

Antarctic Explorer

Aboard *Sylvia Earle* | 18 March – 28 March 2026





Antarctic Explorer

18 March – 28 March 2025

King George Island | Embarkation Day

DAY 1 | Wednesday 18 March 2026

Latitude:
62°15' S

Longitude:
58°46' W

Course:
adrift

Speed:
2.3 knots

Wind Speed:
E 10 knots

Barometer:
999 hPa

Air Temp:
2°C

It was a welcome relief to touch down on the gravel airstrip at Frei Station. We managed to slip in during the only viable weather window for the next several days. Landings here depend heavily on cloud cover, so timing was everything. Just one final leg of our remarkable journey remained: the Zodiac transfer from shore to ship. That short ride offered our first real taste of expedition cruising, and a few of us boarded the *Sylvia Earle* a little damp but smiling.

Once on board, we were greeted warmly by the hotel team with drinks and a generous dinner buffet. At last, we could unwind and begin looking ahead to our Antarctic adventure. Soon after, the unmistakable signal, seven short blasts followed by one long, echoed through the ship. That was our cue to bundle up in warm layers, pull on the bulky orange lifejackets, and head to the muster station for a safety briefing.

Our safety officers and crew then guided us to the lifeboats, ensuring we were familiar with their locations and procedures. Expedition Manager Heidi and Hotel Director Alex shared practical tips for life on board, while First Responder Belinda provided clear guidance on staying healthy and safe throughout the voyage. We were introduced to the full Expedition Team, ready to enrich our experience.

On board we were 109 Expeditioners representing Australia (50), Canada (4), Chile (2), Denmark (1), the Netherlands (1), New Zealand (5), Sweden (2), the UK (13), and the USA (33), along with 14 members of the Expedition Team and 86 ship's crew from all over the world.

As we cruised into the evening, a gentle swell greeted us in the Bransfield Strait. The South Shetland Islands slowly faded from view behind us as we set our course towards Antarctica itself.



Spert Island | Hydrurga Rocks

DAY 2 | Thursday 19 March 2026

Latitude:
63°42' S

Longitude:
61°10' W

Course:
188°

Speed:
8 knots

Wind Speed:
S 2 knots

Barometer:
1000 hPa

Air Temp:
1°C

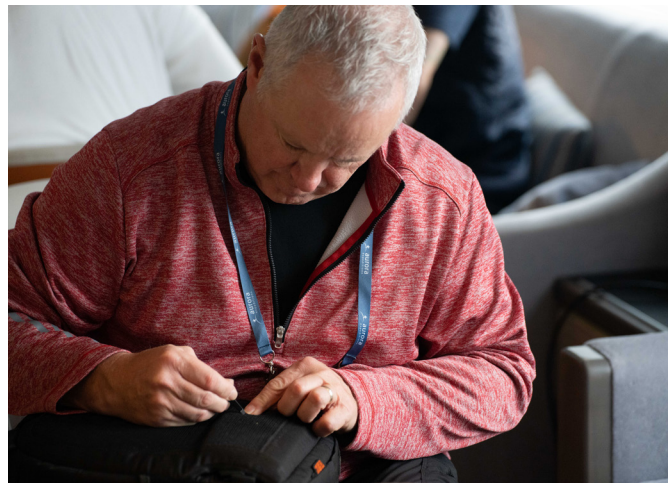
Our first day of operations in Antarctica started very early. We woke up full of excitement, ready to take advantage of every moment. As a perfect introduction to this incredible place, we headed to Spert Island for a Zodiac cruise, a favourite location for many of the Expedition Team.

Right away, Antarctica showed us its magic. The geology was impressive, with dramatic rock formations shaped by ice, wind, and time. The coastline was rugged and beautiful, and we could already feel how remote and wild this place is. We spotted penguins along the shore, Antarctic fur seals resting on the rocks, other seals quietly enjoying the area, and beautifully sculpted icebergs. It was the perfect first taste of Antarctic wildlife and scenery, and everyone was smiling despite the early start.

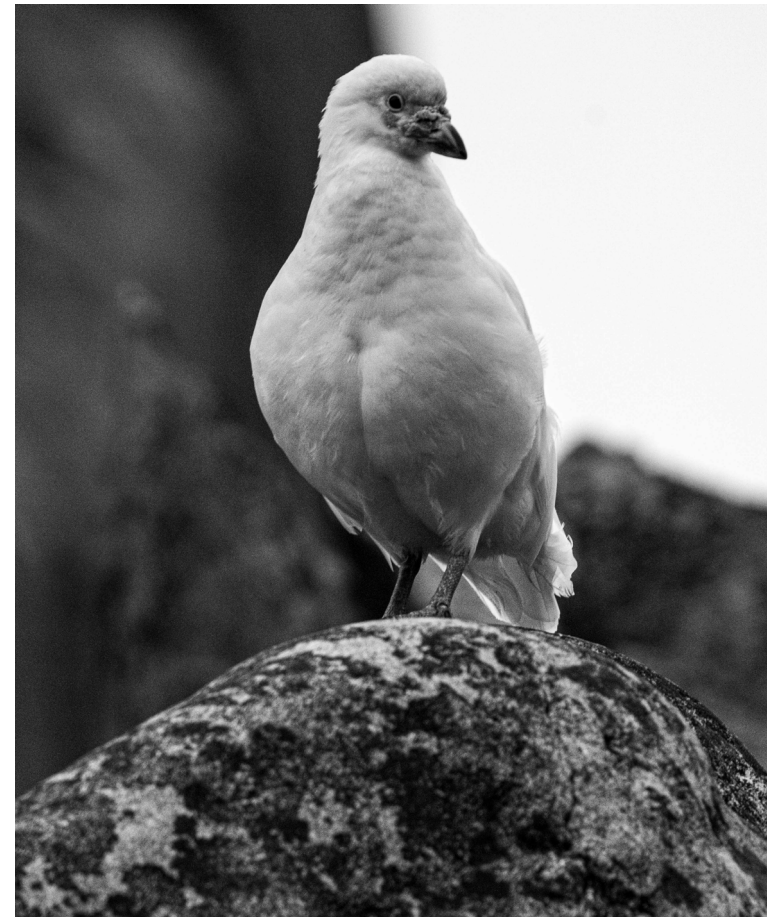
After lunch, we gathered for our first official briefing and recap. This was followed by activity briefings and gear fitting, where everyone prepared for the next adventures. There was plenty of excitement as we checked our equipment and got ready for the afternoon operation. Later, we headed to Hydrurga Rocks, where we visited our first penguin colony: chinstrap penguins.

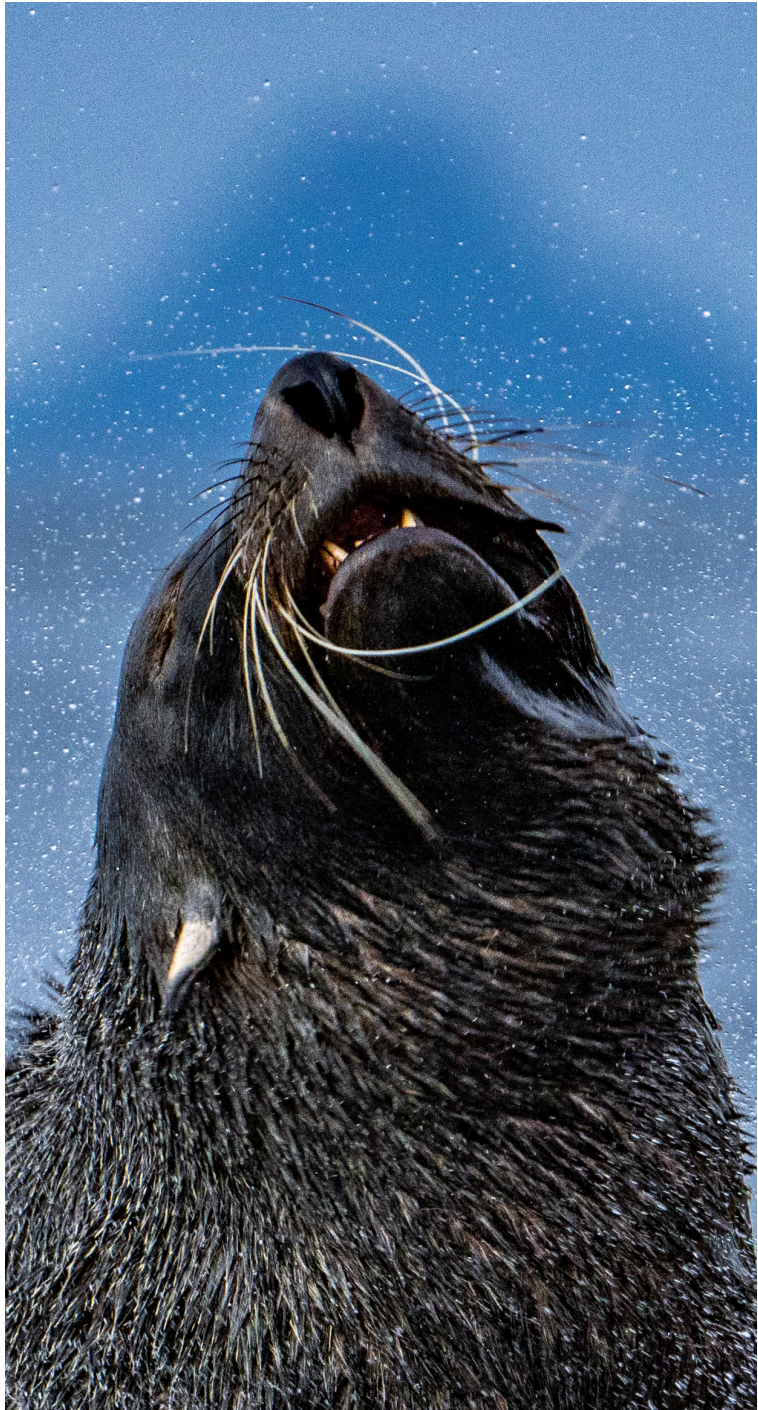
These penguins are easy to recognise thanks to the thin black line beneath their chin, which looks like a helmet strap. They were constantly moving, calling, and interacting with one another. Snorkellers entered the water and divers explored below the surface. The water temperature was about 1°C, giving everyone a true Antarctic experience. Despite the cold, it was an incredible way to connect with this unique environment. Antarctica had welcomed us in a truly unforgettable way.











Recess Cove | Sprightly Island

DAY 3 | Friday 20 March 2026

Latitude:
64°29' S

Longitude:
61°41' W

Course:
VAR

Speed:
4 knots

Wind Speed:
S 2 knots

Barometer:
1000 hPa

Air Temp:
1°C

We woke to the calm, quiet waters of Recess Cove. Icebergs drifted slowly around us, and in the distance we could see penguins and whales moving through the landscape, bringing it to life. It was a peaceful way to start the day. Over breakfast, we prepared for our first outing, excited to head into the still Antarctic waters. As we climbed into the Zodiacs, whales began surfacing all around the ship, almost as if they were welcoming us. We did not have to travel far before we were surrounded by incredible wildlife.

Antarctic fur seals played around a small islet, while penguins and Antarctic shags rested nearby. Crabeater seals lay stretched out on ice floes, completely relaxed, while Weddell seals watched us curiously from the shallows. At the same time, divers, snorkellers, paddlers and kayakers headed out to enjoy the calm conditions. It was an amazing way to begin the day.

After the morning excursion, we returned to the ship to warm up and relax before setting off again in the afternoon.

