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Arctic Expedition Cruises

Oceanwide Expeditions

North Atlantic - Spitsbergen – East Greenland - Jan Mayen

Dates, Prices, Routes, Travel Conditions

Introduction and further informations by terra polaris:

As we know and sell a range of expedition cruises, I would like to give some extra pre-information about the cruises prior to the following informations provided by Oceanwide Expeditions (which start from page 3):

No other company in the expedition cruise business has a comparably long and extensive experience with touristic cruises into the remoter regions of Spitsbergen and East Greenland, than Oceanwide Expeditions. Having started originally around 1980 as a non-profit foundation „Stichting Plancius“ for supporting polar research with logistics and surplus from their touristic programs, they later on melted with a Dutch shipping company, resulting in the foundation of Oceanwide Expeditions as a tour operator specialised on polar expedition cruises – today probably the biggest and most experienced tour operator in this field.

Since the 1990s, Oceanwide Expeditions operates also in Antarctic waters during the southern summer, focussing on the area of the **Antarctic Peninsula plus adjacent islands, plus South Georgia and the Falklands**, thus improving the possibilities for exploring these remote areas also with modern, smaller ice-classed vessels, focussing on as many landings as possible.

We at terra polaris work with Oceanwide Expeditions not only because of their high polar competence and organisation quality, but also because of the character of their voyages::

- > **smaller motor ships with 84-114 passengers**
- > **clear focus on many landings and comprehensive information on the visited areas**
- > **concentration on the visited remote regions – not on luxury and social life on board.**

Original prices and polar competence: Following, we present the Southern programme of Oceanwide Expedition, for which we act as a booking agent. As usual, we stick to the original prices provided by Oceanwide – and by booking with us, you take advantage of our polar experience, in addition: contrary to many pure sellers, we are engaged in the high latitudes in many ways, having even our company seat in the high Arctic.

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> **Type of vessel:**

Both motor ships of Oceanwide Expeditions – the **PLANCIUS** and the **ANTARCTIC DREAM** - are true ice-class expedition vessels, which were originally built for non-touristic professional work in polar areas (research, logistics), followed by a later adaption to touristic needs., at least some of the officers have long polar experience, and the maximal passenger numbers (84-114) are especially suitable for Antarctic purposes: as some cabins are usually booked for single occupancy, the number of persons wanting to go ashore is usually below the allowed limit of 100 persons at the same time according to the IAATO regulations. A certain comfort is definitely offered, too, but the main focus is on the visited remote areas, their nature and history, to be experienced by a lasting combination of many landings and qualified background informations through lectures and excursion information by the numerous staff team. No luxury social life, clean outdoor clothes and casual wear are sufficient for all occasions – save the weight of extra evening dresses in favour of good outdoor gear in your baggage!

Even more expedition style and certainly the choice for those looking out for a small number of passengers is the motor sailing ship **NOORDERLICHT** with a maximum of only around 20 passengers plus her small crew (mostly dutch) and the expedition leader/guide. Her tours are so popular, that a number of them is chartered or sold out more than a year in advance.

For more information about the ships see also the links on our website www.terrapolaris.com !

> Languages and nationalities of participants

On the majority of tours, English is the official and dominating language on board for communication between passengers and staff and for lectures. A few voyages are bilingual (see dates and prices list), here announcements and lecturing will be done in two languages. Also on the purely English-speaking tours, the passengers are normally from a range of countries, allowing interesting international contacts.

> Staff:

The nautical crew of the PLANCIUS is internationally mixed, while on the ANTARCTIC DREAM, it is mainly Chilean. All persons taking care of the passengers more directly, the so-called „staff“ (expedition leader, guides/lecturers, hotel manager, purser, barkeeper, stewards, cabin service) are also of mixed nationalities (typically, dutch, german, polish, british, US-american, austrian, swiss, danish, russian and others), but are mostly speaking English fairly well.

> Flights and transfers:

Flights to and from Aberdeen, Longyearbyen (Spitsbergen) and Iceland are not included in any of the offers published here and the majority of our customers prefers in fact to organise these flights individually to adapt them to individual wishes (using miles & more bonus miles, extending the cruise with supplementary land programs in Spitsbergen (ask us for advice) or Iceland, to make better use of the long flights, etc.). We can advise you also with the flights.

For the voyages PLA05 – PLA08, Oceanwide Expeditions organises **direct charter flights** between Brussels (Belgium) and Longyearbyen (Spitsbergen) and/or back, which can be booked in addition.

> **Additional land program in Spitsbergen:** Via our local tour operator branch Spitsbergen Tours (first tourism company registered in Spitsbergen – in 1987), we can offer for all **Spitsbergen cruises pre- and post-programs** after June 20th. A pre-program allows to get accustomed to Spitsbergen and to get familiar with the basics of local nature and history in a small group, based on land, to take detail pictures of flora, reindeers, birds – and with this preparation getting more out of the following cruise. A pre-program can be just a few days to one of our settlement-, cabin- and tentcamp-based longer programs with day excursions to a somewhat more demanding longer trekking. In most cases, we recommend a preprogram rather than a post-program, as a stay on land before the cruise provides experiences, pictures and knowledge which is useful also on the cruise. A post-program on land makes especially sense in combination with a very early cruise date (to let more snow melt before the program on land), or in the late season for photographers interested also in the interesting colours with lower sun or even twilight, or if it simply fits best with dates.

A new option also for combinations with cruises is our **new glacier cabin next to the spectacular ice front of the Nordenskiöld glacier** (see our website www.terrapolaris.com for this and other possibilities, or consult us directly).

You can either book one of our regular programs, or ask for a specially curtailed special arrangement, which we get more and more requests for in combination with cruises.

> **Cruises with Andreas Umbreit** in the cruise staff team or as expedition leader see **info box on page 6**.

This much of additional informations provided by terra polaris. Following on the following pages the original information texts by Oceanwide Expeditions.

Arctic greetings from your terra polaris team.



(A. Umbreit)



PLANCIUS, ANTARCTIC DREAM, NOORDERLICHT





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ARCTIC & NORTH ATLANTIC ISLANDS 2011 – DATES & PRICES (EURO)

Aboard 'Antarctic Dream'

Note: Twin private 'inside' cabins on the ATD have no portholes or windows. Twin private inside Kabinen haben keine Fenster oder Bullaugen

Code	Voyage	Start	End	Nights / Days	Embarkation – Disembarkation	Twin private inside	Twin private	Superior	Suite
ATD06	North Spitsbergen	JUN 26	JUL 03	07 / 08	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	2.950	3.550	3.900	4.400
ATD07 g	North or Around Spitsbergen	JUL 03	JUL 12	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.750	4.550	5.100	5.650
ATD08 *	North or Around Spitsbergen	JUL 12	JUL 21	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.750	4.550	5.100	5.650
ATD09 g	North or Around Spitsbergen	JUL 21	JUL 30	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.750	4.550	5.100	5.650
ATD10	North or Around Spitsbergen	JUL 30	AUG 08	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.750	4.550	5.100	5.650
ATD11	Around Spitsbergen	AUG 08	AUG 17	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.750	4.550	5.100	5.650
ATD12 H, b	Around Spitsbergen	AUG 17	AUG 26	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.750	4.550	5.100	5.650
ATD13 *	Northeast Greenland	AUG 26	SEP 07	12 / 13	Longyearbyen - Akureyri	4.700	5.650	6.350	7.150
ATD14	Scoresby Sund <i>Aurora borealis</i>	SEP 07	SEP 15	08 / 09	Akureyri - Akureyri	3.300	4.000	4.500	5.000

Aboard 'Plancius'

Code	Voyage	Start	End	Nights / Days	Embarkation – Disembarkation	Triple private	Twin private	Superior
PLA05 SRX	North Rona - Faroes - Jan Mayen - Spitsbergen <i>Whale Safari, Summer Solstice</i>	JUN 12	JUN 22	10 / 11	Aberdeen - Longyearbyen	2.450	3.100	3.450
PLA06 DKSX	North Spitsbergen	JUN 22	JUN 29	07 / 08	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	2.800	3.550	3.900
PLA07 DKST XX	North or Around Spitsbergen Basecamp Plancius	JUN 29	JUL 08	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.650	4.550	5.100
PLA08 X	North or Around Spitsbergen	JUL 08	JUL 17	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.650	4.550	5.100
PLA09 *	North or Around Spitsbergen	JUL 17	JUL 26	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.650	4.550	5.100
PLA10	North or Around Spitsbergen	JUL 26	AUG 04	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.650	4.550	5.100
PLA11 b	Around Spitsbergen	AUG 04	AUG 13	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.650	4.550	5.100
PLA12 K *	Around Spitsbergen	AUG 13	AUG 22	09 / 10	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.650	4.550	5.100
PLA13 K, b	Northeast Greenland	AUG 22	SEP 03	12 / 13	Longyearbyen - Akureyri	4.500	5.650	6.350

LEGEND

b = Bilingual voyage: English / German
C = Camping: Group size: min. 8, max. 15 campers.
 Supplement: EURO 70 per person per night.
D = Diving. Group size: min. 8, max. 24 divers.
 Supplement: EURO 300 per person.
g = German speaking voyage (ATD07, ATD09 & PLA11)
H = Hiking. Daily long hikes of approx. 5-7 hours.
 The activity is free of charge.
K = Kayaking. Group size: min. 4 – max. 14 kayakers.
 Supplement: EURO 250 per person (except Basecamp Plancius).
S = Snowshoe/hiking.
 The activity incl. the use of snow shoes is free of charge.
T = Trekking (3 days away from the ship, 2 nights in tents).
 Participants carry provisions in their own rucksack (15 kg).
 Group size min. 6 – max. 15 trekkers.
 Supplement EUR 250 per person.
 * = Currently under charter or sold out.

LEGENDE

b = Zweiprächige Reise: Englisch / Deutsch
C = Camping: Gruppengröße: min. 8, max. 15 Camper.
 Preiszuschlag: EURO 70 pro Nacht.
D = Tauchen. Gruppengröße: min. 8, max. 24 Taucher.
 Preiszuschlag: EURO 300 pro Person.
g = German speaking voyage (ATD07, ATD09 & PLA11)
H = Wandern. Lange Tageswanderungen von 5-7 Stunden..
 Kein Preiszuschlag für diese Aktivität.
K = Kajakpaddeln. Gruppengröße: min. 4 – max. 14 Kajakfahrer.
 Zuschlag: EURO 250 pro Person (außer Basecamp Plancius).
S = Schneeschuh/Wandern.
 Kein Preiszuschlag, auch für Schneeschuhbenutzung.
T = Trekking (3 Tage ohne Schiff, 2 Zelt Nächte). Die Teilnehmer
 tragen Ausrüstung und Verpflegung selbst in den
 Rucksäcken. Gruppengröße min. 6 – max. 15 Wanderer.
 Preiszuschlag EUR 250 pro Person.
 * = Termin verchartert oder ausverkauft.

X = Direct charter flights Brussels - Spitsbergen and back on June 22nd, June 29th and July 8th 2011. Adapted to PLA05 (return), PLA06 and PLA07 (both ways), PLA08 (up), but available to passengers of all other Oceanwide cruises in that period. Price per Oceanwide cruise passenger and direction EURO 300 (non-european residents alternatively US-\$ 400), departure Brussels 06:00, departure Longyearbyen 11:25, 4,5 hours flight time.
X = free of charge charter flights for PLA07 (both ways) and for PLA08 (Brussels-Longyearbyen).

