedition with Aurora. We were then introduced to a multi-skilled Expedition Team, who are eager to share their knowledge and are as excited as we are for what lies ahead.

# Julibukta

DAY 2 | Tuesday 9 July 2024

Latitude:  
79°013.8' N  
Longitude:  
011°42.6' E

Course:  
Var  
Speed:  
Var

Wind Speed:  
7KN SE  
Barometer:  
1003 hPa

Air Temp:  
0°C

'There's a polar bear, right in front of the ship' came Expedition Leader Mario's warm voice and thick Italian accent.

We scrambled out on deck and there it was, right in the middle of a distant gravel spit, its whole head crimson from plunging into an old walrus carcass. What a way to wake up!

After lunch we anchored in Fjortende Julibukta, meaning '14 July Bay'. After layering up in warm clothes, we donned life jackets and Muck Boots and headed out through a door in the hull just above the waterline to board inflatable Zodiacs. Groups rotated between a shore landing and a Zodiac exploration. The landing involved a poled

route taking in polar willow, drifts of mauve moss campion, mouse-ear and mountain aven, bright orange lichen and fantastically folded sedimentary rock, with huge lumps of glacial ice rocking in the shoreline swell near the landing.

The Zodiacs wended between chunks of ice towards the translucent blue and green glacier front, past flocks of kittiwakes resting on ice-islands. Then in the outer bay, nesting birds low on the cliffs: kittiwakes, a glaucous gull with chicks, Brünnich's guillemots in their smart black-and-white 'dinner suits', northern fulmars, and the camera-card-hogging puffins.







# Idabreen | Moffen Island

DAY 3 | Wednesday 10 July 2024

Latitude:  
79° 38.6'N  
Longitude:  
013°28.9'E

Barometer:  
1015 hPa  
Air Temp:  
2°C

Course:  
243°  
Speed:  
9.8KN

When the *Greg Mortimer* entered Liefdefjorden, the winds exceeded 30 knots.

A small fjord north of Monacobreen seemed quite protected from the strong winds, so Mario made the decision to go on our Zodiac exploration there, and thus be able to observe another very beautiful glacier from a close distance, Idabreen.

Due to the strong winds, we decided to continue sailing north, since the afternoon disembarkation was not going to be possible.

After lunch we arrived at Moffen Island, a very flat island that is home to a colony of walrus. We observed these enormous pinnipeds

for a long time; they need this type of flat beach to be able to haul out to rest after spending time feeding in the icy waters of the arctic looking for clams.

After we all watched the walrus, John, one of our experienced naturalists, invited us to his talk about polar bears, since yesterday we were very lucky to see our first polar bear.

In this first part of the talk, John shared many very interesting characteristics about the largest and most powerful carnivore that inhabits our planet.







# Karl XII Island | Foynøya & Brochøya

DAY 4 | Thursday 11 July 2024

Latitude:

80°39.2'N

Longitude:

024°47.1'E

Course:

084°

Speed:

0.2KN

Barometer:

1022 hPa

Air Temp:

0°C

Initially, our plans to Zodiac cruise around Karl XII Island, named after the King of Sweden (1682–1718), seemed uncertain. The Expedition Team scouted the waters while Mario ensured safety despite the shifting ice and rolling fog. Once given the all-clear, we embarked on an incredible morning adventure, exploring the island's coastline from our Zodiacs.

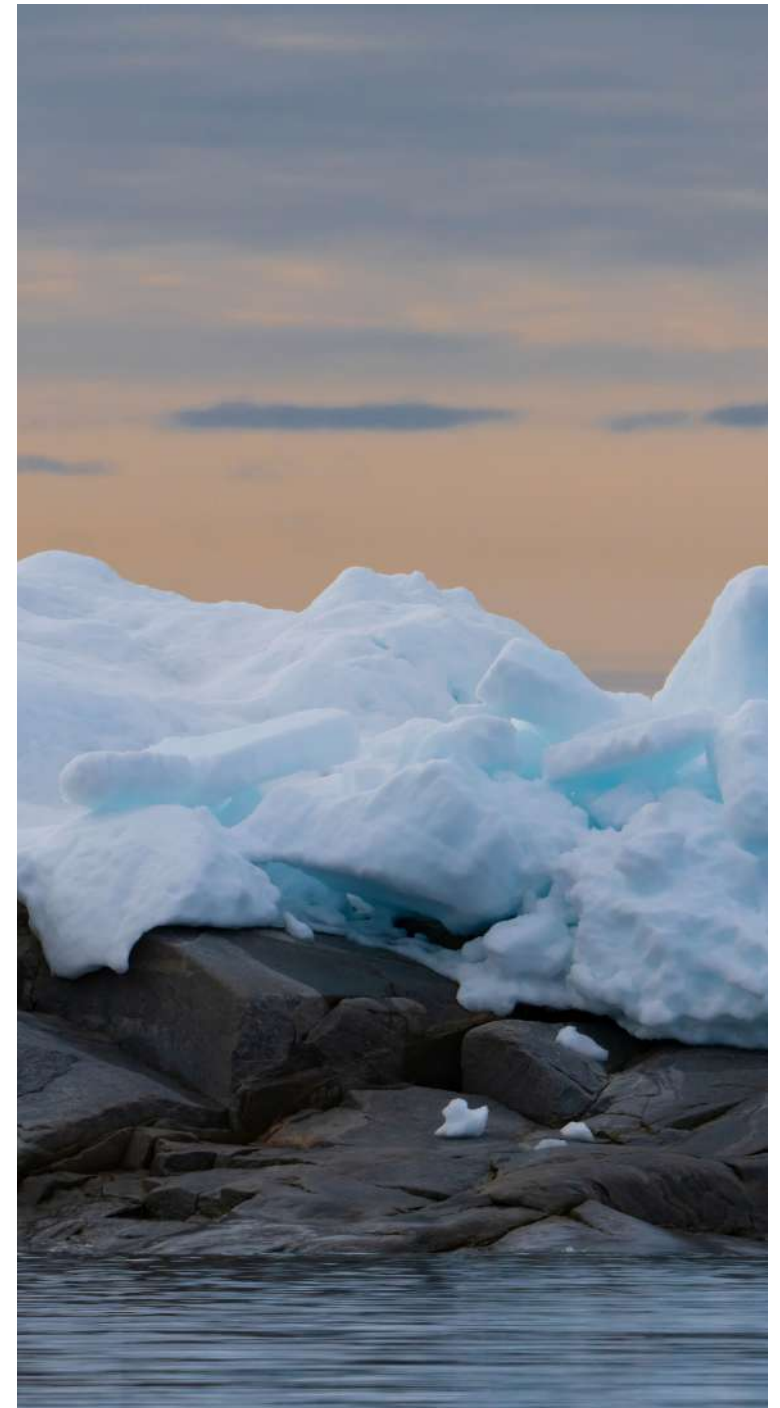
As the fog lifted, a breathtaking scene unfolded: walrus resting on the ice, and an endless horizon revealing its beauty. We cruised through the ice, basking in the unique light and feeling like true explorers.