By then, light snow had started to fall, giving everything a softer, quieter feel. Whales were still active around us as we explored an iceberg-filled area near Sprightly Island. Along the shore, a colony of chinstrap penguins gathered, busy with their daily routines. Nearby, crabeater and leopard seals rested on the ice, clearly benefiting from a season of abundant krill. Once again, paddlers, kayakers, divers and snorkellers made the most of the conditions.

At the end of the day, we returned to our comfortable home, the *Sylvia Earle*. That evening, dressed for the occasion, the captain officially welcomed us on board, and we raised a toast to the journey ahead.









Wordie House | Cape Tuxen | Yalour Islands

DAY 4 | Saturday 21 March 2026

Latitude:
64°49' S

Longitude:
63°35' W

Course:
40

Speed:
5.6 knots

Wind Speed:
1 knot

Barometer:
996 hPa

Air Temp:
0°C

The Scottish explorer and scientist James Wordie's long and storied career is often reduced to his time on board *Endurance* with Ernest Shackleton. In fact, Wordie was one of the most remarkable figures of the early 20th century, leading expeditions to both polar regions, becoming President of the Royal Geographical Society and, after a stint as a spy during the First World War, helping to plan Sir Edmund Hillary's first ascent of Mount Everest. Given this extraordinary CV, it is perhaps surprising that the hut named after him in the Argentine Islands is so humble.

The setting can hardly be bettered, though, nestled among a maze of small islands, seemingly guarded by pods of whales, an assortment of seals and thousands of gentoo penguins.

The sprawling Vernadsky Research Base is also nearby, and for some Expeditioners aboard the *Sylvia Earle*, it was peculiar to see scientific activity in the heart of such a pristine place.

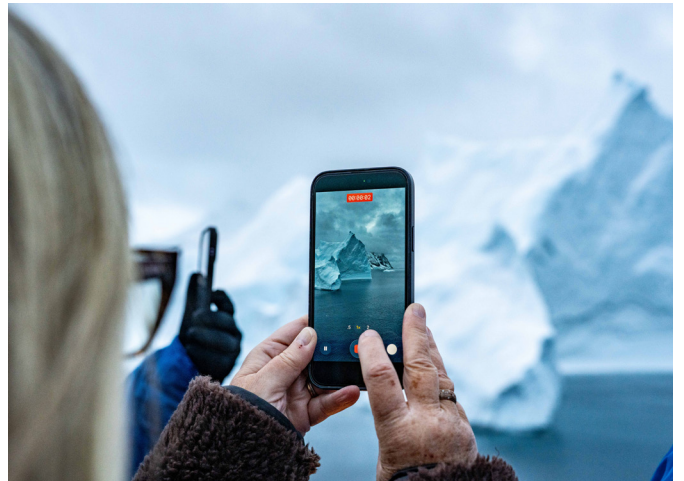
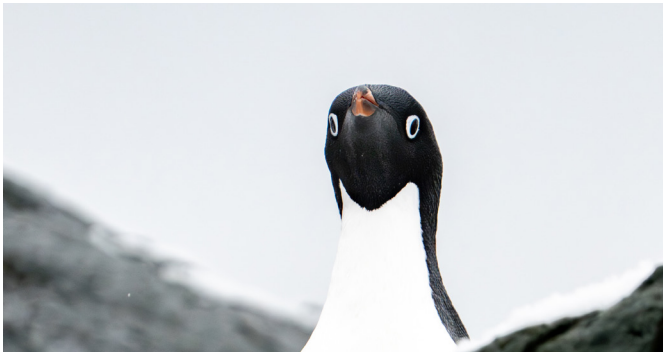
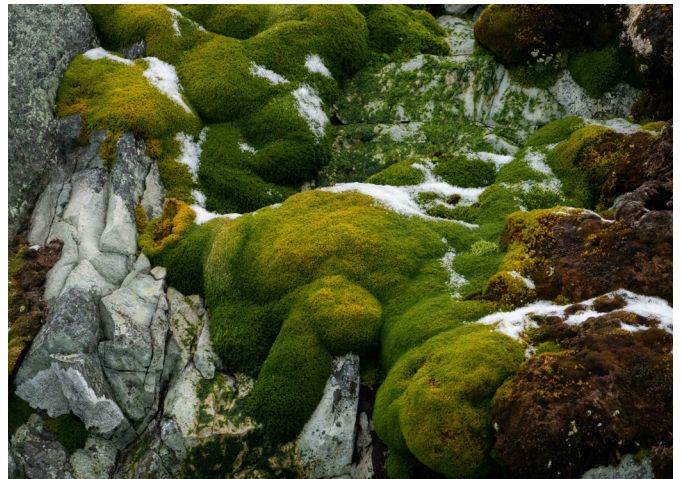
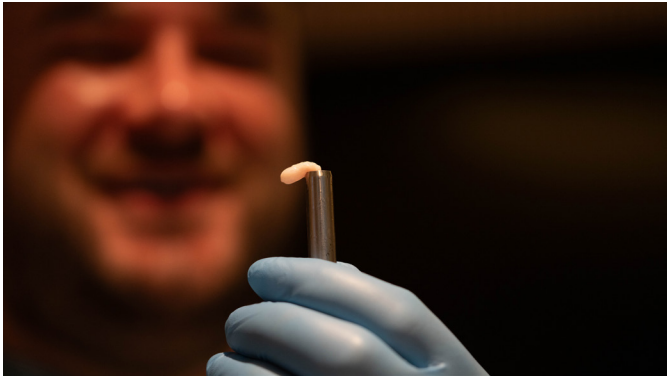
The light had been extraordinary in the morning, but by afternoon the weather was closing in. Still, the Expedition Team pushed on, giving us the chance to land on the Antarctic mainland at Cape Tuxen before a snow-blasted Zodiac ride across to the Yalour Islands. The visibility at Cape Tuxen was low, but it was nonetheless satisfying for many of the brave souls who stepped ashore.

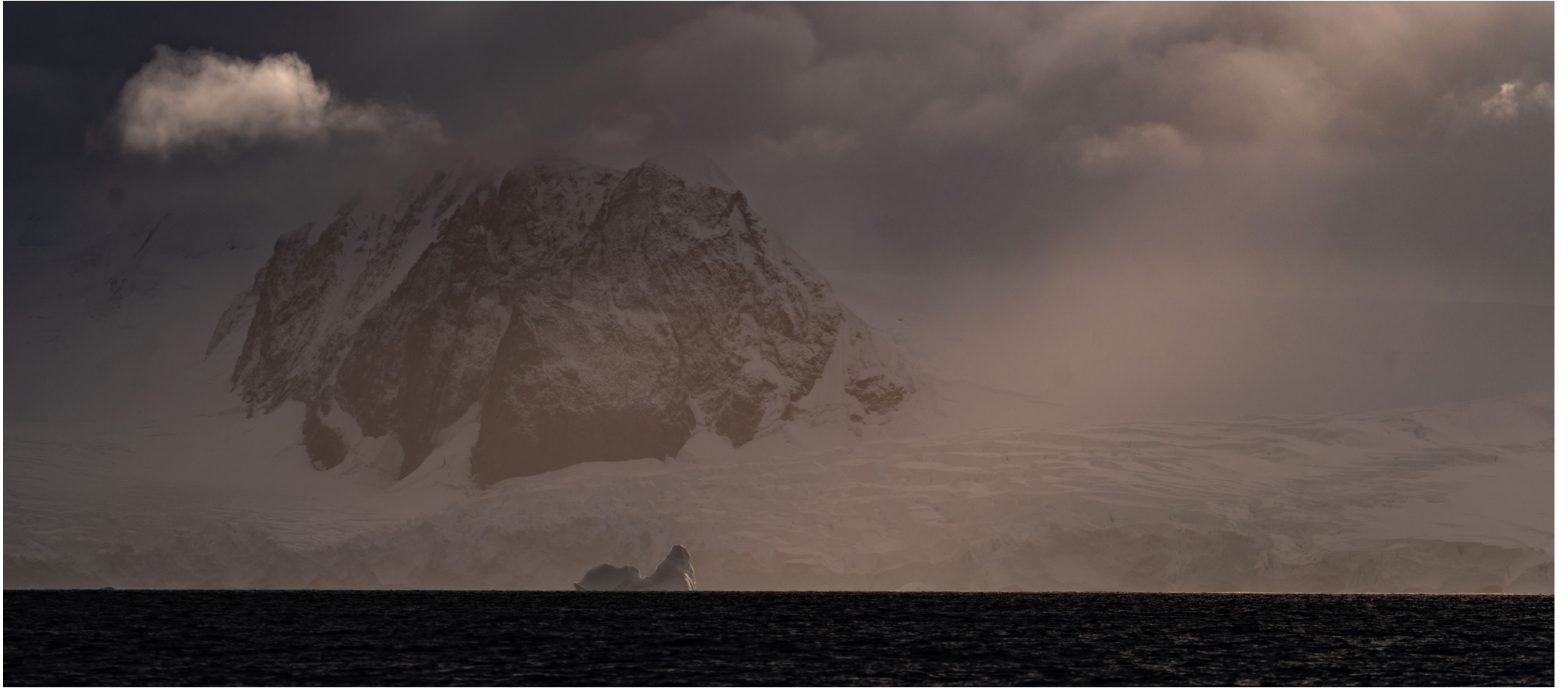
By the time we reached the archipelago, the heavy snowfall seemed like a distant memory, with only a light dusting of snow. On shore, Adélie penguins completed the hat-trick of brush-tailed penguins found on the Antarctic Peninsula. One lucky Zodiac also witnessed a leopard seal preying on a gentoo penguin before we returned to the ship to warm up.

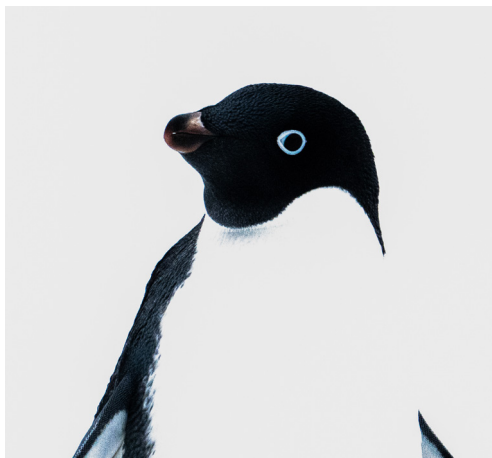
That evening, Jamie entertained us with a reading from his book, *An Inconvenience of Penguins*. Critics agreed it was the best book reading on the *Sylvia Earle* that day.











Damoy Point | Jougla Point | Peltier Channel

DAY 5 | Sunday 22 March 2026

Latitude:
64°48' S

Longitude:
63°29' W

Course:
70

Speed:
4.8 knots

Wind Speed:
5.4 knots

Barometer:
-

Air Temp:
1°C

Today was truly an unforgettable day aboard the *Sylvia Earle*. From start to finish, it was filled with adventure, breathtaking scenery, and incredible wildlife encounters that made every moment feel special.

We began the morning with an exciting landing at Damoy Point, home to a historic British hut offering a glimpse into the region's past. Walking across the snowy terrain, we took in the crisp Antarctic air while observing lively penguin colonies going about their daily routines. Nearby, seals lounged peacefully on the ice, completely unbothered by our presence. Towering mountains and vast glaciers framed the spectacular landscape, making it feel as though we had stepped into another world.