Aboard 's/v Noorderlicht'

Code	Voyage	Start	End	Nights / Days	Embarkation – Disembarkation	Twin non private
NOO05	North Spitsbergen	JUN 10	JUN 21	11 / 12	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	2.990
NOO06	North Spitsbergen	JUN 21	JUL 02	11 / 12	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	2.990
NOO07 *	North Spitsbergen	JUL 02	JUL 13	11 / 12	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	2.990
NOO08 *	North or Around Spitsbergen	JUL 13	JUL 28	15 / 16	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.960
NOO09 *	North or Around Spitsbergen	JUL 28	AUG 12	15 / 16	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.960
NOO10	Around Spitsbergen	AUG 12	AUG 27	15 / 16	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.960
NOO11 H	Around Spitsbergen	AUG 27	SEP 11	15 / 16	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.960
NOO12 *	North Spitsbergen	SEP 11	SEP 26	15 / 16	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	3.960
NOO13	North Spitsbergen	SEP 26	OCT 03	07 / 08	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	1.870
NOO14	South Spitsbergen - <i>Aurora borealis</i>	OCT 03	OCT 10	07 / 08	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	1.870
NOO15a	South Spitsbergen - <i>Aurora borealis</i>	OCT 10	OCT 17	07 / 08	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	1.870
NOO15b	South Spitsbergen - <i>Aurora borealis</i>	OCT 17	OCT 24	07 / 08	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	1.870
NOO16 *	South Spitsbergen - <i>Aurora borealis</i>	OCT 24	OCT 31	07 / 08	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	1.870
NOO17	South Spitsbergen - <i>Aurora borealis</i>	OCT 31	01.11.07	07 / 08	Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen	1.870
NOO20	Lofoten - <i>Aurora borealis</i>	NOV 15	NOV 22	07 / 08	Lødingen - Lødingen	1.400
NOO21 *	Lofoten - <i>Aurora borealis</i>	NOV 22	NOV 29	07 / 08	Lødingen - Lødingen	1.400

* = Currently under charter or sold out. [Termin derzeit verchartert oder ausgebucht.](#)

Attention: Also on the still available departures, only few places are left! Auch auf den noch freien Terminen nur noch wenige Plätze!

GENERAL NOTES REGARDING PRICES – ALL VESSELS OF THIS PROGRAM

All rates are quoted per person in EURO, based on twin occupancy. EURO rates apply for all sales within Europe. 5% Discount will be granted for bookings for one or more consecutive voyages. Please note that all dates & rates are subject to change. All voyages will operate subject to a minimum of 50 participants on the Antarctic Dream, 70 participants on the Plancius and 14 participants on the Noorderlicht.

Single occupancy:

All cabin types 1.7 times the share price

Fares include:

- Voyage aboard the indicated vessel as indicated in the itinerary.
- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea.
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac.
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff.
- Free use of rubber boots and snowshoes on Plancius
- On Spitsbergen voyages:** Transfers and baggage handling between the airport, hotels and ship only for those passengers on the group flights to and from Longyearbyen.
- On Northeast Greenland voyages:** Transfer and baggage handling between ship in Akureyri and hotels in Reykjavik by coach (5 hours).
- On Scoresby Sund voyages:** Transfers and baggage handling between Reykjavik hotels and ship in Akureyri by coach (5 hours) and vice versa.
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the programme.
- AECO fees and governmental taxes.
- Comprehensive pre-departure material.

Not included:

Any airfare, whether on scheduled or charter flights; pre- and post land arrangements; transfers to / from the vessel outside Spitsbergen; passport and visa expenses; Government arrival and departure taxes; meals ashore; baggage, cancellation and personal insurance (which is strongly recommended); excess baggage charges and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar, beverage charges and telecommunication charges; and the customary gratuity at the end of the voyages for stewards and other service personnel aboard (guidelines will be provided).

It is agreed that if world fuel prices will reach or exceed US Dollar 80 per Barrel Brent **90 days prior to departure** Oceanwide Expeditions reserves the right to levy a **fuel surcharge** of EURO 18 per passenger per night, to be paid by the contracting party of Oceanwide Expeditions.

Cruises with Andreas Umbreit

Andreas Umbreit, owner of terra polaris and author of the guidebook „Spitsbergen – Svalbard, Franz Josef Land, Jan Mayen“, with more than 25 years of Spitsbergen experience and resident of Longyearbyen/Spitsbergen, is likely to participate on the following cruises as guide/lecturer or expedition leader:

PLA04/PLA05 Holland – Aberdeen – North Rona – Färöer – Jan Mayen – whale watching Greenland Sea – Northwest Spitsbergen – Longyearbyen.

10.-22. June 2011 – cruise into the highest midnight sun.

This cruise on PLANCIUS (bookable from Hansweert/Holland or Aberdeen/Schottland) provides a great insight into the variety and gradual change of nature in the North Atlantic from central Europe to the high arctic – plus the very rare opportunity of visiting North Rona and especially Jan Mayen (landings depending on local conditions). In 2010, we managed impressive 4 landings on Jan Mayen plus a crossing over the mountains of the southern part of the island. Furthermore, this cruise traverses waters with good chances for spotting a number of different whale species, including blue whales, and is attractive for birdwatchers, too. **Optional direct charter flight Longyearbyen - Brussels offered for € 300 per passenger of this cruise !** This cruise can be supplemented with an add-on program on land in Spitsbergen through terra polaris (regular programs or special arrangement – please contact us).

PLA07 „Basecamp Plancius“ North Sitsbergen from/to Longyearbyen. With 3 days trekking option.

29. June – 8. July 2011, bilingual departure (E/D).

This PLANCIUS cruise is especially recommendable to travellers who like to be even more active out in nature than on the „normal“ expedition cruises. All activities (hiking, longer hikes, snowshoeing, kayaking, zodiac cruises) are included already in the tour price. Only diving and the 3-days trekking option cost an extra surcharge. Andreas Umbreit is intended to lead one of the 2 trekkings planned in the Raudfjord-Liefdefjord area – a spectacular region of mountains, fjords and glaciers, which is extremely unusual to be offered for a several days trek. **Free charter flights Brussels-Longyearbyen-Brussels for passengers of this cruise included – also if coming up already on June 22nd for having a pre-program to the cruise !**

This cruise can be supplemented with an add-on program on land in Spitsbergen through terra polaris (regular programs or special arrangement – please contact us).

NOO11 NOORDERLICHT North Spitsbergen with focus on longer day hikes.

27. August – 11. September 2011.

This cruise on the motor sailing vessel NOORDERLICHT with a maximum of about 20 participants and with Andreas Umbreit as intended expedition leader has been placed intentionally into the later summer season, where the snow of last winter is mostly gone and when the terrain is usually dryest: good conditions for long hikes. A departure especially for fit hikers, looking for a smaller number of participants and who like the concept of travelling on a motor sailing vessel.

This cruise can be supplemented with an add-on program on land in Spitsbergen through terra polaris (regular programs or special arrangement – please contact us).



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Detailinformationen

**Arktis & NordatlantikinseIn 2011
MV PLANCIUS, MV ANTARCTIC DREAM,
SS NOORDERLICHT**

Itineraries

The following itineraries are meant as rough orientation, only. The actual program can vary considerably due to local ice and weather conditions, but also in an effort to react for instance on appearing opportunities for animal observation. Flexibility is of utmost importance on our cruises with expedition character. All landings depend on weather, availability of landing time, local regulations for landings and environmental rules by AECO.

Sailing plan and landing times are arranged prior to the season by a procedure of AECO. The final sailing plan will be set by the expedition leader on board and followed on the basis of due judgement of the captain and the properties of the vessel.

Due to high fuel costs, Oceanwide Expeditions reserves the right to reduce the speed of the vessel (like sailing with only one propulsion shaft in use). This will not harm the character of the voyage or the safety of ship, crew and passengers.

Rubber boots and expedition jackets

Expedition jackets can be ordered at a special price in advance. Conditions and prices are printed on the order scheme.

As PLANCIUS has good storage room, all passengers on PLANCIUS voyages can be provided with hiking rubber boots free of charge for the duration of the voyage. Shoe size has to be passed to Oceanwide Expeditions at least 8 weeks in advance. Thereupon, a voucher will be issued, which will be sent together with the other travel documents about 4 weeks prior to departure. Without preorder and without voucher, no equipment will be handed out on board. At the end of the voyage, the rubber boots have to be returned to the expedition team. The boots are of high quality, comfortable and keep feet dry and warm during landings.

Land excursions and Zodiac cruises

Guided land excursions (hikes, animal observations) and Zodiac cruises are included in the tour price. The program is varied and open for all passengers. Our philosophy is active experience of nature on land and on sea.

Basecamp Plancius

On selected departures, the ship will become our basecamp for active guests. By definition, „basecamp“ is a storage place and starting point, from where an activity starts, in this case day excursions ranging from shore to mountain tops. On the „Basecamp Plancius“ departures, the ship will be steered to carefully selected antarctic and arctic locations. In these areas, the ship will stay for 2-3 days and serves there as a comfortable basecamp and center for our activity program, allowing much time for a wide range of activities: mountaineers and hikers scale tops and viewpoints, kayakers and Zodiac guests explore coastlines and bays inaccessible for the ship itself. Passengers who do not want to join any of these activities can join alternatively our normal excursion program (easy to medium strolls and hikes with focus on the fauna). Furthermore, we offer the possibility of participating in a photo workshop. All these mentioned activities are free of extra charges.

Bilingual voyages (b)

English is normally the regular language on board. On bilingual departures, some staff will be English-German speaking (or possibly other language) and informations via the speaker system and briefings will be done bilingual, lectures will be offered on PLANCIUS and ANTARCTIC DREAM in either language, possibly with differing content and subjects (translation within the same lecture will be usually avoided, as this may be too time-absorbing). With the 2 lecturing rooms, parallel lecturing in 2 different languages is no problem. On excursions during bilingual cruises, usually several groups are offered with differing physical demands and/or intentions. Also here, the majority of the groups will be guided in English, partly accompanied also by two guides for different languages, but in some cases, there can be one of the groups for non-English speakers, only.

German-speaking voyages (G)

On these voyages (labelled with a „G“ in the Dates & Rates list), all information and all lecturing will be in German, though some staff members certainly speak English, too, and can be addressed in English, but there will be no general English translation service for informations and lectures.

Hiking (H)

During designated hiking voyages we exceed our normal shore excursion walking program. In general we plan to offer 3 possibilities to become active ashore. There will be easy, moderate and more demanding walks available in the vicinity of the landing sites. There will

be walks available to suit everyone's capability. In the Antarctic we are planning on two hikes per day, each 2 - 3 hours long during morning and / or afternoon landings. In the Arctic we also offer several full day walks (5 - 7 hrs) with packed lunch. The final decision on those hiking options will be met by the Expedition Leader on the day of the excursion.

We recommend bringing a proper pair of hiking boots and gaiters in addition to the rubber boots. Snowshoes will be provided (for hikers only) on board. Those will fit all boot sizes and can be used in combination with Oceanwide's rubber boots. Hiking is free of charge; more details can be found in the activity manual and the day by day programs.

Kayaking (K)

In general we plan to at least offer 4 kayaking days. Basic kayaking experience is required and physical fitness is essential. Parallel to all other activities we are planning on offering kayaking excursions during morning and / or afternoon landings. The final decision on those excursions will be met by the Expedition Leader. Oceanwide will provide kayaks and neoprene wet suits. Kayakers will bring their own personal gear. Kayaking is subject to weather and prevailing ice conditions. This activity has to be booked extra with a surcharge. See also detail informations and Dates & Rates.

Photo workshop (P)

During "Basecamp Plancius" voyages we are going to offer photo workshops for beginners and advanced photographers under the supervision of a photo expert on board. Everyone is welcome to participate, no previous experience required. The workshop group will be accompanied by the photo expert during activity ashore. The maximum participants per photo workshop is aimed at 20 participants per outing per guide, so maximum attention can be paid to individuals. The work shop group will be taken on shore excursions whenever opportunities arise. Participants with a special interest in photography will bring their personal photo equipment. During cruise days everyone will be able to listen into photo lectures in order to learn more about objects, exposures and photo composition. The workshop intention is not to instruct on how to use specific camera models, but more to give an insight on better photo results by respecting basic rules of photography. Photographers can also take part in other activities of their choice.