After lunch, we repositioned through the pack ice towards Brochøya

and Foynøya islands. Suddenly, excitement surged as one of our explorers spotted a polar bear and a walrus on the distant island. Opting for a safer Zodiac exploration rather than going ashore, we set out in search of the bear.

We encountered numerous walrus on ice floes, their majestic presence adding to the stunning backdrop of the barren Nordaustlandet. On Foynøya, we were treated to the enchanting soundscape of thousands of little auks flying around the high rocks of the island. The sky was alive with the activity of kittiwakes, guillemots, glaucous gulls, and even a few puffins soaring through the air.







# Ytre Norskøya | Holmiabukta

DAY 5 | Friday 12 July 2024

Latitude:  
79°51.0'N  
Longitude:  
011°39.3'E

Barometer:  
1023 hPa  
Air Temp:  
4°C

Course:  
244°  
Speed:  
0.1KN

The arctic tern is an easy bird to admire. It is perhaps a more difficult creature to love. Their legendary migrations from the Arctic to the Antarctic are the longest of any animal, stretching to over 70,000 kilometres in a single year. Despite these epic journeys, they can live to be over 30 years old. And yet as some people coming ashore in Ytre Norskøya experienced, extreme travel and old age has not dulled their aggression – nor their beaks. The Expedition Team did what they could to get people safely ashore and to the start of the hiking tracks, but despite giving the terns a wide berth, once in a while they would come over for a warning swoop at our heads.

Keen-eyed walkers noticed dozens of sea urchin shells – left behind

by birds – while a lone grave likely belonging to a 17th-century whaler overlooked the bay. At the end of the path, the more energetic hikers continued to a high ridge, while others enjoyed a Zen moment with the sounds of the sea and puffins flying overhead.

After a short transit to Holmiabukta, the afternoon brought an exploratory Zodiac cruise, with boats heading off in different directions to see what they could find. Glaciers formed backdrops of a couple of mighty fjords, which ran turquoise with the meltwater.

Hundreds of Brünnich's guillemots were found in the water, while glaucous gulls and more of our friends the arctic terns filled the sky.













# At Sea, en route to Greenland

DAY 6 | Saturday 13 July 2024

Latitude:  
77°50.4' N  
Longitude:  
002°04.3' E

Barometer:  
1012 hPa  
Air Temp:  
1°C

Course:  
211°  
Speed:  
12.1KN

The day was at sea, with still many nautical miles to traverse to Greenland. Days at sea are for relaxation, reflection and education. The latter component began with John and his continuing presentation on polar bears, apex predators of the Arctic, the largest land carnivore (though classified as a marine mammal), which strides the frozen sea within one of the most extreme environments on the planet. This was followed by Meike and her presentation on arctic birds, the most conspicuous of all arctic wildlife.

Following lunch, Linda brought forth a spur-of-the-moment presentation on plankton of the realms we had visited. Plankton (particularly phytoplankton, which are microscopic marine algae) are the foundation of the oceans' food webs and essential to almost

all life on earth. Hours of collection, instrument testing, exhaustive research and preservation of the living organisms by Linda and Chris led to a lively interplay of prepared information and interactive discovery of the micromarine life in real time.

The arctic boasts a rich history, highlighted by Svalbard's discovery by the Dutch navigator Willem Barents in 1596 and the search for the Northwest Passage. Many other endeavoured in the slow unfolding of arctic discovery – whalers, sealers, scientists and erstwhile profiteers looking to exploit resources and discover new wonders, and even others willing to risk much to leave their mark in the annals of polar exploration. Kelsey covered the broad subject with honed aplomb.



# At Sea, en route to Greenland

DAY 7 | Sunday 14 July 2024

Latitude:  
73°36.2'N  
Longitude:  
011°21.3'W

Barometer:  
1017 hPa  
Air Temp:  
0°C

Course:  
217°  
Speed:  
12.8KN

During our second sea day, cruising from Svalbard to East Greenland, we continue the journey through some of the most remote landscapes on earth. As the ship glides through the arctic waters, passengers are treated to an array of enriching lectures that deepen their understanding of this fascinating region.