After building up some excitement and courage, it was time for the polar plunge. One by one, we leapt into the icy Antarctic waters, an exhilarating and heart-pounding experience. The

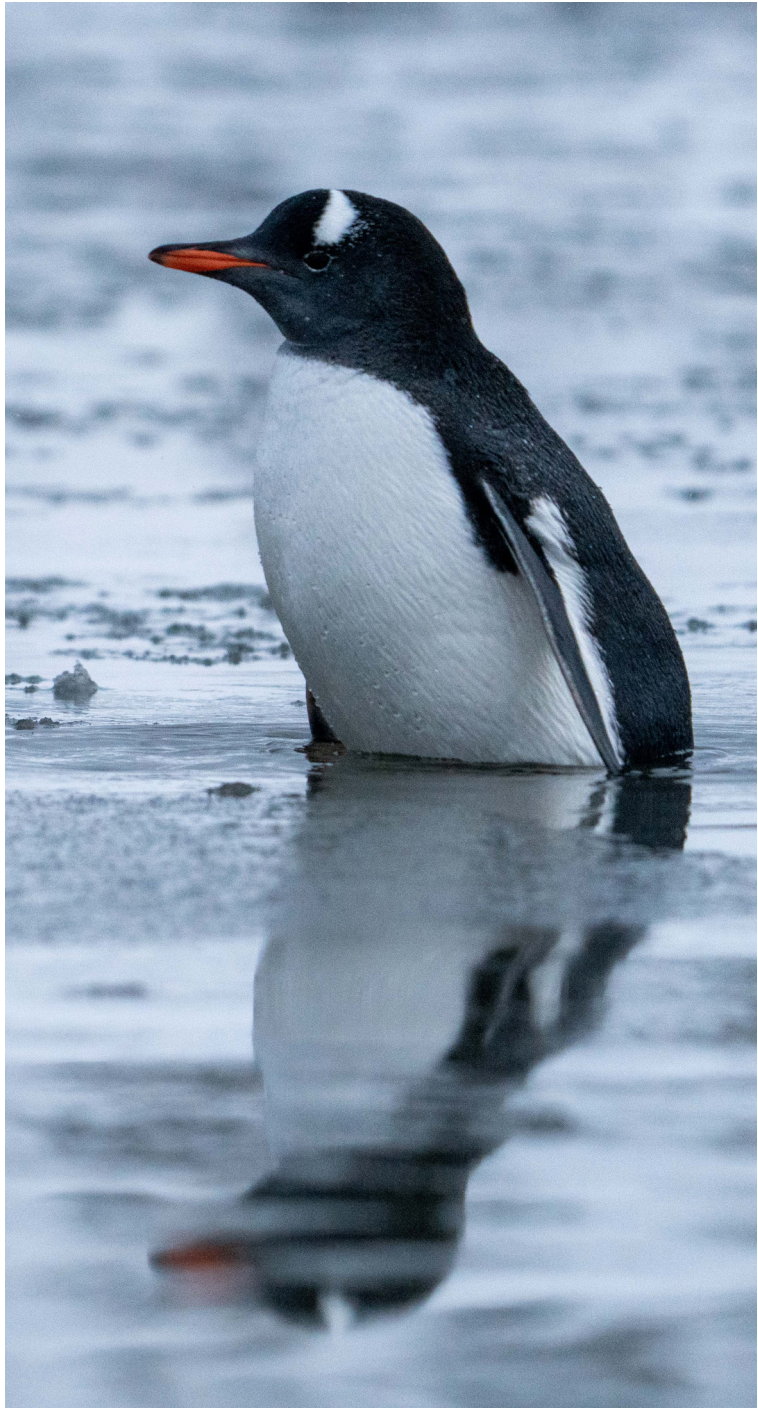
cold was intense, but the adrenaline rush and laughter that followed made it all worthwhile.

Following a well-deserved lunch, we continued to Jougla Point, where we encountered striking whale bones scattered along the shore, a powerful reminder of the region's natural history. We also spent time with charming gentoo penguins, whose playful movements and curious nature made them a joy to watch.

In the afternoon, we set out on a thrilling Zodiac cruise through the Peltier Channel. We navigated among towering glacier fronts and dramatic mountain scenery, spotting numerous crabeater seals resting on ice floes and even catching sight of a few elusive leopard seals. Gliding past the brilliant blue hues and immense scale of the glaciers was an awe-inspiring experience. We ended the day with a lively BBQ night onboard, sharing stories and reflections with fellow travellers and crew.











At Sea | Drake Passage

DAY 6 | Monday 23 March 2026

Latitude:
62°29' S

Longitude:
65°42' W

Course:
350

Speed:
11 knots

Wind Speed:
NW 6.7 knots

Barometer:
987 hPa

Air Temp:
3°C

After an action-packed day yesterday, this morning's option of a lie-in proved popular! Whilst breakfast was quieter than usual, the coffee machine remained on high alert and soon got to whistle, hiss and sing its happy caffeine song.

We made good progress overnight, racing northwards to avoid low-pressure systems. These appeared as a deceptively cheery cerise colour on the weather charts, stretching from New Zealand across to us in the Drake Passage. Despite running ahead of the storm, there was no way to avoid it completely, and we began our Drake Shake...

As the ship started to rock and roll, many of us employed the 'one hand for the ship' method to reach the lecture theatre for Piotr's presentation, 'Madness, Mayhem and Misery: the

story of the Belgica, and the first scientific expedition that overwintered in Antarctica'.

Next up, T-A introduced us to Southern Ocean seabirds, including the tiny Wilson's storm-petrel, which weighs just 40 g yet survives in these wild seas. After the talk, we ventured to deck 6 for an eBird seabird survey, meeting a wandering albatross with its impressive 3.5 m wingspan.

After lunch, we watched 'Around Cape Horn', then joined Ryan for 'Marine Mammal Sensory Biology'. We learned how whales and seals perceive the world, including echolocation.

With the sea state increasing, waves crashed outside the lecture room windows during recap and briefing. With more Drake Shake ahead, most people opted for an early night.



At Sea | Drake Passage

DAY 7 | Tuesday 24 March 2026

Latitude:
57°53' S

Longitude:
67°28' W

Course:
350

Speed:
11 knots

Wind Speed:
NW 5 knots

Barometer:
960 hPa

Air Temp:
6°C

After a shaky old night on the Drake, we were roused from our slumbers by a deceptively smooth ocean around breakfast time. Having grown accustomed to around 5 meters of surging swell around the ship, waves of just 3 meters felt like relative comfort as we were entertained by the conclusion of Piotr's tale of misery and madness onboard the Belgica, cocooned in the cosy safety of the lecture room.

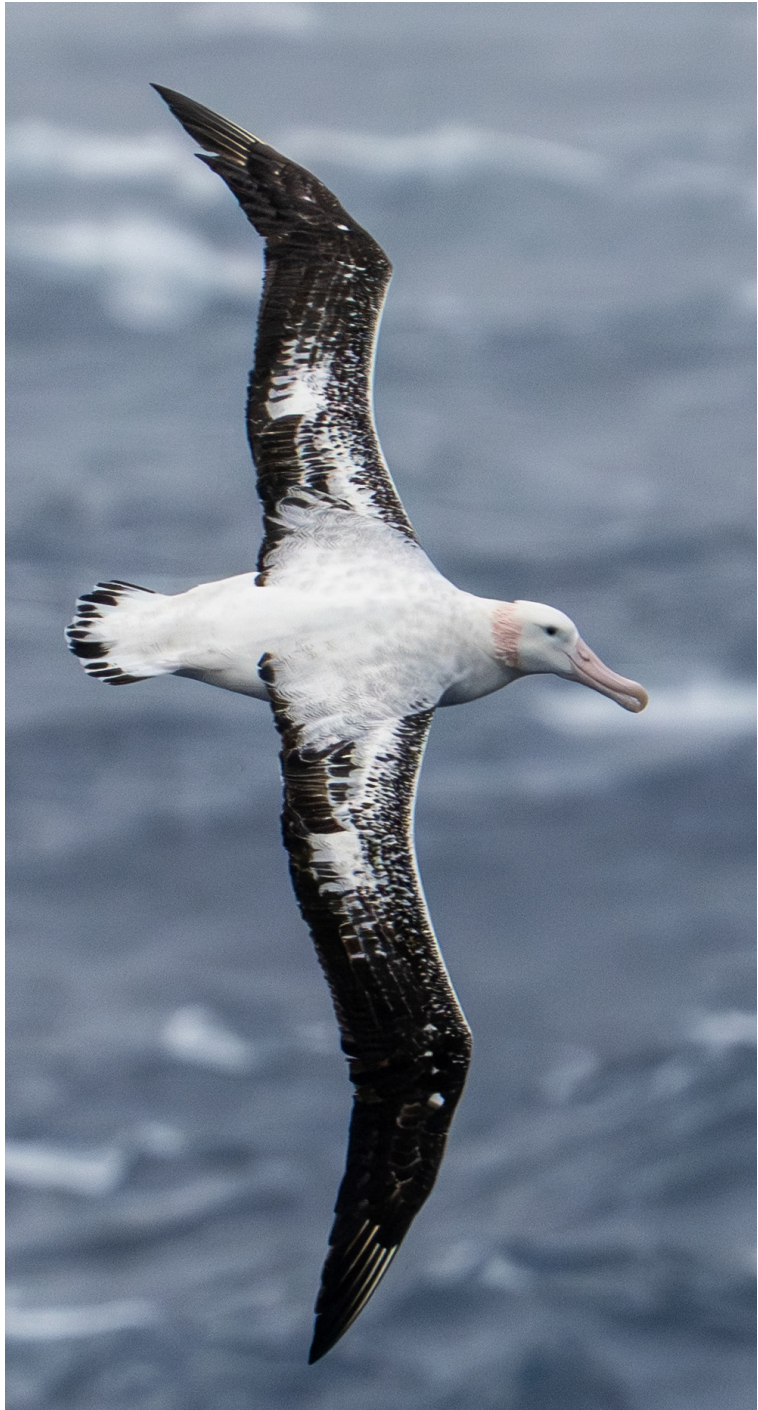
Through the morning the seas built up again, providing a bracing backdrop for a brief session of birdwatching with T-A, and the chance to take in some fresh ocean air from the shelter at the back of deck six. We steamed northwards towards our waypoint where we would throw in a little turn to starboard to take the full force of the stormy weather on our stern. The wandering albatross circling the ship made light of the conditions, soaring all the more elegantly as the swell raged beneath them.

Travelling through their territories in the early part of the 20th century, naturalist Robert Cushman Murphy memorably said, 'I now belong to a higher cult of mortals, for I have seen the albatross.' Those on deck 6 of the *Sylvia Earle* could now say the same.

As we waited, Marcos introduced us to the region we would explore over the coming days, from geological history and distinctive flora and fauna, to the human history of the region, to the development of modern settlements like Ushuaia and Puerto Williams.

After lunch, Ashley gave us a virtual walk-through of the ship, before we visited the bridge and watched Captain Andrey and his navigation officers in action. Land awaited the following day, and everyone felt ready to see it.





Beagle Channel

DAY 8 | Wednesday 25 March 2026

Latitude:
55°66' S

Longitude:
66°25' W

Course:
254°

Speed:
8 knots

Wind Speed:
WSW 7 knots

Barometer:
966 hPa

Air Temp:
4°C

After two days riding the famous Drake Shake, we were finally rewarded this morning as we entered the breathtaking Beagle Channel. Along the way, we picked up the local pilot and continued towards Puerto Williams, surrounded by dramatic, ever-changing landscapes of rugged mountains and calm, reflective waters.

