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Spitsbergen – East Greenland – Jan Mayen 2010

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MS ANTARCTIC DREAM – Arctic 2010

Spitsbergen, East Greenland

CODE	VOYAGE	START 'dd/mm/yyyy'	END 'dd/mm/yyyy'	DURATION	VESSEL	TWIN PRIVATE IN SIDE	TWIN PRIVATE	SUPERIOR	SUITE
ATD07	North Spitsbergen	28/06/2010	05/07/2010	07 nights / 08 days	m/v Antarctic Dream	€ 2850	€ 3400	€ 3750	€ 4200
ATD08	Around Spitsbergen	05/07/2010	15/07/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Antarctic Dream	€ 4000	€ 4850	€ 5400	€ 6000
ATD09	Around Spitsbergen	15/07/2010	25/07/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Antarctic Dream	€ 4000	€ 4850	€ 5400	€ 6000
ATD10 b	Around Spitsbergen	25/07/2010	04/08/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Antarctic Dream	€ 4000	€ 4850	€ 5400	€ 6000
ATD11 b	Around Spitsbergen	04/08/2010	14/08/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Antarctic Dream	€ 4000	€ 4850	€ 5400	€ 6000
b ATD12 	Around Spitsbergen - Walking Expedition 2010	14/08/2010	24/08/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Antarctic Dream	€ 4000	€ 4850	€ 5400	€ 6000
ATD13	Northeast Greenland	24/08/2010	05/09/2010	12 nights / 13 days	m/v Antarctic Dream	€ 4500	€ 5400	€ 6050	€ 6800
ATD14	Scoresby Sund - Aurora borealis	05/09/2010	14/09/2010	09 nights / 10 days	m/v Antarctic Dream	€ 3550	€ 4300	€ 4800	€ 5350


All prices per person, sharing the cabin with one (respectively 2) other travellers, in EURO. Single occupation: Multiply price with 1.7 (applicable for double cabins, only).

Alle Preise pro Person bei Teilen der Kabine mit 1 (bzw. 2) weiteren Reisenden, in EURO. Einzelkabine: genannten Preis mit 1,7 multiplizieren (nur Doppelkabinen).

Reduction of 5 % on prices for booking two consecutive voyages.

Bei Buchung von 2 aufeinanderfolgenden Reisen: 5 % Preisnachlaß.

* This voyage is currently not available (full or chartered) – later availability of spare places not excluded.
Diese Reise ist aktuell nicht mehr buchbar (verchartert, voll) – spätere Rückgabe von Plätzen möglich.

 Emphasis on longer hikes (4-6 hours) from the landing sites on this voyage, requiring appropriate fitness and agility of the cruise participants.
Bei diesem Termin liegt der Fokus auf längeren Wanderungen (je bis 4-6 Stunden), wofür entsprechende Fitness und Beweglichkeit erforderlich ist.

b Bilingual departure (English-German)

Zweisprachige Fahrt (Englisch-Deutsch).

MS PLANCIUS – North Atlantic and Arctic 2010 (Spitsbergen, Jan Mayen, etc.)

CODE	VOYAGE	START 'dd/mm/yyyy'	END 'dd/mm/yyyy'	DURATION	VESSEL	TRIPLE PRIVATE	TWIN PRIVATE	SUPERIOR	
PLA04 b	St. Kilda - Faroes - Jan Mayen - Spitsbergen: Whale Safari	04/06/2010	14/06/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Plancius	€ 2450	€ 3100	€ 3450	
PLA05  b	North Spitsbergen	14/06/2010	21/06/2010	07 nights / 08 days	m/v Plancius	€ 2700	€ 3400	€ 3750	
PLA06 	North Spitsbergen	21/06/2010	28/06/2010	07 nights / 08 days	m/v Plancius	€ 2700	€ 3400	€ 3750	
PLA07  b	Around Spitsbergen	28/06/2010	08/07/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Plancius	€ 3850	€ 4850	€ 5400	
PLA08 	Around Spitsbergen	08/07/2010	18/07/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Plancius	€ 3850	€ 4850	€ 5400	
PLA09  *	Around Spitsbergen	18/07/2010	28/07/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Plancius	€ 3850	€ 4850	€ 5400	
PLA10 	Around Spitsbergen	28/07/2010	07/08/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Plancius	€ 3850	€ 4850	€ 5400	
PLA11 	Around Spitsbergen	07/08/2010	17/08/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Plancius	€ 3850	€ 4850	€ 5400	
PLA12 	Around Spitsbergen (Nobile-Sora voyage)	17/08/2010	27/08/2010	10 nights / 11 days	m/v Plancius	€ 3850	€ 4850	€ 5400	including international UN conference on board


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 Additional paddling option on this voyage – surcharge € 320 per person and voyage. More details see „Itineraries, additional informations and booking conditions“.
Zusätzliche Paddeloption auf dieser Reise – Zuschlag € 320 pro Person und Reise. Mehr Details siehe „Itineraries, additional informations and booking conditions“.