Scuba diving (D)

Divers must be advanced and experienced in dry suit and cold water diving. We hope for 1-2 different dives per day parallel to all other activities. Diving depends on local ice and weather conditions. Dive masters and dive guides are responsible for safety during operation. Basic equipment is onboard (scuba tanks, compressors, weights and diving essentials. Divers bring their personal gear. For more details and surcharge, please refer to the Dates & Rates and the activity manual.

Snowshoeing (S)

Snowshoeing in the Arctic

Especially on early departures at the beginning of the season there are still snow covered hills and mountains further afield. On North Spitsbergen voyages we are aiming at offering hiking excursions with snowshoes, which are easy to use and which don't require any technical skills. With the use of snowshoes it is easy and safer to walk on snow surfaces. Snowshoes will be provided for everybody on board which fit all boot sizes and can be used in combination with Oceanwide rubber boots. Snowshoe hiking is free of charge, more details in the activity manual and day by day Programs.

Trekking (T)

On PLA07 2011, we offer an exciting 'open air' 3 day trekking experience in the very north of Spitsbergen - crossing from Raudfjord onto Reinsdyrflya and to Liefdefjord, which gives an intensive experience of the Arctic wilderness. The trekking group will be self supplied and 3 days away from the ship, 2 nights in tents. Participants carry provisions in their own rucksack (approx. 20 kg). Special gear and field equipment will be provided: tents, wind and waterproof bivouac bags (lightweight alternative to tent system). This shelter will protect you from the elements during the night in the open air of the Arctic. Mattresses and polar sleeping bags provide comfort during the night. The maximum number of participants for this camping option is 15 participants. Expedition guides will lead the activity ashore. Trekking and camping is always subject to weather, local site and environmental regulations. For prices please refer to our Dates & Rates, more details about the programme in the day by day programmes.



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EXPEDITIONS

North Atlantic Isles 2011

MV PLANCIUS, MV ANTARCTIC DREAM

Day-by-Day Itineraries

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North Sea

Hansweert (Netherlands) – Aberdeen (Scotland)

PLA04 June 10 – June 12 02 nights aboard MS Plancius

This passage from Holland to Aberdeen can be booked in addition to PLA05.

North Atlantik Odyssey – Whales & Midsummernight

Aberdeen – Longyearbyen

PLA05S June 12 – June 22 10 nights aboard MS Plancius



Day 1

Arrive in Aberdeen, famed as the Granite City and many times a winner of the Britain in Bloom competition, and embark on our trip. The lighthouse on Girdle Ness, to the south as the North Sea is reached, was designed by the grandfather of Robert Louis Stevenson. The Scottish waters offer excellent possibilities to spot Minke Whales, White-beaked Dolphins and Harbour Porpoises. Several other cetaceans, including Orcas (Killer Whales), are also native to these waters.

Day 2

Out in the Atlantic to the north-west of Scotland lie the tiny islands of North Rona and Sula Sgeir. We shall land on North Rona to see the seabird colonies and the Grey Seals. The island was inhabited in the 18th century and some remains are still visible: Leach's Petrels can be heard calling from their nesting burrows in the ruined walls of a small church in the 'village'. Sula Sgeir is the last island in Britain on which Gannets are harvested annually. There will be spectacular views of its cliffs as we sail around. In 2006 we saw a Black-browed Albatross at this island.

Day 3

Today we arrive at Thorshavn, the capital and cultural centre of the Faroes. Here we are free to shop, to visit the museum or just wander at will. In the harbour the small Faroese boats are a reminder of the Viking origins of the islanders. In the early evening we will try to land at Saksun, tucked away at the head of a fjord which was once a superb natural harbour. Today the bay is full of sand and we can only enter by zodiac at high tide. At Saksun there is a Natural Heritage Museum. Continuing along the north side of Streymoy we pass huge seabird colonies.

Day 4 & 5

We sail north to the Norwegian island of Jan Mayen, situated 300 nautical miles north-east of Iceland. During our two days at sea there will be plenty of time to watch for the blow of a Minke, Fin or Blue Whale, which could herald a rewarding encounter with these gentle giants. Perhaps we might run into a pod of Orcas, who can often be quite curious about boats such as ours.

Day 6

Jan Mayen is a volcanic island of breathtaking beauty and mystique, dominated by Mt Beerenberg. From the slopes of the 2300m volcano, impressive glaciers spill into the sea. Until recently, the island was off-limits as it is a military base, and was rarely visited by tourists, but with permission from the Norwegian authorities we hope to visit the weather station. We will also walk across the island to Kvalrossbukta to look at the remains of a 17th century Dutch whaling station and a substantial colony of Fulmars. We also plan to sail by Koksletta where thousands of Little Auks and Brünnich's Guillemots breed close to a glacier, watched over by Glaucous Gulls.

Days 7 & 8

In the midnight sun we sail north along the edge of the sea-ice, looking out for different species of whales, dolphins, seals and a variety of seabirds, until the sea-ice will stop us and we will sail to North Spitsbergen.

Day 9

Depending on the position of the sea-ice, we sail into Raudfjord or one of the other fjords in Northwest Spitsbergen, where we have chances of seeing Polar Bears at the heads of the fjords, where seals are sunbathing on the fjord-ice. At Fuglesangen we have an opportunity to see thousands of Little Auks on their breeding grounds.

Day 10

Fuglehuken the northern tip of Prince Karls Forland is probably the place where Willem Barentsz made the first landing in Spitsbergen. It is an area with beautiful seabird-colonies and many remains of the Polar Bear hunting period of a century ago. Later we will look for Walruses at Sarstangen, Engelskmansbukta or Poole-Pynten. In the evening we could land at Alkhornet another seabird colony where at the slopes we can find Reindeer and Arctic Foxes.

Day 11

We disembark at Longyearbyen, the administrative centre of Spitsbergen, for flights south to Brussels and onward home.



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North Spitsbergen

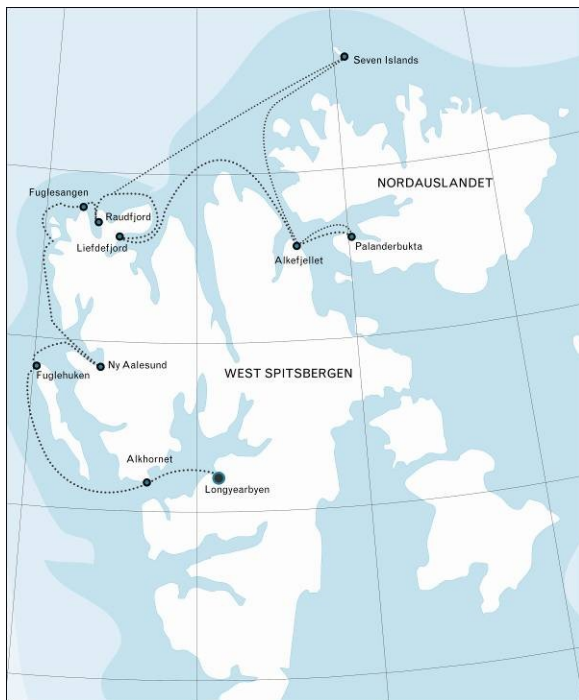
Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen

PLA06 **D K S** June 22 - June 29

07 nights aboard MS Plancius

ATD06 June 26 - July 03

07 nights aboard Antarctic Dream



Day 1

Arrive in Longyearbyen, (PLA06 on our charter flights from Brussels), the administrative capital of the Spitsbergen archipelago of which West Spitsbergen is the largest island. Before embarking there is an opportunity to stroll around this former mining town, whose parish church and Polar Museum are well worth visiting, while in the surrounding area of Longyearbyen, more than 100 species of plants have been recorded. In the early evening the ship will sail out of Isfjorden.

Day 2

Heading north along the west coast, we arrive by morning in Krossfjorden, where we get on the Zodiacs for an exhilarating cruise along the sculpted front of the 14th of July Glacier. On the surprisingly fertile slopes near the glacier, a colourful variety of flowers bloom, while large numbers of Kittiwakes and Brünnich's Guillemots nest on the nearby cliffs. There is also a good chance of spotting opportunistic Arctic Foxes, patrolling the base of the cliffs in case a hapless chick falls from its nest, and Bearded

Seals, who cruise this scenic fjord. In the afternoon we sail to Ny Ålesund, the world's most northerly settlement.

Once a mining village - served by the world's most northerly railway, which can still be seen - Ny Ålesund is now a research centre. Close to the village is a breeding ground for Barnacle Geese, Pink-footed Geese and Arctic Terns. Visitors interested in the history of Arctic exploration will want to walk to the anchoring mast used by Amundsen and Nobile in the airship Norge in 1926 and Nobile in the airship Italia in 1928 before their flights to the North Pole.

Day 3

Depending on the weather we may now sail to the mouth of Liefdefjorden and go ashore for a walk on the tundra island of Andøya. Many Common Eiders and Pink-footed Geese nest here, and the rarer King Eider may also be seen. We hope to sail into Liefdefjorden, cruising near the 5km long face of the impressive Monaco Glacier. The waters of the glacier front are a favourite feeding spot for thousands of Kittiwakes and on previous voyages Polar Bears have been seen on the glacier, providing wonderful opportunities for photography.

Day 4

Today we will sail into Hinlopen Strait, home to Bearded Seals, Ringed Seals, Polar Bears, and Ivory Gulls. We'll navigate the ice floes of Lomfjordshalvøya in our zodiacs and explore the bird cliffs of Alkefjellet with thousands of Brünnich's guillemots. On the east side of Hinlopenstrait, we'll attempt a landing at Palanderbukta on Nordaustlandet, home to Reindeer, Pink-footed Geese, breeding Ivory Gulls, and Walruses.

Day 5

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Day 6

Retracing our route westwards, we visit Raudfjord on the north coast of West Spitsbergen, a beautiful fjord dominated by spectacular glaciers and favoured by Ringed and Bearded Seals. The cliffs and shoreline of the fjord also support thriving seabird colonies and a surprisingly rich vegetation, which flourishes in sheltered spots. On the offshore island of Ytre Norskøya, we visit a 17th century Dutch whaling site, whose large graveyard is a poignant reminder of the hardships and dangers of life here at the time. The island's bird life is prolific, with colonies of Little Auks, Black Guillemots, Brünnich's Guillemots, Puffins and Arctic Skuas accessible to visitors.

Day 7

We land at the northern tip of Prins Karls Forland near Fuglehuken, where Barentsz probably set foot on Spitsbergen for the first time. Seabirds nest on the cliffs and along the coast we see Harbour Seals, the only population found in Spitsbergen. Further we also will observe the remains of the Polar Bear hunting era, with demolished set guns and bear traps. At the opposite site of Forlandsundet at Sarstangen is a haul out place for Walruses. Alternatively we sail into St. Johns Fjord or south to the mouth of Isfjorden and land at Alkhornet. Seabirds nest on its cliffs and Arctic Foxes search the cliff base for fallen eggs and chicks, while Spitsbergen Reindeer graze the relatively luxuriant vegetation. The reindeer may seem unbothered by human presence, but this is not really the case. The animals must survive the harsh winter, when temperatures plummet and food is hard to find, so they preserve what energy they can, fleeing only when it is absolutely necessary. In the afternoon we cruise through beautiful Borebukta, following a glacier front before continuing to Longyearbyen.

Day 8

We disembark at Longyearbyen, the administrative centre of Spitsbergen for flights south to Brussels and onward home. For ATD06 the flights are to Oslo and onward home.

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In the evening the campers can go ashore for one night.

Day 4

We will be the whole day in the Raudfjord system, with ample opportunities for kayaking, snow-shoe walking, and long walks. The trekking group will set off for its three days expedition to the east, to be picked up at the east side of Reindyrflya.

Please note: Trekking is a supplemented activity and only available on request.

Day 5

Depending on the weather we may now sail to the mouth of Liefdefjorden and go ashore for a walk on the tundra island of Andøya. Many Common Eiders and Pink-footed Geese nest here, and the rarer King Eider may also be seen. We hope to sail into Liefdefjorden, cruising near the 5km long face of the impressive Monaco Glacier. The waters of the glacier front are a favourite feeding spot for thousands of Kittiwakes and on previous voyages Polar Bears have been seen on the glacier, providing wonderful opportunities for photography. The whole day we will have good opportunities for kayaking, snow-shoe walking and long walks.