Nature welcomed us in the most magical way, offering wonderful sightings of seabirds soaring effortlessly on the wind currents. It was a special encounter that reminded us just how wild, remote and beautiful this region is, one of the last untouched corners of the planet.

As we approached Puerto Williams, conditions shifted. Strong winds swept through the channel, with gusts exceeding 40 knots, leading to the closure of the port and a change in plans. The atmosphere on board remained upbeat, and the sense of adventure carried throughout the ship.

The afternoon brought a delightful surprise: a gala teatime featuring an array of delicious cakes and treats that quickly became a highlight for many. We gathered to enjoy the cosy ambience, sharing stories and laughter over beautifully prepared sweets. Soon after, the energy lifted even further with an entertaining performance by Scotty and Nacho.

Throughout the day, inspiring lectures by guest presenters Sarika and Chris offered deeper insights into the region, while a workshop with Vicky and T-A brought out everyone's creative side. The evening concluded with a spirited auction after dinner, raising an impressive USD 3,875.00 for Oceanites and the Friedlander Lab.

It was a day full of memorable moments, great company, and a wonderful balance of relaxation and discovery. Now, we're all eagerly looking ahead to the final days of our journey through the Chilean fjords.





Seno Garibaldi | Bahía Tres Brazos

DAY 9 | Thursday 26 March 2026

Latitude:	Wind Speed:
54°22' S	WSW 6 knots
Longitude:	Barometer:
69°55' W	980 hPa
Course:	Air Temp:
-	6°C
Speed:	
9.4 knots	

Waking up to a bed that wasn't rocking meant we must have been tucked safely into the Beagle Channel. Opening the blinds revealed a new view of mountains with snow almost reaching sea level, surrounded by greenery. The ship had reached the entrance to Seno Garibaldi.

As breakfast was served, we headed northwards towards the head of the inlet, where we enjoyed a stunning view of Garibaldi Glacier. We had learnt from Marcos that it is one of the few glaciers advancing rather than retreating.

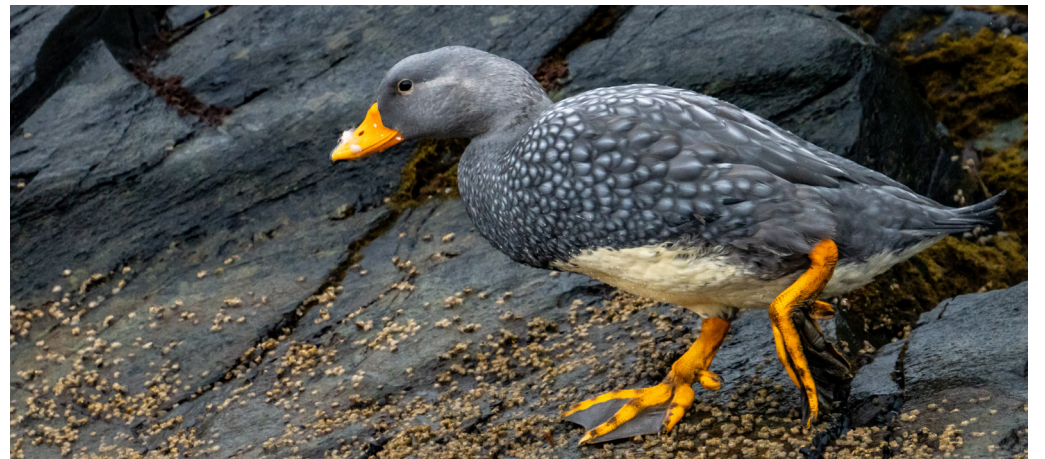
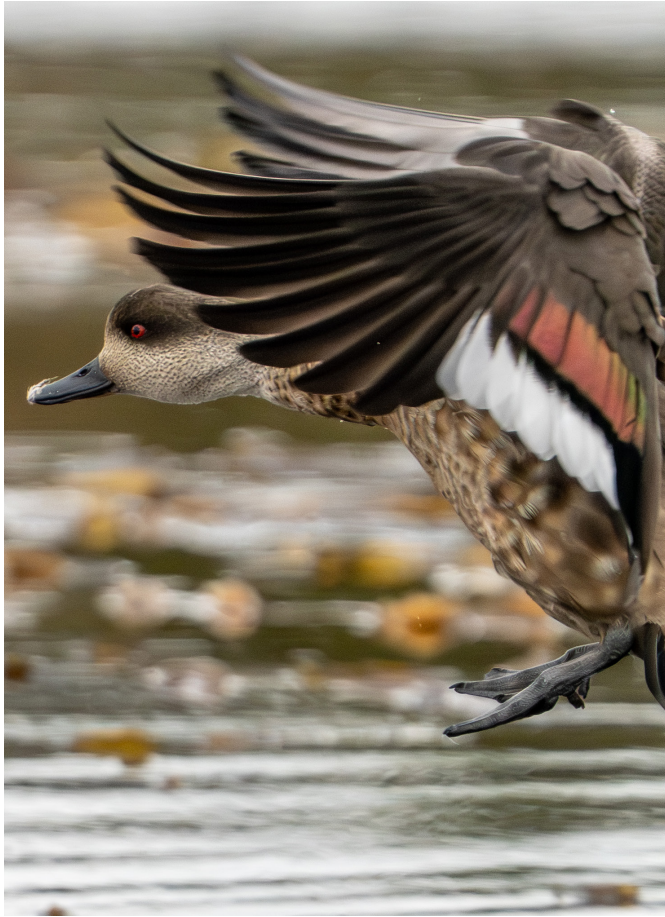
The Zodiacs were lowered and kayaks slipped onto the water. Some headed out to explore the glacier, while others, desperate to use their legs again, went ashore. Once ashore, we meandered up a riverbed beneath a large rock cliff overhang, with snow clinging to the cliffs above.

According to T-A, a lucky few spotted a caracara and a thorn-tailed rayadito. Paddlers and Zodiac cruisers searched for sea lion colonies, guided by their distant barking calls. Others were fortunate enough to see Magellanic penguins and turkey vultures.

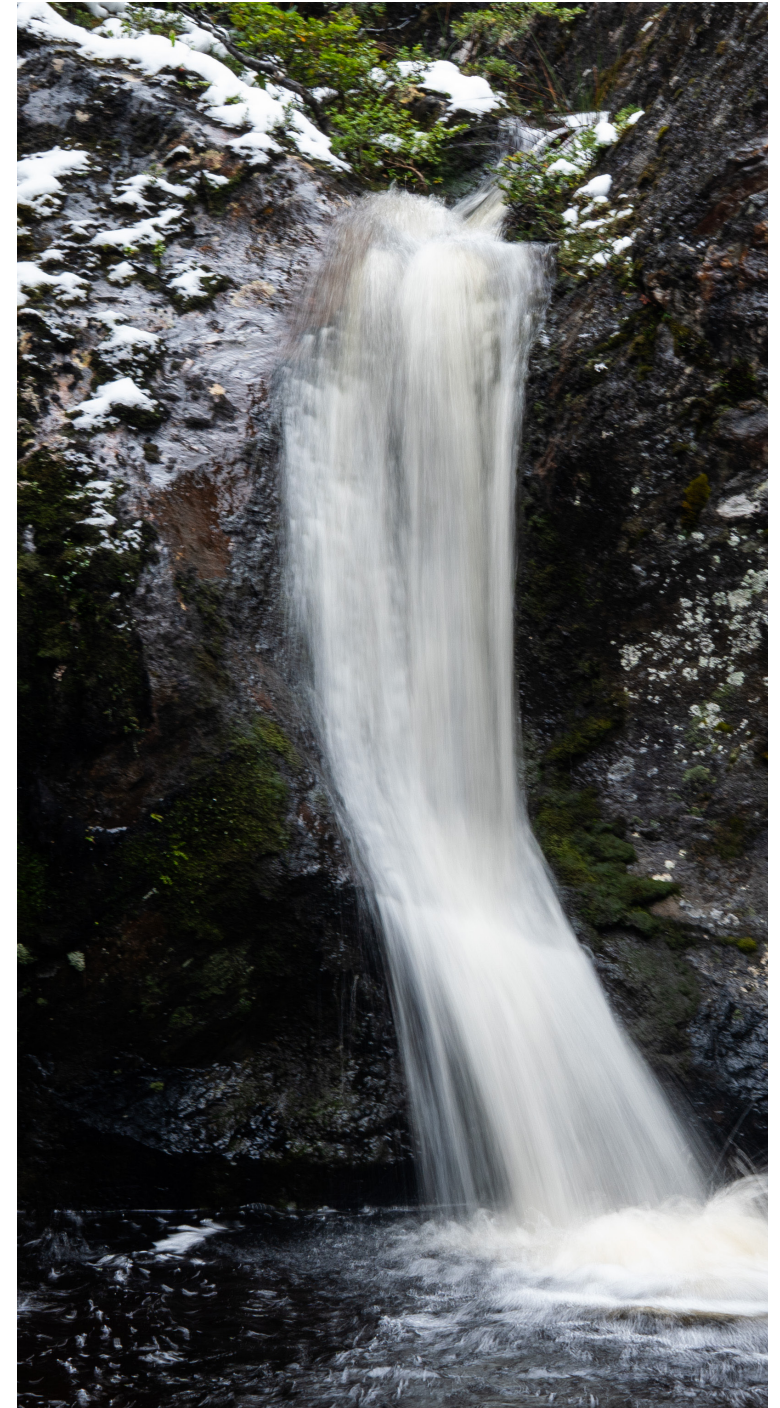
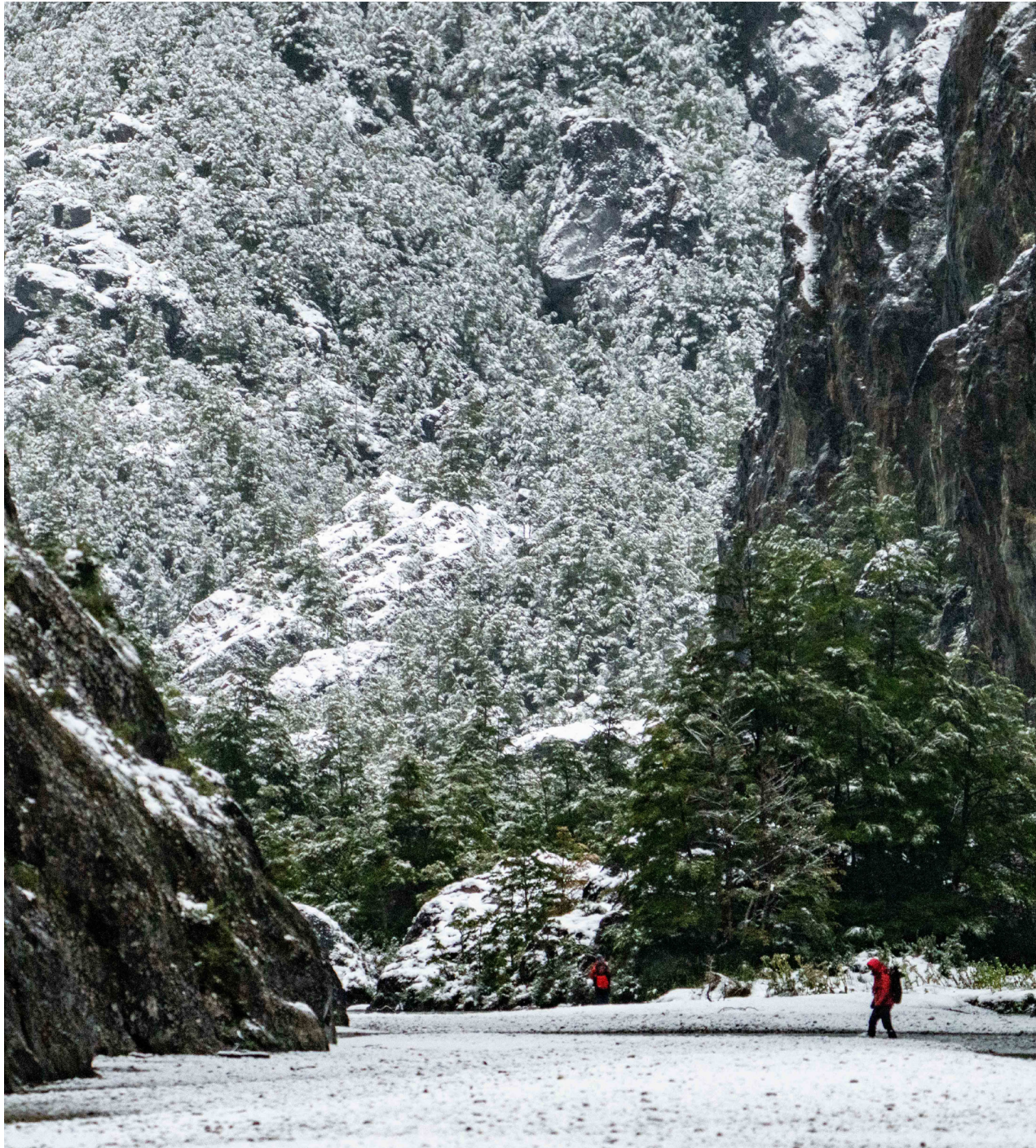
After lunch, the ship slowly crossed the Beagle Channel to Bahia Tres Brazos on Isla Gordon, named after one of Captain FitzRoy's officers. The area was already known as Lachuf by the Yámana people. Despite the rain, many Expeditioners enjoyed afternoon adventures. A few lucky Expeditioners even got to zoom around with some Peale's dolphin.