 Additional diving option on this voyage – surcharge € 550 per person and voyage. More details see „Itineraries, additional informations and booking conditions“.
Zusätzliche Tauchoption auf dieser Reise – Zuschlag € 550 pro Person und Reise. Mehr Details siehe „Itineraries, additional informations and booking conditions“.

b Bilingual departure (English-German)

Zweisprachige Fahrt (Englisch-Deutsch).

SS NOORDERLICHT – Arctic and Norway 2010

(Spitsbergen, Lofoten)

CODE	VOYAGE	START 'dd/mm/yyyy'	END 'dd/mm/yyyy'	DURATION	VESSEL	TWIN NON PRIVATE
NOO05 *	North Spitsbergen	10/06/2010	21/06/2010	11 nights / 12 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ 2800
NOO06	North Spitsbergen	21/06/2010	02/07/2010	11 nights / 12 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ 2800
NOO07 *	North Spitsbergen	02/07/2010	13/07/2010	11 nights / 12 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ 2800
NOO08	Around Spitsbergen	13/07/2010	28/07/2010	15 nights / 16 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ 3700
NOO09 *	Around Spitsbergen	28/07/2010	12/08/2010	15 nights / 16 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ 3700
NOO10 *	Around Spitsbergen	12/08/2010	27/08/2010	15 nights / 16 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ 3700
NOO11 *	Around Spitsbergen	27/08/2010	11/09/2010	15 nights / 16 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ 3700
NOO14 *	South Spitsbergen - Aurora borealis 2010	01/10/2010	10/10/2010	07 nights / 08 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ p.m.
NOO17	South Spitsbergen - Aurora borealis 2010	22/10/2010	29/10/2010	07 nights / 08 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ 1750
NOO19	Lofoten - Aurora borealis	10/11/2010	17/11/2010	07 nights / 08 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ 1300
NOO20 *	Lofoten - Aurora borealis	17/11/2010	24/11/2010	07 nights / 08 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ 1300
NOO21	Lofoten - Aurora borealis	24/11/2010	01/12/2010	07 nights / 08 days	s/v Noorderlicht	€ 1300

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Day by Day Itineraries – Reiseabläufe Tag für Tag

Important: The following itineraries are meant as examples, only, to give you an idea how such a cruise might work out under fair conditions. In reality, the actual itinerary will be formed between expedition leader and captain on the basis of fresh forhand information (ice conditions, etc.) and the conditions found on a day-to-day basis during the cruise. Hardly any cruise will be like any other.

Wichtig: Die nachfolgenden Reiseabläufe haben nur Beispielcharakter, um Ihnen eine Idee zu vermitteln, wie eine solche Fahrt unter normalen Verhältnissen ablaufen könnte. In der Wirklichkeit wird die tatsächliche Route durch Expeditionsleiter und Kapitän anhand der unmittelbar vorher vorliegenden aktuellen Informationen (Eisverhältnisse, etc.) und dann unterwegs von Tag zu Tag anhand der vorgefundenen Bedingungen gestaltet werden – kaum eine Fahrt gleicht der anderen.

Die Routenbeispiele werden von Oceanwide Expeditions nur in Englisch bereitgestellt, die Reisen selbst sind teilweise mehrsprachig (siehe Übersicht Termine).

The following itinerary examples are presented here:

- **St. Kilda - Faroes - Jan Mayen – Spitsbergen**
- **North Spitsbergen**
- **Around Spitsbergen**
- **Around Spitsbergen (history theme voyage: Nobile-Sora). At the same time, this cruise will host an international United Nations conference on „Linking Conservation and Tourism on Islands“, with Spitsbergen as an example.**
- **Around Spitsbergen (focus on longer hikes)**

St. Kilda - Faroes - Jan Mayen – Spitsbergen PLA04

Day 1

We embark at Oban, a small and cosy harbour town in west Scotland. From Glasgow it is a good option to take the train, a marvellous journey through one of the most scenic parts of Scotland. The channels between the Scottish islands offer excellent possibilities to spot Minke Whales (a small baleen whale), White-beaked Dolphins and Harbour Porpoises. Several other cetaceans, including Orcas (Killer Whales), are also native to these waters.

Day 2

To the west of North Uist lie the St Kilda group of islands, built of volcanic rock and with cliffs rising to over 400m, the highest in Britain and home to the largest seabird colony in the country. St Kilda has its own sub-species of birds and mice, and of sheep, the Soay, probably brought here by Stone Age man over 5,000 years ago. Until 1930 St. Kilda was inhabited, but then the last of the islanders left leaving a handful of windswept ruins, though there is also a military base which may be visited.

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. The walkers among us can make an exciting two hours walk across the hills to Kirkjubøer where they will find a medieval cathedral. 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 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 piratical 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 places.

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 Walrusses at Sarstangen, Engelskmansbukta or Poole-pynten. In the evening we could land at Alkhornet another seabird colony with at the slopes Reindeer and Arctic Foxes.