Damon offered a very informative and entertaining introduction to Greenland, where he talked about Greenland's communities, some general facts of the island, and suicide rates. Passengers gained insight into how the harsh arctic environment has shaped the culture and survival strategies of Greenland's inhabitants.

Shortly after, Melina gave an introduction to geology and Greenland's unique features. She talked about some geology basics, and about the island's ancient rock formations, explaining how Greenland's bedrock, some of the oldest on the planet, offers a unique window into the earth's early history.

During her lecture, Linda explained what sea ice is, how it is formed, and why it is so important in earth's climate. She discussed the critical role of the arctic sea ice in regulating the global climate system. The lecture highlighted the alarming rates at which the ice is melting due to rising temperatures, with profound implications for global sea levels and weather patterns.



# At Sea – Approaching Greenland

DAY 8 | Monday 15 July 2024

Latitude:

69°49.07' N

Longitude:

018°32.0' W

Course:

Variable, ice nav.

Speed:

3.2KN

Barometer:

1024 hPa

Air Temp:

0°C

Overnight the ship had made slow progress through the thick fog and sea ice.

First up after breakfast was Meike with an uplifting lecture, 'Whales under the ice – a Miracle Whale Tale' about an Inuit community in Alaska that worked together with companies, the military and government agencies to free a pod of whales that had become stuck under a sea ice sheet.

In the afternoon, Teal shared a talk on one of his arctic heroes, Gino Watkins. Gino was an adventurous and productive explorer, who

contributed greatly to the knowledge of Greenland and the people living there. His colourful life was tragically cut short at 25 years, however, by a kayaking and glacier accident.

This afternoon, we were summoned to the lecture theatre to make teams and play a mysteriously named game of 'How Big is it?' At each round, teams had to guess how big something was. Jamie and Damon hosted while other E-Team members worked behind the scenes. It was good fun and informative.



# Off the Coast of Greenland

DAY 9 | Tuesday 16 July 2024

Latitude:  
69°50.0'N  
Longitude:  
019°42.6'W

Barometer:  
1030 hPa  
Air Temp:  
-1° C

Course:  
327°  
Speed:  
4KN

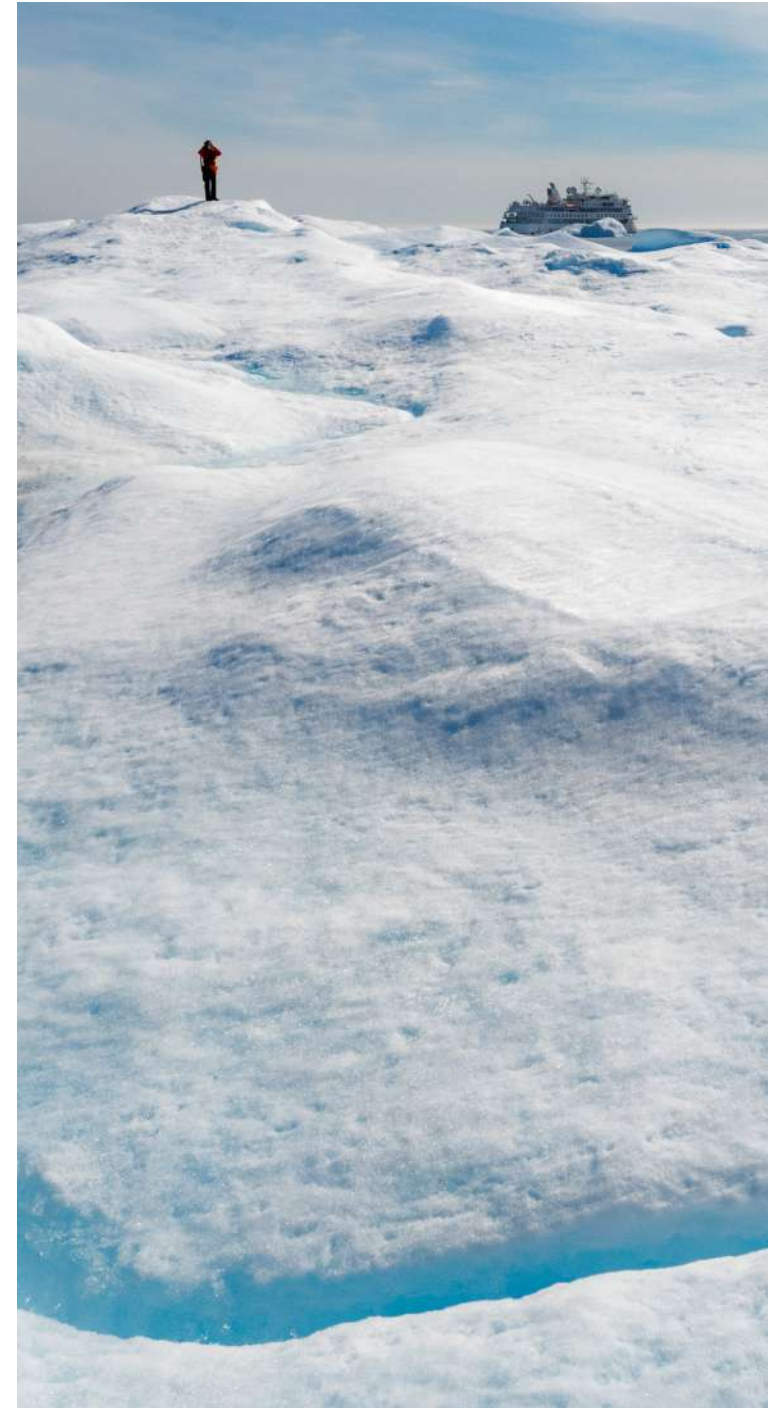
We awoke in the pack ice as it drifted down the east coast of Greenland. Once again, our bridge team spent another night navigating through the thick floes of multi-year sea ice – a process made more complicated by the dense banks of fog we kept meeting along the way. The *Greg Mortimer* is the only ship on the east coast, and our curling, zigzagging track is a testament to our determined efforts to reach land.