Day 6

At Bockfjord there are warm water springs with colourful sediments, close to the shore and about 10 km inland. There is a volcano which some thousands of years ago has erupted, and which we can climb. This is about the warmest area of Spitsbergen with stands of Cassiope and Dryas vegetation. The shores of Woodfjord are littered with hundreds of large timber logs from Siberia. Overall we will have good opportunities for kayaking, snow-shoe walking and long walks.

In late evening we sail to Müllerneset at the east coast of Reindyrflya, in order to pick up the trekking group after three days.

Day 7

Today we will sail into Hinlopen Strait, home to Bearded Seals, Ringed Seals, Polar Bears, and Ivory Gulls. We'll navigate the ice floes of Lomfjordshalvøya in our zodiacs and explore the bird cliffs of Alkefjellet with thousands of Brünnich's guillemots. On the east side of Hinlopenstrait, we'll attempt a landing at Palanderbukta on Nordaustlandet, home to reindeer, Pink-footed Geese, breeding Ivory Gulls, and walruses.

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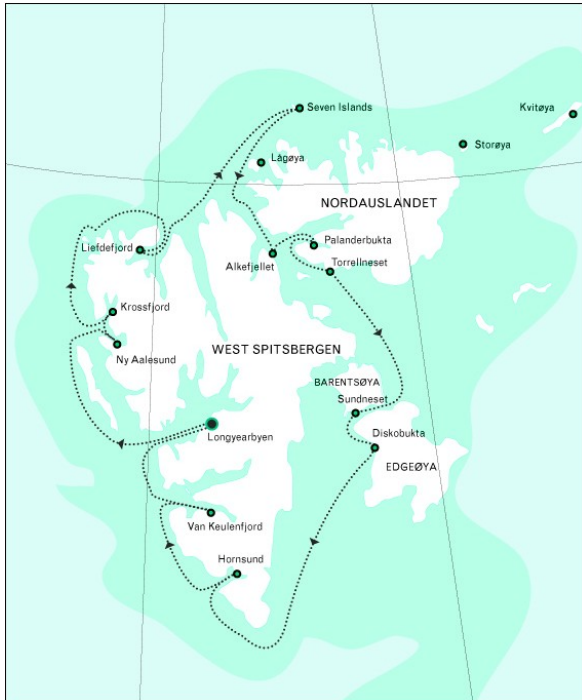
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Day 10

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Spitsbergen - North or Circumnavigation		Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen
ATD07 G	Jul 03 - Jul 12	09 nights aboard Antarctic Dream
PLA08	Jul 08 - Jul 17	09 nights aboard MS Plancius
ATD08	Jul 12 - Jul 21	09 nights aboard Antarctic Dream
PLA09	Jul 17 - Jul 26	09 nights aboard MS Plancius
ATD09 G	Jul 21 - Jul 30	09 nights aboard Antarctic Dream
PLA10	Jul 26 - Aug 04	09 nights aboard MS Plancius
ATD10	Jul 30 - Aug 08	09 nights aboard Antarctic Dream
PLA11 G K	Aug 04 - Aug 13	09 nights aboard MS Plancius
ATD11	Aug 08 - Aug 17	09 nights aboard Antarctic Dream

The ice conditions will determine the sailing plan, either the North or around Spitsbergen itinerary



Day 1

Arrive in Longyearbyen, (PLA08 on our charter flights from Brussels), the administrative capital of the Spitsbergen archipelago of which West Spitsbergen is the largest island. Before embarking there is an opportunity to stroll around this former mining town, whose parish church and Polar Museum are well worth visiting. In the early evening the ship will sail out of Isfjorden.

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Day 3

Near the mouth of Liefdefjorden, we will go ashore for a walk on the tundra island of Andøya. Many common eiders and pink-footed geese nest here, and the more rare king eider may also be seen. Sailing into Liefdefjorden, we will cruise near the face of the impressive Monaco Glacier. The waters of the glacier front are a favourite feeding spot for thousands of kittiwakes and occasionally polar bears are seen on the glacier.

Day 4

Today we will reach our northernmost point at Phippsøya, in the Seven Islands north of Nordaustlandet. Here we will be at 81 degrees north, just 540 miles from the geographic North Pole. Polar bears inhabit this region, along with ivory gulls. We may sit for several hours in the pack ice, taking in our spectacular surroundings and seeing a Ross gull, before we turn south again.

Day 5

We will visit Laagøya today, a low island with a big lagoon where a big herd of Walrus tends to congregate. Sabine's Gulls nest on the island as well. At Sorg Fjord we may find another herd of walrus not far from the graves of 17th century whalers. On a nature walk, we may encounter families of ptarmigans.

Day 6

Today we will sail into Hinlopen Strait, home to Bearded Seals, Ringed Seals, Polar Bears, and Ivory Gulls. We'll navigate the ice floes of Lomfjordshalvøya in our zodiacs and

explore the bird cliffs of Alkefjellet with thousands of Brünnich's guillemots. On the east side of Hinlopenstrait, we'll attempt a landing at Augustabukta on Nordaustlandet, home to Reindeer, Pink-footed Geese, breeding Ivory Gulls, and Walruses. Near Torrelneset, we will explore the polar desert of Nordaustlandet, next to the world's third largest ice cap, which meets the sea nearby. We will walk along beautiful coastline covered in smooth rocks, sculpted by the surf over thousands of years. We may encounter walruses along the way.

Day 7

In Freemansundet we plan to land at Sundneset on the island of Barentsøya to visit an old trapper's hut and then take a brisk walk across the tundra in search of Spitsbergen Reindeer and Barnacle Geese. Later we cruise south to Diskobukta on the west side of Edgeøya. After a Zodiac cruise through the shallow bay, we land on a beach littered with whale bones and tree trunks, which have drifted here from Siberia. We can also climb to the rim of a narrow gully which is inhabited by thousands of Kittiwakes, together with Black Guillemots and piratical Glaucous Gulls. During the breeding season, the base of the cliffs is patrolled by Arctic Foxes and Polar Bears, especially females with young cubs, searching for young birds that have fallen from the nesting ledges.

Day 8

We start the day quietly cruising the side fjords of the spectacular Hornsund area of southern Spitsbergen, enjoying the scenery of towering mountain peaks. Hornsundtind rises to 1,431m while Bautaen shows why early Dutch explorers gave the name 'Spitsbergen' - pointed mountains - to the island. There are also 14 magnificent glaciers in the area and very good chances of encounters with seals and Polar Bears.

Day 9

Today we land on Ahlstrandhalvøya at the mouth of Van Keulenfjorden. Here piles of Beluga skeletons (the Beluga is a small white whale), the remains of 19th century slaughter, are yet another reminder of the consequences of thoughtless exploitation. Fortunately, Belugas were not hunted to the edge of extinction and may still be seen locally. Indeed, there is a good chance that we will come across a pod. Cruising into Recherchefjorden during the afternoon we can explore an area of tundra at the head of the fjord where many Reindeer feed.

Day 10

Return to Longyearbyen and disembark for the transfer to the airport and the flight to Oslo and home.

N.B.

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This special voyage is dedicated to an intense nature experience in remote areas. We will offer full-day hikes to explore the rarely visited interior of various islands, which has been seen by reindeer and polar bears rather than by man. We will also offer shorter excursions in the same areas.



Day 1

Embarkation.

Day 2

Heading north along the west coast, we arrive by morning in Krossfjorden, where we take the Zodiacs for a cruise along the front of the 14th of July Glacier. On the green slopes near the glacier, a colourful variety of flowers bloom, while large numbers of Kittiwakes nest on the nearby cliffs. There is also a good chance of spotting Arctic Foxes, who patrol the base of the cliffs in case a chick falls from its nest, and Bearded Seals, who cruise this scenic fjord. In the afternoon we sail to Blomstrand to climb to the top of the island to obtain a splendid view across the strait where until a few years ago a glacier connected the island with the mainland.

Day 3

In Bockfjord the long hikers will set off for a day's hike to the warm springs about 8 km inland and will walk along glaciers and a volcano in one of the

warmest areas in Spitsbergen in the summer. The shorter walkers will explore the warm springs along the coast in the morning and a lagoon on the spectacular Red Sandstone of Woodfjord, which derives its name from the immense numbers of logs washed ashore. In the evening we sail to the Monaco Glacier in Liefdefjord.

Day 4

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Day 5

Hinlopen Strait separates the two largest islands of Svalbard, Spitsbergen and Nordaustland. In Palanderbukta, surrounded by glacier fronts, we will set foot on Nordaustland and explore this desert-like, yet beautiful environment. The hikers will follow Palanderdalen, an ice-free corridor between two major ice-caps of Nordaustland. After about 20 km of polar desert, Augustabukta is reached, where an ascent on the ice-cap is easy. On the tundra we usually see a lot of reindeer. Both landings, Augustabukta Palanderbukta and Augutabukta, will also be done without the long hike. Nearby on Torrellneset there is a large herd of walrus.

Day 6

The east coast of West-Spitsbergen is very rarely visited during the summer. We will sail along Negribreen one of the rare shelf-ice glaciers in the Arctic. At Teistpynten near Mohnbukta, all passengers will have the opportunity to have a stroll along the coast and on the tundra with many reindeer and with good views of again the front of the Negribreen. Some of the Mesozoic sediment layers in this area are very rich in fossils such as ammonites and bivalves. During mid-day, the ship repositions further south to Agardhfjell. Excursion opportunities include a 5 hours inland walk to a colony of ivory gulls.

- Alternatively we offer-

Sundneset at the south-eastern corner of Barentsøya with a lush tundra vegetation and often large numbers of reindeer. Following a river up to a waterfall, the hikers will cover about 17 km to enjoy splendid views.

Alternatively, a shorter landing at Sundneset, including highlights such as rich tundra, a waterfall and good chances for encounters with reindeer, will be supplemented with another excursion at Rindedalen on the south side of Barentsøya.

Day 7

In Diskobukta, a good 20 km further southeast, we find a small canyon with a colony of Kittiwakes. Kapp Lee near the north-western corner of Edgeøya has been a focal point for hunting and scientific expeditions for centuries. Land uplift that followed the ice-age has left its traces in shape of ancient whalebones and driftwood far from the coast, having a respectable age of several 1000 years. The opportunity to hike from Diskobukta to Kapp Lee enables us to appreciate the whole coastline with plentiful driftwood, whalebones and potential wildlife surprises.

Alternatively, it will be possible to land both at Diskobukta and Kapp Lee without a long hike.

Day 8

The Hornsund at the west coast of Spitsbergen is surrounded by glaciers and mountains including the Hornsundtind (1.431 m) and the needle-shaped Bautaen. A day hike up to the mountain Ostragrodskyfjell in Brepollen, the innermost part of the Hornsund, will provide spectacular views of the glacier landscape, which can alternatively be explored by Zodiac. In the late afternoon, Burgerbukta on the northern side of the Hornsund will make clear why some think of the Hornsund as the most beautiful fjord of Spitsbergen.

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Longyearbyen disembarkation

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Day 3

We sail through Beverleysundet named by Parry in 1827 and also sailed by the Swedish-Russian Arc-of-Meridian Expedition in 1898. Today we will reach our northernmost point at Phippsøya, in the Seven Islands north of Nordaustlandet. Here we will be at 81 degrees north, just 540 miles from the geographic North Pole. Polar bears inhabit this region, along with ivory gulls.

Day 4

We push east to reach the area of Nordaustlandet, where the Nobile expedition drifted around in 1928 and where the Italian Sora tried to come to the rescue. There we hope to get to Alpinøya, reached by Sora in 1928, and then to the mouth of Finn Malmgrenfjord, and Albertinibukta and to climb Soraberget (205 M) from where we have a fantastic view on the ice-cap of Nordaustlandet. Alternatively we will land at Storøya, where again we may meet a group of Walruses.