Day 11

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

North Spitsbergen

Day 1

Arrive in Longyearbyen, 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 surrounds of Longyearbyen, more than 100 species of plant 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 take to 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 - Alkefjellet/Palanderbukta

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 - Phippsøya

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 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 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 Alkhorneret. 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

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

***N.B.* PLA06 will also offer a program for about 24 experienced dry-suit scuba divers. We will dive in the kelp beds of north Spitsbergen, the kelp offering some protection to sea-bottom life such as sea anemones, sea stars, sea cucumbers, shrimps and fish. We shall also be able to observe wing snails, many species of jellyfish, and diving seals and seabirds near the sea ice.**

Around Spitsbergen

Day 1

Arrive in Longyearbyen, 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 surrounds of Longyearbyen, more than 100 species of plant 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 take to the Zodiacs for an exhilarating cruise along the sculpted front of the 14th of July Glacier. On the surprisingly green 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, who patrol 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 - Liefdefjorden/Monaco Glacier

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 – Phippsøya

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 - Laagøya/ Sorg Fjord

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 – Alkefjellet/Palanderbukta

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 Walrus.

Day 7 – Torrellneset

Near Torrellneset, 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 walrus along the way. Sailing south of Nordaustlandet we will have good chance to see Greenland Whales.

Day 8

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 9

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 10

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 11

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 2008) 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 programme in Northeast or Southeast Spitsbergen.

N.B.

If ice conditions are favourable we may sail around Nordaustlandet, passing another Nordkapp and visiting Kvitøya, the place where the Swedish Explorer Andree perished, instead of sailing through the Hinlopen Strait. The area between Kong Karls Land and Edgeøya offers great chances of observing Greenland Whales.



Around Spitsbergen (Nobile-Sora voyage) PLA12

Day 1

Arrive in Longyearbyen, 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 surrounds of Longyearbyen, more than 100 species of plant 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 take to the Zodiacs for an exhilarating cruise along the sculpted front of the 14th of July Glacier. On the surprisingly green 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, who patrol 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

We land at the north side of Mosselbukta near Polheim, where in 1872-73

the Swedish explorer A.E. Nordenskiöld had his observatory and wintering house. In 1928 Sora, when searching for Nobile, thoroughly explored the area. We will make a walk on Polhemflya a tundra dotted with small lakes inhabited by Red-throated Divers, ducks and geese.

At this site our camping expedition will go ashore and spend two nights camping while working their way around the Mossel Peninsula to Eolusneset in Sorgfjord, where they will be picked up later.

In the afternoon we will visit Laagöya, 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.

Day 4

We push as far east as possible to reach the ice-invested 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 Alpinöya, 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 phantastic view on the ice-cap of Nordaustlandet

Day 5

Today we will reach our northernmost point at Phippsöya, 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. From there we sail through Beverleysundet named by Parry in 1827 and also sailed by the Swedish-Russian Arc-of-Meridian Expedition in 1898.

Late evening we arrive at Eolusneset in Sorgfjord, where we will collect the camping expedition after their sojourn of Mossel Peninsula

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 Lomfjordshalvöya 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 7

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. Sailing south of Nordaustlandet we will have good chance to see Greenland Whales.

Day 8

In Freemansundet we plan to land at Sundneset on the island of Barentsöya 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 Edgeöya. 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 9



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 Bautæen 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 10

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 11

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

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Around Spitsbergen - Walking Expedition 2010 - ATD12

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 walk on mountains to enjoy spectacular scenery of rugged peaks and large glaciers. The emphasis of this voyage is on remote areas in the eastern parts of the archipelago for the excitement of pioneering and exploring rather than following well-trodden paths. We will also offer shorter excursions in the same areas for people who want to stay near the landing areas.

Day 1

Embarkation.

Day 2

Heading north along the west coast, we arrive by morning in Krossfjorden, where we take the Zodiacs for an exhilarating cruise along the sculpted front of the 14th of July Glacier. On the surprisingly 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 opportunistic Arctic Foxes, who patrol 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 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 days 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 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

We will visit Laagöya 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. We will reach our northernmost point at Phippsøya, in the Sjuøyane 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 bear or two, before we turn south again.

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 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 Negri-breen. 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 the hike.

Day 8

Andréetangen in southeastern Edgeøya has been a classic area for trappers in the early 20th century who went there to hunt polar bears and walrus. It is again an area where we have good chances to see walrus. A hike inland of about 2 hours takes us to the almost complete skeleton of a Greenland Whale which stranded there when this inland ridge was the beach, about 7000 years ago. In the afternoon, we will altogether visit the Kong Ludvigöyane, where again we will see about complete skeletons of Greenland Whales.

Day 9

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 fjords of Spitsbergen.

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Day 11

Longyearbyen disembarkation.

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General Travel Terms and Conditions Oceanwide Expeditions b.v.

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.

11.3 Responsible for this content is: **Oceanwide Expeditions b.v., BellamyPark 9, 4381 CG Vlissingen, The Netherlands** listed at Chamber of Commerce of Middelburg, the Netherlands under no. 22036730 (revised version, date of issue: 14 September 2001).

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