We got our first glimpses of the Greenland coast: steep mountains of the Watkins Range. We were getting closer to our goal, and a brief break in the fog allowed us to go out on deck and marvel at the floes drifting by. We set up the deck 5 viewing platforms on the bow, and watched the world go by in dazzling sunlight.

As we continued to approach land and the mouth of Scoresbysund, more birds started to appear. Linda hosted an eBird survey on deck 8, and was joined by several eager citizen scientists. Little auks bobbed to and fro on the water's surface.

Shortly after, Mario surprised us all with the decision to land on sea ice: a floe with small hills and hummocks, vibrant turquoise meltwater pools dimpling the surface. Finally, we were able to get off the ship and enjoy the outside world. The floe was filled with laughter as some of us slid down the hills, made snowballs, and explored the bright ice. It was a surreal experience, and certainly unforgettable.







# Ittoqqortoormiit and Scoresbysund

DAY 10 | Wednesday 17 July 2024

Latitude:  
70°28.60' N  
Longitude:  
021°58.5' W

Barometer:  
1033 hPa  
Air Temp:  
5°C

Course:  
At anchor  
Speed:  
0 knots

The village of Ittoqqortoormiit is considered one of the most remote inhabited communities in the world and is one of the most northerly towns on the planet. We boarded the Zodiacs and headed ashore. The Expedition Team were scattered around the village.

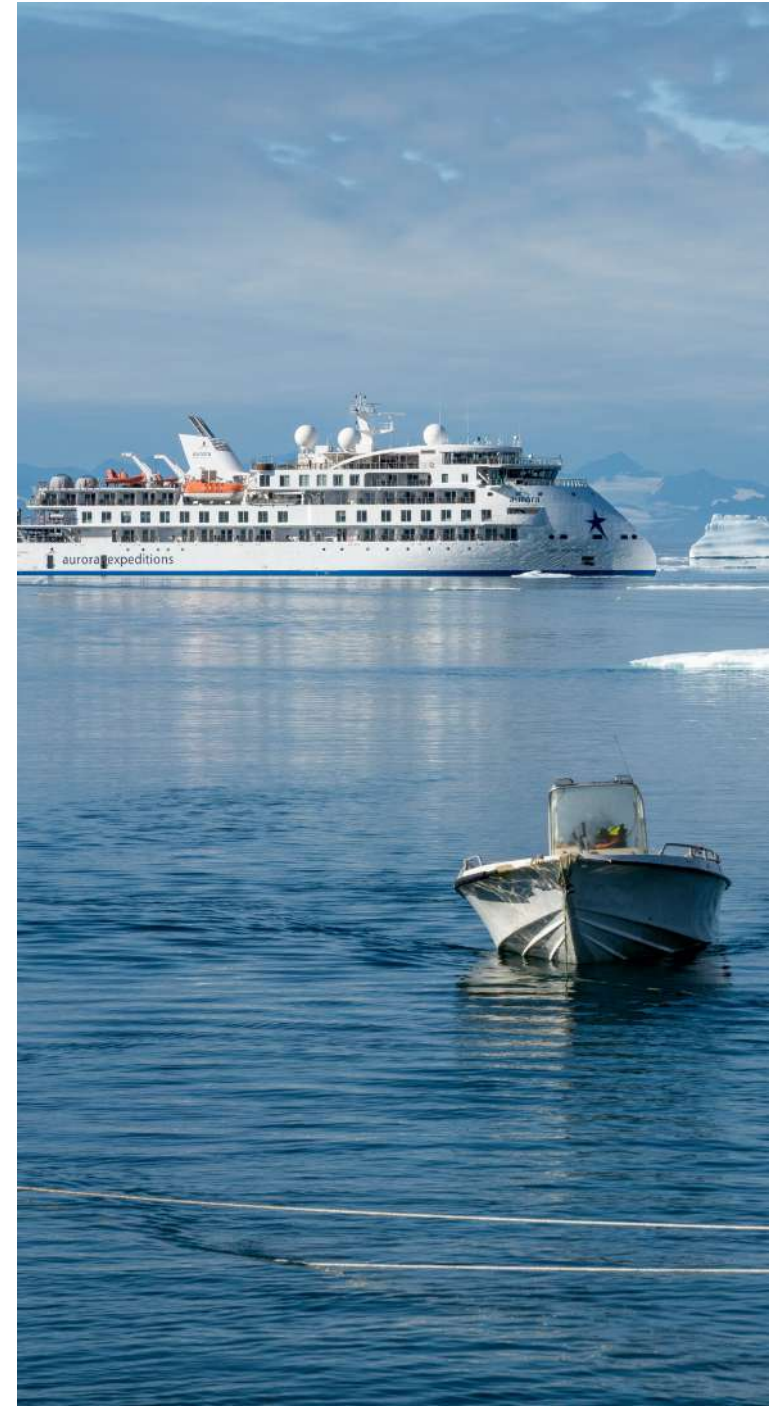
A group of us trudged up the track to the weather station to watch the weather balloon be released. There was a dramatic wait as the balloon was inflated with hydrogen gas. Our local balloon-ologist came out and it was released almost immediately, so we had to be quick to get a photo! The balloon collects data on wind, temperature, and humidity. This site is one of a thousand around the world. The large latex lump keeps going up and up and up and up, and eventually expands to a donut-shaped object up to 200 metres long!