Day 5

Today we hope to get to the rarely visited Kvitøya farthest to the east, close to the Russian territory. The island is dominated by an ice-cap, which leaves a small area bare of ice and snow. We will land at the western tip at Andréneset, where the Swedish explorer André and his companions perished in 1898. We will also try to get to Kraemerpynten in the east, where an enormous group of Walruses resides.

Day 6

South of Nordaustlandet we will try to land at Isispynten a Nunatak area surrounded by glaciers. Later we sail along the front of the Brasvell Glacier, the longest glacier front in Spitsbergen. In Olga Srait we have chances to spot the elusive Greenland Whale.

Day 7

In Freemansundet we plan to land at Sundneset on the island of Barentsøya to visit an old trapper's hut and then take a brisk walk across the tundra in search of Spitsbergen Reindeer and Barnacle Geese. Later we cruise south to Diskobukta on the west side of Edgeøya. After a Zodiac cruise through the shallow bay, we land on a beach littered with whale bones and tree trunks, which have drifted here from Siberia. We can also climb to the rim of a narrow gully which is inhabited by thousands of Kittiwakes, together with Black Guillemots and piratical Glaucous Gulls. During the breeding season, the base of the cliffs is patrolled by Arctic Foxes and Polar Bears, searching for young birds that have fallen from the nesting ledges.

Day 8

We start the day quietly cruising the side fjords of the spectacular Hornsund area of southern Spitsbergen, enjoying the scenery of towering mountain peaks. Hornsundtind rises to 1,431m while Bautaen shows why early Dutch explorers gave the name 'Spitsbergen' - pointed mountains - to the island. There are also 14 magnificent glaciers in the area and very good chances of encounters with seals and Polar Bears. We may visit the Polish research station where the friendly staff will give us an insight into their research projects. Behind the station the mountains are home to thousands of pairs of nesting Little Auks.

Day 9

Today we land on Ahlstrandhalvøya at the mouth of Van Keulenfjorden. Here piles of Beluga skeletons (the Beluga is a small white whale), the remains of 19th century slaughter, are yet another reminder of the consequences of thoughtless exploitation. Fortunately, Belugas were not hunted to the edge of extinction and may still be seen locally. Indeed, there is a good chance that we will come across a pod. Cruising into Recherchefjorden during the afternoon we can explore an area of tundra at the head of the fjord where many Reindeer feed.

Day 10

Return to Longyearbyen and disembark for the transfer to the airport and the flight to Oslo and home.

N.B.

The chances that we can complete a full Spitsbergen Circumnavigation (based on our experiences from 1992 until 2009) are about, 20% in the first half of July, 55% in the second half of July, 90% in the first half of August, 95% in the second half of August. In case we can not complete a full circumnavigation we will mostly resort to a program in Northeast Spitsbergen.



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EXPEDITIONS

Greenland 2011

MV PLANCIUS, MV ANTARCTIC DREAM

Day-by-Day Itineraries

The following itineraries are meant as rough orientation, only. The actual program can vary considerably due to local ice and weather conditions, but also in an effort to react for instance on appearing opportunities for animal observation. Flexibility is of utmost importance on our cruises with expedition character.

Northeast Greenland

PLA13B K

Aug 22 - Sep 03

12 nights aboard MS Plancius

ATD13

Aug 26 - Sep 07

12 nights aboard Antarctic Dream

Longyearbyen - Akureyri



Day 1

Arrive in Longyearbyen, on Spitsbergen, the administrative capital of the Spitsbergen archipelago of which West Spitsbergen is the largest island. Before embarking there is an opportunity to visit this former mining village. The Parish Church and the Polar Museum are well worth visiting. In the early evening the ship will sail out of Isfjorden.

Day 2

We sail into Raudfjord on the north coast of West Spitsbergen, a beautiful fjord with spectacular glaciers. It is home to Ringed and Bearded Seals, seabird colonies and a surprisingly rich vegetation. We have good chances to see Polar Bears, for instance near Hamilton Glacier, or more to the head of the fjord. From there we continue to Moffen Island on which Walrus haul out.

Day 3 & 4

At sea, on our way to Greenland, we may see the edge of the East Greenland sea-ice. We keep watch for whales, and also for migrating seabirds.

Day 5

Approaching Greenland we will attempt to sail through the sea ice into Foster Bugt, making our first landing at Myggebugten. Beyond the old hunters' hut (in the first half of last century Norwegian trappers hunted here for Polar Bears and Arctic Foxes) there is an extensive tundra populated by Musk Oxen. The small lakes are home to geese. We sail through Kaiser Franz Joseph Fjord, a magnificent fjord with towering mountains on both sides, its inner reaches choked with huge icebergs. An alternative is Sofia Sund, which is much narrower, and where we can see Muskoxen from the ship.

Day 6

We will land at Blomster Bugt to view the beautiful geological formations. Arctic Hares are usually seen here, and there is a lake with Great Northern Divers and their young. In the afternoon we sail along Teufelschloss and Ella Ø and may land at a beautiful spot in the early evening.

Day 7

The first half of the day we spend in Antarticahavn, a wide and extensive valley where we also could see groups of Musk Oxen. At this time of year the autumnal colours of the sparse vegetation make the landscapes even more beautiful.

Day 8

Today we reach the Scoresby Sund and sail in the morning along the ragged and glaciated Volquart Boons Here we may organise a zodiac cruise along one of the glacier fronts of this coast, and have our first landing near for instance Maane Glacier. Later we land on Danmark,Ø where we find the remains of an Inuit settlement abandoned around 200 years ago. The circular 'tent rings' of stones indicate the summer houses, while the winter houses can be seen closer to a small cape. The sites are excellently preserved, allowing entrances and even bear-proof meat caches to be identified. There are also grave sites. In the evening we continue our sailing through the beautiful fjords to the west, choked with ice-bergs.

Day 9

We go ashore at Cape Hofmann Halvø, a reliable spot for viewing Musk Oxen. We may also spot Rock Ptarmigans, and Great Northern Divers at sea. The landscape here is particularly beautiful, especially during autumn when the Dwarf Willow and Dwarf Birch change colour. Arctic Blueberry and Crowberry add their own colourful touch - the berries are tasty too! In the evening we sail through the fjord towards Scoresby Land, enjoying the contrast between the warm autumnal colours of the vegetation on shore, backed by huge dark mountains, and the cold blue of the icebergs.

Day 10

In Northwest fjord in Scoresby Land in the morning, we encounter huge icebergs, some over 100m high and more than a kilometre in length. Most of the bergs are grounded as the fjord is only about 400m deep here. We land near Sydkap to view the remains of the Thule culture winter houses. As many as 20 people lived in these tiny houses, hunting Greenland Whales and using their vertebrae to build the houses. We may also land at Gurreholm on Jameson Land. The landscape here is gently undulating.

Day 11

In the morning we land at Illoqqortoormiut, the biggest settlement in the Scoresby Sund with about 500 inhabitants. At the post office you can buy stamps for your postcards, or just wander around to see the sledge dogs and the drying skins of Seal, Musk Ox and Polar Bear. After dinner we will sail south passing the amazing landscape of the Blosseville Coast

Day 12

We will spend the whole day at sea and we will have splendid opportunities to see large whales and seabird migration and, in the night, the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights).

Day 13

In the morning we arrive in Akureyri and are taken by a chartered bus during a 6 hours drive through North Iceland to our hotels in Reykjavik.

**Day 1**

Transfer by bus from Reykjavik hotels in the morning to the ship in Akureyri, where we arrive in the afternoon after six hours drive through North Iceland. In the early evening we leave Iceland and sail north towards the Denmark Strait.

Day 2

At sea, sailing north through the Denmark Strait. We are almost certain to see Fulmars, Kittiwakes, Gannets and rafts of Common Guillemots. We cross the Arctic Circle and continue north, perhaps seeing whales. In the evening we will spot our first icebergs appear as we approach the east coast of Greenland near Kap Brewster.

Day 3

In the morning we sail along the ragged and glaciated Volquart Boons Coast, here we may organise a zodiac cruise along one of the glacier fronts of this coast, and have our first landing near a glacier, like Maanegletsjer or in Vikingebugt. Later we land on Danmarksø where there are the remains of an Inuit settlement abandoned around 200 years ago. The circular 'tent rings' of stones indicate the summer houses, while the winter houses can be seen closer to a small cape. The sites are excellently preserved, allowing entrances and even bear-proof meat caches to be identified. There are also grave sites. In the evening we continue our sailing through the beautiful fjords to the west, choked with ice-bergs.

Day 4

We go ashore at Cape Hofmann Halvø, a reliable spot for viewing Musk Oxen. We may also spot Rock Ptarmigans and at sea Great Northern Divers. The landscape here is particularly beautiful, especially during autumn when the Dwarf Willow and Dwarf Birch change colour. Arctic Blueberry and Crowberry add their own colourful touch - the berries are tasty too! In the evening we sail through the fjord towards Scoresby Land enjoying the contrast between the warm autumnal colours of the vegetation on shore, backed by huge dark mountains, and the cold blue of the icebergs.

Day 5

On our way to Sydkap in Scoresby Land in the morning, we encounter huge icebergs, some over 100 m high and more than a kilometre in length. Most of the bergs are grounded as the fjord is only about 400 m deep here. We land near Sydkap to view the remains of the Thule culture winter houses. As many as 20 people lived in these tiny houses, hunting Greenland Whales and using their vertebrae to build the houses. The landscape here is gently undulating. Musk Oxen and Collared Lemmings - survive on the meagre vegetation.

Day 6

In the morning we land at a lagoon at the south coast of Jameson Land, an area with waders and geese collecting for the autumn migration. The landscape here is gently undulating. Musk Oxen and Collared Lemmings - survive on the meagre vegetation.

In the afternoon we visit Ittoqqortoormiit, the biggest settlement near Scoresby Sund with about 400 inhabitants. At the post office you can buy stamps for your postcards, or just wander around to see the sledge dogs and drying skins of seals, Musk Ox and Polar Bear.

Day 7

South of the Scoresby Sund we will try to land at Stewart with dwellings from the Thule culture. Later in the day we get deep into Rømer Fjord with possibilities to see Narwhals.

Day 8

The whole day at sea offers excellent opportunities to see large whales and seabird migration and, at night the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights).

Day 9

Arrive at Akureyri, and transfer by chartered bus to hotels in Reykjavik

N.B.

The chances that the sea-ice will allow us to sail into the Kaiser Franz Josef Fjord and Scoresby Sund in September (based on experiences from 1992 until 2009) is about 85%. In case we can not sail into the Scoresby Sund we will resort to a programme in the East Greenland fjords more to the south.



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EXPEDITIONS

Noorderlicht Expedition cruises 2011

Day-by-Day Itineraries

The following itineraries are meant as rough orientation, only. The actual program can vary considerably due to local ice and weather conditions, but also in an effort to react for instance on appearing opportunities for animal observation. Flexibility is of utmost importance on our cruises with expedition character.

Introduction

Spitsbergen is the northernmost permanently populated region of the world. About 3000 Norwegians and Russians live in the three permanently inhabited settlements. Their main occupations are research and coal mining. Off these settlements, Spitsbergen still offers pristine wilderness. Large areas are protected as nature reserves. In spite of its northerly location (the archipelago stretches between 76 and 81 degrees northern latitude), Spitsbergen is blessed with a relatively mild climate due to a last branch of the Gulf Stream: summerly temperatures range usually between 0 and 10 centigrades. Occasionally, it may rain or mist turns up, but on many days and also in nights (midnightsun), the sun is shining. Winds vary in direction and strength.

'Noorderlicht'

The 'Noorderlicht' was originally built in 1910 in Flensburg, Germany as a three-masted schooner. For most of her existence she served as a light-vessel on the Baltic. In 1991 the present owners purchased the hull and re-rigged and refitted her thoroughly, under the rules of "Register Holland".

The 'Noorderlicht' now has a well-balanced two-masted schooner rig and is capable of sailing the seven seas.

The qualified captains have a great experience of the oceans. Together with the rest of the crew, they will do everything possible to ensure that you have a wonderful and unforgettable journey.