Returning to the mothership soaked, we warmed up for the Captain's Farewell. Thanks to our Expedition Team and Bridge crew for delivering this exciting new itinerary into uncharted waters.









Caleta Martínez | Caleta Letier

DAY 10 | Friday 27 March 2026

Latitude:
54°54' S

Longitude:
68°14' W

Course:
-

Speed:
0 knots

Wind Speed:
W 2 knots

Barometer:
987 hPa

Air Temp:
6°C

We were greeted with a beautiful sunrise at our anchorage in Caleta Martínez. We could see Ushuaia in the distance and sunlight hitting the snow peaks of the Andes. What a sight to behold! After breakfast, we boarded our trusty Zodiacs to explore Isla Martínez. Some landed to explore by foot, while others took to the kelp-rich, calm waters, diving, snorkelling, kayaking and paddling. Of course, we had Zodiac cruisers too. It was a stunning landscape on an exceptionally beautiful day. The wind-swept scrubby trees on shore were a reminder of just how fortunate we were to have such calm, sunny conditions.

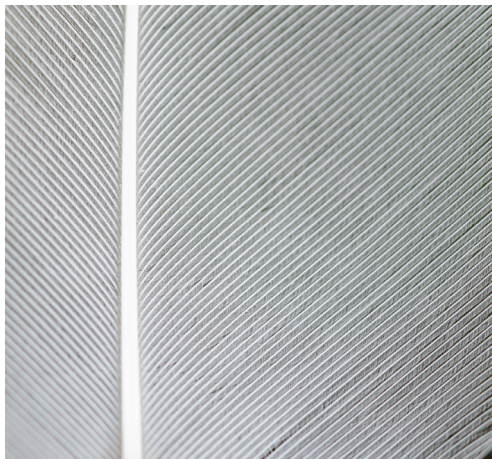
It was a quick lunch on board, then time to head out again, this time for a Zodiac cruise around the myriad of islands at

Caleta Letier. The sun was out, and we were greeted by South American sea lions and dolphins. Our special guest, Sarika Suzuki, and her family initiated a beach clean-up, helping us leave these beautiful islands better than when we arrived.

Back on board, activities met their guides for final farewells, and everyone gathered for Jamie's voyage slideshow and Expedition Team farewell in the main lounge. New friendships formed over shared experiences of incredible, remote wilderness. We raised another toast to each other, the creatures we had communed with, and the incredible landscapes we had the privilege of visiting at the end of our journey.









Ushuaia | Argentina

DAY 11 | Saturday 28 March 2026

Latitude:
54°22' S

Longitude:
63°49' W

Course:
alongside

Speed:
alongside

Wind Speed:
NE 4 knots

Barometer:
1001 hPa

Air Temp:
8°C

We arrived in *Ushuaia, el fin del mundo*, the southernmost city on Earth, after an incredible journey through the Chilean fjords, a two-day crossing of the Drake Passage, and an unforgettable time on the Antarctic Peninsula. Along the way, Captain Andrey and his Bridge team skillfully navigated challenging storm systems, while the Expedition Team guided us through some of the world's most remote and extraordinary landscapes.

Along the wharf, we came together one final time on board, savouring a last breakfast as the voyage came to a close. There was a wonderful sense of reflection as we looked back on the many experiences we had shared, from encounters with remarkable wildlife to exploring wild coastlines and glaciers.

Soon after, we were called by bus groups and transferred onward; some to the airport, others to continue their journeys. Each farewell marked the end of an extraordinary new chapter, filled with memories that would last long beyond our time together.

Aurora Expeditions extends its deepest gratitude to each of you. Your warmth, curiosity and adventurous spirit brought this expedition vividly to life. It has been a true privilege to explore the raw, untamed beauty of the Antarctic Peninsula and beyond together.

May the memories we have created, and the friendships we have forged, continue to inspire you long after you have returned home.

BBQ

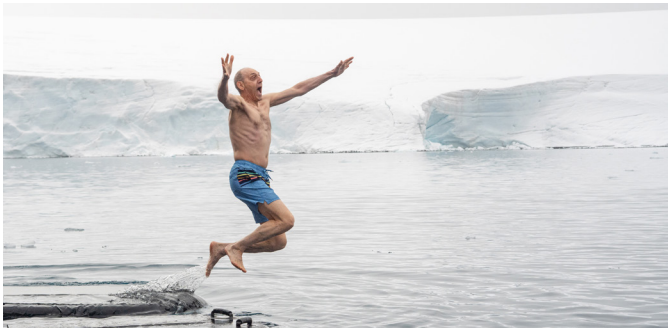




Polar Plunge







Citizen Science





Kayaking Log

Guides: Eamon Larkin, Tim Stredwick, Sarah Hrdlicka, Scotty McCormick, Erin Scott

20 March 2026, AM: Recess Cove – 4.7km

It was not our first day in Antarctica, but it was our first kayak outing. Even on approach, we knew it would be a great start. The cove was full of decent icebergs and, more excitingly, whales.

Within minutes of launching into our kayaks, we had whales passing by us at a distance. The sound of their deep breaths and blows carried across the bay. The mist of their blows hung in the air, as there was not any wind. We set out for a small rocky island that was home to penguins, cormorants, fulmars and plenty of animated fur seals. Some seals were curious about us and swam next to our boats. Most were busy play-fighting their neighbours and friends. Beyond the island, we passed beautiful icebergs and entered a small, shallow channel. Once through the channel, we encountered whales again. This time, the whales feeding in front of us

swam closer to us and even around us a couple of times. It was definitely a special encounter, one we will never forget. We let the whales feed and returned to the ship with big smiles all around.

20 March 2026, PM: Sprightly Island – 4.9km

We left the *Sylvia Earle* and headed out towards the northern tip of Sprightly Island, the light snow that fell around us giving lovely atmospheric conditions. Our little group of kayakers tried heading around the rocks to the east, but there was too much ice, so we followed the western shore of the island, exploring a few little gulches on the way. Many fur seals and skuas dotted the shoreline. Icebergs blocked our path towards a couple of small islands south-west of Sprightly Island, so we retraced our route and headed out into the bay towards the *Sylvia Earle* and the end of our second kayaking trip.

Number of Kayakers: 18

Total Paddle Outings: 8

Total Distance Paddled: 41.4 km

Kayakers:

Alan Gunn

Ed Gunn

Nicholas Gunn

Julian Direen

Hilary Delbridge

Gabriele Patterson

Bernie Patterson

Leigh Delbridge

Ash Parsons

Russell Jewell

Susan Byrnes

Tony Paulin

Daniel Giro

Jelena Giro

Annabel Matthews

Andrew Marshall

Kim Kezer

Jeremy Kezer

21 March 2026, AM: Argentine Islands – 4km

The Argentine Islands are a group of islands in the Wilhelm Archipelago situated 5 NM southwest of Petermann Island. They were discovered by the French Antarctic Expedition, 1903–05, under Jean-Baptiste Charcot, and named by him for the Argentine Republic, in appreciation of that government's support of his expedition. We started our paddle by loading into and paddling along Meek Channel, where we wove in and out of little islets and coves to stay sheltered from the wind. Once we made our way through Meek Channel, we popped through a tiny sneak route to paddle downwind toward the Ukrainian base, Vernadsky. We found some shelter behind some more rocky islets and were visited by two humpback whales. We then wove in and out of some more tiny channels and circled around to a long, protected channel toward Wordie Hut, UKAHT

Base F, which was named after James Wordie, the Scottish explorer, who was the chief scientist and geologist on Shackleton's *Endurance* expedition of 1914–17. The hut rests close to the water on Winter Island, where we hopped into our Zodiacs so that all kayakers could have a visit before being shuttled back to the ship.

22 March 2026, AM: Dorian Bay – 2.3km

The waters were glassy calm as we anchored in Dorian Bay. A light fog sat off in the distance, making it look as though the sea extended into infinity, and light hit the tidewater glaciers of the Antarctic Peninsula in the background beautifully. We started off in the Zodiac, but no sooner had we left the ship when a minke whale surfaced nearby! After this nice whale sighting, we launched our kayaks and paddled in the silent waters along Damoy Point and along the coastline, watching the

penguins as we passed by, and the storm petrels dancing on the surface. We crossed to the islet off the coast and circumnavigated it before having a quiet moment together and heading to shore to explore the world's most southerly waiting room.

22 March 2026, PM: Peltier Channel – 8.9km

We began our afternoon kayak adventure along the shoreline of Port Lockroy, or Base A. The buildings were shuttered for the winter already, but the local gentoo penguins were still in their rookery, with many moulting their feathers so they could return to sea. As we continued over to Jougula Point, the penguins continued to entertain us. Whale bones from the whaling days could be seen in the shallow waters, along with a whale skeleton reassembled on shore. As we continued around the backside of the point, we began to pick up the

pace. As we rounded the bend, the Peltier Channel lay before us. Low-lying clouds kept the peaks hidden to start, but the sun was trying to break through, lighting up the walls of glacier ice that flank the channel on either side. There was a fair bit of ice in the waters ahead, but our kayaks cut through the brash without issue. Our pod of kayaks charged ahead. With no Zodiac cruisers in sight, we paused for a moment of silence by some Antarctic cormorants resting on a rock part way through the channel. The soundtrack of summer in Antarctica that we had all travelled so far to experience. We continued along, keeping a steady pace to cross the channel as the *Sylvia Earle* passed us. We could see poor weather ahead; the sight of our warm, cosy ship was welcome after an incredible, long paddle. We loaded out just as the wind started to blow.