For the afternoon there were myriad activities offered, including kayaking, a short beach-based Citizen Science project, a medium walk, and a long, hard hike.

The long hike went all the way up the ridge and looped back to the village. Meanwhile, those of us on the medium walk enjoyed some flowers, including purple 'moss campion', fluffy 'arctic willow', and white 'mouse-ear', as well as spotting arctic terns, Iceland gulls, and snow buntings.

We continued up into the dry valley, over moraine boulders and snow patches, and enjoyed the views of icy lakes.











# Hurry Inlet

DAY 11 | Thursday 18 July 2024

Latitude:  
70° 27.2'N  
Longitude:  
022° 028.9'E

Barometer:  
1030 hPa  
Air Temp:  
8°C

Course:  
059°  
Speed:  
10.6 knots

On what was to be our last day in Greenland, the *Greg Mortimer* made a short transit deeper into the Hurry Inlet. Despite the name, this was a place where things seemed to go slowly – signs of glacial erosion, and indeed actual glaciers, were everywhere.

Most people who made it ashore were split into two hiking groups to explore this vast landscape. The hope had been to see musk oxen, the prehistoric creatures that look as though they've wandered from the last Ice Age straight into the modern world. At least, that's how they appear on photographs – unfortunately, during our time ashore we didn't spot any of these large, charismatic megafauna.

Instead, our eyes were cast down and, as is so often the case, the longer we looked, the more we saw. The long hikers were keeping a pretty stiff pace, but during the march it was impossible to

completely ignore the astonishing bouquets of arctic flowers at our feet.

The highlight for many was the dwarf fireweed, a pretty, magenta-coloured flower that popped out from the tundra. Eagle-eyed walkers also spotted butterflies (including an uncommon clouded yellow) and what might have been a gyrfalcon, which tantalisingly hovered on the horizon before disappearing.

Straight after the landing, it was time for the traditional polar plunge. In the calm lee of the *Greg Mortimer*, people lined up to jump into the arctic water. To the surprise of some observers, the 25 plungers were remarkable in how professionally they went about their brave business – there were few declarations of profanity or new-found religion, and only one or two yelps of shock.





# Crossing from Greenland to Reykjavík, Iceland

DAY 12 | Friday 19 July 2024

Latitude: 69°54.2'N  
Longitude: 018°01.8'W

Barometer: 1030 hPa  
Air Temp: 0°C

Course: Ice navigation  
Speed: 10.4KN

It was sad to leave Greenland but there was a buzz on board about what we might see in Reykjavík. Well, Damon had a lecture in the morning that would cover some of that. He spoke of the large marine mammals that we might encounter as we approached Iceland and, being a great guide, suggested that a visit to Reykjavík was not complete without stopping in at the famous Penis Museum in town.

It was a restful day on the ship and people used the time to edit and sort through all the great photos they had taken. After lunch a film was screened: *Chasing Ice*, a documentary about James Balog's efforts to bring awareness to the rate that our glaciers are shrinking. The film included part of a 75-minute-long calving of a glacier in Greenland, the longest calving event ever to be captured on film.

After dinner we gathered for a competitive but fun few rounds of trivia hosted by Cindy MacDonald, who actually writes the quiz questions for newspapers in Australia.

However, the first round was promptly interrupted by a pod of orca swimming beside the ship.

They were very close and seemed to be racing and playing with our ship's wake. A spectacular sight and an unexpected treat.

Eventually back to the trivia and the teams were very closely matched. A roomful of very well-travelled people covered most of the answers. Thank you, Cindy, for a fun evening of learning and laughs. Tomorrow, destination Iceland!



# Approaching Iceland

DAY 13 | Saturday 20 July 2024

Latitude:  
65° 38.2'N  
Longitude:  
024° 58.6'E

Barometer:  
1023 hPa  
Air Temp:  
4°C

Course:  
205°  
Speed:  
13 knots

We were granted the opportunity for a final sleep-in this morning on board the *Greg Mortimer*. And while we were sleeping, the ship has made good progress overnight and we can almost see the coast of Iceland.

Today we finally got to see the brain of the ship, the bridge. The Captain explained to us about the build of the ship, how he navigates through open waters, ice and fog, how the stabilisers work and how the ship does not have a steering wheel, but just a teeny-tiny joystick to steer with. How incredible; what a beautiful ship she is!

After digesting all this new information and knowledge of the ship, we unfortunately had to listen to something nobody wants to listen to, the disembarkation briefing. But remember, when one adventure ends, another one begins. And so we all listened carefully to our wonderful OEM Kerry about how not to lose our luggage or partners/friends/family during disembarkation tomorrow.

As the ship sailed closer and closer to our final destination, Reykjavík, it was time for our Captain's Farewell. We said farewell to the amazing crew, and tears of happiness were shed during Jamie's voyage slideshow as we recalled the amazing adventures we had on our expedition.



# Reykjavík

DAY 14 | Sunday 21 July 2024

Latitude:  
64°09.54' N  
Longitude:  
021°56.0' W

Barometer:  
1008 hPa  
Air Temp:  
18°C

Aurora Expeditions thanks you for joining us aboard *Greg Mortimer* as we explored Svalbard and Greenland's incredible scenery, history and wildlife. We hope to see you on the high seas again someday!