Cabins: The 'Noorderlicht' provides accommodation for 20 travellers in comfortable twin cabins. All cabins have upper and lower berths, a cupboard and wash basin with hot and cold water. Shared showers (4) and toilets (5).

Ice class: The Noorderlicht has no ice class. She was anchored year around near Flensburg (Germany) as a lightship. Due to heavy ice conditions in the winter time, the bow of the Noorderlicht was strengthened. The vessel is no ice breaker, but has a strengthened bow.

Crew and Passengers

The crew of the "Noorderlicht" consists of three professional dutch sailors, a cook and an experienced expedition leader, who knows the area. The crew is responsible for safe navigation. Passengers are expected, however, to assist with the sails or to take over the steering in between. This includes also night shifts on the bridge. The "Noorderlicht" accommodates maximally 20 passengers, usually with a range of nationalities. Language on board is therefore mostly English.

The voyages

Each day, excursions are offered on shore, weather and ice conditions permitting. Excursions may last 3-6 hours and lead through pathless terrain. Depending on local circumstances (weather, ice conditions, passenger interests), the program may be changed and adapted. Considerable time is dedicated to fauna, geography and history.

North Spitzbergen

Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen

NOO05	Jun 10 - Jun 21	11 nights aboard Noorderlicht
NOO06	Jun 21 - Jul 02	11 nights aboard Noorderlicht
NOO07	Jul 02 - Jul 13	11 nights aboard Noorderlicht
NOO13	Sep 22 - Okt 03	11 nights aboard Noorderlicht

Day 1

After arriving in Longyearbyen, the 'capital' (actually the administrative centre) of Spitsbergen, you may wish to visit the Svalbard Museum which has an interesting collection on the history of Spitsbergen, the mining industry and polar exploration. In the afternoon we sail, setting course for Alkhornet, a seabird cliff with a large colony of Kittiwakes. Below the cliffs is a den with Arctic Foxes which scavenge off fallen eggs and chicks. We continue to Tryghamna to visit the remains of a 17th century English whaling station and an 18th century Russian Pomor station.

Day 2

We leave Tryghamna early in the morning and sail through the Forlandsundet. Weather permitting we will go ashore at Fuglehuken where the first Western Europeans (the expedition of Willem Barentsz) set foot on Spitsbergen. Here we can see the graves of whalers and visit colonies of Common Guillemots, Brünnich's Guillemots, Little Auks and Kittiwakes. Nearby we may be able to visit a haul-out of Harbour Seals and Walruses.

Day 3

Today we will visit Ny Ålesund, the northernmost permanently inhabited village in the world, a centre for polar research and a former starting point for many North Pole expeditions (Amundsen and Nobile for example). The local bird life has adapted itself to the human presence and is exceptionally tame. Barnacle Geese, Pink-footed Geese, Common Eiders, Arctic Terns and several species of wader can be seen at close quarters. The Reindeers here are smaller than their mainland relatives and do not form large herds.

Day 4

In the morning we sail from Ny Ålesund to the 14th July Glacier where we cruise in zodiacs. Not far from the glacier we will visit an accessible breeding site for Brünnich's Guillemots, Auks and Puffins. The guano of these bird colonies, the southward exposure and the sheltered situation, give rise to a relatively rich vegetation with many species of flowering plants.

Day 5

Sailing northwards we visit the Magdalenafjord, one of the most beautiful places on Spitsbergen, with many impressive glacier fronts. During a shore visit we will view the remains of 17th century English whaling activities. We can also visit some big seabird colonies particularly noteworthy for their Little Auks.

Day 6

Today we will try to visit Ytre Norskøya, a small island which was used for many years as a lookout point for Dutch whalers. There we can still follow their tracks to the summit of the island, passing excellent bird cliffs on the way. On shore the remains of 17th century blubber ovens can be found, while Arctic Skuas and Common Eiders breed among the graves of 200 Dutch whalers.

Day 7

Raudfjord on the north coast of Spitsbergen is a beautiful fjord with spectacular glaciers. It is also a favourite with Ringed and Bearded Seals, has good seabird colonies, and offers good chances for spotting Polar Bear and Belugas. Jermaktangen, at the fjord's eastern entrance, is a geography lesson in the erosion of the land by the sea.

Day 8

If sea-ice conditions allow, we may land on the northern-side of Reindyrfla, the largest tundra area of Spitsbergen. The vast undulating plain is a good grazing area for Reindeer and several species of waders also breed here. The area's lakes offer good chances of spotting Red-throated Divers and King Eiders.

Day 9

Today we visit the remains of Smeerenburg, the largest 17th century whaling settlement on Spitsbergen, and, if we obtain permission, Danskøya where many historical remains are to

be found of the 19th century expedition by the Swedish explorer Andree, who tried to reach the North Pole in a balloon.

Day 10 & 11

On our way south, we will try to make a landing on the coast of the Forlandsundet at Engelsbukta or Sarstangen or Poolepynten, where Walruses are often hauled out. From there we head straight for Longyearbyen, but if time allows we could call at Colesbukta, from where good walkers may walk to Longyearbyen in six hours.

Day 12

Departure by scheduled flight from Longyearbyen to Oslo.

Spitsbergen – North or Circumnavigation		Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen
NOO08	Jul 13 – Jul 28	15 nights aboard Noorderlicht
NOO09	Jul 28 – Aug 12	15 nights aboard Noorderlicht
NOO10	Aug 12 – Aug 27	15 nights aboard Noorderlicht
NOO11	Aug 27 – Sep 11	15 nights aboard Noorderlicht

Day 1

After arriving in Longyearbyen, the 'capital' (actually the administrative centre) of Spitsbergen, you may wish to visit the Svalbard Museum which has an interesting collection on the history of Spitsbergen, the mining industry and polar exploration. In the afternoon we sail, setting course for Alkhornet, a seabird cliff with a large colony of Kittiwakes. Below the cliffs is a den with Arctic Foxes which scavenge off fallen eggs and chicks. We continue to Trygghamna to visit the remains of a 17th century English whaling station and an 18th century Russian Pomor station.

Day 2

We leave Trygghamna early in the morning and sail through the Forlandsundet. Weather permitting we will go ashore at Fuglehuken where the first Western Europeans (the expedition of Willem Barentsz) set foot on Spitsbergen. Here we can see the graves of whalers and visit colonies of Common Guillemots, Brünnich's Guillemots, Little Auks and Kittiwakes. Nearby we may be able to visit a haul-out of Harbour Seals and Walruses.

Day 3

Today we visit the remains of Smeerenburg, the largest 17th century whaling settlement on Spitsbergen. We also land on Ytre Norskøya where there are many graves dating from whaling days.

Day 4-15

Today we sail either to Sorgfjord, where we have a good chance of seeing Walruses, or to Murchison Bay, on the north side of which there is an extensive dry tundra, home to many Reindeer. There is also a Swedish research station here. As we continue through Hinlopen Strait we are surrounded by icecaps. We will land in Lomfjord, a beautiful fjord surrounded by high mountains. Augustabukta is a lovely bay close to a glacier which is crevasse-free, allowing us to walk without difficulties. On a nearby cliff the rare and beautiful Ivory Gull nests, together with Black Guillemots. Reindeer, Polar Bears and Walruses are usually seen in this area.

We next sail towards the impressive Brasvell glacier. We may take an excursion on Svartknausflya, a desolate polar desert almost devoid of vegetation, or visit Wilhelmøya, which has raised beaches littered with sub fossilised whale skeletons, and where encounters with Polar Bears are likely. Sailing through the narrow Heleysundet between Spitsbergen and Barentsøya can only be done against the current, a very spectacular journey.

As an alternative if conditions do not favour us we will sail through Freemansundet. At Kapp Lee, we walk in beautiful Rosenbergdalen to see Reindeer. For walkers it is great hike from here to Diskobukta. In Diskobukta we visit a large colony of Kittiwakes which nest in a canyon. Arctic Foxes and Polar Bears with young, often roam through the canyon, scavenging on young, flightless birds which fall from the ledges. On the raised beaches there are many sub fossilised whale skeletons.

Kong Ludvigøyane is a breeding place for Walruses. On the islands there are also many remains of the whaling, Walrus and Polar Bear hunting periods. Close encounters with Polar Bears are virtually guaranteed here. Continuing our exploration of southern Spitsbergen, we sail into the labyrinth of side fjords in Hornsund. Behind Brepollen, a large glacial

deposit at the head of the fjord, we will sail along a beautiful glacier front with good chances of seeing Bearded Seals and Polar Bears. The geological formations in this area are very spectacular and colourful. We will also pay a visit to the Polish research station at Isbjørnhamna, where the friendly crew will discuss their scientific programs. On our way to Longyearbyen we sail into Bell Sund to reach Ahlstrandhalvøya, with its interesting geological formations and the remains of the 20th century Beluga hunting. It is still a good area for observing Belugas. If time allows we will pay a visit to Barentsburg, the only inhabited Russian settlement in Spitsbergen, or to Colesbukta, an abandoned Russian coal mining settlement.

Day 16

Departure by scheduled flight from Longyearbyen to Oslo.

Nordspitzbergen - Aurora Borealis

Longyearbyen - Longyearbyen

NO013

Sep 26 - Okt 03

07 nights aboard Noorderlicht

Day 1

After arriving in Longyearbyen, the 'capital' (actually the administrative centre) of Spitsbergen, you may wish to visit the Svalbard Museum which has an interesting collection on the history of Spitsbergen, the mining industry and polar exploration. In the afternoon we sail, setting course for Alkhornet. Below the cliffs we see often Arctic Foxes and Reindeer. We continue to Tryghamna to visit the remains of a 17th century English whaling station and an 18th century Russian Pomor station.

Day 2

We leave Tryghamna early in the morning and sail through the Forlandsundet. Weather permitting we will go ashore at Fuglehuken where the first Western Europeans (the expedition of Willem Barentsz) set foot on Spitsbergen. Here we can see the graves of whalers. Nearby we may be able to visit a haul-out of Harbour Seals and Walruses.

Day 3 - 5

We will visit Ny Ålesund, the northernmost permanently inhabited village in the world, a centre for polar research and a former starting point for many North Pole expeditions (Amundsen and Nobile for example). The Reindeers here are smaller than their mainland relatives and do not form large herds. At Blomstrandhalvøya we see the remains of a marble mine. This area was a peninsula, but by the retreat of the glaciers it has become an island. A climb to the top of the islands give a breathtaking view across Kongsfjord with a series of glacier fronts. The 14th July Glacier is another great landscape. Though late in autumn we still will see Eider Ducks, several species of seabirds, waders and Snow Buntings.

Day 6 - 7

On our way south, we sail into Engelskbukta and St Johns fjorden or Sarstangen and Poolepynten, where Walruses are often hauled out. From there we sail into Isfjord where we could make a landing with a walk at Bohemanneset. In the evening we head for Longyearbyen.

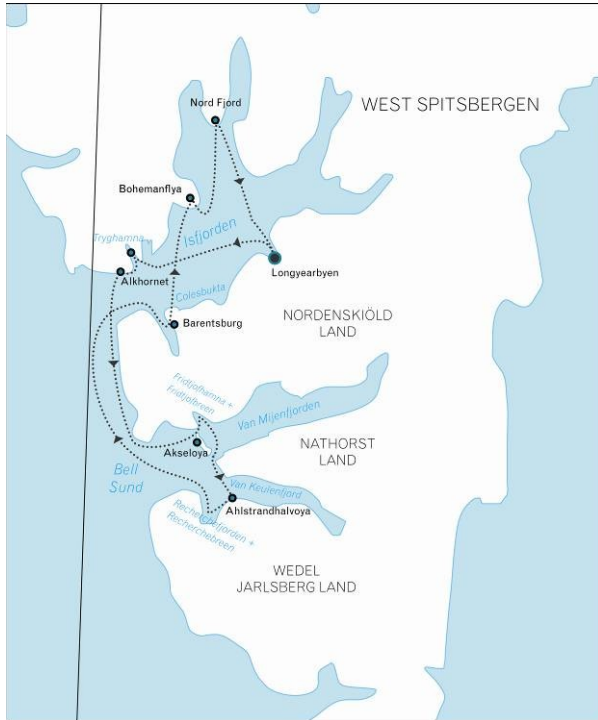
Day 8

Departure by scheduled flight from Longyearbyen to Oslo.