26 March 2026, AM: Garibaldi Fjord – 3.5km

Arriving in Garibaldi Fjord was spectacular; sheer, snow-covered mountainsides draped with waterfalls on each side of the *Sylvia Earle* framed the glacier straight ahead. For a while, the wind was looking too strong for kayaking, but it dropped as we slowly made our way north. Once afloat, the kayakers paddled towards the glacier, following the shelter that the western shore provided. With the steep mountain sides clothed in Gondwanaland rainforest and the water sprinkled with brash ice, we continued until it became too thick to paddle any further. Turning, we returned the way we came, passing the landing spot where Zodiacs were dropping off and picking up other Expeditioners. Our final challenge was trying to squeeze through the brash ice between a small rocky island and the mainland. The ice won, so the intrepid paddlers clambered back into our Zodiac for a short Zodiac cruise before returning to the *Sylvia Earle*.

26 March 2026, PM: Tres Brazos – 6.3km

After some very clever surveying, the *Sylvia Earle* held position just inside the entrance to Bahía Tres Brazos to launch Zodiacs and kayaks. What a contrast to kayaking in the Peninsula! Although there was snow almost to the waterline, the mountain sides were clothed in Gondwana-era rainforest with a thick understory. On calm water, we headed across to a sheltered bay to the west to launch and head south following the coastline. Almost as soon as we were all on the water, a spectacular ringed kingfisher was spotted on a branch just above the waterline. There followed a fantastic paddle along the shore, through kelp beds and in and out of little bays. The occasional seal bobbed up too. Sarah motored over in our Zodiac to pick us up just in time, too, as the wind picked up quite strongly, giving us a bit of a wet ride back to the warmth and comfort of the *Sylvia Earle*.



27 March 2026, AM: Isla Martínez – 6.8km

On my map, the area looked to be very interesting to kayak in; small rocky islands and some channels provided many options for us. First, we had to get out of the swell near the ship. We started by hopping from one small island to the next. In places, the seaweed was thick; it was possible to paddle through it, but it was overall easier to go around and avoid it. This kelp was huge and strong. The water was so clear we could see a long way down. Many different birds were spotted: cormorants, kelp gulls and geese, steamer ducks, and oystercatchers, to name a few. We continued weaving in and out of rocky islets that seemed to stretch as far as we could see.

We headed to a small island ruled by cormorants. All but a brave few flew away at our approach. This area was

made for kayaking. It was hard to finish the outing and the trip, but alas we did, with a hot chocolate on our Zodiac back to the ship.





Paddling Log

Guides: Eamon Larkin, Tim Stredwick, Sarah Hrdlicka, Scotty McCormick, Erin Scott

20 March 2026, AM: Recess Cove – 2.1km

Our very first day on the water. After all the briefing and fitting out with our paddling gear, it is the very best of feelings to finally have a paddle in our hands and set off into the unknown. Sarah in our safety Zodiac helped us launch. Almost immediately, we had a close encounter with a couple of humpbacks that surfaced unexpectedly nearby. It seemed a cold day, but everyone was snug in their drysuits as we circumnavigated a low, rocky island with many fur seals in the shallows and shoreline rocks. The group paddled across towards the Zodiac landing spot, where lots of penguins swam in the shallows around us before continuing on along the coast towards the ice cliffs. Unfortunately, though, it was soon time to head back to the *Sylvia Earle*. What a great team, paddling their craft perfectly on their first outing.

20 March 2026, PM: Sprightly Island – 2.0km

Sprightly Island is a small, rocky island located in Hughes Bay along the Graham Land Coast, and this bay was the site of our paddle. It was roughly charted in 1898 and named after the British sealer Sprightly (1824–25), now a great place for sea birds and to paddle along beautiful basalt cliffs. We first paddled around to the far side of the island, where we encountered Antarctic terns, skuas and gentoo penguins. We then encountered some thick brash ice, which we paddled into a little bit before making a turn to return to open water. We then paddled along some stunning basalt cliffs that support lichens and mosses. We paddled into a protected slot along the cliffs where we found some fur seals on the rocks before circling back towards the ship to load out into our Zodiac with Eamon.

Number of Paddlers: 8

Total Paddle Outings: 7

Total Distance Paddled: 24.7 km

Paddlers:

Anthony Barrett

Terri Barrett

Devin O'Keane

Maggie Philipsborn

Lynn MacRitchie

Jane Bilger

Andrew Philipsborn

Debbie Walker

21 March 2026, AM: Argentine Islands – 2.8km

Gentoo penguins looked on as we loaded into our boats along the low-lying, rocky shore. As we rounded the headland, the wind waves picked up, but we soon had them gently pushing us along. We glided past the mint-green main station building. We continued to wind our way through the narrow channels between islands, completely sheltered from the wind. We took in Wordie Hut and the landing site from the water, and then peeked around into a small bay, where we could see a huge glacier looming in the distance. As we continued along the rocky narrows, we marvelled at the beautiful mosses, lichens, and calm waters. We poked out into more open waters, beginning to cross to the next island, but the headwind and driving hail changed our plans. We decided to keep the wind at our backs and gently drift back towards the landing site to check out the inside of Wordie Hut on shore.

22 March 2026, AM: Dorian Bay – 3.9km

The *Sylvia Earle* arrived in Dorian Bay and positioned off the historic Damoy Hut, now maintained by the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust. It was snowing gently and settling on the decks of our kayaks, but with absolutely no wind, the sea was totally calm and mirror-like as we set off from the ship for a short Zodiac trip to our launch spot. Once launched, we set off across the channel towards the small, rocky lump of Casablanca Island; fur seals, penguins and quite a few skuas dotted the shoreline of the island as we circumnavigated it. Then paddling back to Wiencke Island, we headed south-west along the coast, the home of thousands of gentoo penguins. We spotted two "penguin cameras" used by scientists to monitor the gentoo colonies all year round. Again, too soon, it was time to board our Zodiac and head to shore to visit Damoy Hut.

22 March 2026, PM: Peltier Channel – 5.3km

Mist and cloud were clinging to the mountains around us. We started by exploring the small, rocky islands around Port Lockroy and Jougula Point, home to thousands of gentoo penguins and many cormorants. This area was once a harbour for whaling ships, and the bone remains of whales in and out of the water testify to this. The penguins now nest and rest amongst the huge, bleached bones. We had a leaky boat issue and made a quick swap; we then were on our way down the Peltier Channel, "chasing the ship". The *Sylvia Earle* glided past us without even causing a small wave. Once in the channel, the clouds opened up enough to let the sun in on us and tease us with a glimpse of the mountain peaks. They were amazing. A humpback welcomed and stayed with us for a while. A big chunk of the ice wall crashed into the water, and it was a sight to see, at a good distance. We all agreed this outing had it all. What a great afternoon.

26 March 2026, PM: Tres Brazos – 4.1km

We set out in the still waters of Tres Brazos, ready to explore, amazed at the conditions! We launched our boats in a beautiful, kelpy area with songbirds chirping in the trees. As we set out, we were delighted to see in the clear, shallow water the depths of the kelp and the creatures harboured within it: sea urchins, limpets, and snails. We saw sea stars on the sea floor, and many different bird species including several adult and immature black-capped night herons, turkey vultures, thrushes, and shags. We even had a brief encounter with Peale's dolphins, which flashed their silvery backs right near our kayaks! We continued onward, enjoying the complete stillness of the landscape, save for the rushing water from so many waterfalls.



27 March 2026, AM: Isla Martínez – 4.5km

After wrangling a few escaped boats, we got all of our ducks in a line and jetted away from the ship towards Isla Martínez. We found some calm, kelp-filled waters near to where the divers were diving. We loaded in and were on our way, exploring the intricate, rocky coastline at water level. Snow-peaked mountains flanked the mainland in the distance. It seemed as though around every bend, there was another stunning mountain range. Bird life was rich, with terns, cormorants, gulls and a flightless steamer duck jetting over towards us to say hello. The waters were crystal clear, giving us great views of the kelp forest below us, along with mussels, sea urchins and limpets in the rocky, shallow areas. The narrow passageways were calm and stunning, but the stunted, wind-battered trees dotting the rocky coast reminded us

how lucky we were to be able to enjoy a beautiful, windless paddle here for our final excursion together for the voyage.







Snorkelling Log

Guides: Ania Baranek (lead), Eddie Hauzer

19 March 2026, PM: Hydruga Rocks – Two Hummock Island

A remarkably swift start to our new voyage. After a smooth charter flight to King George Island, skipping the notorious Drake Passage, we hit the ground running. Despite the tight turnaround for mandatory briefings and drysuit fittings in the mudroom, the Expedition Team did an incredible job, allowing us to launch our first outing on the very first day of our expedition.

We arrived at the “secret” enclave of Hydruga Rocks for our inaugural check-out snorkel. This site, with its hidden gullies and dramatic metamorphic rock walls, served as the perfect classroom for getting familiar with equipment and the bite of Antarctic temperatures. Before hitting the water, we enjoyed a short landing to admire the local chinstrap penguin colony and the jagged, ice-draped scenery that defines this region.

The conditions were absolutely pristine: a still, mirror-calm sea with no wind to speak of. We conducted our check-out in a sheltered gully near a bustling blue-eyed shag colony. As the team practiced buoyancy and adjusted to the cold, they did so to the delight of fellow Expeditioners watching curiously from the nearby landing site.

The session was a resounding success, with all eight snorkellers handling the gear and conditions with ease. As we Zodiac-ed back to the ship, we were treated to a spectacular Antarctic sunset, a vibrant, fiery display across the sky that served as a poignant reminder that while the March days are shortening, the beauty of the late season is unmatched. A perfect introduction to the White Continent.



Number of Snorkellers: 8
Total Snorkel Outings: 6

Snorkellers:
Rob Lucas
Amanda Lucas
Ian Talarico
Thomas Hughes
Howard Forsythe
Rory Kennedy

Nieccia Miller
Louise Savery

20 March 2026, AM: Recess Cove – Charlotte Bay

A morning that redefined “spectacular” for our team. We began with a Zodiac cruise across Charlotte Bay, where the water was a perfect, glassy mirror under a nearly breathless sky. This region is legendary for its late-season whale activity, and the bay did not disappoint. Humpback whales were active everywhere: feeding, slapping their massive pectoral fins, and surfacing to show off their iconic flukes against the icy backdrop.

Adding a fascinating layer to the morning, we cruised near the “Whale Boys”, a research team from the University of California, Santa Cruz. It was incredible to watch them in action as they used specialised crossbows to collect skin biopsies, a vital process for studying the reproductive cycles and overall health of these Antarctic giants.

After this scientific masterclass, we transitioned to a small, rocky island for our snorkel session. The guides’ choice of location was inspired; almost as soon as we slipped into the water, we were surrounded by curious Antarctic fur seals. Having these sleek, fast, and graceful marine mammals glide through the clear water around us was an electrifying experience.

The visibility was excellent, allowing us to track the seals as they circled and spiralled nearby. For some of us, nearly thirty minutes passed in what felt like a heartbeat; we simply couldn’t get enough. A few snorkellers emerged from the water visibly moved, declaring it one of the most incredible experiences of their lives. A true Antarctic treat.

22 March 2026, AM: Damoy Point – Wiencke Island

After a brief hiatus from snorkelling, following an intimidating encounter at Sprightly Island, where a persistent leopard seal shadowed our Zodiac for over thirty minutes, we were eager to get back under the surface at Damoy Point. The morning brought a fresh dusting of snow, adding a classic Antarctic atmosphere to our landing.