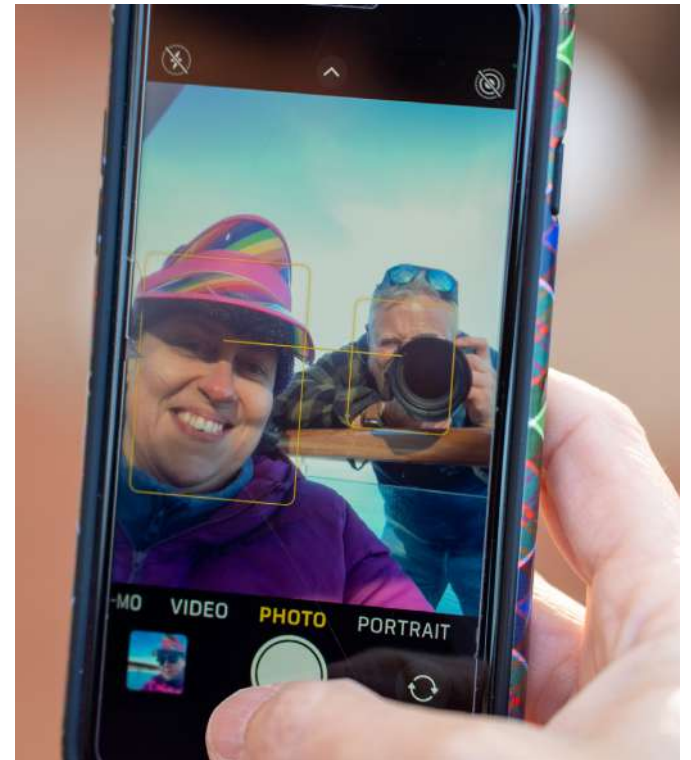
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Speed:  
Alongside



# BBQ







# Polar Plunge









# Kayaking Log

with Kayak Guides: Teal, Eduardo & Eamon

Tuesday 9 July, PM – Fjortende  
Julibukta 3.2 km

It was a busy morning full of briefings, finishing up with our kayak briefing. After lunch we headed down to the mudroom for our equipment fitting and first gear up. Once we were geared up, we got onto the water and had a bit of a shakedown and refresher on our paddling: we covered forward paddling and turning on the spot in the doubles. We then paddled northward towards the cliffs, at the mouth of Fjortende Julibukta. As we paddled along, we watched as puffins and Brünnich's guillemots flew overhead and nesting on the cliffs. We got into Krossfjord and then turned back on ourselves and headed back into the bay towards the landing beach, where we gathered for a whole group photo. We got back into the Zodiacs to conclude the first day of our adventure.

Wednesday 10 July, PM – Idabreen  
2.5 km

As we entered Leifdefjorden we were buffeted by 40-knot wind gusts. We were sure we would not be kayaking or even in Zodiacs this morning. However, there was a change of plans, and we took a turn into the small fjord of Idabreen. With the shelter of a tall mountain, this small fjord was relatively calm. The wind was expected to build but for now we had a chance to paddle. We launched in a sheltered spot and drifted past some rock-filled bergy bits. The mountains loomed around us as we closed the distance between us and the glacier. Wind was whipping now off the glacier and from behind also. After a group photo it was clear it was time to return to the ship, mission accomplished.

Number of Kayakers: 17

Total Paddle Outings: 7

Total Distance Paddled: 33.2 km

Kayakers:

Louise Myer

Martyn Myer

Susan Yates

Peter Yates

Heather Hayes

Greg Hayes

Deb Robertson

Ellen Coenra

Anne Quinn

John Short

Stuart Ozer

Lisa Herrinton

Timothy McKenna

Susan Bugg

Cindy MacDonald

Natalie Penge

Lisa Cottee

### Friday 12 July, AM – Ytre Norskøya 6.8 km

This morning could not have been better for sea kayaking. The conditions were perfect, no wind and glassy seas. We launched right from the ship since we were quite close to this little remote island, Ytre Norskøya. We circumnavigate the island, playing around the rocks and exploring its beautiful coastline. After paddling around Ytre Norskøya, we made a short traverse to the Indre Norskøya, another island to the south. It felt like gliding on the water due to the mirror-calm sea. After exploring a bit from the coast of this second island, we had five minutes of arctic silence, a nice way to admire this unique place and to say goodbye to Svalbard, because in the afternoon we will set sail to East Greenland!

### Friday 12 July, PM – Holmiabukta 6.1 km

We started the afternoon paddle with a short Zodiac trip over towards Kapp William. We launched our kayaks in view of the small trappers' cabin there. We paddled southward deeper into Holmiabukta, then we followed the coastline, where we found some small streams flowing down from a proglacial lake, which was just out of our view. As we came around the corner, we saw a mother eider duck and a group of chicks that had hatched within the last week. Also around the corner, we found Eduardo setting up 'Eamon's Bodega'. In view of the glacier, we drank some hot chocolate with a little bit of Tia Maria to help keep us warm. As we reached the back of the bay, we spent a minute viewing the glacier face, when we spotted a small ring seal in the water. Once we made our way out of Holmiabukta we crossed a channel over to a small, low-lying island with lots of arctic terns circling their nests. Then it was time to wrap up, so we got back into the Zodiacs and headed back to the ship.