Südspitzbergen – Aurora Borealis,

Longyearbyen – Longyearbyen

NOO14	Oct 03 – Oct 10	07 nights aboard Noorderlicht
NOO15A	Oct 10 – Oct 17	07 nights aboard Noorderlicht
NOO15B	Oct 17 – Oct 24	07 nights aboard Noorderlicht
NOO16	Oct 24 – Nov 31	07 nights aboard Noorderlicht



Day 1

After arriving in Longyearbyen, the 'capital' (actually the administrative centre) of Spitsbergen, you may wish to visit the Svalbard Museum which has an interesting collection on the history of Spitsbergen, the mining industry and polar exploration. In the afternoon we sail, setting course for Alkhornet, a high cliff. Below the cliffs we often see Arctic Foxes and Reindeer. We continue to Trygghamna to visit the remains of a 17th century English whaling station and an 18th century Russian Pomor station.

Day 2 – 5

We leave Trygghamna early in the morning and sail to the north side of Bell Sund. Bell Sund is a fjord system with two major branches (Van Mijenfjord, Van Keulenfjord) and one smaller side bay (Recherchefjord). The geology is fascinating and has created amazing landscapes, such as the long, narrow island of Akseloya that blocks Van Mijenfjord almost completely. In Fridtjofhamna, the calving glacier Fridtjofbreen is surrounded by picturesque mountains. The rich wildlife of the area has

attracted hunters throughout several centuries – we will walk in their footsteps and see remains of their huts, for example at Ahlstrandhalvoya. Recherchefjord is one of the places in Spitsbergen with the highest concentration of historical sites, dating back to 17th century whalers and the mining period of the early 20th century. The glacier Recherchebreen ends at a lagoon, likely to be frozen in October, with many smaller icebergs. Polar bears are likely to be present anywhere in the Bellsund area, and we will keep our eyes open to find them. We have also seen Belugas (White whales) in this area.

Day 6

We will pay a visit to Barentsburg, the only inhabited Russian settlement in Spitsbergen, or to Colesbukta, an abandoned Russian coal mining settlement.

Day 7

We sail into the inner reaches of the Isfjord system, where during nights with open sky we will experience temperatures of minus 10 degrees C, and new ice will be forming on the heads of the fjords.

Day 8

Departure by scheduled flight from Longyearbyen to Oslo.

These October Spitsbergen voyages, at the onset of winter, are ideal for observing the splendid Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights).

Day 1

Arrival by public bus in Lødingen. Staying on the sailing-ship "Noorderlicht" in the harbour of Lødingen.

Day 2

Departure from Lødingen and sailing for the Tysfjord. At noon we land at Musken, a Sami community.

At Musken is the entrance to the deepestst cave in Europe. In the evening we arrive at Hellemobotn near a deserted summer camp of the Sami.

Day 3

We will have an extensive excursion in the untouched wilderness area of Hellemobotn, where we are close to the Swedish border. There are small chances of seeing some reindeer. Later in the afternoon we sail to Drag, where another Sami community exists. Here we will spend the night.

Day 4

Morning walk to the Stone Age petroglyph's at Leiknes. Images of animals such as a Killer Whale and Elk have been carved into the hard rock in the hills. In the afternoon we climb the hill at Skarvberget which is an outlook post for Sea Eagles. In the evening we sail to Tranøy to spend the night and may visit the small museum there.

Day 5

In the morning we walk to the nice lighthouse of Tranøy and admire the works of art that are placed in this small artist's village. Tranøy is known because of the Norwegian writer and Nobel-prize winner, Knut Hamsun. We sail to the island of Skrova where we arrive late in the afternoon. We stay there for the night. Skrova is a small, rugged island where the 200 inhabitants mainly live from fishery. It is one of the few places in Norway from where whale hunters still hunt for Minke Whales.

Day 6

Morning walk on Skrova. A easy walk brings us to a nice bay on the other side of the island. The active passengers can climb the 255 meters peak of Skrova for the 360° view. Good chances of Sea Eagles during these walks. In the afternoon we sail for Henningsvær the Venice of the North. This beautiful historical village was until the beginning of the 20th century a centre for the Lofoten Cod fisheries. Later we sail to Svolvær the biggest town of Lofoten. We stay for the night in Svolvær so there is a chance to enjoy the famous Svolvær night-life.

Day 7

In the morning we sail into the Trollfjord, a famous steep fjord a few hours sailing from Svolvær. Afterwards we head for Tranøy, on the Norwegian mainland, where we stay for the night. With a good wind we sail in the afternoon to Hustadgaard in Vestbygd. Here we will have the opportunity to see the "Øye I Stein", "Eye in Stone", a sculpture of 37 tonnes made by the Indian artist Anish Kapoor. Then we have to head for Lødingen again. Arrival in Lødingen late in the evening and staying there for the night.

Day 8

Disembarkation from the Noorderlicht in the morning, public bus to the airport.

Please observe:

The Lofoten voyages take place in late autumn, when the days are short in Northern Norway. We can expect the first snow showers, and sometimes temperatures just above freezing. The autumn colours will be beautiful during the day time. At night, when there is open sky we may be able to admire the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). The Lofoten voyages are very dependent on the weather, which can be quite rough. Therefore the outline of the voyage, given above is just for guidance.

General Travel Terms and Conditions Oceanwide Expeditions

Thank you for deciding to book a trip with Oceanwide Expeditions (hereinafter referred to as: "OE"). Before you make a definite booking, we recommend you (hereinafter referred to as "contracting party") to read carefully the following travel conditions. These general travel conditions and the term contracting party apply both to private persons (direct booking) and to (travel) organisations (see par. 1.2).

1. Reservation of trip / travel notification

1.1 The contract comes about by means of a written acceptance by the contracting party of the offer of OE, upon which a binding travel contract with OE is effected, to which all conditions set out in paragraph 1.3 up to and including paragraph 11.3 apply. If the contracting party in addition to him/herself also lists one or more other persons on one notification form, this contracting party is automatically personally responsible for all obligations ensuing from the travel contract (in line with the general travel conditions of OE) which concern himself and the other persons booked.

1.2 If the contract has come about by means of a written acceptance by a (travel) organisation (as in the case of but not limited to tour operators, agencies, travel agents, foundations, societies etc.), this (travel) organisation enters into a binding travel contract with OE. The (travel) organisation in question is then exclusively considered the contracting party to which all conditions set out from paragraph 1.3 up to and including paragraph 11.3 apply, irrespective of the possibility that the (travel) organisation in turn enters into a binding travel contract with clients it has recruited (such as but not limited to, private persons, members of the (travel) organisation, travel agents and third parties in general).

1.3 The contracting party shall - before the effecting of the travel contract and its implementation - provide OE with the necessary (personal) data concerning him/herself or third parties - in the case of a (travel) organisation: the client(s) of the (travel) organiser. Incorrect or incomplete provision of (personal) data can result in faulty vouchers, air tickets etc. OE shall not be held liable for such.

1.4 On receipt of the written booking form, the trip that has been booked will be confirmed by OE by means of a confirmation (invoice) sent to the contracting party.

2. The travel offer / the travel elements

2.1 The scope of the travel offer (the travel elements) booked by the contracting party is contractually recorded in the travel confirmation (invoice), in combination with the description from the most up-to-date brochure / programme description of OE.

2.2 Any deviation from the travel elements as described in the brochure and publications are valid only if confirmed by OE in writing (in e.g. the original offer made, travel confirmation or a communication sent later).

2.3 OE bears no responsibility for photos, brochures and other information material, insofar as these have been published or distributed under the responsibility of third parties, nor for any undertakings, expectations or promises of third parties towards the contracting party.

3. Payment

3.1 On the effecting of the travel contract, the contracting party must pay an advance of 10 % of the total price to OE, unless otherwise stated in the travel confirmation. The remainder of the price must have been received 30 days before departure date by OE, unless otherwise stated in the travel confirmation. If the travel contract has been agreed within 30 days of departure, the full price must be paid immediately. In case the contracting party books more than 9 travel participants or more than 9 berths on a ship voyage in one reservation, the following payment conditions apply: 20 % deposit on the effecting of the travel contract, 30 % of the total price 4 months prior to departure, the remainder (50 %) of the total price 30 days prior to departure.

3.2 After payment has been received, the travel documents will be despatched approximately 14 days before departure.

3.3 If the contracting party fails to fulfil the payment obligations, OE will send him/her a written reminder and he/she has the possibility to make immediate payment. If the payment is still not made, the contracting party is liable to pay interest on the sum due of 1% for each month or part of a month of default. Furthermore he/she is liable to pay compensation of extra-legal collection costs equal to 15% of the sum claimed, with a minimum of 50 EURO. If the contracting party fails to comply with his/her payment obligations, OE reserves the right to cancel the contract on the day of default. OE is entitled to charge the cancellation costs incurred (in line with paragraph 6 or as agreed otherwise in the travel confirmation).

3.4 If the payment is then made, but OE cannot send the travel documents on time (before the start of the journey) to the contracting party, any additional dispatch costs will be charged to the contracting party. OE may not be held responsible for any travel documents not arriving on time.

4. Changes in travel elements / price changes

4.1 Changes in the travel offer agreed in the travel confirmation (which occur before the start of the journey) are permitted only if they do not substantially alter the nature of the trip. This includes, among other things, changes made by the airline, changes in flight departure times, changes referring to hotel overnight stays before or after the main journey, minor changes in the travel programme or excursion offer. OE is obliged to inform - in writing - the contracting party in respect of such changes. Such changes may not be used by the contracting party as a reason for cancelling the travel contract.

4.2 The agreed price is based on the prices, exchange rates, duties and taxes as known to OE at the time the publication went to press and at the time of the travel confirmation. OE reserves the right to raise the agreed price (on the grounds of, among other things, unforeseeable increases of e.g. exchange rates, sudden increased prices of accommodation providers, airlines, duties, taxes, harbour dues and fuel prices). In the case that a price alteration is considered necessary by OE, OE is obliged to inform the contracting party in writing of this at the very latest 20 days before the day of departure. Price increases made within 20 days of the start of the journey are not permitted. In the case of a price increase of more than 5 % of the total price of the trip, the contracting party is entitled to cancel the trip without incurring any costs.

5. Cancellation of the trip by OE

5.1 OE is entitled to cancel the planned trip up to 30 days before departure, if the minimum number of participants has not been achieved. Any payment already received from the contracting party will be paid back by OE if the contracting party is not in agreement with an alternative trip offered by OE.

5.2 OE has the right in the case of force majeure (e.g. war, uprising and, natural disasters, abnormal / exceptional weather and ice conditions, legal stipulations of the local/regional authorities and other "acts of God") to cancel the trip. OE may not be held liable for force majeure. If situations of force majeure occur before departure date, OE will pay back to the contracting party the price already paid. If situations of force majeure occur during the trip, OE will try to offer an alternative programme. If this should prove impossible, either OE or the contracting party is entitled to cancel the trip. In such a case, OE may not be held financially liable. However, in the case of any cost savings, OE shall return these monies to the contracting party. OE is obliged to assist the contracting party - in the case of a (travel) organisation: the client(s) of the (tour) organiser - in obtaining a return trip/flight. The contracting party him/herself is responsible for the costs of this.

5.3 If OE, by virtue of the provisions of par. 5.1 and 5.2, cancels the trip, only the equivalent of the billed price will be paid back to the contracting party. OE is not liable for costs the contracting party has made in preparation of the trip nor for reservations of travel components (such as but not limited to flights, hotels, connecting programmes, (travel)insurance's) which, in combination with the trip booked with OE, have been booked

elsewhere.