Before gearing up, we explored the local history, visiting the small, iconic UK Antarctic Heritage Trust hut and the nearby Argentine refuge. It was fascinating to learn that this area once served as a makeshift glacier runway; when sea ice blocked research vessels, scientists were flown in to this remote strip to continue their work.

Once back in the Zodiacs, Ania and Eddie found a beautifully sheltered stretch of coastline for our session. We

were joined today by two Italian scuba divers who decided to trade their heavy cylinders for snorkels, a testament to how rewarding surface exploration can be! We spent a solid 35 minutes in the water, drifting alongside both a crabeater seal and a curious Weddell seal.

While the local penguins preferred to stay dry on the rocks today, the underwater world offered plenty of distractions. The visibility was excellent, and a few sharp-eyed snorkellers even reported sightings of icefish, remarkable translucent creatures with antifreeze glycoproteins in their blood. It was a rare and scientific treat to end another successful outing.



22 March 2026, AM: Port Lockroy & Jougla Point – Goudier Island

While most of the Expedition Team spent the afternoon at Jougla Point among the whale bones and bustling gentoo colonies, our snorkel team opted for something a bit more rhythmic: the Boogie Woogie Islands. The name itself is a historical gem, likely originating from the personal notes of Operation Tabarin explorers in the 1940s, and it set a high bar for our afternoon session.

We bypassed the landing initially to follow the dive team toward the rocky walls of Boogie Island. The conditions here were spectacular, offering the clearest water we have encountered on this voyage so far. We spent our time tracing the island's rock wall, mesmerised by the sudden, steep drop-offs into the deep blue.

Only four of our eight snorkellers “dared the double” and jumped in for a second time today, but their stamina was handsomely rewarded. In the crystalline visibility, we spotted vibrant red and orange starfish, oversized limpets, and massive kelp fronds swaying in the current. To top it off, a lone penguin launched itself into the water right in front of the group.

Most importantly, these four now hold some of the rarest bragging rights in the world: they are likely the only people on Earth who can claim to have circumnavigated the Boogie Woogie Islands by snorkel!

Our efficiency paid off, as we still managed to squeeze in a quick landing at Jougla Point to admire the mountain backdrop before being whisked away. We concluded the day with a stunning scenic Zodiac cruise through the Peltier Channel, weaving through glacier scenery to rendezvous with our ship as



it repositioned.

26 March, PM: Caleta Julia – Tres Braz 2026 os

After an early departure from Antarctica to outrun an unprecedented weather system in the Drake Passage, we arrived at the rugged shores of Tierra del Fuego. While leaving the ice behind is always bittersweet, the transition offered a historic opportunity: our first-ever intercontinental snorkel in Patagonia.

Expedition Leader Ashley selected Caleta Julia as our gateway, a picturesque, well-sheltered bay characterised by pristine scenery, tumbling waterfalls, and freshwater creeks. Walking through the lush, green landscape, it was easy to imagine Antarctica as it looked millions of years ago, before the deep freeze, when it was still part of Gondwana and covered in similar temperate vegetation.

While we explored the shoreline, Ania and Eddie scouted the bay and found a spectacular site. The water temperature was a comparatively balmy 8°C (46°F), nearly double what we faced in the south, which allowed the group to stay submerged for an incredible full hour!

The underwater world was a revelation. We drifted through towering kelp forests in calm, clear waters teeming with life. The seabed was a mosaic of bright starfish, black mussels, and sea urchins, alongside a diverse array of crabs. While the elusive “centolla” (the giant Patagonian king crab) remained hidden today, the sheer abundance of shellfish made it clear why the indigenous Yaghan people relied so heavily on these waters as their primary food source. We were so captivated by the visibility and the warmth that we truly didn't want to get out. A magnificent Patagonian debut.



27 March 2026, AM: Isla Martínez & Isla Tito – Beagle Channel

Our final day of operations began with a spectacular sunrise over the Beagle Channel as we approached Isla Navarino. With customs clearance in Chile scheduled for the afternoon before our return to Argentina, we made the most of every remaining hour. While yesterday's Patagonian rain reminded us why we appreciate drysuits even on land, today greeted us with clearing skies and breathtaking views of the massive, sunlit mountain peaks towering over Ushuaia.

After a scenic hour-long hike on Isla Martínez, Ania and Eddie whisked us around the corner to Isla Tito. This small, secluded island provided a perfect sanctuary from the wind and surge. It was fantastic to have Howard rejoin the group for our final dip! Six snorkellers plunged into the pristine bay, while two more joined from Belinda's boat, acting as an enthusiastic cheer squad and dedicated photographers.

The underwater world here felt like a grand finale. The visibility remained superb, allowing us to drift through massive kelp forests teeming with life. In a refreshing change from the deep south, the water was alive with fish, and we were even treated to the rare sight of an octopus tucked into a rocky shelf near the shore. The seabed was once again a mosaic of impressively large starfish, mussels, crabs, and scurrying isopods.

Though it was a shorter 30-minute session, it was a magnificent way to close our aquatic chapter. As a final parting gift from nature, we spotted a Magellanic penguin swimming near the ship on our return, marking the fourth penguin species of our voyage! We've bonded as a team, shared countless laughs on the snorkel boat, and forged friendships that will last long after we disembark in Ushuaia tomorrow. Tonight, we'll relive it all during our farewell slideshow, knowing that while the voyage is ending, our water adventures are only just beginning.









Dive Log

Guides: Darren Clarke, Thomas Gov

19 March 2026, PM: Hydruga Rocks

It was to be a busy first day with compulsory lectures, an operation at Spurt Island and activity briefings; however, the opportunity for a check-out dive on the first day was too good to miss. We found a sheltered spot on the back of the island where the divers could enjoy a seabed 6–10m deep, suitable for our check-out dive. This was an opportunity to ensure our weighting was correct and our equipment was working.

In 6–8m of visibility, it was a great introduction to the benthic life that they would get to enjoy and know more about as the trip progressed. It felt good to get the first dive under our belt and look forward to tomorrow.

20 March 2026, AM: Recess Cove

Reces Cove is renowned for its whales and once again it did not disappoint. From the moment we left the ship, our transit to the dive site was interrupted multiple times to stop and admire the majestic humpback whales.

As we geared up at the dive site near the small island, the whales continued to swim past the Zodiac, which added considerably to the anticipation of the dive. The divers enjoyed their first encounter with some Antarctic cod and the enormous sea stars that seem to dominate the seafloor when they are present. It was a good first dive experienced by all.



Number of Divers: 8
Total Dive Outings: 7

Divers:
Amy Williams
Alex Gilson
Martina Carelli
Davide Rossi
Chuck Quire
Stuart Parsons

Dave
Hazel Gilson

Charles Quire
Stuart Parsons
Adam Obaza
Amy Williams
Alexander Gilson
Hazel Gilson
David Rossi
Martina Carelli

20 March 2026, PM: Sprightly Island

It was an atmospheric but calm morning as we approached the anchorage, the glassy water reflecting the grey skies between the icebergs and swathes of brash ice that seemed to dominate the landscape. On the main body of the island, there is a steep cliff and wall which is often full of ice; however, today it was one of the few pockets of sea that was ice-free. It was perfect for a wall dive, but with the safety of a seafloor at 20m.

What a scenic dive it proved to be. The divers started by having a look around a small iceberg and then descended the wall to a beautiful landscape of finger sponges, fish, nudibranchs and an abundance of small sea spiders. Starfish, large sea stars and brittle stars along the seabed also meant the divers were full of smiles once they returned to the surface. A post-dive cruise produced sightings of minke whales, humpback whales, Weddell and fur seals amidst the imposing but incredible icy landscape.

21 March 2026, AM: Argentine Islands

The divers were once again first off the ship and enjoyed a high-speed cruise through the channels of the Argentine Islands, passing the Ukrainian Vernadsky station (famous for discovering the ozone hole) on our way to Wordie Hut. After a short visit to admire the preserved hut and get a glimpse of what it was like to live and work in Antarctica 50 years ago, we headed out to find a dive site.

We chose to dive in the main channel along the southern wall and hopefully finish in a shallow bay in the hope of some penguin action. The visibility was good and the wall was colourful and filled with life, particularly small fish, nudibranchs and sponges. All the divers navigated well and finished the dive in a small bay where penguins had been coming and going. It seemed, however, that they were not keen to join the divers in the shallows. Nevertheless, it was another lovely dive to add to the trip's tally.

21 March 2026, PM: Yalour Islands

What a beautiful bay Godthul is. The dramatic and majestic scenery engulfed us. We were thankful for the depth of the bay and the height of the mountains as the wind was gusting at 50 knots in the open sea; however, all was calm inside the safety of the bay. It was hard to know which way to look. Within the greater bay, there are numerous smaller ones lined with kelp and home to penguins and seals.

We chose a sheltered little cove that had a long gully between the kelp. Starting in 8m of water, the divers marvelled at the ecosystem crafted by the kelp. The sun's rays shining through the clear water made for a memorable dive in 8–10m of visibility. Two lucky divers were visited by a fur seal, and then the highlight was two friendly gentoo penguins showing how graceful they are as they fly through the water.

22 March 2026, AM: Damoy Point

A late change to the itinerary saw us arrive at Damoy Point. The air was still, the sea like glass, and large snowflakes were falling from a leaden sky. This location is normally known for holding ice next to the shore and around Casablanca Island; however, today it was virtually ice-free, which was a great boost for the divers as it allowed us access to a unique dive on the Antarctic Peninsula.

There was a short transit from the ship to Casablanca Island, where the divers geared up and listened to the brief. It was a 20m wall dive with a slight current, meaning very little finning was required. The divers delighted in the abundant and very large sea stars and the huge fronds of kelp that make this dive so unusual on the peninsula. The limpets actively feeding, some cod hiding between the seaweed, and the general abundance of life and colour meant it will remain one of the divers' favourites from this trip.



22 March 2026, PM: Jougla Point

After a short relocation over lunch, the ship anchored off Jougla Point. Once again, the diving team had a short transit to the site, which meant everyone was warm and happy.

This site had always shown promise, however it had never been dived by the dive guides, so it felt good to be exploring new territory, which is what expedition diving is all about.

The dive was alongside a small island which had various shelves and drop-offs, enabling the divers to have a seabed for the whole dive, even on their safety stop. The dive was dominated by the rock ledges and mini walls covered in beautiful pink and yellow sponges, interspersed with sandy gullies with algae growing on either side and a few specimens of the large, broad-leafed kelp that they had witnessed during the morning's dive.

The visibility was 15-plus metres, which made spotting the very large nudibranchs much easier to accomplish. Another beautiful and tranquil dive in great visibility completed a fantastic day of diving.

26 March 2026, PM: Western Beagle Channel

After a beautiful morning at the Garibaldi Glacier, we cruised back down to the Beagle Channel where we used the Olex system to chart a new route into a fjord, creating the opportunity for a proper expedition dive. We left the ship and headed for a small island in the middle of the fjord. What was immediately apparent was the large swathes of kelp (*Macrocystis*) and clear water.

The divers were excited about the opportunity to enjoy viewing a completely different ecosystem to the one in Antarctica as they dressed up.



The added bonus was that the water was considerably warmer than what we were used to, sitting at a balmy 7°C. The divers enjoyed cruising through the kelp forest, with many species of crustaceans, starfish, fish and sea snails to hold their interest for a full dive. The constant chatter and comparing of sightings on the boat after the dive was a sure sign that everyone had a great first dive in Patagonia.