### Wednesday 17 July, AM – Ittoqqortoormiit 4.5 km

The waters were glassy this morning and filled with loosely spaced ice floes. We towed the kayaks to the west into Walrus Bay, ready to launch. We paddled along the sandy beach, weaving our way through the floes until we reached the "fake" shade of the mountain behind the town. We then followed along below a small cliff looking at the interesting metamorphic rocks. As we rounded the corner into the bay we were treated to a look at some incredibly cute Greenland dogs. We gathered for a group shot with the colourful houses before we paddled back to the ship.

### Wednesday 17 July, PM – Ittoqqortoormiit 5.8 km

How nice it is to paddle in Greenland; it is undoubtedly a very special place. The weather in the afternoon was spectacular, with no wind and bright sunshine. This time we paddled towards the northern area of the bay where the small town of Ittoqqortoormiit is located. We paddled for two hours, between pieces of sea ice and enjoying the calm sea; it seemed that our kayaks were gliding over the surface. After paddling through the ice and discovering the rocky coast, we headed out to sea until we reached a huge iceberg. We took advantage of this moment to admire this large piece of glacial ice floating and go around it with our tiny kayaks. After that we boarded the Zodiacs to return to the ship. What a fantastic day, team!



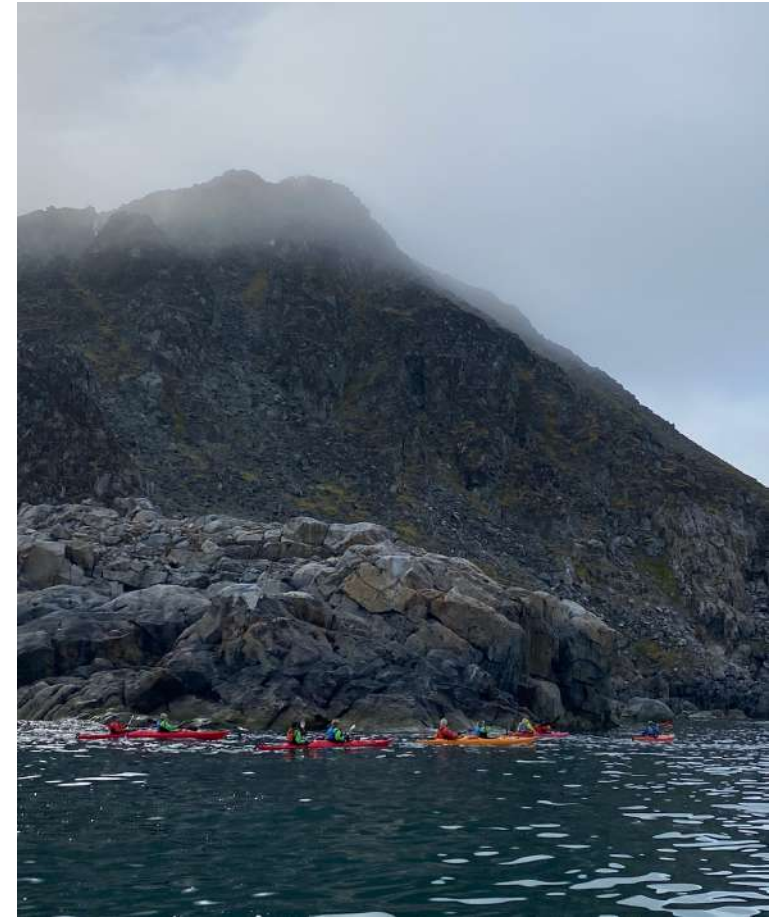
Thursday 18 July, AM – Hurry Inlet  
4.4 km

Not too far inside the mouth of Scoresbysund and past the community of Ittoqqortoormiit is a fjord called Hurry Inlet. This was going to be a kayak and landing at the end. The hike on land offered some great views as well. We towed our kayaks upwind. From here we had panoramic views of the mountains and distant glaciers. With the small waves behind us we cruised along the coast effortlessly. A small, shallow inlet was our destination. It was a calm refuge in the growing wind. We took a group photo with a scenic backdrop. Unfortunately, it was too shallow for a Zodiac pick-up so back out into the choppy waves we returned. An exciting finish. Having some time to walk among the amazing flora on land was a real treat. It was a best-of-both-worlds worlds outing today.