6. Cancellation of the trip by the contracting party

6.1 The contracting party may cancel the travel contract (exclusively in writing) at any time before the beginning of the trip. In the case of cancellation by the contracting party of a FIT-reservation (1 up to and including 9 travel participants or berths on a ship voyage), OE is entitled to charge the following costs to the contracting party:

- Up to and including 60 days prior to departure: 10 % of the total price
- from 59 days up to and including 30 days prior to departure: 30 % of the total price
- from 29 days up to and including 15 days prior to departure: 45 % of the total price
- from 14 days up to and including 6 days prior to departure: 75 % of the total price
- from 5 days up to and including the day of departure : 100 % of the total price

6.2 In case the contracting party cancels a travel contract, containing a reservation of more than 9 travel participants or more than 9 berths on a ship voyage, the following cancellation fees apply:

- Until and including 180 prior to departure: 10 % of the total price
- From 179 days until and including 90 days prior to departure: 50 % of the total price
- From 89 days up to and including the day of departure: 100 % of the total price

6.3 It is possible that different cancellation fees apply to different travel components (e.g. in the case of direct issuing of air tickets, there is often a 100% cancellation fee). In the travel confirmation these deviating, and therefore extra, costs are stated.

6.4 If the contracting party after booking wishes to introduce changes into the booked trip (e.g. the departure date, destination or type of accommodation), this is considered a cancellation and the cancellation costs stated in par. 6.1 and 6.2 apply. In case of minor changes OE is entitled to charge reservation costs of at least 25 EURO per alteration.

6.5 It is possible for the contracting party in the case of a (travel) organisation: the client(s) or the (travel) organiser to take out a cancellation insurance to cover the costs of any cancellation of the trip (see also par. 10.5).

7. Liability of OE

OE is obliged to provide a correct execution of the trip according to the travel contract and in line with the expectations the traveller may reasonably have on the grounds of the contract. OE is responsible for the selection of accommodation providers of ships, hotels, resorts etc., composition and the quality control of the travel elements and excursions, description of the travel elements in the OE brochures and other publications, the processing of the travel confirmation, reservation of the travel elements and control and dispatch of the travel documents.

8. Exclusion and limitation of the liability of OE

8.1 OE acts as intermediary for the sale of travel elements between on the one hand providers of accommodation/services (such as but not limited to a stay in a hotel, a voyage with a ship, services of dive bases and providers of transport) and on the other hand the contracting party and therefore the liability of OE is excluded. In these cases the conditions of the relevant providers of accommodation/services and/or the stipulations of (inter)national law applies and all liability of OE (in the case of complaints, claims, loss and damage of possessions/baggage, personal injury, death etc.) are excluded. In the case of claims, OE will try to mediate between the provider of accommodation and the contracting party. OE is not responsible for optional travel elements booked by the contracting party elsewhere (optional excursions, sightseeing etc).

8.2 All travel elements booked with OE, which relate to stay on board of a ship and/or excursions or programmes off ship (such as but not limited to excursions or programmes on land or on or in the water (incl. (scuba) diving, swimming and snorkelling) are for 100 % own risk of the contracting party - in the case of a (travel) organisation: the client(s) or the (travel) organiser. OE is therefore not liable for any damage, such as but not limited to (bodily) injury, illness, death etc. whatever the reason or cause may be. If the contracting party has booked a diving programme, OE or as the case may be the diving base or the diving leader on board our ships will ask the contracting party to sign a form, according to which the contracting party accepts 100 % own risk and promises that he will not lodge any claims against the diving base and/or the diving leader on board the ship in the case of any calamity which may or may not result in (permanent) injury or death. For our diving trips, it is stated precisely in the brochure what the conditions are for participation. In any case the contracting party must have a health certificate signed by a doctor and an internationally accepted diving certificate. In the case of the land programmes, the contracting party should enjoy generally sound health. In the brochures, the precise conditions are stated. We advise the contracting party - in the case of a (travel) organisation: the client(s) of the (travel) organiser – to always take out a travel insurance, supplemented if necessary with an accident insurance (see also paragraph 10.5).

8.3 If OE offers the contracting party an air travel component, all liability of OE is excluded and for this travel component the conditions of the relevant airline apply. The stipulations of the Warsaw convention in general limit the responsibility of the air travel component in the case of death, injury and also delays, loss and damage of baggage. In the case of delays, OE cannot be held liable in any way whatsoever, even if this is at the cost of other travel elements of the trip booked.

8.4 OE may not be held liable for loss, damage and robbery of travel documents, baggage or other possessions.

8.5 OE shall accept no liability for damage for which there is a claim to compensation based on a travel and/or cancellations insurance.

8.6 OE may not be held liable for damage as a consequence of the travel contract not being correctly implemented, if the deficiency in the execution of the contract is attributable to the contracting party.

8.7 The trips offered by OE are mainly conducted in "marginal zones" and require the qualification of expedition trips to places where infrastructure and (medical) facilities are often lacking. On booking the trip, the contracting party fully understands that booking the trip of OE is not comparable to booking an everyday standard trip. If due to weather conditions, sea currents, nautical reasons, large amounts of floating ice etc. the decision is taken to change the programme, every effort will be made to offer an alternative. In certain exceptional cases, however, this will not always be possible. Non-fulfilled expectations of the contracting party may not be grounds for claims in such cases. If the programme cannot be carried out according to the travel description and (certain) places described in the travel programme cannot be visited, OE may not be held liable for damage suffered and/or the spoiling of holiday enjoyment. The travel leader is at all times authorised to deviate from the programme, if he/she is of the opinion that such would be to the benefit of the quality of the programme. OE may not be held liable for payment of restitution in such a case.

9. Obligations of the contracting party

In the case of a (travel) organisation: instead of "contracting party" (in paragraphs 9.1 up to and including 9.4) read also "the client(s) of the (travel) organiser".

9.1 The contracting party is obliged to comply with all instructions given by OE and the travel leadership (e.g. trip leaders, guides, diving instructor and diving assistants, crew of the ships, local agent and the personnel of accommodation providers such as hotels, resorts and diving locations) in order to benefit the sound execution of the trip. Furthermore, the contracting party is 100 % liable for damage caused by improper behaviour e.g. towards fellow travellers or material damage to the hotels, ships or resorts, to be judged according to the standards of behaviour of the model traveller. The contracting party must ascertain the exact time of departure of the return journey at the very latest 72 hours before the stated departure time and reconfirm the air tickets.

9.2 Any contracting party who causes such disturbance or who threatens to cause such disturbance, that the proper execution of (part of) a trip is seriously hindered or could result in danger for the contracting party and/or the fellow travellers, can by or on behalf of OE (trip leadership or the local representatives) be excluded from (continuation of) the trip (components). In the case of exclusion, the contracting party is not entitled to make any claim for restitution of (part of) the price.

9.3 If the disturbing behaviour or damage (as described in paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2) should occur, all costs resulting from this shall be charged to the contracting party.

9.4 If the contracting party does not enjoy generally sound health and/or does not have the required diving certificates and/or diving experience as required for participation in the trip of OE, in the interest of the contracting party or his fellow travellers, OE is entitled to decide to offer an alternative programme for the contracting party in question or, in extreme cases, to exclude this person from (certain) excursions or (parts of the diving programme).

These limitations apply also if the contracting party is not in possession of the correct (diving) gear, as stated in the Travel brochure and other publications of OE. In the case of exclusion (or of a mandatory alternative programme) the contracting party is not entitled to make any claim for restitution of (a part of) the price.

9.5 The contracting party is obliged to inform the tour leadership of OE of any negligence noted in the execution of the travel contract, which is noted by him at the location – in the case of a (travel) organisation: noted by the client(s) of the (travel) organisation. This should be done as quickly as possible, in writing, or other appropriate form of communication, to the relevant tour leader/expedition leader of OE, who shall immediately do his utmost to find an appropriate solution. As far as handling complaints is concerned, the following persons are responsible:

- General complaints during a boat trips: the tour leader/expedition leader. If there is no trip leader present, the captain is responsible.
- In the case of hotel- and land programmes: the manager of the hotel/ organisation.
- Complaints which concern exclusively diving: the diving instructor (or manager of the diving- and hotel firm).

9.6 If an immediate solution for the complaints cannot be found, the contracting party – in the case of a (travel) organisation the client(s) of the (travel) organisation should present these complaints to the relevant (travel) organisation, where the trip was booked, upon which the (travel) organiser shall inform OE - shall be obliged to report the complaint to OE and request help. In the case of complaints about travel elements OE can decide to offer an alternative programme (e.g. hotel, cabin, excursion package) that is virtually identical to that in the originally booked trip (the originally booked travel component).

9.7 OE (incl. the representatives, trip leadership, local agent) is entitled to reject the complaint in the case that the complaint does not seriously influence the character of the trip and/or the complaint results only in hindrance of minor significance, if exaggerated demands are made, if it is impossible to provide help to the contracting party within the set time limit, if the deficiency in the implementation of the contract is attributable to the contracting party him/herself, if the deficiency in the execution of the contract could not have been foreseen or could not be neutralised, or if the deficiency in the execution of the contract is attributable to situations of force majeure (under force majeure are to be understood abnormal and unforeseeable circumstances that are independent of the will of whosoever claims it and of which the consequences, despite every precaution having been taken, could not have been avoided, see also situations of force majeure as described in par. 5.2).

9.8 In the case that the complaint has not been satisfactorily dealt with during the trip, the contracting party – in the case of a (travel) organisation the client(s) of the (travel) organisation should present these complaints to the relevant (travel) organisation, where the trip was booked, upon which the (travel) organiser shall present the complaint to OE - shall present the complaint to OE at the very latest within one month of the termination of the trip (the last travel day). The complaint must be presented in writing and must be fully argued.

9.9 In the case that the complaint has then not been satisfactorily settled by OE or if proper satisfaction has been not given in this matter, the contracting party is entitled to present the dispute to the District Court of Middelburg (which court shall have exclusive jurisdiction).

10. Baggage / Travel documents and insurance

In the case of a (travel) organisation: for "contracting party" (in the paragraphs 10.1 up to and including 10.5) read also "the client(s) of the (travel) organiser".

10.1 The contracting party must have in his possession on departure and during the trip the necessary travel documents, such as a valid passport, or, where permitted, a tourist card and any required visa, diving certificates, diving logbook including a health certificate of the doctor, proof of inoculations and vaccinations. In the case that the participant is unable to make (part of) a trip due to lack of any (valid) document, OE may not be held (financially) responsible, unless OE had undertaken to provide that document.

10.2 At the very latest on the signing of the travel contract, OE shall provide general information to the traveller on passports, visa and any formalities in the area of health care. This information does not bind OE. The contracting party must him/herself obtain the necessary information from the relevant authorities and before departure check whether there have been any changes concerning information provided at an earlier date.

10.3 The contracting party must comply with the current import restrictions of the various destinations and the amount of baggage permitted (also as far as the stipulations of the different airlines are concerned). OE may not be held liable for e.g. damage and prison sentences which could be imposed in the case of a contravention.

10.4 The obligation of OE to provide assistance to a contracting party in need is greatly impeded if it is not possible to resort to the S.O.S. help service included in travel and baggage insurance..

10.5 OE advises the contracting party to effect the necessary travel insurance, such as a travel insurance, accident insurance, third party risk insurance, baggage insurance and cancellation insurance. OE can provide information on this to the contracting party. In case of a medical problem arising during the voyage, either on board or on shore, which results in costs for medical treatment, evacuation, use of aircraft or repatriation etc. etc. the responsibility for payment of these costs belongs solely to the passenger. OE strongly advises that passengers ensure that such eventualities are covered by travel insurance. If not covered by travel insurance the responsibility still remains with the passenger and OE specifically decline any responsibility whatsoever.

11. General

11.1 If the duration of the trip as stated in the publication is given in days, the day of departure and the day of arrival, irrespective of departure or arrival times, are counted as full days. The definite departure- and arrival times are given in the travel documents .

11.2 The laws of the Netherlands apply to the travel contract and all matters ensuing from this contract.

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