27 March 2026, AM: Isla Martínez

Everyone was excited to have another dive in the kelp forests, so we set off to find another island similar to yesterday. There were many to choose from, but it did not take long to find a large shelf of kelp with a slightly deeper channel passing through it, which would act as a convenient pathway for the dive. We started the dive at around 12m and gradually made our way towards the shore and progressively shallower water.

It was another really pleasant dive full of colour and life, which proved to be a great combination with the brighter skies and good visibility for some photography. The divers once again saw many fish, starfish, nudibranchs, sea snails, crabs and other crustaceans amongst the kelp forest.

It was a lovely way to complete the weeks diving but we were not quite finished yet as the divers were de-kitting we spotted some whale blows and went to investigate. To our surprise it was a pod of Sei whales. A first for the trip and lifetime first for most of the divers. A special treat at the end of a special week.



Bird Sightings

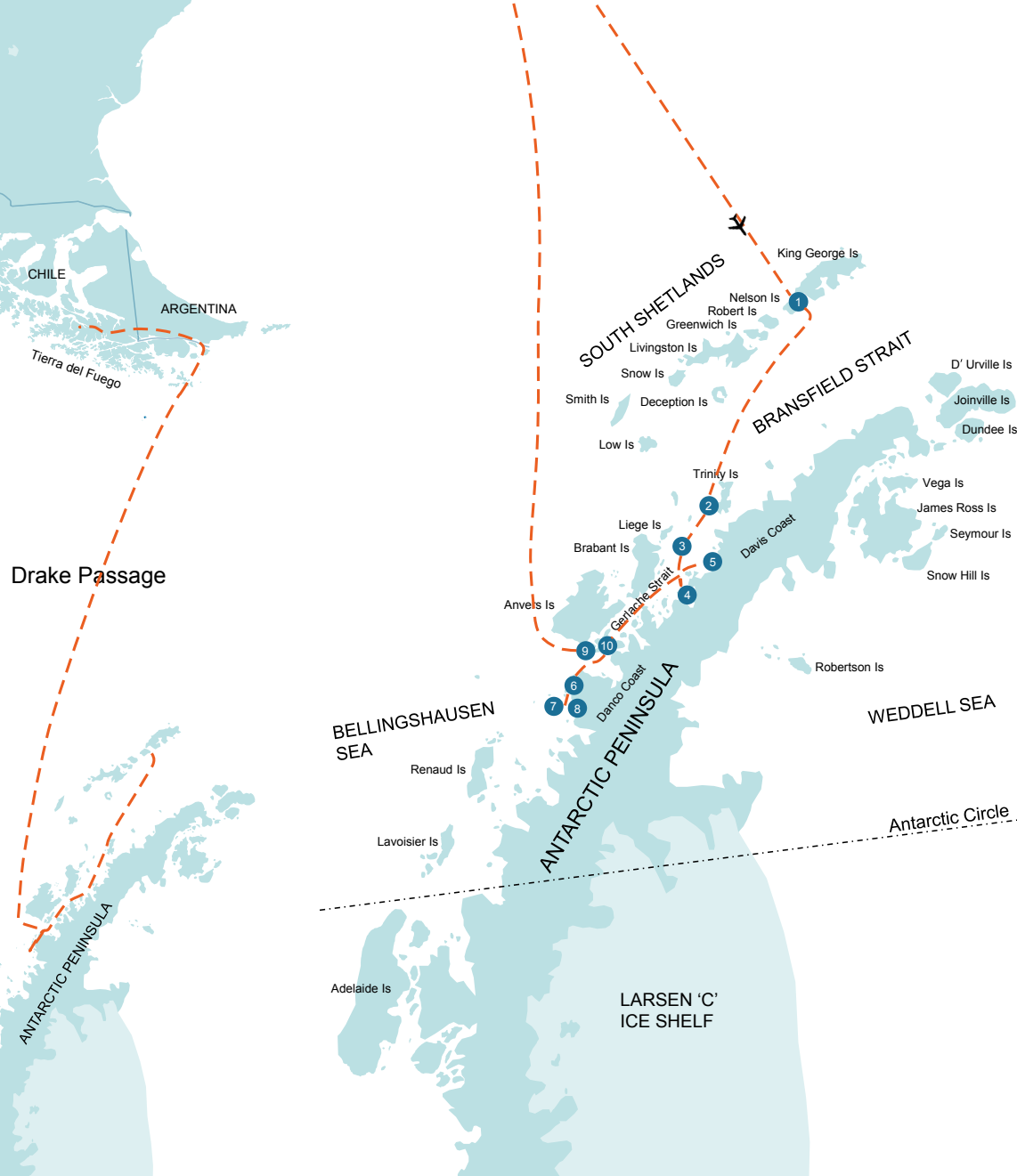
Bird Species	March									
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Gentoo Penguin	●	●	●	●	●					
Chinstrap Penguin	●	●	●							
Adélie Penguin				●						
Magellanic Penguin									●	●
Wandering Albatross (Snowy)						●	●			
Black-browed Albatross							●	●		
Grey-headed Albatross						●	●			
Light-mantled Albatross							●			
Giant Petrel sp. (Northern or Southern)	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●
Southern Fulmar								●		
Cape (Pintado) Petrel		●								
Blue Petrel							●			
Sooty Shearwater								●		
Wilson's Storm Petrel		●	●	●	●					
Black-bellied Storm Petrel					●					
Soft-plumaged Petrel							●			
Kerguelen Petrel						●				
Imperial Cormorant (Blue-eyed Shag)		●	●	●	●			●	●	●
Magellanic Cormorant (Rock Shag)								●	●	●
Neotropic Cormorant										●
Kelp Gull	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●

[illegible]

Mammal Sightings

[illegible]

Map



1. King George Island | 62°12' S, 58°57' W
2. Spert Island | 63°52' S, 60°59' W
3. Hydrurga Rocks | 64°09' S, 61°38' W
4. Recess Cove | 64°31' S, 61°37' W
5. Sprightly Island | 64°17' S, 61°05' W
6. Lemaire Channel | 65°06' S, 63°58' W
7. Argentine Islands | 65°15' S, 64°13' W
8. Cape Tuxen | 65°15' S, 64°06' W
9. Damoy Point | 64°48' S, 63°29' W
10. Jougla Point | 64°49' S, 63°30' W
11. Seno Garibaldi | 54°43' S, 69°58' W
12. Tres Brazos | 54°53' S, 69°46' W
13. Isla Martínez | 54°54' S, 68°15' W
14. Northeast of Isla Hoste | 54°55' S, 68°27' W

Antarctic Explorer

18 March – 28 March 2025



Our Expeditioners

Adam Obaza	Chuck Quire	Elena Wimberger	John Kennedy	Margaret Philipsborn	Sally Edwards
Alan Gunn	Claire Standen	Erma Morgan	John Whitehead	Maria Gibbs	Sally Paulin
Alex Gilson	Courtney Brantley	Felicity Toms	Joseph Hannah	Mark Brophy	Sarika Cullis-Suzuki
Amanda Lucas	Crystal Watson	Ferda Coffey	Judy Watson	Martina Carelli	Shelly Donahue
Amy Williams	Cynthia Bruce	Gabriele Patterson	Julia Borland	Michael Gibbs	Sherry Zhang
Andrew Marshall	Daniel Giro	Gen Thompson	Julian Direen	Nick Gunn	Simone Koffman
Andy Philipsborn	Darlene Hayes	George Colaco	Karolina Pawłowicz	Nick Sharrard	Stuart Parsons
Annabel Matthews	David Brophy	Glenn Davis	Kathy Mulder	Nieccia Miller	Susan Byrnes Byrnes
Anthony Barrett	David Bruce	Hao Wang	Katinka Jellema-Wilson	Nino Suzuki Rhodes	Terri Barrett
Aria Li	Davide Rossi	Harriet Sharrard	Kim Kezer	Qi Cen	Terry Keeling
Ashier-Leigh Parsons	Debbie Walker	Hazel Gilson	Laura Del-Pino	Rachael Lockwood	Thomas Hughes
Bernie Patterson	Deborah Keeling	Hilary Delbridge	Leigh Delbridge	Randy Kaye	Tony Paulin
Bonnie Wilson	Deborah Shield	Howard Forsythe	Leo Dwyer	Remco Jellema	Tracey Wardill
Carlene Bone	Devin Kealey	Ian Talarico	Leo Xu	Rob Lucas	Tracy Ling
Carr Suzuki Rhodes	Devin O'Keane	James Atherton	Linda Vislocky	Robert Shield	
Catherine Brophy	Diana Kealey	Jane Bilger	Lisa Greaves	Ron Mckay	
Caylen Matenga	Dirwyn Hayes	Jels Giro	Logan Pallin	Russell Jewell	
Chris Johnson	Doug Gerlach	Jenny Mckay	Lou Savery	Ryan Jones	
Chris Rhodes	Ed Gunn	Jeremy Kezer	Lynn MacRitchie	Ryo Suzuki Rhodes	

Expedition Team

Expedition Leader: Ashley Perrin

Assistant Expedition Leader: Marcos Goldin

Onboard Expedition Manager: Heidi Dohn

Shop Manager: Reza Rusooly

Ornithologist / Naturalist / CSC: Tracey-Ann (T-A) Hooley

Historian: Piotr Damski

Marine Biologist / Naturalist / EC: Vicky Inglis

Expedition Guide: Samira Drissi

Expedition Guide: Carlos Mauer

Expedition Guide: Rose Luan

Photography Guide: Jamie Lafferty

Expedition First Responder: Belinda Denchfield

Lead Senior Kayak Guide: Erin Scott

Senior Kayak Guide: Eamon Larkin

Senior Kayak Guide: Scotty McCormack

Senior Kayak Guide: Sarah Hrdlicka

Kayak Guide: Tim Stredwick

Lead Snorkel Guide: Ania Baranek

Snorkel Guide: Eddie Hauzer

Dive Team Leader: Darren Clarke

Dive / Snorkel Guide: Thomas Gov

Alpine Guide: Raimundo De Andraca

Zodiac Manager: Nacho Marino

Senior Officers & Heads of Department

Master: Andrey Gilevskiy

Chief Officer: Victor Koshelets

Second Officer: John Paul Sibug

Safety Officer: Bryan Joseph Salem

Bosun: Leo Francis Marzan

Ship Doctor: Maria Zambrano

Chief Engineer: Artem Vyshnevskiy

First Engineer: Warlito Versoza

IT Officer: Mikhail Volkov

Hotel Director: Alex Barkar

F&B Service Manager: Narendra Seeram

Head Bartender: Sheenie Vi Landauz

Chief Purser: Pedro Camilo Jr Diaz

Executive Chef: Indra Wicaksono

Sous-Chef: Priteviraj Dakona

Hotel Controller: Orlando Costa

Receptionist: Angela Manuel

Receptionist: Jaica Marie Puyod

Head Stateroom Attendant: Florante Lusong Jr.

Deck Cadet: Constantin Turmacu

Able Seaman: Eduardo Aloyan

Able Seaman: Ferdy Noel Diaz Roque

Able Seaman: Prasad Pallikara Vijayan

Able Seaman: Anthony Brosas

Able Seaman: Danico Dan Well

Photography thanks to:

Jamie Lafferty





-
-  facebook.com/auroraex
 -  [@aurora_expeditions](https://www.instagram.com/aurora_expeditions)
 -  youtube.com/auroraexpeditions
 -  [Aurora Expeditions \(@Polar_Experts\)](https://twitter.com/Polar_Experts)