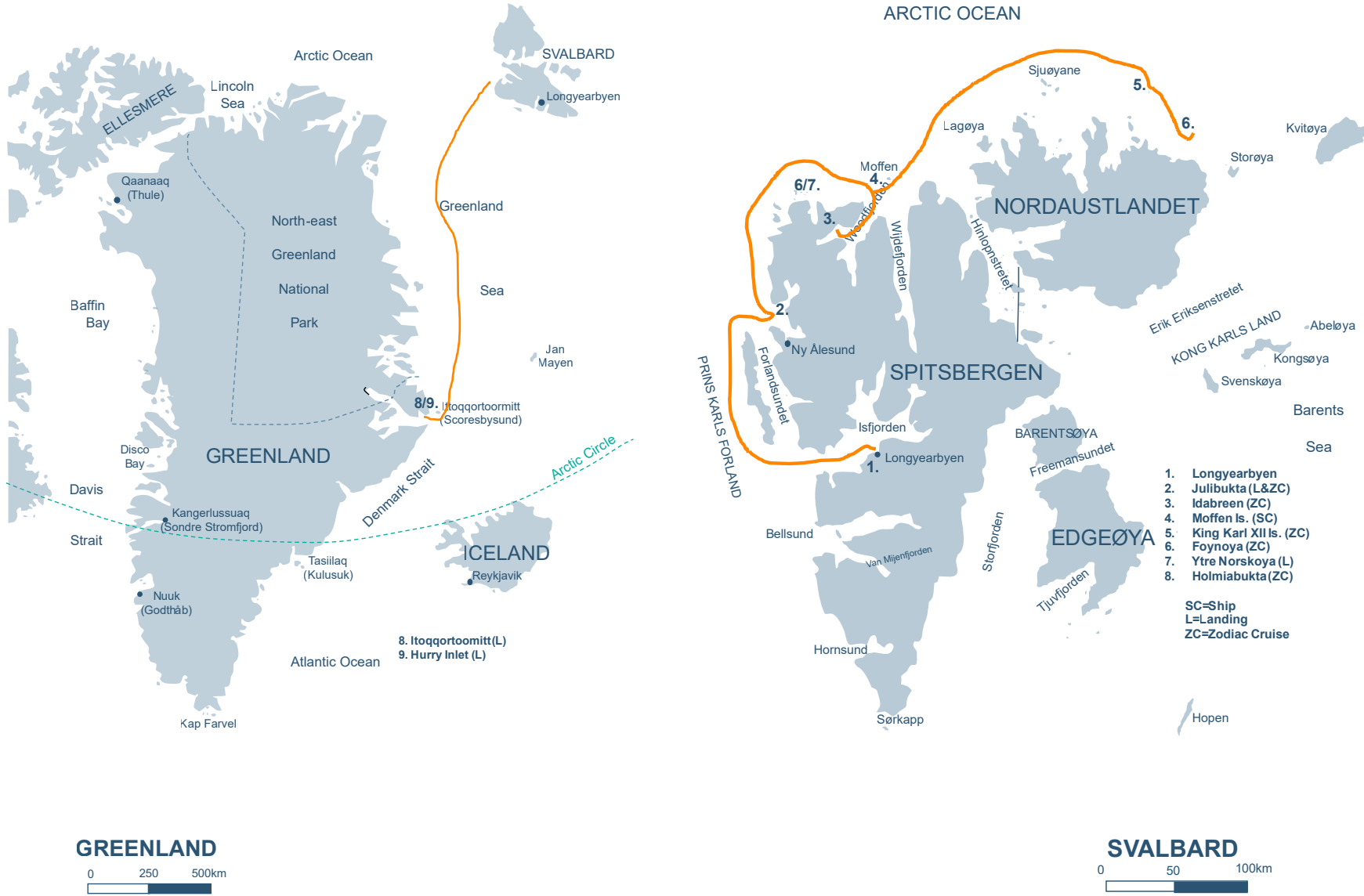
# Bird & Mammal Sightings

Bird Species	July													
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Arctic tern		●	●	●	●				●	●		●	●	●
Glaucous gull	●	●	●	●	●					●				
Herring gull														●
Great black-backed gull									●					●
Lesser black-backed gull														●
Kittiwake	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●			●	●	●
Great skua					●									
Arctic skua		●	●	●						●	●			
Long-tailed skua									●					
Pomarine skua									●					
Northern gannet													●	
Northern fulmar	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Common guillemot	●	●												
Brünnichs guillemot	●	●	●	●	●				●	●		●	●	
Atlantic puffin	●	●		●	●								●	
Black guillemot	●	●	●	●	●			●	●					
Little auk (Dovekie)	●	●	●	●	●					●				
Shag												●	●	
Cormorant														●

Bird Species	July													
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Barnacle goose	●	●			●						●			
Common eider	●	●	●	●	●					●				●
Ringed plover											●			
Purple sandpiper			●											
Snow bunting	●	●		●	●					●	●			
Raven										●				

Mammal Species	July													
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Ringed seal					●									
Bearded seal				●										
Common (Harbour) seal					●				●					
Hooded seal									●					
Walrus			●	●	●									
Minke whale					●								●	
Blue Whale					●									
Orca												●	●	
White-beaked dolphin									●				●	
UNID Whale		●												
UNID Seal										●	●			
Polar bear		●		●							●			
Reindeer		●	●											
Arctic Hare										●				

# Map



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# Our Expeditioners

Halina Bambach

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# Expedition Team

**Expedition Leader:** Mario Placidi Spring

**Assistant Expedition Leader:** Leo Soibelzon

**Onboard Expedition Manager:** Kerry Lorimer

**Firearms Manager:** Jeff Nagel

**Medic/Naturalist/Citizen Science Coordinator:** Linda Steutel

**Geologist:** Melina Peltzmajer

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**Naturalist:** John Kernan

**Historian/Archaeologist:** Kelsey Camacho

**Naturalist/Expedition Guide:** Meike Sjoer

**Naturalist:** Chris Todd

**Photography Guide:** Jamie Lafferty

**Lead Kayak Guide:** Eamon Larkin

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**Onboard Expedition Assistant:** Ana Prado

**Zodiac Master:** Nacho Marino

# Senior Officers & Heads of Department

**Master:** Oleg Kapko

**Chief Officer:** Andrey Zakalashnyuk

**Safety Officer:** Vladimir Kolesnikov

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**Ship Doctor:** Javier Martinez Rodriguez

**Support Doctor:** Eliana Caro Garzon

**Chief Engineer:** Dimitar Vasilev

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**Hotel Director:** Alex Barkar

**F&B Manager:** Rajesh Murao

**Chief Purser:** Pia Blanca

**Executive Chef:** Edgar Mangalinao

**Sous Chef:** Hubert Ramiro Barreto

**Head Waiter:** German Orlando Cayasso Wilson

**Hotel Controller:** Orlando Costa

**IT Officer:** Ihor Yesmienieiev

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**Head Stateroom:** Roniel Garcia

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